



The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

July 2020

Exciting news!! The Lodge has been open for two weeks! Many members have been stopping by for a meeting, a bite to eat, a tasty beverage and socializing. For those of you who have been worried about safety concerns, please be advised that the Lodge Manager and Officers have implemented every health and safety precaution mandated by the Governor's Task Force. Masks are required for everyone while not seated. Tables are 6-feet apart with no more than six at a table. Bar stools are 6-feet apart. All lodge staff wear masks while working. Table service is being provided for food and beverage service. The goal of the Officers and Lodge Manager is to keep all of our members safe and healthy during these tenuous times.

Flag Day was amazing with a record attendance! A total of 80 people joined together to learn the history of, and honor our nation's flag and show true patriotism. In addition to our members, members of the American Legion participated along with Girl Scouts, Gilford firemen, the Gilford Police Department's Color Guard, Officer Wright who is a Belknap County Sheriff's candidate, and Retired Brigadier General, Donald Bolduc. A tremendous honor was bestowed upon the Lodge by Ret. Brigadier General Bolduc when he presented the U.S. flag that flew in combat in Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Medusa, a battle where the U.S., under his leadership, successfully defeated the Taliban. This flag was presented to the general by his men, and it will soon hang



proudly in our lodge.

Several members have said they are happy that the Wednesday night kitchen is open again and that other activities are opening up again now that the Lodge is open. Volunteers are needed if these events are to take place. There is a sign-up sheet on the cork board where you can volunteer for kitchen duties. If you prefer, call the Lodge and leave a message with the Lodge Manager stating which Wednesday you are free to work along with your phone number. Remember, no volunteers means no kitchen. As members we all share the responsibility to make the Lodge a successful, thriving, and pleasant place.

Please note the suggested bylaw changes for the Lodge. Listed are the current bylaws and the suggested changes. At August's lodge meeting voting on the suggested changes will take place.

In order for our lodge to thrive and prosper, membership needs to grow. As members we should be promoting Elkdom at every opportunity. There is no greater charitable, community minded, and patriotic organization in America. You obviously saw the purpose of becoming an Elk, so share that same importance with family, friends, and acquaintances. Invite others either by using application forms found at the Lodge, or sign in to your membership account at www.Elks.org. There are online application forms to use too.

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 175 members that have not paid their annual dues yet. This is very disappointing for a couple of reasons. First, the dues were to be paid no later than April 1st for per capita expenses as per Grand Lodge. Secondly, despite the Lodge's temporary closure, financial obligations still had to be met for regular monthly expenses. This put an enormous strain on the Lodge. Please remember that 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 locals 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

Members are needed to volunteer **IF** the kitchen is going to remain open on Wednesday nights. Sign up sheet is on the cork board or call the Manager.

LOTTERY TICKET RAFFLE!!

\$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets

Drawing is on August 1st.

****All proceeds go to the Elks Painting Restoration Fund****

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

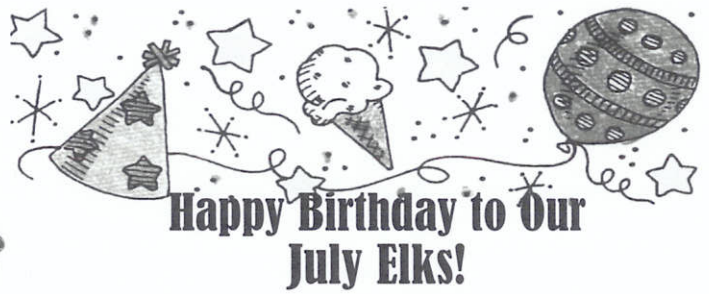
TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager

Secretary's Corner

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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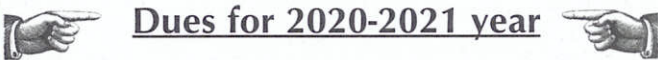
Bulletin to be Read through our Website

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 Cleveland, Michael
01 Martin, Brycen
02 Deblois, Ronald
02 Lacasse, Richard E
03 Brunelle, Ralph G
03 Hook, Douglas
05 Paquette, Paul O
06 Flanders, Jane
06 Jacques, Tracy D
06 Pilling, Richard
06 Violette, Tanner
07 Lagueux, David M
07 Plante, Richard
08 Cleveland, Sadi L
09 Joyal, Denis M
09 Pate, Stacey
14 Chaffee, George
14 Glejzer, Robert
14 Stewart, Ron
16 Culpon, Margaret Mary
16 Knowlton, Kenneth A
16 Wheeler, Susan
16 Whittum, Douglas A
17 Smith, Raymond

DAY

18 Kenney, Claude
19 Sheerin, William R
19 Swango, Wayne
20 Fligg, Matthew
21 Breton, Paul E
21 Cleveland, William W
21 Luscomb, Joshua
22 Donovan, John F
22 Geraci, Joseph P
22 Hughes, Charles
23 Clough, Erich
24 Thayer, Wayne A
25 Breton, Theresa
25 Jurta, Jonathan
26 Donovan, Robert
26 Gaudet, Marc A
27 Fortin, Jane
28 Morrison, Douglas
29 Diamond, Krista
30 Carroll, Dawn
30 Chandronnait, Michael D
30 Keuenhoff Jr, Walter J
31 Harris, Peter G
31 White, Stacey Ann

Lodge of Sorrow



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Summer Grantham proposed by Brenda Pinard
Dennis Goss proposed by Brenda Pinard

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**Grand Exalted Ruler 2019-2020 Robert L Duitsman
 District Deputy GER Kevin Lincoln - Plymouth, NH
 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, SVP, PDD, PER	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

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 Donnie Lamontagne

Richard Gilbert
 Larry Record
 Lisa Saucedo, PER

Frank Mello, PDD, PSP
 Jim Gaillard

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