

Lawrence Lodge #65 B.P.O. Elks

A MESSAGE FROM
THE EXALTED RULER

Hello Members,

We are celebrating the Fourth of July, the celebration of our country's freedom. It's time to reflect on our history and on our flag. We recently had a wonderful Flag Day Ceremony and were honored to have the Lawrence High JROTC color guard and step team. Thank you to all the current officers, PERs, members and volunteers that made it possible and all of those that attended.

Summer is in full swing, and I hope everyone is staying cool during these hot temperatures! If you are one of our members traveling around the country this summer, remember to search and see if there's an Elks Lodge along your way, Elks Lodges are GREAT places to take a break from the long open road and cool down during the summer.

As the Fourth of July approaches, I am preparing to join other Exalted Rulers from across the country in Austin, Texas for our 2024 Grand Lodge Convention. I'm extremely honored to represent our lodge and very excited to attend my first National Convention. We have much work to do in our lodge in the coming weeks and months. We encourage members to volunteer, we need help with indoor and outdoor projects, committees, activities, and events. If you have sometime and would like to sign up for an activity or event, please feel free to reach out to our House Committee.

Also, we would love to hear your feedback. Please use this link or the QR Code below to complete the questionnaire and provide your thoughts: [Lawrence Elks Lodge #65 - Power in Membership Survey!](#)

Fraternally,
Laura Alefantis, ER



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Laura Alefantis, Exalted Ruler

Brielle Keroack, Secretary
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Lodge Meetings

The 3793 & 3794 regular Lodge sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday, July 16, 7:00pm
- Tuesday, August 20, 7:00pm

For the transaction of necessary business of the Lodge.

The House Committee Meetings will be held:

- Monday, July 15, 5:30pm
- August: TBD

Members are encouraged to attend all meetings!

The Lawrence Elks website:
<https://lawrenceelks65.org>

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July 2024 Events



Music Bingo

Saturday, July 13 @ 1:00pm
 Saturday, July 27 @ 1:00pm

Music Bingo is hosted by DJ Edna in the Member's Lounge, for members and guests.



Meat Raffle

Saturday, July 20
 1:30pm

Come on down to the Member's Lounge for this fun and exciting event. This month 12 prize packages or gift cards will be raffled off.

July 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 	5 Happy 4th of July! We will be Closed July 4 - 7	6
7	8	9	10	11 6:30p 45s	12	13 1:00p Music Bingo
14	15 5:30pm House Committee Meeting	16	17	18 6:30p 45s	19	20 1:30p Meat Raffle
21	22	23	24	25 6:30p 45s	26	27 1:00p Music Bingo
28	29	30	31			

REMINDER: All guest(s) in the Member's Lounge MUST be signed in by a member in good standing and all guest(s) need to vacate once the member who signed them in has left.



August 2024 Events



Music Bingo

Saturday, August 10 @ 1:00pm
Saturday, August 24 @ 1:00pm

Music Bingo is hosted by DJ Edna in the Member's Lounge, for members and guests.



Meat Raffle

Saturday, August 17 @ 1:30pm

Come on down to the Member's Lounge for this fun and exciting event. This month 12 prize packages or gift cards will be raffled off.

August 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30p 45s	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 6:30p 45s	9	10 1:00p Music Bingo
11	12	13	14	15 6:30p 45s	16	17 1:30p Meat Raffle
18	19	20	21	22 6:30p 45s	23	24 1:00p Music Bingo
25	26	27	28	29 6:30p 45s	30	

August House Committee Meeting Date is TBD.

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Candidate Information

Ready for Initiation:

Jefrey Nora Beato, Joyce Buckley, Deborah Coady,
Denise Donlan, Greory Morales, Felix Nunez, John Michael Pelletier, Timothy Sheehy, Yemmy Zoubu, Connor Trulli

New Candidates:

Brady Clune - Proposer Laura Alefantis

To be Investigated:

Edgar Adriano, Jeovanny Rodriguez, Brian Corrigan, Sylvia Denise, Jonathan Guzman, Christian Munoz

Transfer Dimits:

Christian Munoz

Shout outs!

Special Thanks to Fran Kuchar! She took on the project of planting flowers around the Veteran's rock and Member's Memorial Bench. Thank you, Fran!

A Message from the Leading Knight:

Hello, My name is Stephanie DeSantis, your new Esteemed Leading Knight. I was born, raised and still reside in Lawrence. For the past 24 years I have served the children of this city as a paraprofessional and, for the last 16 years, as a math teacher. My grandfather and father were both Elks at Lodge 65. My motivation to follow in their footsteps was to honor their memory. In doing so, I have found many new friends and really enjoy what it means to be an Elk!



Sick Members

Anyone knowing of a sick member, please contact Elks65secretary@gmail.com.



To all our members celebrating June birthdays, we wish you good health, good friends, and many more to come!



