



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

March 2019

A new "Elks Year" begins starting April 1st, and with a new year comes changes to the officers and trustees of the lodge. Lisa Saucedo, Kim Calder, and Sue Wolk have been installed in their respective officer positions, and Breana Martin is now our Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Our new 5-Year Trustee is now Vincent Vella and Richard "Gizz" Gilbert is the 1-Year Trustee. Mark Roy, Bob Martin, and Jamie Roy are continuing as Trustees. David Brown will serve as the new Inner Guard. All other officers will remain the same. All of the Officers and Trustees will continue to work hard for the betterment and strength of our lodge, and we encourage the members to offer input and a strong volunteer spirit.



Our lodge gained five new members at the end of February. Let's make them feel welcome and involve them in our work and activities.



(l. to r. Scott Robinson, Kyle Heney, Stephen Bomil, Wendy Bernier, and David Horvath)

Please make note of an upcoming scheduling change. Starting in May the Board of Directors Meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Lodge Meeting at 7:00 p.m. The House Committee Meeting will be held on the third Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m. followed by the Lodge Meeting at 7:00 p.m. This change will remain throughout the year.

After the Officer Installation was held on March 23rd, the Member Appreciation Dinner was held; a way to honor, recognize and show appreciation to all of the members who volunteer their energy, hard work, finances, and dedication to the maintenance and betterment of the Lodge. Special awards were given to Mark Roy as Officer of The Year, Jamie Laramie as Elk of The Year, and Michael Buldoc as Volunteer of The Year. Additionally our former Exalted Ruler, David Brown, was recognized for his work and leadership during the past year. Special thanks goes to Harry Bean Sr., Priscilla Bean and Tricia Roy for the delicious meal which was served during this event by Diane and Gene Leach. Thanks is given to Bob Martin, Jamie Laramie, Michael Buldoc, Melissa Jette, and Paula Gilbert for doing all of the clean up.



On Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. our lodge has the privilege of going to the Tilton Veterans Home and playing Bingo with the veterans. Please donate merely one hour of your time. These veterans served our country faithfully, and it's the least we can do to show our respect and help those challenged to play Bingo. A friendly face and kind word can go a long way to boost the morale of a veteran.

With every new year in Elkdom, a new budget is thoughtfully prepared by the Trustees and the Officers. This information has been included in this newsletter.

Sadly KENO did not win the vote at the Gilford polls on March 12th. This means we will not have KENO at our lodge. All we can do is try to get KENO put on the next ballot, and hopefully we will get a positive result at that time. We will keep you posted of any changes.

Membership dues are due by April 1st. If you have not paid, please do so promptly by either coming to the lodge or by mailing your check to the Lodge Secretary's attention. The sooner we meet Grand Lodge's requirement the sooner we can receive the grants that will benefit our local communities.

There is still time to sign up for the State Convention which will be held at Loon Mountain from May 17th - 19th. Forms can be obtained from the Secretary. If you've never attended a convention, know they are informative and a lot of fun with fellow members from all over New Hampshire.

As your new Exalted Ruler, I will try my hardest to fulfill my obligation and to honor the privilege you bestowed upon me. With the help of my fellow officers and trustees, and with your help, we can make this year one of positivity, generosity, and brotherly love.

Exalted Ruler,
LISA SAUCEDA

Manager's Corner

Mother's Day Brunch will be coming up on May 12th. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve food and clean.

Please contact me as soon as possible to volunteer.

Let's honor our mothers.

I'm always looking for volunteers to help with Rotary Breakfast.

Once a month would be a huge help. Let me know.

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager