Monthly Newsletter of the B.P.O.E., AUGUSTA LODGE #964
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Upcoming Events

December

Adult Christmas Party/Birthday Bash
Memorial Service
Kids Christmas Party
Basket Raffle Drawing
Calendar Raffle
Bingo - Wednesdays & Thursdays

January

Birthday Bash
Baked Bean Supper
Friday Night Festivities
Basket Raffle Drawing
Bingo - Wednesdays & Thursdays

Lodge Hours

Mon - Tues - 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday - 10:00 am to 11:00 pm
Sat. (non-functional) - 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
Sunday (football) - 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Weds - Thurs - 11:00 am to 10:00 pm
Sat (function) - 10:00 am to 1:00 am
Sunday - 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Communication, Cooperation, Support
2015—2016
OFFICERS

WES DE CAMPOS
Exalted Ruler

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Leading Knight

DAN HOWLETT, PER
Loyal Knight

ADAM PELLETIER
Lecturing Knight

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Tiler

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Secretary

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Chaplain

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Esquire

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Trustee

MONIQUE LAFLAMME
Trustee

DAN GALLANT
Trustee

TERRY BAKER
Trustee

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT COMING!

A new Cribbage Tournament will begin on the first Wednesday in January & on every Wednesday after that. We are always looking for partners or couples to play so consider joining in. If you have any questions contact George Jones. If you are interested in playing, showing up on January 6th at 6:00 p.m.

150 Club
October: Ted Sage

Money is due for each month’s drawing no later than the last Friday at 3:00 pm. If your payment is not received by that time, you forfeit your number and it becomes available for purchase at the next months’ deadline.

There are currently numbers available to be purchased for the 150 Club. Please see the bartender to purchase your number.

BANQUET FACILITY

Remember, when planning your next event, the Banquet Facility is available to members for just $100.00, Elk functions for $75.00. Please keep in mind that only a cake may be brought in, you must use our caterers. Contact Nadine Cooper at:

Phone: (207) 623-9623  Voice Mail: 622-4909
Email: elk964nadine@myfairpoint.net

Challenge, the monthly newsletter of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Augusta Lodge #964, a fraternal organization, is published 12 times per year. The newsletter is presented to Lodge members free of cost as a benefit of membership.

Publisher: Wes De Campos
Editorial Staff: Joanne De Campos
Greetings All,

This time of the year tends to get very busy for people spending time with families, holiday parties & shopping. I hope everyone enjoys this time of year with good cheer and smiles.

We ended the month of October with the adult Halloween Party. It was well attended with good music and lots of creative costumes.

Lots of events took place in November. We started the month with a very successful Birthday Bash. The Lodge was full, the food was tasty & the music was great. Congratulations to the Birthday Bash Committee members who continue to find ways to bring in more members to enjoy our great Lodge. And thanks to Israel Cunningham for hiring the DJ.

In the beginning of the month I had the privilege of representing the Augusta Lodge by attending a reception welcoming to Maine, the current Grand Exalted Ruler, Ron Hicks & at the end of the month attending another reception for our future GER. It was a privilege to meet both of these men who dedicate so much of their lives to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

The Football Sundays continue to be successful, many members are enjoying our sport lounge & the great food that is being provided. Sub Sandwich Sunday was very popular, thanks to Gary Minoty & Adam Pelletier, it is rumored that it may be back again. Thank you to all volunteers who have been providing the food, we have had some great items to snack on while we watched the Game.

Sandy Point Catering put on a great Friday Night Dinner that fed 190 people. That is amazing attendance & as usual the food was good. Thank you Mike & Sue for doing a great job.

I was privileged to attend a function at the Gilbert School on the 19th where we give 3rd graders dictionaries, provided snacks & distributed 150 bags of food to families. The room was full of kids building 90 race cars which made it a little noisy & crowded but everyone seemed to have a good time. It was really amazing to see what our grant money does to help the Community. Please consider volunteering for these events & donate to ENF whenever you can. For every dollar donated to ENF, the Lodge gets back $3 in grant money. Thank you to Lori Howlett & Monique LaFlamme for organizing this event.

