



The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

February has been a very busy month with nominations and election of officers. As well, we celebrated our "Old Timers" at the first meeting of the month. Thank you to the PERs for their help with this night of celebration, as follows: Doti Acres-Gath standing in as ER, Sandy Sheen as Loyal Knight, Bill Sheen as Lecturing Knight, and Frank Mello as Leading Knight. Your dedication as PERs is especially appreciated.

Initiation was held on January 29, 2017 and the following 7 members were initiated:



In no particular order:
 Roberta Nelson, Douglas Godfrey, Randy Fitts, Charles Hughes, and Jacob Bordeau.
 Officers and PERs:
 Doti Acres-Gath, Jimmy Culpon, Sandy Shene, Bill Shene, Dorothy Frawley, Dave Brown, Richard Ingram, Janice Dignan, Brenda Pinard, and Frank Mello.

Following nominations, we celebrated many of our long time members with: Old Timers Night: Of the 53 lodge member that were eligible to receive a pin, 7 members were present. Those members were:

- 20 Years: Sheldon Corey, Tracy Richardson, and Sandra Shene.
 - 25 Years: James Paquette
 - 45 Years: James Cookman
 - 60 Years: John Heney and Stewart Ramsay.
- Pictured from the right are:
 Mr. Stewart Ramsey, ER Janice Dignan and the oldest member present, Mr. John Heney. The longest member present as an Elk was John Heney.
 Other Members that had not received pins for past year milestones were:
 20 Year: Donny Lamontagne
 40 Year: Earl Lyons



Please congratulate them on their many years of service to the Laconia Elks Lodge #876.

The budget for 2017-2018 for both the Lodge and Bar have been completed. Please find this budget posted in the bar area on the bulletin board and also on our Website, laconiaelks876.org. During the first regular meeting in March, the budget will be presented, discussed and voted upon. If anyone have any questions or concerns; please attend this meeting to voice your opinions.

A letter of resignation submitted by Sandy Gaumont, effective immediately, was read on the floor at our first lodge meeting in February. Susan Ayers was nominated as interim Secretary for the remainder of the year 2016-17. As well, Susan was nominated as Secretary for the upcoming year, 2017-18. At the second meeting, 2/20/17, Susan was unanimously voted for in these positions.

Nominations for all elected positions was held at the first monthly meeting, February 6th. On February 20th, as all nominations were unopposed, one vote was cast to elect your new suite of officers for year 2017-2018. As follows

Officers:	Trustees:	Appointed Positions:
Exalted Ruler: Janice Dignan	5-year Trustee: Bob Martin	Esquire: Jimmy Culpon
Leading Knight: Chris Richard	4-year Trustee: Frank Mello	Chaplin: David Brown
Loyal Knight: Brenda Pinard	3-year Trustee: Debra Bean	Inner Guard: Dick Ingram
Lecturing Knight: Lisa Saucedo	2-year Trustee: Mike Smith	Tier: Dorothy Frawley
Secretary: Susan Ayers	1-year Trustee: Howard Kelleher	
Treasurer: Deirdre Tibbetts		

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating our new suite of officers/trustees/appointees.

As well, a big thank you goes out to Trustees Donny and Marcia Lamontagne, for their service, dedication and hard work, during the past year, in keeping the Lodge in great shape and for the many hours spent volunteering for special events. It is very much appreciated. As well, thank you to all of the Chairpersons and the hard work they have done in the performance of the duties within their committees. It does not go unnoticed. A new House Committee will be selected in April when the new year begins.

Installation of officers and Volunteer/Member Appreciation night will be held on Saturday, April 1st. Installation of Officers will be held at 4:30 and is approximately a 30-minute ritual ceremony. To follow installation, please join us for Happy Hour and dinner to be served at 6pm. The bar will be closed at 4:30 for installation of officers. We hope that members will attend installation to meet and congratulate those members coming in. During dinner, annual special recognition awards will be presented to Officer of the Year, Elk of the year, and Citizen of the Year. Dinner will be prepared this year by John Froehling. The menu consists of Chicken Cordon Blue, twice baked potato, vegetable, rolls and dessert. I am asking all Committee Chairpersons to reach out to all of the members who have helped them over the past year and to provide a list of those names to obtain a head count. Members who have volunteered during the past year are all welcomed to come for Happy Hour and dinner. For those that did not volunteer and want to come for dinner may do so for a nominal fee. Happy hour is open to all members.

