

# the Antlers

ROCKLAND LODGE

No. 1008



"A Way To Share" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER Issue #1199

## Officers 2022 - 2023

*Exalted Ruler*  
**HELEN ROGERS**

*Esteemed Leading Knight*  
**JANE RISLEY**

*Esteemed Loyal Knight*  
**CORIANNE BENNER**

*Esteemed Lecturing Knight*  
**GAIL FEARING**

*Secretary*

**DWAYNE GUY, PDDGER,  
PSP, HLM, PER**  
elks1008@aol.com

*Treasurer*

Tom Rizzo

*Inner Guard*

**YVONNE DROWN-MILLER**

*Tiler*

**JESSICA LOMBARDO**

*Chaplain*

**FREIDA CARPENTER**

*Esquire*

*Trustees*

**BILL BACHOFNER, PER  
ALAN HEAL, PDDGER, PER  
COREY LINDSEY, CHAIRMAN  
JOSEPH JOKI  
ARNOLD CRABTREE**

*Club Manager*

**STEVE AMES**

elksmgr1008@gmail.com

*District Deputy*

**Pamela Heal, DDGER**

(207) 691-2459

P.heal@aol.com

*MEA President*

**Sandi Anderson**

Waterville Elks #905

Lodge Telephone (207) 594-9200

Lodge Fax Number (207) 593-9172

Lodge e-mail: [elks1008@aol.com](mailto:elks1008@aol.com)

Website: [RocklandElks.com](http://RocklandElks.com)

Lodge Mailing Address:

PO Box 983

Rockland, ME 04841-0983

Lodge Physical Address

210 Rankin St

Rockland, ME 04841

## Exalted Ruler Report

January 2024

### Exalted Ruler's Report

Greetings my brother and sister Elks,

Isn't it crazy how fast 2023 went by? The holidays flew by too.

As we step into the new year, we are all inspired to make a New Year's Resolution. Let's face it, most of us lose momentum and fall short of seeing them through. However, I want to invite you to think about a few things when thinking about making that New Year Resolution.

Think about what it means to be an Elk. What do Elks do? How can you make a difference as an Elk? Let's take a look at this.

What does it mean to be an Elk?

During each initiation we talk about the good deeds we do, that those deeds are more important than how doing those deeds makes us feel.

It's stressed that riches are more in what is given than what is saved. Indeed. Because as we all know, material possessions decay, get destroyed and forgotten. Money goes away. But a kind deed, is not forgotten. Giving, charity work, building up our community, touching the lives of homeless veterans, encouraging youth through programs enriches us. It truly does. This is only part of what it means to be an Elk. This is part of what we do. Participating and volunteering in Elk events, programs and benefits makes a difference in so many ways.

So as we enter the new year, think about as an Elk, how you can get involved. Volunteering to help with a lodge dinner. Maybe donate an extra annual amount to ENF (Elks National Foundation). ENF funds is where our grant money comes from. Our lodge uses that grant money to give to our community through programs and annual donations to other nonprofits such as AIO food pantry and Pope Memorial Animal shelter to name just a few.

Ask an officer how you can volunteer or get involved. Come to the lodge meetings. These are so important. Lodge meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and it starts at 7p.m.

On December 10th we hosted our annual Children's Christmas Party.

It was a delight for children and parents alike. Many enjoyed the different craft tables, children laughed and played some bowling. Refreshments were served and the highlight of the event was each child getting a special gift from Santa.

Thank you Annette Young, Arnie Crabtree, Freida Carpenter, Stephen Ames, and all the volunteers (Santa's Elves) that helped decorate, wrap and prepare for the event. Without you all, this couldn't happen.

Looking forward in 2024, we have lots of fun events happening. Keep an eye on February 10th as we celebrate Valentines Day with a dance featuring No Guts No Glory and our special guests, Elks State President Sandy Anderson and her husband Dave Anderson.

**Here's to the New Year! We are the Elks. Elks share because Elks care.**

Yours in Elkdom,

Helen Rogers - Exalted Ruler.

**Secretary's Corner**

Lodge of Sorrow for Clyde M. Smith, # 1203 passed away on October 12th, an Elk for 57 years. David Chase, # 3462, November 18th, 55 years an Elk. There will be 2 meetings in January. The first meeting is on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00, Meatloaf is on the menu beginning at 5:30. The second meeting is on January 23rd at 7:00 with Smothered Beef being consumed.

*Please have all articles for February's newsletter emailed (Subject Line: February's Newsletter) to [elks1008@aol.com](mailto:elks1008@aol.com) or in my box on the door by noon on Saturday, January 20th, the third Saturday.*  
Dwayne Guy, PDDGER, PSP, HLM, PER  
Lodge Secretary

**Applications on Hand: Vote January 9, 2024**

I've received the following applications and due to only 1 meeting in December we will vote on these on January 9th and January 23rd as indicated.

