



The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

May 2020

All of us have been forced to deal with a temporary "new normal" in the community and in the world. Social distancing has become a necessity, even amongst family, friends and fellow Elks members. Many have been forced to be furloughed from their employment. In spite of these dark and challenging times, the spirit of Elkdom has continued to flourish and will not be stopped. Grand Lodge just reported that nationally Elks shattered records, raising almost \$6,700,000 for E.N.F during the fiscal year of 2019-2020. This is an all-time high! Our state contributed \$76,007 to this endeavor. Let's keep this momentum going in our lodge in the weeks and months ahead.

In order to continue with lodge business while not endangering the health and welfare of our members, it was decided that only one meeting would be held during the month of April. This meeting was held via ZOOM thereby enabling all to discuss matters at hand and remain safe. We discussed that in view of the recent health crisis the only grant that Grand Lodge is currently offering is the Gratitude Grant. In the past our lodge used this grant to assist the local shelter for battered women and children. After much discussion and pondering the suggestions of Grand Lodge, it was decided that this year the grant would be used for Got Lunch Laconia, a food assistance program. Currently there are more than the usual amount of residents in our local communities who are struggling to feed their families. The use of this grant epitomizes Brotherly Love and Charity, key values of Elkdom.

While the Lodge has been closed much work has been done inside and outside of the Lodge. Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, a thorough cleaning, organizing, and removal of debris has taken place. In April emphasis was put on overall yard work. A special thanks should be given to Jacob Caldwell, owner of Tall Timbers Tree Service, along with Parker Hoffacker, Mike Gilbert, Mark Roy, Jamie Roy, Rod Roy, Lenny Gardner, Steve Downs, Harry and Priscilla Bean, Jake Caldwell, Mark Milligan, Peter Hebert, Garrett Gilbert, Aaron Gilbert, Richard Gilbert, Jamie Laramie, Mike Buldoc, Demmison Chiasson. Your hard work and dedication have only improved and benefited our lodge. Additionally thanks is given to Bob Martin and Jamie Roy for mulching the garden beds and performing various exterior touch-up painting projects. Mark and Tricia Roy, our members appreciate your generous donation of a lawnmower. Donnie Lamontagne and Walter Bentley generously donated their professional painting services to paint and restore the window shutters of the Lodge, and the membership thanks you. All of you have shown the true spirit of Elkdom!



No doubt all of us are anxious to return to "normal life", sharing good times with our fellow Elks at the Lodge. We want to have more Wednesday night meals and Fish Fry dinners prepared by volunteers.



(L. To R. Jane Flanders, Ann Cemmano, John Cemmano, & Susan Clough)

(L. to R. Jim Gaillard, Jamie Laramie, and Jim Fenmore)

The last time we saw smiling, hard working volunteers in the kitchen was in February. Hopefully we will be able to return to our normal activities soon.

Due to State regulations and the uncertainty of the overall health situation of the State of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire State Elks Association along with the management of Loon Mountain have cancelled the State Convention that would have been held mid-May. The State Association is currently in discussions to create the safest means possible for the mandatory State Meeting to be held. As developments unfold, our members will be informed. Additionally the District Deputy Clinic which was supposed to have been held on April 25th was canceled, and other arrangements are in the works.

Even though the Lodge is currently closed and we are not certain of when it will be safe to re-open, membership dues NEED to be paid! These funds are required by Grand Lodge and enable our Lodge to continue functioning. Please send your checks to the Lodge immediately. The Secretary is continuing to work to process Dues and print membership cards. On Saturday, May 9th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Secretary will be at the Lodge to distribute membership cards to those that have already paid. Stop by to get them. If you are unable, once the Lodge reopens members will be able to collect their membership cards from the bartender on duty.

Please keep in mind that when you look at the calendars for May and June, scheduled events are subject to change. We need to be flexible because of the health crisis that is affecting our nation and because of changing State regulations for overall health and safety concerns. To be immediately informed of updates please either look at and LIKE our Facebook page, LACONIA ELKS #876; or look at our website, LACONIA-ELKS876.ORG, and examine the calendar.

