



# The Elks Profile

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## *A Message from the Exalted Ruler*

February 2018

I will begin by giving our Elks Treasurer, Deirdre Tibbetts and her family, our sincere condolences in the loss of her husband and our Lodge Manager, Peter Tibbetts. Peter's battle against prostate cancer ended on January 8th. We celebrated Peter's life here on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Peter was Lodge manager for several years and his daily presence and gentle management skills will be sorely missed. *Never forsaken, Never forgotten.* Rest in Peace Peter.

Exalted Ruler is quickly coming to an end. It is a busy time of year for the Lodge. Old Timers Night, PER Night, officer elections and Member's Appreciation Night are right around the corner. As well, we have several proposed candidates awaiting membership and it is our goal to initiate all those in waiting before the end of our fiscal year. Recap since our last newsletter:

December 30th, we initiated seven (7) new members. Please welcome and congratulate, those pictured below, as our newly initiated members.



**Pictured:** (back row, left): Rick Edson, Jim Gaillard, Jeffrey Josten, Joseph Humphreys, Janice Dignan (ER)  
(Front row, left) Robert Kelly, Katie LeRoy, and John Callaghan

**January 7th** the New Hampshire District Hoop Shoot Contest was held at the Gilford Community Center and hosted by our Lodge #876. It was a bitterly cold day but otherwise the weather cooperated. A big thank you goes out to all the contestants, their parents and family members, and the volunteers that made it such a success. We have two (2) local contestants moving on to the next level of competition. Northeast Girls, age 10-12, 1st Place Winner is Nyla Shosa and Northeast boys, age 12-13, 1st Place Winner is Lucas Kirk. Also, Brenden Dee took the N.E. boys, ages 8-9, 2nd Place and will go to the State Competition in the event the 1st place winner is unable to attend. Congratulations to all the winners of the District Hoop Shoot and to all of those that competed. The State Competition will be held in Concord-Epsom on February 4th. Registration begins at 8am. Please support our contestants.

The bathrooms in the Lodge have been repainted and look great. A big thank you goes out to Home Beautiful for donating the paint and

baseboard coving and to Bentley Quality Painting for donating the time to paint the rooms.

**February 5th**, Monday, is our 1st regular lodge meeting of the month. This will be a very busy night with officer nominations, Old Timers Night and PER night. Those long-term members eligible for recognition have received their letters and we hope to see you all there. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. As well, nomination of officers will be held. If anyone would like to step up and take a chair position or be a member of the Trustees, please be present at this meeting and have someone there to nominate you. Open chair positions are Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight, Treasurer, and a Five (5) year Trustee position. I encourage anyone interested in being part of the governing body of the Lodge to please make this known.

**February 19th**, Monday, is our second membership meeting. At this meeting; we will hold election of officers. As well, we will be initiating several proposed new members. Please join us for this important meeting.

All member letters have gone out. Please send or bring in your dues and receive your new membership cards.

Member Appreciation night and office installation will be on March 24th. John Froehling will be preparing the meal. More information to come.

A big thank you to the Officers, Trustees, Lodge Members, and to all of you who volunteered your time in January to make all our events successful. We could not have these events if we did not have you, our volunteers, to run them. Thank you all so much. If anyone has pictures of pets, recent or older marriage photos, or high school graduation pictures; please send to Beth at [houseonthehill@nhmugs.com](mailto:houseonthehill@nhmugs.com) and she will post them on the monitor in the lounge. If you would like to share memories, we would love to see them, and in some cases, guess who you are. Please come in to see all the pictures from our monthly events scrolling on our TV monitor. Thank you, Beth, for keeping the lodge updated with all our events and posting them on the monitor. As always, please see our calendar of scheduled meetings and events enclosed in the newsletter.

Fraternally yours,

Janice Dignan,  
Exalted Ruler

### Delinquent Members

Thomas Anderson, Joseph Barker, Gerard Breton, Timothy Brulotte, Jacklyn Calley, Michael Chandronnait, Beverly Collins, Joseph Conlin, Susan Davis, Ryan Dow, Roger Dubreuil, Aaron Dupis, Richard Ellis, Amy Fanning, Robert Glejzer, Daniel Golden, Robert Gunter, Tina Kelley, Dana Lamprey, John Larhette, Robert Marden, Peter Marquis, Suzanne Mitchell, Robert Morse, William North, Leo O'Connell III, James Paquette, Richard Peverly, Margareth Prue, Dan Quimby, David Robinson, Ryan Southworth, Leo Stacy, and Michael Valovanie.

