



Newsletter

February 2015

Sebasticook Valley Elks Lodge 2713
Pittsfield, ME 04967



Exalted Ruler's Message

As is quite normal, the past month was a very busy one. We started off the month of January by hosting a pot luck supper and New Year's get together at the Sebasticook Valley Elks Lodge. A good time was had by all.

On January 11, Bangor Elks Lodge #244 hosted the Elks Maine North District round of the National Hoop Shoot contest at the James S. Doughty middle school in Bangor. Two of our contestants from Sebasticook Valley Elks Lodge #2713 – Peyton Grant (Girls 12-13 years old) and Logan Cote (Boys 10-11 years old) – won first place and moved on to compete in the statewide competition in Augusta at Cony High School on January 25th, sponsored by Augusta Elks Lodge #964.

On January 17, Sebasticook Valley Elks lodge held a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for our lodge Secretary Terry White. Many Elks, friends and family showed up to enjoy the delicious spaghetti dinner and to show strong support and appreciation for our Lodge Secretary who continues her brave fight against cancer.

I would like to acknowledge a fantastic job and thank all who participated in putting on this wonderful benefit dinner: Chefs and Master Sauce Makers Mike Havey, State Trustee/ PER and Wayne Basford Trustee, PER; Grand Kitchen Superintendents Lucas DeLong, Trustee/House Committee Chair; Sara DeLong, Loyal Knight; members Mike Haynes, Lori Dostie and Janelle Berard who assisted with the serving of our delicious dinner; Mike Lange, Leading Knight/PER for coming up with the benefit idea and getting the word out through our publications, monthly newsletter, etc.; and Lisa Perry, who helped with the collection at the door and 50-50 ticket sales. In the case that I forgot somebody by name, I wish to thank all who participated in this event.

On January 25 the State Hoop Shoot was held at Cony High School in Augusta, sponsored by the Augusta Elks Lodge #964. One of our contestants from Sebasticook Valley Elks lodge took first place. Peyton Grant won in Girls 12-13 years of age division and will be moving on to the New England Regional competition on March 28th at Deering High School in Portland. Congratulations, Peyton.

Officer of the Month: My choice for Officer of the Month is Mike Lange Leading Knight, PER. Mike continues to keep the lodge and it officers focused on moving forward on all issues in a prompt and timely matter. Mike's contributions as our editor and chief, prompt communications and organizational skills and ideas in general go a long way toward improving the status and image of our lodge. Mike, thanks for a great job.

Elk of the Month: My choice for Elk of the Month is our Lodge Secretary Terry White. As Lodge Secretary, Terry has demonstrated a strong willingness to do a great job and assist with any and all issues and lodge activities. Her contributions to the efficient running of our lodge are too numerous to list at this writing. Suffice it to say, your hard work and dedication to our lodge is greatly appreciated, thank you.

Quote of the Month: "If you kick the person most responsible for your troubles in the pants, you would not sit down for a month" – Theodore Roosevelt
"Elks Care - Elks Share"

Fraternally,
Dennis Bragg
Exalted Ruler

Super Bowl Party



**Sebasticook Valley Elks
Sunday, Feb. 1**

Patriots vs. Seahawks

Game starts at 6:20

We'll be open at 2 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner!



Sign-up sheet will be in the club room!

Invited guests welcome!

“Have a Heart”

“Give the Gift of Life”

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Feb. 19

1 – 6 p.m.

Hosted by the

Sebasticook Valley Lodge

For an appointment, call (800) 733-2767



Peyton Grant wins State Hoop Shoot contest

Peyton Grant of Newport won the Maine State Hoop Shoot championship in the girls' age 12-13 division on Jan. 25 at the Augusta Elks Lodge. She now advances to the New England Regional round at Deering High School in Portland on March 28. Pictured, from left, are Maine North Hoop Shoot Chairman Shawn Stacey, Peyton and State President Tom Callahan.

Elections and Nominations

Nomination of officers will take place at the Feb. 9 meeting and elections held on Feb. 23. Make your voice heard by participating.

The Past Exalted Rulers have been asked to chair the Feb. 9 meeting.

Kleinschmidt

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Sebasticook Valley Elks Lodge
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Benefit Spaghetti Dinner
For Charter Member



Jim Cirillo

Saturday
Feb. 28



4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds will be used to help Jim
with his medical expenses

Donation: \$6 per person
50-50 raffle, too

“Elks Care – Elks Share”
Open to the Public

February 2015 Datebook

Feb. 1: Super Bowl Party

Feb. 2: House Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 9: Board of Directors, 5:45 p.m., PER Night and Lodge meeting, 6:30 p.m., nomination of officers

Feb. 16: House Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 19: Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.

Feb. 21: Elks Education Seminar, Augusta Lodge, TBA

Feb. 23: Board of Directors, 5:45 p.m.; lodge, 6:30 p.m., election of officers

We’re a little late this month

Our apologies if this edition reaches you a little later than usual by mail.

But due to the snowstorm, we were unable to get it out as fast as we wanted to.

However, if you’d like to get the bulletin a lot quicker, why not sign up to have it delivered by email?

Just drop a note to elks2713news@gmail.com. Put “Newsletter” in the subject line and you’ll be all set for next month!