Comedy Show on the 21st provided lots of laughs, it was a fun & relaxing evening. The annual Turkey Raffle had lots of people attending, where many All-Nighter & $1 tickets were sold. Thanks to Gary Cooper & his committee for all the hard work in making this event happen.

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. Remember to enjoy the Holiday Season, I hope to you see all helping us ring in the new year.

Wes De Campos
Exalted Ruler

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PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications and transfer requests have been read on the Lodge floor.

John Brennan
Tricia Brennan
Brandon Farrin
Peter Balboni
Colleen Anderson

BALLOTING ON MEMBERSHIP

None

LODGE OF SORROW

Norman Burdzel, Sr.

Though Gone, But Not Forgotten

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Lodge dues were due March 31, 2015. The dues for 2015-2016 are $68.50. Please consider renewing your membership. Dues can be mailed to Augusta Elks Lodge #964, PO Box 2206, Augusta, Me. 04338. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: elksecretary1@myfairpoint.net.

New Hours:
Monday—10:30am—4pm
Tuesday—12N—4pm

In Elkdom, Cindy Gervais, Secretary

As Elks we know the importance of good deeds. Becoming an organ, eye and tissue donor is a supreme act of caring. Your donation will live on in others long after you are gone. Please join the 46 percent of American adults already registered. Make a difference!
Congratulations to Eileen Broberg

November’s Elk of the Month

Eileen, a relatively new member to this Lodge, was initiated in August. Before she was initiated she volunteered to help the Birthday Bash Committee & soon became a member, providing some new & fun ideas. She has since joined the Scholarship Committee, she is now a member of the Investigation Committee & the House Committee. She is very active in the Lodge assisting whenever help is needed, whether it’s serving a meal at Stand Down, taking tickets at the door, making goodies for events, painting faces at Fairs or just attending events in support of the Lodge.

Members has commented that Eileen is a breath of fresh air & brings with her a lot of enthusiasm that is well needed. Thanks to Eileen for her hard work & dedication in the past 6 months , we hope to see her at many more events. If you see Eileen at the Lodge, be sure to congratulate her on all her efforts for the Augusta Elks Lodge.

OKTOBERFEST FOR VETERANS

In October the Augusta Lodge Veterans Committee presented 2 dozen pair of gloves to VA Volunteer Services Director Lorna Hatch to be distributed to veterans in wheelchairs. The gloves are donated from the Grand Lodge through the ENF glove program.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hassen
Veterans Chairman
Newsletters Editor Needed

The current newsletter editor, Joanne De Campos will no longer be creating the newsletter after the April 2015 edition. We are looking for someone who would be willing to spend approximately 10 hours a month creating the newsletter. Training will be provided, knowledge of Publisher helpful but not needed. If Publisher is not your thing, you must have working knowledge of Word.

Duties include:

Updating the mailing & email list
Sending reminder emails
Communicating member changes to Lodge Secretary
Creating flyers
Generating/organizing the newsletter

If you are interested or would like to know more, send an email to elk964newsletter@myfairpoint.net

The Audit Committee Needs Your Help

The Augusta Lodge Audit Committee needs a few more members. If you are interested in helping this Committee please contact Wes De Campos at jwdecampos78@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for considering to join this Committee.

You are invited to a

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

December 31, 2015
Augusta Elks Lodge, Sports Lounge
7:00 p.m.
Admission: 1 potluck dish
Music - TBD

Please bring your favorite dish to share. If you would like ideas on what to bring, email jwdecampos78@gmail.com, we will be happy to provide you with a list.

HELP US RING IN THE NEW YEAR!
BY-LAW CHANGES

Article IX: Home, Club or Other Facility, Section 1

Now reads - The operation, management & control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised & conducted by a House Committee consisting of 13 members, to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

Change to - The operation, management & control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised & conducted by a House Committee consisting of AT LEAST 7 MEMBERS, NOT EXCEEDING 13 members, to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

Article IV: Meetings

Currently there is no Section 5 in this by-law

Change to - Add Section 5 which will read as follows:

The Lodge Meeting opening & closing ceremony may use short form in accordance with the laws of the order, this will be at the discretion of the Exalted Ruler.

