

The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

March 2018

February has been a very busy month with nominations and election of officers. As well, we celebrated our "Old Timers" at the first meeting of the month. Thank you to the PERs for their help with this night of celebration, as follows: Frank Mello, PER, PSP, PDD, as acting ER, Sandy Sheen, PER, PSP, PDD as Lecturing Knight, Bill Sheen, PER, as Loyal Knight, and me, Janice Dignan ER, PER as Leading Night.

Following nominations, we celebrated many of our long-time members with: Old Timers Night: Of the 51 lodge members that were eligible to receive a pin, 8 members were present.



Back row left; David Brown, Lodge Chaplin, oldest Old Timer of the nigh, 49 years as a member, and 82 years young, Merton, "Chip" Chase, 50 years, Don Horseman, 20 years, Richard Engram, 35 years, Exalted Ruler, Janice Dignan, ER, PER, Officiating the night, and Frank Mello, PER, PDD, PSP.
 Front row left; Paul Phelps, 25 years, Robert Roy, 30 years, Ralph Brunelle, 40 years, Fred Washburn, 40 years, and Jean Masse Sr., 20 years.

Please congratulate our Old Timers on their many years of service to the Laconia Elks Lodge

Nominations for all elected positions was held at the first monthly meeting, February 6th. On February 19th, as all nominations were unopposed, one vote was cast to elect your new suite of officers for year 2018-2019. As follows:

Officers:

Exalted Ruler: David Brown Leading Knight: Sandy Sheen Loyal Knight: Lisa Sauceda Leading Knight: open Secretary: Susan Ayers Treasurer: Nila Morrison

Trustees:

1 Year Trustee: Mark Roy 2 Year Trustee: Bob Martin 3 Year Trustee: Jamie Roy 4 Year Trustee: Deb Bean 5 Year Trustee: Mike Smith

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating our new suite of officers and trustees. As well on February 19th, the following members were initiated as new

members:



Picture back row left: Aaron Gilbert, Richard Fortin, Janice Dignan ER., and Stephen Petro

Front row Left: Anita Josten, and Joanne Petro.

Please join me in welcoming our newly initiated members.

The budget for 2018-2019 has been completed. Please find this budget posted in the bar area on the bulletin board. During the first regular meeting in April, the budget will be presented, discussed and voted upon. If anyone have any questions or concerns; please attend this meeting to voice your opinions.

Installation of officers and Volunteer/Member Appreciation night will be held on Saturday, March 24th. Installation of Officers will be held at 4:30 and is approximately a 30-minute ritual ceremony. To follow installation, please join us for Happy Hour and dinner to be served at 6pm. We hope that members will attend installation to meet and congratulate those members coming in. The Bar will be closed during the Installation Ceremony. During dinner; annual special recognition awards will be presented to Officer of the Year, Elk of the year, and Citizen of the Year. Dinner will again be prepared by John Froehling. The menu has not been confirmed yet but I am sure will be delicious as always. I am asking that all Committee Chairpersons reach out to members who have helped them over the past year and to provide a list of those names to Susan Ayers, Lodge Secretary, to obtain a head count. To order the food and prepare accordingly; all those planning to attend, please confirm attendance for dinner by calling the Lodge at 524-0809 or inform the bartenders of your attendance for dinner. Members who have volunteered during the past year are all welcomed to come for Happy Hour and dinner. For those that did not volunteer and want to come for dinner; may do so for a nominal fee. Happy hour is open to all members.

On March 3rd, the District Deputy Clinic will be held at Concord/Epsom Elks Lodge # 1210. DD Clinic is scheduled to begin at 9am. The incoming Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Chairman of the Board and Secretary are

The annual Elks Training Course will be held on March 6th at 6:30PM. All officers/trustees are encouraged to attend. Any members interested in learning more about Lodge Statutes are welcome to attend as well.

The next State Meeting is scheduled for March 11th, at Plymouth Elks Lodge # 2312. Trustees to meet at noontime and State Meeting to begin at 1pm.

The annual State Cribbage Tournament is on March 4th and held at Nashua Lodge #720, 12 Murphy Drive, Nashua. Registration is at 10:30 with play to begin at noontime. The cost is \$20/person. We encourage all of you that enjoy playing criggage, to join us. We will be happy to arrange carpooling if you are interested in representing our Laconia Elks Lodge #876. Please come and join us in our quest to WIN!!