DD Clinic and State meeting is scheduled for March 19th at the Derry Salem Lodge. DD Clinic to begin at 10am with the State meeting to follow at 1pm. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. If anyone would like to go and needs or wants a ride; please let us know. We will be happy to car pool.

The annual State Cribbage Tournament is on March 5th and held at the new Nashua Lodge #720, 12 Murphy Drive, Nashua. Registration is at 10:30 with play to begin at noontime. The cost is \$20/person. We encourage all of you that enjoy playing cribbage, to join us. We will be happy to arrange carpooling if you are interested in representing our Laconia Elks Lodge #876. The winning Lodge will bring the tournament to their lodge next year. Nashua has won for the past several years and we are hoping their reign will end this year and the trophy will come to Laconia. Please come and join us in quest to WIN!!

The next group of members in waiting will be initiated on Sunday, March 26th at 10am. We are in the process of orienting all of those coming in. As well, we will be reaching out to all of our delinquent members and encouraging them to become current in their dues. Dues for the year 2017-2018 are \$59.00 and shall be paid by March 31.

In Closing: Please look for March/April events on our website laconiaelks876.org, on the calendar in our newsletter, and on Facebook.

The recent taste of spring weather was welcomed but we should not be fooled by Mother Nature. I am sure winter will return shortly but the recent weather is a sign that Spring is not far away. Until next time, stay safe and may you remain in good health.

Fraternally yours,
 Janice Dignan
 Exalted Ruler

MANAGER'S CORNER

In March we will be having the regular events, Meat Raffle on the 17th and Fish Fry on the 24th. In addition to this we will be holding a St Patrick's Day Promotion with Powerhouse Gaming on March 18th. If you come in anytime on March 18th, purchase and play \$10 in the electronic pull tab machines, you will receive a free Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, from 6pm to 8pm. We are also raffling of a 50" TV, come in any time from February 21st thru March 18th and play \$20 on the electronic pull tab machines, put your ticket, with your name and phone number on it into the jar on the bar. The winner will be drawn after dinner on the 18th. There will also be French's Karaoke after dinner on the 18th. Scratch ticket raffle is back, tickets are \$10 each. 1st prize is \$1000 in ten dollar tickets, 2nd prize is \$300 in ten dollar tickets and 3rd prize is \$100 in ten dollar tickets. Good Luck!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

April 1st is Installation of new officers and Members Appreciation Day. Officer installation will be at 4:30 followed by officer and volunteer dinner. Member Appreciation will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 Peter Tibbetts,
 Lodge Manager

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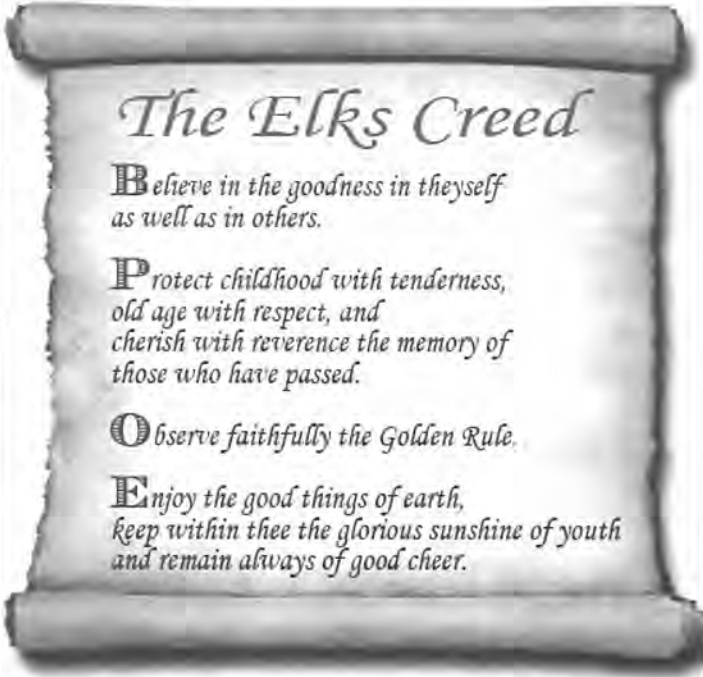
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Believe in the goodness in the self as well as in others.