These proposed by-law changes will be voted on at the first Lodge Meeting in January, 1/12.

SPORTS LOUNGE & BAR

The downstairs Sports Lounge is once again open for your entertainment on Friday nights and Sundays. Sundays are Sports Days, if you have not been in on Sunday, please come in as we have been having a grand old time watching Football with pot luck food supplied by our members.

On Friday nights there will be music for your dancing or listening pleasure & who knows, we may revitalize the old karaoke favorites. Friday nights schedule:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Downstairs Committee Chair, Greg Ruby or Dan Howlett.

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WISH LIST & NEEDED REPAIRS

The Board of Directors has created a list of needed items & critical repairs for our lodge. They are working diligently to come up with the funding to take care of the items on the list. They are looking for your support and understanding as we move forward in making some difficult decisions which will allow our lodge to remain strong and viable.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these items, please feel free to attend Board Meetings on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:15. The items & repairs will also be discussed on the floor at the meeting and your say and vote does count. We encourage you to attend any and all of these meetings and provide us with input. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Water Softener system
Steamer – kitchen
Boilers (2-for heat)
Roof
Dishwasher - kitchen
Compressor for beer cooler in Sports Lounge
Carpet for members lounge
Cash Register (s)

CALENDAR RAFFLE
WIN DAILY PRIZES!

During the month of December you can purchase a calendar for $10 each from the bar or by contacting Greg Ruby at winthropelectricco@yahoo.com. By purchasing a calendar, you will be entered into a daily drawing for the entire month of August. You are eligible to win every day regardless of whether your name has been drawn previously, if your name is drawn it is put back in the pot. Drawings will take place every day around 5:00 p.m. Winners do not need to be present to win. All winners will be contacted & their name posted at the Lodge. All monies raised will be designated for the General Fund & the reopening of the Sports Lounge.
News from the Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank the volunteers that helped set-up the banquet hall, baked goodies, donated to the "White Elk" table, worked the kitchen, sold Raffle Tickets, reserved a Vendor Table, and to the many that came out to support our efforts. We are excited to report the week-end event raised $1,811.00!

The Scholarship Committee teamed up with the Turkey Raffle event and offered a Pie Auction, this year! We appreciated the great idea and efforts by committee member, Eileen Broberg who recruited pies and organized the auction. A little added excitement, for sure and who can say "No" to a delicious homemade pie? We appreciate all the bakers for their pie contributions and those that were lucky enough to win a pie!

The Scholarship Committee is looking to bring back the Miss "Ugly" Contest. This event is tentatively being planned for next September. We are looking for a few more Contestants!!! Please consider joining the fun! If you are interested contact: Nanci Kittredge, Cathy Wheeler or Lina Michaud.

Norm Grasse and Shu are putting together a Bowl-a-Thon tentatively scheduled on a Sunday afternoon in January. We will be in need of Sponsors and Teams! Please contact Norm or Shu, if you are interested in helping with this event?

Respectfully,
Lina Michaud

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Deadlines for ENF Scholarships and Awards

MVS – Most Valuable Student applications are available online after September 1st, 2015. Download the MVS application form at: http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm. Applications are due at the Local Lodge closest to the applicants’ residence by 10:00 p.m. on December 4th, 2015.

Legacy Awards are $4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members. The Foundation will offer a total of up to 250 awards in the 2016 contest. The 2016 ENF Legacy Awards contest kicked off on September 1, 2015. Applications for the 2016 contest are available ONLINE ONLY. http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/legacy.cfm
The 2016 Legacy Awards application is due online by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Time on Friday, January 29, 2016.

The Emergency Educational Grant program provides financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education. New and renewal applications should be filed between May 1 and October 31. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The grant is for educational assistance only and not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education. Assistance cannot be extended beyond four years.

