



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

August 2020

The Lodge has been open for a few weeks now, and we are so happy and appreciative for the members that have continued stopping by, socializing, attending Lodge meetings, and volunteering in whatever way they are needed. We are grateful to be open in these difficult and challenging times. There are some lodges that still have not opened or have just opened. This health crisis that has and is affecting millions worldwide has forced the Lodge Manager and Officers to adhere to and exercise every health and safety precaution for the safety and welfare of our members. No doubt some may feel that these measures are extreme, unreasonable or even unnecessary, but again, the health and welfare of our members is paramount; and being law abiding American citizens is part of being an Elk.

Despite the unusual times in which we are living, the heart of Elksdom continues to swell and throb. New individuals proudly join this great organization because they realize and appreciate the great works this organization accomplishes. On Sunday, July 26th, six new members were installed and are now members of our lodge. Let's make them feel welcome and include them in upcoming activities. Encourage them to donate their time and efforts to benefiting the community.



Tim Donovan, Jim Smith, Jamie Carano
Pamela Langlitz, Mark Langlitz, Kit Clark

The next time you see Jim Gaillard make sure you congratulate him. He received the honor of being named New Hampshire State Elk of The Year! Anyone that knows Jim knows that he constantly steps up to volunteer, and he always does so with a willing spirit and smile.



Congratulations also goes to Jim Culpon who was just installed as New Hampshire's 2020-2021 Elks State President. Additionally Bob Martin received the honor of being the State's Tiler for the 2020-2021 year and was installed at the same ceremony.



It is also important to note that we have a new Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul Ryan, a gentleman hailing from the State of Minnesota. Our new District Deputy GER is Scott Merrihew, a member of the Lebanon Elks Lodge.

Because many of our members vacation or have summer plans during August, the Wednesday night kitchen will remain closed. It is the goal to reopen in September. Please look at your schedules in advance and plan to volunteer one time. Let our Lodge Manager know in advance of the date you are prepared to volunteer. You can leave her a voicemail or leave a note in her mailbox. The fish fry will still take place this month, and hopefully the Meat Raffle can resume in September.

Many of you have volunteered throughout the last year, some one time and others numerous. The Lodge would like to show its appreciation for your hard work and Elks' spirit by having the annual Membership Appreciation Dinner. There will be a cocktail hour prior to the dinner, and the meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Function Hall. In order to get an accurate headcount for food preparation, please sign up on the corkboard near the restrooms. A few awards will be presented, and we hope that a few of the students that participated in last year's Americanism Essay contest will attend and receive their honors along with reading their essays. This evening should be fun and memorable.

Custom tabletops with the Elk burned into the top, are being designed for our existing round tables. Each tabletop donated, for the cost of \$165, will have an engraved 4-inch disc with the donor's sentiment (i.e. "donated by" or "in memory of"). Feel free to join with others to sponsor a tabletop. If interested in donating one of these one-of-a-kind tabletops please see Jamie Roy.

There are still approximately 125 members that have not paid their annual dues yet. How disappointing! Remember you are an Elk, and you took a vow to honor your responsibilities. Stop by the Lodge to pay, or mail your check. If you want your membership card immediately, mail your check with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Secretary will mail it to you. In addition to out-of-state members, some have chosen to receive the newsletter online at our Lodge's website, www.laconiaelks.org. This reduces overall expenses. If you wish to discontinue your U.S.P.S. delivery, inform the Secretary at Secretary876@metrocast.net or call the Secretary indicating your preference.

Exalted Ruler,
LISA SAUCEDA

Manager's Corner

Any member who has volunteered over the last year, even one time, please sign up to attend the Member Appreciation Dinner.

It's our way of saying thank you for your hard work.

Dinner will be FREE and delicious!

We hope to reopen the kitchen on Wednesday nights in September. Volunteers are needed. Please call the Lodge Manager to volunteer or drop a note in her mailbox with your name, phone, and date you want to volunteer.

We are STRICTLY following the Governor's guidelines for the health and safety of our members. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced.

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager

Secretary's Corner



Happy Birthday to Our August Elks!

