



# The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Hard to believe October is upon us and the weather is changing. There is much speculation about whether or not we will have a colorful foliage season with our lack of rain. I have confidence in Mother Nature and that she will not disappoint us.

September has been a busy month. Since the first Sunday NFL games began, Howie Kelleher has hosted Flag Football. Flag football is a game in which you may purchase tickets, and if a flag is thrown during the game, whoever's ticket is pulled will receive a prize. The Club is well attended and many members look forward to the event and it continues to be a Sunday afternoon favorite. Games and times are posted on our website. On Sunday, October 23rd, when the Patriots play a 1pm game, we will be holding our second annual "Tailgating Party" that will be filled with fun, comradery, events and food. All proceeds from Flag Football and the Tailgating event will be donated to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). All members and member guests are invited and encouraged to come to enjoy the game, food and festivities.

Continuing on with September; Wednesday nights the kitchen has been open and provides inexpensive appetizers and dinner. Chris Richards has been volunteering and has done the cooking for everyone with great success. He however has other obligations and cannot always be available every Wednesday. I apologize for a couple of Wednesdays that he has been unavailable to do this and am looking for volunteers that might be able to fill in for him. We have all of the equipment and it is a pretty easy job, however, we need others that can donate a few hours to provide this service. Many members look forward to this evening as it is fun to get together and have an inexpensive night out. If anyone is interesting in donating some of their time, please let Peter Tibbetts or me know and we will assist you with the process.

On September 26th we had our annual District Deputy visit and inspection. This is a yearly inspection that reviews our record keeping, finances, processes, safety and that we are following the rules and regulations set forth by the Benevolent and Protective order of the Elks. Many thanks and accolades go out to my officers, Lodge Secretary, Sandy Gaumond, Lodge Treasurer, Deirdre Tibbetts, Trustees, especially Howie Kelleher and Debbie Bean, Chairperson of the Auditing Committee, Laurie Johnson, and all others that have helped me with the operation, budget, meetings and all of the record keeping that has occurred throughout the year. Jimmy Culpon has been my guide and mentor. If I have missed anyone, I apologize. We passed the inspection without any deficiencies. Our success is because of all of the support and dedication provided by the team.

We have been challenged by the Grand Exalted Ruler to make the process of bringing in new members one that is done quickly and efficiently. To do this we have changed some of our processes. Our goal is to go through the process and initiate potential new members within thirty (30) days. We will also begin a new process in which we will perform the initiation other than on a regular meeting night. It has not been decided what day the initiation will be performed but it is our goal to have it prior to an event or function. This will allow our new members an opportunity to join the function to meet and become acquainted with regular members of our lodge. Suggestions are welcomed.

In addition to this challenge, the goal for year 2016-2017 is to increase membership and decrease lapsation. Since the inception of the Elk and until the 1980's, yearly Elks membership increased. After 1980, membership has been on the decline. Last year it was the lowest decline

in memberships since the eighties' so we are going in the right direction again. I am challenging all members to bring in new members. To date Mark Roy has brought in the most members for the year 2016-2017 with five new members joining. If you know of any members that have fallen into hardship and do not have the ability to pay their annual dues, please bring this to an officer or trustee and we will see what we may do to help. We do not want to lose any members and want to make all of our current member feel a part of our Lodge.

Please consult the Calendar in our bulletin, or check out our website at laconiaelks876.org, for the events being held in the upcoming months. Karaoke will begin again in October. This is a fun event, please come check it out.

As always, be safe and with the weather changes, stay warm.

Fraternally yours,

Janice Dignan,  
Exalted Ruler

### CRIBBAGE

October 24th & November 28th

\$10.00 per person - Sign Up 6:00 to 6:30 pm  
Game Starts 6:35 pm - 5 Games, 1 on 1

### ENF TAILGATE PARTY ON OCTOBER 23RD

Party starts at 1:00 pm  
Game starts at 4:00 pm

### MANAGER'S CORNER

Fall is upon us, and the cold weather is coming. Come in to the lodge and have a drink, shoot the breeze, and have a good time. Meat Raffle and Fish Fry are back to normal this month. Meat Raffle is October, 21st and Fish Fry is on the 28th. Karaoke is back this month on October 15th. If anyone would like to help out with anything please see me or an officer. We will be having our tailgate party on October 23rd there will be giveaways! The Flag Raffle is back, every Sunday. Everyone that comes in and plays will receive a raffle ticket, for a prize to be given away at the end of the season. Join the fun have a snack and play the flag raffle, it's a good time. As always any problems or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Peter Tibbetts,  
Lodge Manager

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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 Sandra Gaumont at:  
 secretary876@metrocast.net or call the lodge

**- Remember -**

**All Dues were due on April 1, 2016**

**Dues for 2016-2017 year**

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

Regular Membership is now: **\$58.50**  
 \* Life Membership is now: **\$23.50**

**2016 - 2017 Dues**

**Remember all Dues were due before April 1, 2016  
 If you have not paid yet you are delinquent!**

✂ cut along lines and mail back with payment  
**DUES STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1, 2016 - APRIL 1, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Regular Member Dues (\$58.50)      Amount Included: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Life Member Dues (\$23.50)      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 2016-2017 : \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Happy Birthday to Our  
 OCTOBER ELKS!**

John Heney, Diane Tobeler, John Curran, Nancy Labranche, Patrick Manley, Sarah Camire, Roy Fields, Andrew Gaudet, Michael Ray, William Wheeler, Ronald Deblois, Steven Laramie, Peter Lonero, Michael Drouin, Joan Lessard, Robert Wilson, Richard Tardif, Eric Duquette, Patricia Hillard, Barry Salway, Ernest Bolduc, James C Cookman, Brenda Ferland, Stewart Dickson, Deanna Acres, Jerry Fecteau, Doti Gath, William Richards, Charlie Noddin, Marcia Lamontagne, Joshua Lahey, Donald Goddard, Robert Morse, James A Cookman, Donald Ethier, Toby Knowlton, Alexander Paquin III, Robert Richter, Leo Stacy, Maurice Clairmont, Phil McKinley, Tina Kelley, Jon Neal, John Irwin, David Glazier, Lawrence Gilmartin, Bill Canning, Lincoln Fournier, William Contardo and Cindy King.

Propositions for Membership

Paul Paquette from Loudon Sponsored by Richard Gilbert  
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as well as in others.

**P**rotect childhood with tenderness,  
old age with respect, and  
cherish with reverence the memory of  
those who have passed.

**O**bserve faithfully the Golden Rule.

**E**njoy the good things of earth,  
keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth  
and remain always of good cheer.



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 District Deputy GER Doti Acres Gath - Laconia, NH  
 2016-2017 Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler: .....Janice Dignan	Treasurer: .....Deirdre Tibbetts	Trustees: 5 yr: .....Frank Mello
Est. Leading Knight: .....Susan Ayers	Tiler: .....Dorothy Frawley	Trustees: 4 yr: .....Debra Bean
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**2016-2017 House Committee**

Mark Roy  
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Donald Horsman  
 Debra Bean

Jamie Laramie  
 Jim Culpon, PER



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