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Bulletin to be Read through our Website

The monthly bulletin is now available to read on our lodge's website. We are no longer mailing the bulletins to members unless a request is made to the lodge secretary to continue to receive it by regular mail.

www.laconiaelks876.org

Click on "**Bulletin**" and choose which month you want to read.
 Any questions contact Susan Ayers at:
 secretary876@metrocast.net or call the lodge

- Remember -

All Dues are due on April 1, 2017

Dues for 2017-2018 year

DUES FOR 2017 - 2018 HAVE CHANGED

Due to per capita increases from
 Grand Lodge and the NH State Association,

Regular Membership is now: **\$59.00**

* Life Membership is now: **\$24.00**

2017 - 2018 Dues

Remember all Dues are due before April 1, 2017

✂ cut along lines and mail back with payment

DUES STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1, 2017 - APRIL 1, 2018

Name: _____

Membership #: _____

Annual Regular Member Dues (\$59.00) Amount Included: _____

Annual Life Member Dues (\$24.00) Amount Included: _____

Optional Donations :

1) Elks National Foundation (ENF) Amount Included: _____

2) State Major Project (Copper Cannon) Amount Included: _____

3) Lodge Scholarship Fund Amount Included: _____

Total Paid for 2017-2018 : \$ _____



Millard Smith, Ronald Knapik, Candace Knowlton, Sharon Elliott, Brianna Farley, Eric King, Jean Masse, Lori Dickson, Robert Kempton, Joseph Barker, Ralph Brunelle, Sandy Gaumond, Neal Boutin, Arthur Stern, Nancy Shannon, John Berlied, Bill Romprey, Maynard Libby, John Mark, Theresa Morris, Doug Isleib, James Fenmore, Sundae Romprey, Anthony Linkkila, Roland Delucca Jr, Lori Dupont, Gary McCrea, John Bacon, Adam Delucca, Donald Boulia, Paul MacKinnon, Rickey Moorehead, Raymond Samson, Maurice Wright, Richard Ingram, Raymond Lapointe, Eugene leach, Laura McCrea, Reginald Gaudette, Rachel Laplante, Randy Fitts, Gary Aunchman, Thomas Donovan, Stephen Sawyer, William Kosla and Philip Labonte, Felecia Pelletier.

Delinquent Members for 2016-2017

The following delinquent members will be dropped from the rolls on March 31, 2017 if payments are not made. If there are any errors please notify the secretary at 603-524-0809 or secretary876@metrocast.net.

Deborah Auger, Gary Aunchman, Gregory Barter, Marjorie Bird, Gerard Breton, Earl Brough, Fran Cahill, Sarah Camire, Robbin Caravona, Stacey Converse, Ronald Dionne, Benjamin Dow, Richard Duggan, Marilyn Dunn, Aaron Ellsworth, Donald Ethier, Robert Furbish, Tricia Furbish, Edmund George, James Greenwell, Debra Haht, Kevin Hammer, Melissa Hancock, John Heney Jr, Richard Higginbotham, Melodie Hughes, Douglas Isleib, Benjamin Jacobs, Michael Joyce, Paul Kelley, Roy Kincade, Judith Kirk, James Ladieu, Amanda Laramie, Norman Laramie, Bernardine McCrea, Thomas Michaud, Gary Moulton, Craig Nutter, Ronald O'Connor Jr., Julie Perkins, William Pike, Raymond Simoneau, Franklin Smith, Stacey Ann Smith, Charles Stewart, Robert Surabian, Wayne Thayer, Christopher Tinker, Michele Tinker, Diane Tobeler, Mario Troiano, Jon Tyler, Stacy Valengavich, Greg West, Heidi Williams, Maurice Wright.

Life Membership

Peter R. Karatsanos Initiated 6/05/1986

Propositions for Membership

Dan Patch, Belmont Proposed By Brenda Pinard,
 James Fenimore Jr, Gilford Proposed by Rachel Laplante,
 Angelo Palmer, Belmont, Proposed By Peter Palmer.

**Grand Exalted Ruler 2016-2017 Michael Zellen
 District Deputy GER Brian Thibeault - Laconia, NH
 2016-2017 Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler:Janice Dignan	Treasurer:Deirdre Tibbetts	Trustees: 5 yr:Frank Mello
Est. Leading Knight:.....	Tiler:.....Dorothy Frawley	Trustees: 4 yr:Debra Bean
Est. Loyal Knight:Chris Richard	Esquire:Jim Culpon, PER	Trustees: 3 yr:.....Donnie Lamontagne
Est. Lecturing Knight:Brenda Pinard	Chaplain:David Brown	Trustees: 2 yr:Howard Kelleher
Secretary:.....Susan Ayers	Inner Guard:Dick Ingram	Trustees: 1 yr:Marcia Lamontagne

2016-2017 House Committee

Meg Prue
 Joe Juliano

Donald Horsman
 Debra Bean

Jamie Laramie
 Jim Culpon, PER



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