

The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Copper Cannon Summer Camp applications are coming to an end. The deadline for applications and health forms is May 27th. Please, if you know of any child between the ages of 9 to 16, that gets free lunches at school, they are qualified for a free week of Summer Camp at Copper Cannon. It is a life changing event for these children and it would be a shame for them to miss out on this free opportunity. If anyone needs help with the application, please contact Committee Chairperson, Beth Kimmey, at 603-305-7562 or email her at Houseonthehill@nhmugs.com.

May has been a very busy month. I would like to begin by thanking all of you that have helped make our many May events successful. Here is a recap of some of our May events. May 6th was Copper Cannon cleanup day. From our lodge; Jimmy Culpon, Don Horseman, Mollie Dignan and I went to Littleton to give a hand with the duties needing to be done. Our leader, Peter Christnacht and his group of young camp counselors, along with our group, were divided up and given direction for the needed cleanup. A nice breakfast and luncheon were provided to all of those in attendance. Beth and company (Bob Martin, Mike Smith, Mike Jesseman, Bruce Morgan, and Mike Bolduc) will be going back up to Copper Cannon on June 3rd to finish installing new windows for the remaining bunk houses. At State Convention, Peter Christnacht, Special Projects Chairman, Copper Cannon, spoke of his appreciation for the group of volunteers installing the new windows and for those helping at "Cleanup Day". A big thank you goes out to all of you.

Two of our beloved members passed away this month. Donald Fletcher and Norman Dionne were both life members and Lodge Secretaries for many years, An Elks Funeral Service Ritual was requested and performed for Norman's services. Never forgotten, never forsaken; "To our absent members."

Prior to our Mother's Day Brunch; Trustees, Bob Martin and Jamie Roy, and prospective member, Nila Morrison did a thorough cleaning of our hall. Many hours were spent on the floors and bathrooms to make them ready for the occasion. Mother's Day Breakfast was an enormous success. A special menu was prepared by John Froehling. His kitchen and serving crew; Billy Romprey, Jimmy, Deirdre, Deb and I worked diligently to serve the approximately 160 members and/or guests. Doors opened at 8am and food was running low by 10:30. We were happy to see so many Moms, family members and friends come to enjoy the many choices on our brunch menu. Accolades to all of you that recognized the overwhelming response of our community and the need for help in the kitchen. Your help, and your know who you are, couldn't have been more appreciated as it was becoming difficult to keep up. We will keep this in mind for next year.

Meat Bingo was held a week earlier because of a conflict with the date for State Convention. It will resume on the third Friday of the month again in June. In May, and as always, a big hit are the pre-bingo steak bombs, prepared and cooked by the Bean's. Thanks to Tina Roy for shopping for meats and running the floor, Sue Ayers for calling, Jimmy Culpon for keeping the books, and Frank for keeping track of the cards. And a shout out goes to Danielle Culpon for selling 50/50 tickets.

Another successful State Convention was held in Bartlett NH at the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel. Francis Oliverie, Grand Lodge Chairman on Judiciary Committee, was a guest speaker at this year's Convention. Also speaking was Ron Hicks, PGER and NH Grand Lodge Sponsor. They both provided important and useful information necessary to support and guide our new 2017-2018 Exalted Rulers, officers and trustees. Their knowledge and wisdom on many relevant and eye opening topics was well received. They spoke about recent and current law suits brought against clubs for accidents happening to patrons getting hurt at their lodge or leaving their respective lodge to be involved in an altercation while on their way home. Some of the settlements from these cases were mind boggling and could potentially affect any of the Lodges across the country. The Elks is self-insured up to the first 1.5 million dollars before liability insurances takes over. One of these suits would likely bankrupt a lodge. Definitely food for thought.

On a happier note, our Lodge's hospitality room won first place this year. Judging was based upon theme, creativity and member involvement. This year's theme was the Castaways of Gilligan's

Island. The competition was fierce. Our room was decorated in an island theme and pictured below are the characters and who played them. It was great fun and everyone seemed to really get into their character. Many other pictures are displayed on the monitor in the Lodge and please stop in to see our trophy.



Far left: Local Witchdoctor and Cannibal-Walter Bentley, Ginger-Janice Dignan, The Captain-Jimmy Culpon, Local natives-Sandy and Bill Shene, Kneeling, The Professor-Howie Kelleher, Mary Ann-Doti Acres-Gath, Gilligan-Frank Mello, and Mr. and Mrs. Howell (Thurston III and Lovey)- David and Dorothy Brown. Not pictured are Lisa Saucedo and Sue Ayers

As well, over the weekend, Trustees Bob Martin, Jamie Roy, and Mike Smith along with lodge member, Nicky Clairmont's sweeper operated by his dad, Maurice, swept and cleaned the entire parking area. Last year's mulch was removed and new mulch replaced. It looks great. Thank you for your hard work.

June Activities:

Five new members will be initiated at our regular lodge meeting on June 5th. Their Orientation will be on May 31st. Bike fest, headed by Activities Committee Chair, Lisa Saucedo, will be held on June 10th from 10am-2pm.