Regular Membership is: \$62.00 Life Membership is: \$27.00
Please make time to come to the lodge and pay your \$62 or mail a check to remain an active member. If you're receiving a newsletter in the mail and no longer want one, please email me with your name and membership number. One will be available on our website.
Any questions contact the Secretary, Margaret-Mary Culpon.
secretary 876@metrocast.net or call the lodge

— Secretary's Notes —
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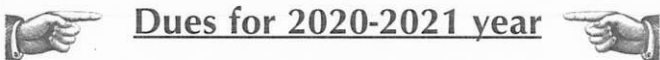
Bulletin to be Read through our Website

*The monthly bulletin is now available to read on our lodge's website.
The monthly bulletin is only mailed to N.H. residents, unless otherwise requested, 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 Margaret-Mary Culpon at:
secretary876@metrocast.net or call the lodge

- Remember -
All Dues WERE due on April 1, 2020



Dues for 2020-2021 year

DUES FOR 2020 - 2021 HAVE CHANGED

Due to Grand Lodge
Insurance Increase,

Regular Membership is now: \$62.00
*** Life Membership is now: \$27.00**

2020 - 2021 Dues

Remember all Dues are due before April 1, 2020

 cut along lines and mail back with payment

DUES STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021

Name: _____

Membership #: _____

Annual Regular Member Dues (\$62.00) Amount Included: _____

Annual Life Member Dues (\$27.00) 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 2020-2021 : \$ _____

DAY

01 Ayers, Susan A.
02 Gaudent, Edward
02 Mudgett, David A.
03 Bomil, Stephen M.
03 Raper, Allen R.
04 Harper, Kelli-Jo
05 Beede, Charles R.
05 Chubbuck, Kevin J.
05 Record, Maureen
05 Taylor, Carol
07 Drake, Larry W.
07 Shaw, Daniel C.
08 Mowery, Alice
09 Greemore, Roxanne L.
10 Bruno, John T.
10 Gilbert, Aaron
11 Felch, Anthony
13 Tinker, Sharon
14 Cunningham, Robert A.
14 Lamontagne, Donald M.
15 LeBlanc, Michelle

DAY

15 McIntire, Mary
15 Pike, Milo L.
16 Didonato, David
16 Rourke, Fred
17 Culpon, Danielle
19 Fountain, Brian C.
20 Dignan, Janice
20 Faro, John S.
20 Wilson, Jason
21 Provencal, Edward
22 Anderson, Hope
25 Bonfiglio, Denise
26 Mosbrucker, Larry
27 Hammer, Kenneth A.
28 Gardner, Alton J.
28 Pauley, Richard J.
28 Bolduc, Michael
29 Gaillard, James
29 Johnson, Laurel K.
30 McCrea, Brett
31 Laramie, Ryan M.

Lodge of Sorrow



Robert "Bob" King
July 20, 2020

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dawn Johnson proposed by Mike Smith
Andrew Johnson proposed by Mike Smith
Garrett Gilbert proposed by Aaron Gilbert
Matt Smarke proposed by Parker Hoffacker

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**Grand Exalted Ruler 2020-2021 Paul Ryan
 District Deputy GER Scott Merrihew
 2020-2021 Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler:Lisa Saucedo, PER	Treasurer:Nila Morrison	Trustees: 5 yr:Dennis Chiasson
Est. Leading Knight:Frank Mello, PDD, PSP	Tiler:Scott Robinson	Trustees: 4 yr:Bob Martin
Est. Loyal Knight:Harold Perkins, PER	Esquire:Jim Culpon, PDD, SP	Trustees: 3 yr:Mark Roy
Est. Lecturing Knight:.....Richard Pauley	Chaplain:Dorothy Frawley	Trustees: 2 yr:Richard Gilbert
Secretary:Margaret-Mary Culpon	Inner Guard:David Brown, PER	Trustees: 1 yr:James Roy

2020-2021 House Committee

Harold Perkins, PER
 Donnie Lamontagne

Richard Gilbert
 Jim Gaillard
 Lisa Saucedo, PER

Frank Mello, PDD, PSP
 Vince Vella

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