**— Secretary's Notes —**  
 Susan Ayers • Secretary  
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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 Susan Ayers at:  
 secretary876@metrocast.net or call the lodge

**- Remember -**

**All Dues are due on April 1, 2018**

Dues for 2018-2019 year

**DUES FOR 2018 - 2019 HAVE CHANGED**

Due to Grand Lodge  
 Insurance Increase,

Regular Membership is now: **\$60.00**

\* Life Membership is now: **\$25.00**

**2018 - 2019 Dues**

*Remember all Dues are due before April 1, 2018*

✂ cut along lines and mail back with payment

**DUES STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1, 2018 - APRIL 1, 2019**

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

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

Annual Regular Member Dues (\$60.00)      Amount Included: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Life Member Dues (\$25.00)      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 2018-2019 : \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Happy Birthday to Our  
 FEBRUARY ELKS!**

DAY		DAY	
01	Norman Legassie	10	Brenda Rowan
02	John Hughes	11	Christopher Tinker
03	Stephanie Chaffee	12	Frederick Copp
03	Charles Dockham	12	Harold Perkins PER
03	James Fagnant	14	Edward Dupuis
05	Trudy Hastings	14	Russell Kemp
05	Leo Lachance Sr	14	Cindy Murphy
05	Jody Libby	15	Michael Daoust
05	Jeffrey MacDonald	15	Kenneth Randlett
05	Peter Marquis	21	Philip Bragg
05	Michael Porell	21	Daniel Golden
06	Rick Dupuis	21	George Murray III
06	Charles Hughes	23	Kenneth Waterman
06	Wendy Tillson	25	Howard Kelleher
07	Earl Lyons	26	Donna Brown
04	Robert Mathews	26	Paul Dauphin
09	Clifford Eastman	27	Wayne Fletcher
09	Frank Mello Jr. PER, PDD, PSP	27	Raymond Marceau
10	Deborah Bean	27	Keinan Martin
10	Ernest Brown Jr	28	Sandra Shene PER, PDD, PSP
10	Nancy Fecteau		

**Secretary's Corner**

Have you recently retired, and feeling bored at home already? Do you have a trade that the lodge could utilize? Plumbing, electrical, cooking skills? Here at the lodge we are always in need of things to be done and people to cook. If this is something that peaks your interest, please do not hesitate to contact the lodge.



**Lodge of Sorrow**



**Robert F. Fugere,**

Rob was Born 7/23/47, initiated 12/6/71,  
 he died on December 18, 2017

**Peter M. Tibbetts,**

Pete was Born 12/17/65, initiated 12/1/08,  
 he died on January 8, 2018

**Robert D. King,**

Rob was Born 12/15/38, initiated 2/18/74,  
 he died on January 21, 2018

Proposition for Membership

**Craig S. Beane from Laconia, proposed by Doti Gath  
 Mark Milligan from Laconia, proposed by David Brown  
 Patrick Scannell from Gilford, proposed by Richard Ray  
 Jason Wilson from Gilford, proposed by Robert Wilson  
 Robert Jackson from Gilford, proposed by David Brown  
 Linda Jackson from Gilford, proposed by Susan Ayers**

Reinstatement:

**Linda Lamontagne from Gilford, proposed by Susan Ayers**

Proposition for Life Membership

**Robert H. Roy**

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**B**elieve in the goodness in thyself  
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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**Grand Exalted Ruler 2016-2017 Michael Zellen  
 District Deputy GER Brian Thibeault - Laconia, NH  
 2016-2017 Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler: .....Janice Dignan, PER	Treasurer: .....Deirdre Tibbetts	Trustees: 5 yr: .....Bob Martin
Est. Leading Knight: ..Frank Mello PER,PDD,PSP	Tiler: .....Dorothy Frawley	Trustees: 4 yr: .....Jamie Roy
Est. Loyal Knight: .....Brenda Pinard	Esquire: .....Jim Culpon, PER	Trustees: 3 yr: .....Debra Bean
Est. Lecturing Knight: .....Lisa Saucedo	Chaplain: .....David Brown	Trustees: 2 yr: .....Mike Smith
Secretary: .....Susan Ayers	Inner Guard: .....Dick Ingram	Trustees: 1 yr: .....Howard Kelleher

**2016-2017 House Committee**

Jim Culpon, PER  
 Margaret Mary Culpon  
 Joe Juliano

Debra Bean  
 Jamie Laramie

Lisa Saucedo  
 Susan Ayers

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