Flag Day Ritual will be on Sunday June 11th at 10am.

June 17th Concord-Epsom Bike Rally at 1pm. Volunteers needed.

We are always happy to have new volunteers for our events and hope anyone with free time will come and help. Wednesday Night Kitchen still needs volunteers. Anyone that likes to cook and want to become familiar with our kitchen; we would love to have your help.

A huge thank you goes out to all our active members who are always here to help. Words cannot express how thankful we are to all of you.

Please check the calendar for the rest of the month's activities and join us whenever possible.

Fraternally yours,
Janice Dignan,
Exalted Ruler

MANAGER'S CORNER

I hope everyone is having a great spring, summer will be upon us soon.

We will be continuing our normal activities, Meat Raffle will be on June 16th and Fish Fry will be on June 23rd. Again I am pleading to our members for help with Rotary Breakfast. At the end of the summer we will be losing another crew, bringing us to two crews, If we can't find anyone to pick up a week we will have to do away with this money making activity. Please contact me at the lodge.

Peter Tibbetts

Lodge Manager

**1 meeting per month for July and August.
3rd Monday of the month**

— 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. 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

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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 : \$ _____



**Happy Birthday to Our
 JUNE Elks!**

DAY		DAY	
02	Charlotte Kiesel	18	Kyle Mignanelli
03	Anthony Temmallo	18	Kyle Tibbetts
05	Herbert Dick	21	Richard Duggan
06	Maurice Munsey	22	Harold Denison Jr
06	Lawrence Record	22	Jennifer Jurta
07	Robert King	22	Norman Lacoste
09	Thomas Ryan	22	Charles Stewart
09	Lisa Tarallo	22	William Tarallo
10	Joshua Bedard	23	Calvin Brown
10	Edward Grenke	24	George Gonyer Jr
13	Neil Eastman	25	Wendy Clark
13	Alain Tinker	25	Daniel Moulton
14	Benjamin Jacobs	25	David Vaillancourt
14	Tracy Richardson	26	Susan Davis
14	Patrick Vachon	26	Peter Harris
16	Gerard Breton	26	Rodney Roy
16	Earl Guyer	29	Jacqueline Derosia
17	Henry Marcoux	29	Pamela O'Day
17	Robert Roy	30	Alton Herndon
17	Francis Theberge	30	John O'Doherty
18	Joann McMillan	30	Randall Tillson

Lodge of Sorrow



Donald E. Fletcher

Don was born on 12/9/1928, initiated on 12/3/1973, and he died on April 23, 2017

Norman R Dionne

Norman was born on 5/9/1922, he was initiated on 12/14/1947, and he died on May 4, 2017

Secretary's Corner

Have you had a life status change? Have you moved, gotten rid of your land line phone or changed your relationship status? Well, I would like to hear from you so that I can update your records. Please do not hesitate to contact me, either by calling the lodge, or sending me an email.

Fraternally Yours,
 Susan Ayers



Proposition for Membership

Mark Padula from Belmont, proposed by Peter Palmer
 Joanne Petro from Gilford, proposed by David Brown
 Steven Petro from Gilford, proposed by David Brown
 Lisa Koch from Gilford, proposed by David Brown
 Douglas Koch from Gilford, proposed by David Brown

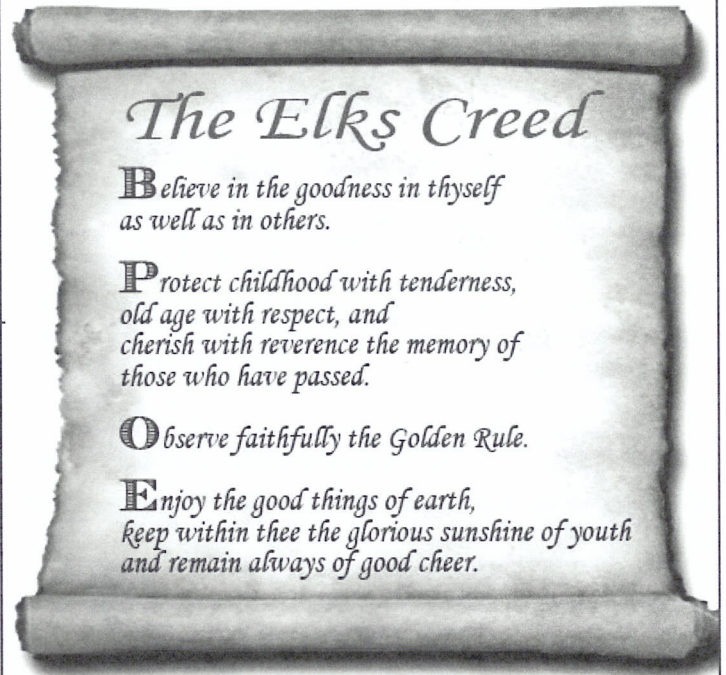
Proposition for Life Membership
 Barry Salway initiated 6/16/1986

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 2016-2017 Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler:Janice Dignan, PER	Treasurer:Deirdre Tibbetts	Trustees: 5 yr:Bob Martin
Est. Leading Knight:Frank Mello	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

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