



The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

The 2017-2018 budget was presented at the 1st meeting in March. After some reworking of the line items by Deidre and Peter Tibbetts, to correct some of the errors, the budget was submitted for a vote at the 2nd Lodge meeting. A motion was made to accept the 2017-2018 budget. Motion was seconded and passed. Thank you to all of those that helped work on the budget. It is a lot of work and the dedication of those that helped is appreciated.

Every year, all volunteer hours and mileage shall be submitted to Grand Lodge by April 1st. The information is compiled throughout the year and a report is provided at year end. To ensure we are credited for all we do; a more streamlined process will be instituted. A "Volunteer Report" will be located outside of Sue's office as well as in the kitchen. This report shall be submitted for all functions, as they occur. The following are examples of functions that need volunteer hours/mileage reported; Wednesday Suppers, Rotary Breakfast, Fish Fry, Meat Bingo, all Lodge meetings (officers and members present), BOD/House Committee, State Meetings, Audit Committee, Copper Cannon, Bike Fest/Family Fun Day, Veteran's Bingo/summer picnic/Christmas Party, and Christmas Baskets. We will post a list of all meetings and functions for the current month and will be asking those in charge of the function/event to supply their reports. Your attention to this important matter is appreciated. Questions, see Sue or Jan.

Congratulations to Michael Jesseman for taking 3rd place at the Annual Cribbage Tournament held March 5th at the Nashua Lodge. Thank you to all you that played and tried to bring the 1st place trophy home to Lodge 876. Maybe next year.

Because of a recent work schedule change, Chris Richard has given his resignation, effective immediately. It is with regret he will be unable to complete the position of Loyal Knight or begin his new position as Leading Knight. Work comes first. Nominations were held at the Lodge Meeting on March 20th. Frank Mello was nominated and voted in as Leading Knight 2017-2018. Congratulations Frank. Frank resigned his 4 Year Trustee position and this position is now open. Nominations for 4 Year Trustee will be held April 3rd. Anyone interested in becoming a Trustee, please make your intentions known and come to the 1st meeting in April.

Initiation was held March 26th at 10am with three new members coming in. Please welcome our new members. Pictured below are the officers and newly initiated members, Chelsea Barrett, William Lutz and Kenyon Noddin.



To keep all our members informed; we will be sending the newsletter out again to all Elks members that reside in NH. If you know of anyone living outside of NH that would like a newsletter mailed to them; please bring it to our attention.

Don't forget Member Appreciation and Installation is on April 1st. Installation is at 4:30pm, during which time the bar will be closed. Immediately following we will have half-priced drink and dinner at 6pm. Officer of the Year, Elk of the Year, and Citizen of the Year recognition awards will be presented during dinner. Hope to see you there.

A shout out goes to Susan Ayers for doing a fantastic job as the new Lodge Secretary. She accepted this position at the busiest time of year for Lodge Secretaries. She has embraced the duties and responsibilities of secretary. She has been working very hard to provide members with their new membership cards for 2017-2018 in a timely manner. As well, she has sent out all delinquent dues notices and has worked diligently to reduce this number. This time of year, many year-end reports are due by Grand Lodge. Sue has researched and completed these reports and sent them off to Grand Lodge. It is a big job and I would like to thank her for her hard work and jumping in with both feet. Deidre, Lodge Treasurer has been a big help in Sue's transition period. Thank you both for your hard work.

As always, please check out our website and calendar of events enclosed in the newsletter.

Fraternally yours,
Janice Dignan,
Exalted Ruler

MANAGER'S CORNER

Congratulations to all the Officers being installed on April 1st, good luck with the upcoming year. We will be having our regular events this month, Meat Raffle on April 21st, Karaoke on April 8th, and Fish Fry on April 28th. If anyone would like to help out at any event it would be greatly appreciated, contact me for more information. Come in to the lodge anytime and have a good time, we are open 7 days a week. Special thank you to Tricia Roy for shopping for the food for the last meat raffle and the upcoming one. Come in play to see what she surprises us with this month.

Peter Tibbetts
Lodge Manager

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as well as in others.

Protect childhood with tenderness,
old age with respect, and
cherish with reverence the memory of
those who have passed.

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keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth
and remain always of good cheer.



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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

 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 : \$ _____



**Happy Birthday to Our
 APRIL ELKS!**

DAY		DAY	
01	Richard E. Gilbert	16	Lisa Savage
01	Glen Hazzard	17	Ashley Tibbetts
03	Mark Roy	18	Brian Emery
03	Kathleen Sheerin	18	Richard Henault
04	Earl Brough	19	Richard Baron
06	Michael Smith	19	Robert Chase
07	Crystal Crane	20	Chris Cleveland
07	Rodney N. Dyer	21	Paula Arsenault
07	Gloria Lacasse	21	Debra Haht
08	Deborah Bird	22	David LaFond
08	Michael Jesseman	23	Charlie Bowler
08	Stacy Valengavich	24	Dorothy Frawley
09	Reginald Fountain	24	Julie Perkins
10	Bruce Hibbard	25	Raymond Chamberlain
11	Richard G. Merrill Jr.	25	James Roy
12	Gary Breton	25	Deirdre Tibbetts
13	Richard Guerin	25	Michele Tinker
13	Richard Sanborn	25	Joseph Yacono
13	Medric Whittier Sr.	26	Kenneth King
14	Leon Bedard	27	Christine Poulicakos
15	Donald Chisholm	27	Bradley Thompson
15	Claude B. Patten Jr.	28	Jeffrey Marceau
16	Jeff Blaney	28	Dana Stevens
16	Aaron Dupuis		

Secretary's Corner

Due to secretary clerical error, some members received delinquent dues notices that were sent in error. Please accept my sincere apologies for this error.

Fraternally Yours.
 Susan Ayers



Proposition for Membership

Linda Cloran from Gilford proposed by Bill Romprey
 Deborah Denning from Bristol proposed by Kevin Moynahan
 Tanner Violette from Belmont proposed by Kyle Tibbetts

Proposition for Life Membership
 Philip Bragg initiated 5/4/1987

**Grand Exalted Ruler 2016-2017 Michael Zellen
 District Deputy GER Brian Thibeault - Laconia, NH
 2016-2017 Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler:Janice Dignan	Treasurer:Deirdre Tibbetts	Trustees: 5 yr:.....
Est. Leading Knight:Frank Mello	Tiler:Dorothy Frawley	Trustees: 4 yr:Debra Bean
Est. Loyal Knight:Chris Richard	Esquire:Jim Culpon, PER	Trustees: 3 yr:Donnie Lamontagne
Est. Lecturing Knight:Brenda Pinard	Chaplain:David Brown	Trustees: 2 yr:Howard Kelleher
Secretary:Susan Ayers	Inner Guard:Dick Ingram	Trustees: 1 yr:Marcia Lamontagne

2016-2017 House Committee

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Donald Horsman
 Debra Bean

Jamie Laramie
 Jim Culpon, PER

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