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LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER | LAURA ALEFANTIS
 ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT | STEPHANIE DESANTIS
 ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT | TAMARA SCIPIONE
 ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT | DAVID TAVARES
 SECRETARY | BRIELLE KEROACK
 TREASURER | TOM DINNING, PER, HLM
 TILER | PETER OUELLETTE
 ESQUIRE | VACANT
 CHAPLAIN | FRAN KUCHAR
 INNER GUARD | PHIL BURKHART

TRUSTEES

1 YEAR | RICH KENNEY, PDD, PER, HLM
 2 YEAR | RITA O'CALLAGHAN
 3 YEAR | ALAN RENNY, PDD, LM, LHM
 4 YEAR | RAYMOND MACLEAN, PER, HLM
 5 YEAR | SHANE SCIPIONE

Grand Lodge Per Capita has increased by \$5 for the 2024-2025 year which begins on April 1, 2024. The MA State Association has not increased their fee. The Lawrence Lodge has not increased our dues.
 Total Dues for the 2024-2025 Year are: **Member \$91.25 Life or Honorary Member \$56.25**

LAWRENCE PAST EXALTED RULERS (LIVING):

JAMES G. HAJJAR | WILLIAM D. FRANSON | ALAN W. RENNY, PDD | PATRICK DIDOMENICO | MICHAEL J. PERRAULT | VARNUM W. HOYT | WILFRED P. BELIVEAU | DAVID G. HERMAN | WILFRED R. CYR | ROBERT A. JONCAS | DAVID M CONRAD | SHAUN K. HARTY | RICHARD P. BIBEAU | THOMAS W. DINNING | DENNIS T. REGAN | CATHERINE HENDERSON | MICHAEL J. KOSTYLA | MARY LEROCQUE | IDA STRYKOWSKI | RICHARD J. RESTIVO, PDD | RICHARD KENNEY, PDD | MICHAEL BURKHART | PATRICIA HALDE | PHILIP BURKHART II | RAYMOND MACLEAN | LARRY VITALE | MICHAEL W. HIGSON | TRACY C VITALE | ERIC MACHUCA

HALL RENTAL INFORMATION

FUNCTIONS | WEDDINGS | PARTIES | BIRTHDAYS | MEETINGS | MERCY MEALS

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Lodge Members receive a discount on their bookings!





MASSACHUSETTS ELKS ASSOCIATION INC.

2024 CHARITY FUND DRIVE

2024 CHARITY FUND RAFFLE WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE	\$20,000.00	DONNA KRAMICH	GLOUCESTER
2 nd PRIZE	3,000.00	SHARON MARTEL	HYANNIS
3 rd PRIZE	2,000.00	WAYNE COTE	CHICOPEE
3	\$1,000.00	ROBIN WHEELER	HUDSON
		GEORGE OSTER	WEY/BRAINTREE
		CHRIS J MARTIN	FALL RIVER
5 \$500.00 SELLER'S POOL		JOSEPH MICHAUD	HAVERHILL
		GERALD FIHLMAN	WAREHAM/ NEW BEDFORD
		BRIAN ENGLISH	MARSHFIELD
		JAMES BARRY	BOSTON
		RONNIE BEVIS	RANDOLPH
5 \$500.00 LODGE POOLS		LODGE # 65	LAWRENCE
		LODGE # 118	FALL RIVER
		LODGE # 892	GLOUCESTER
		LODGE # 2136	FRANKLIN
		LODGE # 892	GLOUCESTER

Thanks to all of the lodges, members and friends for guying and selling raffle books, we raised \$90,675.00. Remember, your participation is necessary for our lodges to continue their charitable works. Many thanks from all of us to all of you.

Wayne E. Bearce, State Chairman, Mass Elks Charity Fund Raising.



COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we honor all those who bravely served in the Vietnam War and who sacrificed, as did their families and caregivers, on behalf of our Nation.

For almost two decades, Americans raised their right hands and committed to serve and defend our Constitution as uniformed members of the United States Armed Forces during a tumultuous period in our country's history. Throughout the years of the Vietnam War, 9 million Americans earned the title of United States veteran. Today and every day, we honor their bravery and commitment and give thanks to a generation of Americans who valiantly fought in service of the country they love while recognizing the continuing impact on so many veterans of the Vietnam conflict, along with their families, caregivers, and survivors. We will always remember those we lost and honor those who came home.

In 2012, our Nation launched a 13-year long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War to ensure that every veteran, family, caregiver, and survivor impacted by the difficult years in Vietnam feels our Nation's gratitude for their sacrifice. Every service member of the Vietnam generation should know that their sacrifices mattered and that their service made a difference. The names etched in The Wall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial remind us of our loved ones who gave their all and never came home. To the families, caregivers, and survivors of the more than 58,000 service members whose names are memorialized in the black granite, we pledge to never forget the eternal sacrifice of your loved ones and what you have sacrificed for the Nation.

To the families of the over 1,500 service members who remain missing and unaccounted for, know that our Nation's efforts to bring them home will never stop.

We pledge our steadfast care and support to our Vietnam veterans, as we do for all of our veterans. We will honor our sacred obligation to you and your family.

And to each of the 6 million Vietnam War era veterans who are with us today, we honor your service and all that you have done for our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby affirm this Nation's commitment to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, which began on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, and which will continue through Veterans Day, November 11, 2025. I call upon all Americans to seek out and extend the Nation's profound gratitude to each of our Vietnam veterans and their families and caretakers during public ceremonies and programs throughout the country, while expressing deep compassion for the families of the fallen, those who remain missing and unaccounted for, and all others who served yet no longer walk among us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. Biden Jr.", is written over the bottom portion of the text.