A new Lodge Manager has been hired. Please join me in welcoming Katie LeRoy. She has several years of experience in restaurant leadership and will be bring her skills and expertise to our Lodge.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a huge thank you to Howie Kelleher for all his efforts as interim Lodge Manager. He has selflessly gone above and beyond with the duties he performs as manager. One of his most recent accomplishments is researching a POS (Point of Service) system for the Lodge. The information was brought to the Board of Directors and House Committee and a decision was made to purchase the LAVU POS system. It was voted on at the last Lodge Meeting and passed unanimously. This system will make the bartenders job an easier process and eliminate much of the manual work with inventory. Food orders will print directly to the kitchen and make the Wednesday Night Kitchen, Meat Bingo Sub Night and Fish Fry easier. The intention is to streamline many of our current processes and eliminate many of our manual responsibilities. Thank you, Howie, for the many hours you spend at the Lodge to make it a better place for all our members to enjoy. Also helping out in Howie's absence, and a big thank you, goes to Jamie Laramie.

As always, thank you to the Officers, Trustees, Lodge Members, and to all of you who volunteered your time in February 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 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 and check out our Facebook page.

Fraternally yours, Janice Dignan, Exalted Ruler

Mangers Corner

We will be having all of our regular events in March, including Meat Raffle on the 16th and Fish Fry on the 23rd. Be sure to check the calendar for other upcoming events. Saturday, March 24th will be Installation of new officers and Member's Appreciation Night. Congratulations to all of the officers being installed and good luck in the upcoming year! I would like to take a moment to thank you all for being so welcoming to me as I join the Elks staff. I look forward to working with and getting to know you all. I have big shoes to fill and I appreciate the kind words and support!

Katie LeRoy Lodge Manager

- Secretary's Notes -

Susan Ayers • Secretary secretary876@metrocast.net 603-524-0809

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 <u>Dues for 2018-2019 year</u> 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

-	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 : \$					



DAY			DAY		
01	Millard	Smith	19	Gary	Mc Crea
02	Ronald	Knapik	20	John	Bacon
02	Candace	Knowlton	20	Adam	DeLucca
03	Sharon	Elliott	21	Donald	Boulia
03	Brianna	Farley	21	Paul	MacKinnon
03	Eric	King '	22	Rickey	Moorehead
03	Jean	Masse Sr	22	Raymond	Samson
04	Ĺori	Dickson	21 22 22 23	Richard	Ingram
05	Robert	Kempton	23	Raymond	Lapointe
07	Joseph	Barker	23	Leáh	Plant
07	Sandra	Gaumond	25	Eugene	Leach
80	Neal	Boutin	25	Laura	McCrea
80	Arthur	Stern	25 27	Angelo	Palmer
09	Nancy	Shannon	27	Reginald	Gaudette
11	John	Berlied	27	Rachel	Laplante
11	William	Romprey	28	Janet	Vella
12	Maynard	Libby	29	Randy	Fitts
12 12	John	Mark	30	Thomas	Donovan
12	Theresa	Morris	30	Stephen	Sawyer
13	Douglas	Isleib	31	William	Kosla
14	James	Fenmore	31	Philip	Labonte
15	Sundae	Romprey	31	Felecia	Pelletier
16	Anthony	Linkkila			

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

Leo R. Lachance.

Leo was born on 2/05/1939, Initiated on 12/15/1963, and he died on February 08, 2018

Robert D. King,

Rob was born on 12/15/1938, Initiated on 2/18/1974, and he died on January 21, 2018



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Roland

Lori

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Dupont

Proposition for Membership

David Tarbox, from Laconia, Proposed by Richard Edson Michael Vella, from Laconia, Proposed by Vincent Vella

Proposition for Life Membership

Roland H. Delucca Jr.

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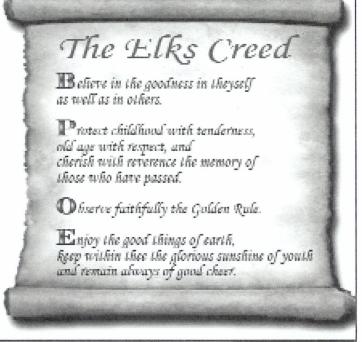
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Grand Exalted Ruler 2017-2018 Malcolm J. McPherson Jr District Deputy GER Nancy Labonte - Franklin NH 2017-2018 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler:Janice Dignan, PE	R Treasurer:Deirdre Tibbetts	Trustees: 5 yr:Bob Martin
Est. Leading Knight:Frank Mello PER,PDD,PS	P Tiler:Dorothy Frawley	Trustees: 4 yr:Jamie Roy
Est. Loyal Knight:Brenda Pina	d Esquire:Jim Culpon, PER	Trustees: 3 yr:Deborah Bean
Est. Lecturing Knight:Lisa Sauced	a Chaplain:David Brown	Trustees: 2 yr:Mike Smith
Secretary:Susan Aye	s Inner Guard:Dick Ingram	Trustees: 1 yr:Howard Kelleher

2017-2018 House Committee

Jim Culpon, PER Margaret Mary Culpon Joe Juliano Debra Bean Jamie Laramie Lisa Sauceda Susan Ayers

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