Some members who do not receive the monthly newsletter in the mail have said that they don't get to read the newsletter if they don't come to the Lodge often. This is incorrect. Anyone can read the current and past newsletters online. Simply go to LACONIAELKS876.ORG and click on "Newsletter". You can then decide what monthly newsletter you want to read.

As Elks we know that Elks Care and Elks Share! Let's continue to look out for one another, check on one another, help one another; and continue showing Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity to our fellow members and to our community. Stay healthy and stay safe. Soon we will return to our Lodge with smiles, with stories to share, and with renewed vigor to live each day as proud Elks that really make a vital difference in our community, our state, and our nation.

Exalted Ruler,
LISA SAUCEDA

Manager's Corner

"RULE 6" - please work hard to keep all vulgar and foul language out of the Lodge

Lottery Ticket Raffle!

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

All proceeds go to the Elks Painting Restoration Fund

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

Sign up on the volunteer sheets on the cork board. Ask Officers or Lodge Manager where help is needed

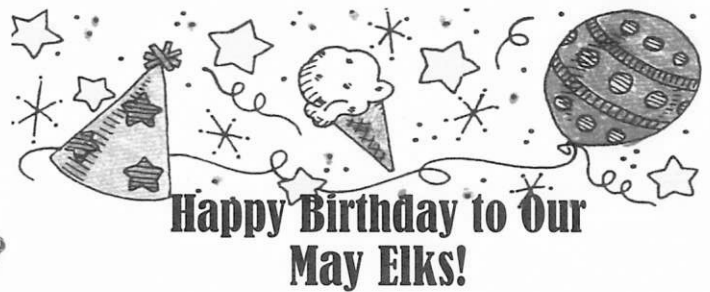
TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager

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



Happy Birthday to Our May Elks!

— Secretary's Notes —
Margaret-Mary Culpon • 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 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 Merrill, Kermit
01 Woodworth, Steven H
03 Carlucci-Martel, Lisa
03 Morin, Paul C
04 LeRay, Dolores
04 Thompson, James R
04 Wilson, Lori
05 Walton, Henry M
06 Brough, Steven
06 Cloran, Linda
06 Denning, Deborah
06 Marcotte, Cindy
06 Prue, Margareth
06 Southworth, Michael T
07 Martin, Robert
08 Betourne, Mark D
08 Didonato, Michele
10 Golden, Linda
10 Lamprey, Dana
11 Smith, Steve
12 Jones, Julie
12 Petro, Joanne
12 Theberge, Jerry
13 Beebe, Carol A
14 Corey Sr, Sheldon A
15 Gilbert, Thomas J

DAY

15 Palmer, Peter M
15 Pickard, John H
16 Robinson, David H
17 Boudreau, George
19 Giguere, William P
19 Quinn, Dana F
20 Cooley, David M
21 Clark, Robert
21 Dow, Benjamin J
21 Goupil, Jessica
21 King, Scott P
21 Richardson, Jed C
23 Fletcher, Keith
23 Horsman, Marilyn
24 Beard, Alan C
25 Alexander, Joseph H
25 Fleming, William L
25 Golden, Patrick
25 Milligan, Mark J
27 Houle, Richard D
30 Caldwell, Jason
30 Clairmont, Maurice
31 Converse, Stacey L
31 Duggan, Tracey

Lodge of Sorrow



Susan Wolk

Died April 14, 2020

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2020-2021 House Committee

Grand Exalted Ruler 2019-2020 Robert L Duitzman	Exalted Ruler: Lisa Saucedo, PER	Treasurer: Nila Morrison	Trustees: 5 yr: Dennis Chlason
District Deputy GER Kevin Lincoln - Plymouth, NH	Est. Leading Knight: Frank Mello, PDD, PSP	Tiler: Scott Robinson	Trustees: 4 yr: Bob Martin
2020-2021 Lodge Officers	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