DUES STATEMENT – April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

Name _____

Membership Number _____

Check one

Life Members and Honorary Life Members – Prepaid Dues \$10
 Grand Lodge and State Association Dues \$18.50

Total \$28.50

Regular – Prepaid Dues \$40
 Grand Lodge and State Association Dues \$18.50

Total \$58.50

Please mail my new card

Leave my new card in the club room and I’ll pick it up



KA Saves the Day

When some flashing came loose from the lodge building during a January windstorm, three employees from the nearby office of Kleinschmidt Associates came to the rescue. Pictured (left) are Jon Adams on the ladder, Dave Oliver holding the ladder and Luke DeLong standing by. Jon and Luke are also lodge members.

Lounge Hours

Sunday

2 – 8 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday

3 - 8 p.m.

Thursday

3 – 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

2 – 10 p.m.

Hours may be extended for special events



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Final notice on delinquent members coming soon

With less than two months left in the lodge year, we still have 22 members who have not paid their current dues.

Section 14.160 of the Statutes Annotated, state the Lodge Secretary “shall provide notice in Section 1.115 informing the Member that such Member may be dropped if dues are not paid within 30 days of the mailing notice. At the time the Lodge Secretary gives notice to the Member, the Lodge Secretary shall post a list of all members given notice on the Lodge Bulletin Board and report the posting the list at the next Lodge meeting.”

Some delinquent members have been Elks for 25 years or more while a few were just initiated last year. There may be a valid reason why you choose not to remain a member and that’s why we’d like you to share this information with us.

If your lodge has not lived up to your expectations, please tell us why. We can’t fix a problem unless we know it exists.

We also know that some of you may have financial or health problems. In that case, we can make arrangements to keep you on the active membership roster. Any information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential.

But we can’t do anything unless you communicate with us.

Every member is important to us, whether they visit us once a year or once a day.

We were proud to have you as a member when you first joined the Sebesticook Valley Lodge. Now tell us what we can do to keep you.

Quiz show, comic book unveiled to boost drug awareness

By Frank Scarpino

Special Contributor

Elks.org

The Elks Drug Awareness Program is announcing a new opportunity for Lodges beginning in 2015-2016, the Elks Drug Quiz Show.

Introduced at the Elks Drug Awareness Workshop at the 2014 Convention in New Orleans, the quiz show strives to assist youth in grades 5-8 in making healthy decisions.

Youngsters sign up in a team of up to seven and study materials provided to them. All questions are based upon the supplied materials.

First-round questions are answered by the team, the second round individually and third round by using the game buzzer and light system. Winners proceed to state competitions.

Competing Lodges are assisted by representatives of the Elks Drug Awareness Program.

For information for your Lodge or schools, contact Hope Woodcock-Ross at

elksdrugquizshow@gmail.com or for a brochure(s) contact Bill Bryan at

winkbryan@comcast.net.

The Elks Drug Quiz Show, fully funded by the Elks National Foundation, is endorsed by more than 25 organizations including the American Cancer Society, SAMHSA, the DEA, the CDC and the U.S. Department of Health.'

Also introduced at the New Orleans Convention was the Drug Awareness Program's comic book, "Never Alone," featuring Marvel Super Heroes, The Avengers, as they join Elroy the Elk in fighting evil to prove that every kid can be in charge of his or her own destiny!

This comic book is not available for mass distribution from the Elks, but is available to certain schools engaged in direct mailing from Marvel Comics...But!!

Next month's article will detail how your Lodge might be able to secure a spot on Marvel's data base. Remember: There will be no guarantee that your school will be selected by Marvel, but if you are already doing Hoop Shoot etc. in your local schools, the chances are better if you follow the details...next month!

Lodge Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention: Ernest Bryant, PER

Americanism: Tricia Alley

Auditing: Brian Rogers

Community Welfare: Mike Havey, PER

Drug Awareness: Tricia Alley

Elks National Foundation: James Cirillo

Entertainment: Terry White

Golf Committee: Dennis Bragg, E.R.

Government Relations: Josh Tardy

Hoop Shoot: Rodney Minoty

House Committee: Lucas DeLong

Investigation: Dennis Bragg, ER

Lodge Activities: Mike Havey, PER

ME Child's Cancer Program: Terry White

MEA Motorcycle Riders: Greg White

Membership: Mike Havey, PER

National Veterans Services: Arey Bryant

New Members' Orientation: Mike Lange, PER

PER Association: Donald Dow, PDDGER

Public Relations: Mike Lange, PER

Ritualistic: Wayne Basford, PER

Scholarships: Leslie Corrow

Youth Activities: Chris Peterson

Sebasticook Valley Elks Calendar



February 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Super Bowl Party	House Committee 6:30 p.m.				Happy Hour! 3-7 p.m.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Board of Directors, 5:45 Lodge, 6:30 p.m. PER Night and Nominations				Happy Hour! 3-7 p.m.	Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	House Committee 6:30 p.m.			Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.	Happy Hour! 3-7 p.m.	Elks Education Seminar Augusta Lodge
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Board of Directors, 5:45 Lodge, 6:30 p.m. Elections President's Day				Happy Hour! 3-7 p.m.	
1	1	3	4	5	6	7
					Happy Hour! 3-7 p.m.	

2014-2015 Officers

Exalted Ruler: Dennis Bragg
Est. Leading Knight: Michael Lange, PER
Est. Loyal Knight: Sarah Delong
Est. Lecturing Knight: Wayne Trafton
Esquire: Vacant
Tiler: Joe Sanborn
Inner Guard: Joan Bowley
Secretary: Terry White
Treasurer: Amanda Rhodes
Chaplain: Jane Cianchette
State Trustee: Michael Havey, PER

Trustees

Lucas DeLong, Chairman
Ernie Bryant, PER
Royal Thornton
Wayne Basford, PER
Michael Cianchette

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