If you or someone you know qualifies for the Emergency Educational Grant, please contact our office to request a copy of the application. Please call 773/755-4732 or email scholarship@elks.org to request an application. Augusta Elk Lodge #964 – LOCAL Scholarship applications will be available in the Spring of 2016. More details to follow.
### Lodge Hours

- **Mon-Tues**: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Wed-Thurs**: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm
- **Friday**: 10:00 am - 11:00 pm
- **Sat (func)**: 10:00 am - 1:00 am
- **Sat (non-func)**: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
- **Sunday**: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Sunday (football)**: noon - 9:00 pm

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Committee Members:

Sue Kaplan
Eileen Bromberg
Lisa Henschel

If you are interested in helping the Birthday Bash Committee, please contact any of the Committee members.

We could use your help.

Reginald Gay Sr 18
Eugene Howard 18
Thomas Purington 18
Stanley Bolduc 19
Raymond Charest 19
Gerard Thibodeau 19
Henry Hunnewell 20
Susan Oster 20
Ronald Wellman 20
Gary Withers 20
Fred Lincoln 21
Jane Plourde 21
Eileen Bromberg 22
Avon Buzzell 22
Kevin Cowperthwaite 22
Christopher Krouse 22
Randy Cyr 24
Jeffrey Laliberte 26
Gerald Simard 26
Robert Wheelock Sr 26
Leo Violette 27
Conrad Wight 27
Roger Wing 27
Mark Desjardin 28
Theresa Griswold 28
Paul Castonguay 29
Jack Rioux 29
Daniel Thompson 29
Norman Lajoie 30
Randall Wenz Sr 30
Jeffrey Augsburger 31
Susan Paradis 31

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ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY
Music by Working Class

Partnering with the Birthday Bash!!

Help make a difference in a child’s Christmas.
Bring a **new** item from the “Needs List” below and receive a raffle ticket.
Items will be donated to the
“Maine Children’s Home for Little Wanderers”
which are then distributed to central Maine families.
Any monetary donations will benefit “Making Change for Children”

NEEDS LIST
Any warm outfit of clothing for children sizes 0-16
Board Games, Lego Sets, Infant and Toddler Developmental Toys,
Pajamas in sizes 8-16, Thinsulate-lined Gloves and Mittens,
Arts and Crafts for ages 10-12 and Coloring Books and Crayons

Ornament Contest
We need ornaments for our tree!
Be creative
Donate an ornament
and receive
an extra raffle ticket.
Prizes for:
Most Original
Most Unique
Most Un-Original

Augusta Elks Lodge
Main Lounge
Friday, December 4, 2015
pending Lodge approval
Members and Their Guests
5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour
6:30 Dinner
7:00 Speaker Peggy Gayne, Children’s Home
Followed by Dancing to the Music of “Working Class”
9:30 50/50 drawn

Those who bring an item from the
“Needs List” above will also
receive one free meal ticket.

All others may purchase the turkey dinner for $8.00

For more information contact Monique at 242-0038
Children’s Christmas Party
Sunday, December 13, 2015
Augusta Elks Lodge
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Santa will be in attendance

Chicken nuggets, french fries, dessert and beverage

You must sign your child(ren) up to receive a gift from Santa. Member’s child(ren) and grandchildren (first generation) age **10 years old and younger** are eligible. Limit of 4 children per member. Child **must attend** to receive his/her gift.

Form must be received by Friday, December 4, 2015. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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Drop off at Lodge or mail to:
Augusta Elks Lodge #964
Kids Christmas Party
P.O. Box 2206
Augusta, ME 04338-2206

Member Name: ___________________________ Phone: _____________

If you have any questions, please contact Gail or Norm Grasse at 207 462-1217.
Your business could be advertising in the newsletter.

For $75.00 a year, you have a business card size ad. Contact the Lodge Treasurer if you are interested.

AB AUTOGLASS
Shawn Lloyd
31 Elm Lane
Windsor, ME 04363
Cell (207) 446-4636
Fax (207) 445-7071

JOIN ELKS
NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Augusta Emblem Club #233
Supporting Its Elks
We need your help. Bingo is in need of volunteers. We need people from 4:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. To learn more, contact Linda Littlefield at 623-9623 or come in and see what you can do to help.