



# The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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## *A Message from the Exalted Ruler*

Welcome to another autumn in the Lakes Region. It seems more like summer weather right now. Provided below is a recap of happenings since our previous newsletter.

### September 8th

Our ENF Gratitude Grant for \$2000 was presented to New Beginnings. The charitable focus of this grant is to help with relief for the poor, distressed, underprivileged, and/or advance education. Below is Exalted Ruler, Janice Dignan, and Lodge Secretary, Susan Ayers presenting the check to the Director, Kathy Keller of New Beginnings.



After presenting the check to New Beginnings we used the ENF Anniversary Grant of \$1500 to bring 20 veterans from the NH Veteran's Home in Tilton, out on the Mount Washington for an afternoon excursion on Lake Winnepesaukee. A delicious luncheon was provided. The weather was a

little windy but still a beautiful day. All that attended seemed to have a very nice afternoon. After lunch, many of us spent time on the deck talking and laughing and just enjoying each other. Thank you to the volunteers from the Elks, as well as to the staff from the Veteran's Home that helped make the day a success. Pictured below is the entire group of us that went.



Tuesday, September 19th, the District Deputy audit was conducted. Nancy Labonte DD GER and her suite of auditors, from the Franklin Elks, spent a few hours inspecting our lodge property, some of our processes and procedures, and reviewed our documentation. All went very well and only a couple of minor corrections are needed. A luncheon was provided after the inspection. Thank you to all the officers and volunteers in attendance and a special thanks to Nancy and her auditing team.

Saturday September 16th, we had the fundraiser for Ashley Tibbetts. It was a very successful day and a good amount of money was raised to help her with the expenses for her leg brace.

Sunday September 17th, The first State Meeting was held in Rochester.

Sunday September 24th, we had our first ENF "Tailgating Event" and Flag Football. All in attendance seemed to have a good time and we raised a good amount of money for ENF.

Wednesday, September 27th the Grand Exalted Ruler, Malcolm J. McPherson Jr., and First Lady, Patricia, will be visiting our beautiful State of NH. A luncheon is to be held at the Manchester Elks Lodge #146 around 1pm and dinner will be at the Plymouth Elks Lodge #2312. Cocktails at 6pm and dinner to follow at 7pm.

Friday September 29th-The Drug Awareness Trailer will be set up at the

Laconia High School Homecoming Football Game. Please come to check it out. The Elks Organization has partnered with the DEA to help with the drug crisis that has affected all of America. We provide extensive information on drug education. Please help us support this worthy cause and stop by to say hi.

Some upcoming October events are:

Orientation for 6 (six) new members will be held Sunday October 1st. Initiation will be held on Monday, October 2nd at our regular Lodge meeting.

Flag Football is held every Sunday for all Patriot games at 1pm.

State Soccer Shoot will be held at the Plymouth Lodge #2312 on Sunday October 15th.

Sunday, November 19th another ENF Tailgating party will be held at our lodge starting at noontime. Patriots play at 4:30pm. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

A big thank you to the Officers, Trustees, Lodge Members, and to all of you who volunteered your time in September to make all our events successful. We have had some new faces in our kitchen helping to cook for Wednesday Night Suppers and Fish Fry. Thank you, Jamie Laramie, Jim Fenmore (aka: Zeke), Tony Linkkila and Mike Cleveland. And thank you to all the volunteers that are there every month to help with our functions. We could not have these events if we did not have you, our volunteers, to run them. Thank you all so much.

On a lighter side:

*Several women appeared in court, each accusing the others of causing the trouble they were having in their apartment building where they lived.*

*The women were arguing noisily even in the court.*

*The judge banging the gavel to quiet them said, "We are going to do this in an orderly manner. I can't listen to all of you at once. I'll hear the oldest first."*

*The case was dismissed for lack of testimony.*

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



We will be holding a  
Patriots Flag Raffle  
for all the 1:00PM games

## MANAGER'S CORNER

I would personally like to thank the Laconia Lodge of Elks for the hall rental donation for my daughter in laws fundraiser. A great big **THANK YOU** to all who made donations of items for raffles, and monetary donations. With everyone's help she raised over \$2,600. We will be holding our regular events this month. Meat Raffle on October 20th, Fish Fry on October 27th, and Karaoke October 21st. The kitchen will be open on Wednesday nights.

Peter Tibbetts  
Lodge Manager

**— Secretary's Notes —**  
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## Happy Birthday to Our October Elks!

### 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](http://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

DAY			DAY		
01	John	Heney Jr	16	Doti	Acres Gath
02	Diane	Tobeler	16	Jerry	Fecteau
04	John	Curran	17	William	Richards Jr
04	Nancy	Labranche	18	Charlie	Noddin
04	Patrick	Manley	19	Marcia	Lamontagne
05	Sarah	Camire	20	Joshua	Lahey
05	Roy	Fielders	21	Donald	Goddard
05	Andrew	Gaudet	23	Robert	Morse
05	Michael	Ray	24	James	Cookman A
06	Kevin	Goupil	24	Donald	Ethier
06	William	Wheeler	24	Toby	Knowlton
07	Steven	Laramie	25	Alexander	Paquin 3rd
07	Peter	Lonero	25	Robert	Richter
08	Michael	Drouin	25	Leo	Stacy
08	Joan	Lessard	26	Maurice	Clairmont
08	Robert	Wilson	26	Philip	McKinley
09	Richard	Tardif	27	Tina	Kelley
10	Eric	Duquette	27	Jon	Neal
10	Patricia	Hilliard	28	John	Irwin
11	Barry	Salway	29	Lawrence	Gilmartin
12	Ernest	Bolduc	29	David	Glazier
12	James	Cookman C	30	William	Canning
12	Brenda	Martel	30	William	Contardo
13	Stewart	Dickson	30	Lincoln	Fournier
15	Deanna	Acres	31	Cindy	King

- 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*

 cut along lines and mail back with payment

**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 : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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



**Dick Jacques,**

Dick was born 9/23/1934, Initiated 6/17/1968, and he died on September 9, 2017.

**Ronnie Lamontagne,**

Ronnie was born 8/14/1956, Initiated 1/17/2011, and he died on September 13, 2017.

**Raymond Chamberlain,**

Raymond was born 4/25/1929, Initiated 11/17/1968, and he died on September 14, 2017.

### Proposition for Membership Reinstatement:

Wayne Thayer, from Laconia, proposed by Susan Ayers  
 Matt Desautelle, from Laconia, proposed by Jason Romprey

New Member:

Mollie Dignan, from Gilford, proposed by Janice Dignan

### \$1 Reinstatement Fee for September & October

If you know someone that's been dropped for non-payment get them to reinstate for just a buck in these 2 months plus earn a GER award for sponsoring 3 new or reinstated members.

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**STATE INFORMATION**

**October 5th**

PSP/PDD meeting at Concord/Epsom 1210 - 6:30 pm

**October 14th**

Put camp to bed at Copper Cannon Camp

**October 15th**

State Soccer Shoot at Plymouth 2312

**November 4th**

Regional Soccer Shoot, at Nashua 720

**November 12th**

2nd State Meeting at Littleton 1831, 1 pm



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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
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Secretary: .....Susan Ayers	Inner Guard: .....Dick Ingram	Trustees: 1 yr: .....Howard Kelleher

**2016-2017 House Committee**

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 Joe Juliano

Debra Bean  
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Lisa Saucedo  
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