Name	Residence	Occupation	Proposer
Hunter Grindle	Rockland	Fitness Trainer	Shane Grintle
Tucker Grindle	Owls Head	Fisherman	Shane Grindle
Patrick Chandler	Thomaston	Loan Officer	David Bragdon
Dorothy Robinson	Rockport	Retired Teacher	Charles Rowling
Brent St Peter	Cushing	Truck Driver	Eric Meklin
Madison Sturks	Rockland	Teacher	Jennifer Fifield
Alexandra Zable	Rockland	Self-Employed	Jennifer Fifield

**Applications on Hand: Vote January 23, 2024**

Paige Widdecomb	Camden	Accounts Payable Clerk	Stephen Widdecomb
Michael Jalbert	So Thomaston	Fisherman	Robert Barter

**Managers Newsletter May 2023**

Hello Fellow Elks Members,

Hard to believe 2023 is almost over, Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, May 2024 find all members healthy and happy for the new year coming up. 2023 was a good year for Catering events upstairs. Groups are coming back now that the Pandemic is slowing down, 2024 is filling up for Weddings, Class Reunions ,etc.

**Upcoming Events in January**

- Sunday—1/7/24—Maine Elks Meeting @ Bangor Elks #244
- Tuesday -1/9/24- Lodge Meeting and Meal- Entree is Meatloaf
- Saturday- 1/20/24- Karaoke in Downstairs Lounge - Stan the Music Man and Karaoke Kate
- Sunday- 1/21/24- PER Luncheon- 11am-1pm
- Tuesday- 1/23/24- Lodge Meeting and Meal- Entree is Smothered Beef
- Saturday-1/27/24- Burger Night.

Hoping everyone has a great winter and hopefully the winter will not be a stormy one, We have been lucky the past couple of Winters. Just think Spring will be here before you know it?  
Thanks, Stephen Ames

**Past Exalted Rulers Meeting**

On Sunday, January 21st, the PERs of Rockland Elks Lodge #1008 will be having a meeting. They will be discussing different topics with the current ER, Helen Rogers and Leading Knight Jane Risley. The PERs will also be developing a list of potential officers for nominations for the upcoming year at the February 13th meeting. If you're interested in an office for next year, please let a PER know or drop a note in the box on the secretary's door.

PERs, this is a luncheon meeting which starts at 11:00 Sunday morning.

**In Memoriam**

Clyde M. Smith, LM  
#1203 B-1927 I-1967 D-2023

David W. Chase, LM  
#3462 B-1932 I-1961 D-2023

**"Elks are Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken:"**

**Christmas Food Baskets**

Annual activity at Rockland Lodge 1008 — preparing food baskets so the less fortunate can have a fun Christmas Dinner with family.



### Christmas Baskets

Many hands make light work. With that, we all made the holiday special for many.

To wrap up 2023, we had 23 volunteers that put together and delivered 76 Christmas dinner boxes with all the fixings, to local families in need. The faces that opened the door to receive a box were beyond thankful.

Helen Rogers, ER



### Roaming Elk Travels

On December 14th, 7 members of Rockland Elks visited the Bath Elks to recapture Rocky—The Roaming Elks of Coastal Maine! Pictured above 1-r is Dwayne Guy, Bill Bachofner, Gail Fearing, Pam Heal, Jane Risley, Bath ER Craig Johnson, Alan Heal and Arnie Crabtree.

At our Lodge Meeting on December 12th, Bath Elks captured Rocky but we have him now!



January 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	January 1 New Year's Day Lodge is Open	2	3 6:30pm Bingo - Food by Emblem Club	4	5 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 Elks and Community	6 Pool @ 1:00
7 MEA Meeting 10:00 at Bangor	8 6:00 Cornhole 6:15pm Board of Directors Meeting Members welcome	9 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 Elks and Community 7:00 Lodge Meeting Meatloaf	10 6:30pm Bingo - Food by Emblem Club	11	12 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 Elks and Community	13 Pool @ 1:00
14	15 Cornhole 6:00 Martin Luther King Day	16 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 Elks and Community	17 6:30pm Bingo - Food by Emblem Club	18	19 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 Elks and Community	20 Pool @ 1:00 7:00 Karaoke in Downstairs Lounge
21 PER Meeting 11:00	22 6:00 PM Cornhole 6:15pm Board of Directors Meeting Members welcome	23 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 7:00 Lodge Meeting Smothered Beef	24 6:30pm Bingo - Food by Emblem Club	25	26 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 Elks and Community	27 Pool @ 1:00 Burger Night
28	29 Cornhole 6:00 <del>Memorial Day 2023 Observed</del>	30 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 <del>7:00 Lodge Meeting with initiation</del>	31 6:30pm Bingo - Food by Emblem Club	Feb 1st	Feb 2 Noon Luncheon 11:00—1:00 Elks and Community	Feb 3 Pool @ 1:00



