



# The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Please find in this month's bulletin a recap of some of the highlights of the months' events, the Charitable Report given to us by Grand Lodge, and information obtained from the National Grand Lodge Convention.

**July** - Listed on the agenda for the July 17th meeting was a vote on the fate of the electronic gaming machines. Several members attended the meeting and an affirmative vote of 15 to 7 was cast in favor of keeping the electronic gambling machines. We will therefore continue to maintain both the electronic and pull tab machines in the lounge. As well, we will continue to monitor the income of these machines and reevaluate this regularly at our House Committee meetings.

**The 153rd Grand Lodge National Convention** was held in Reno this year from July 16th to the 19th. There were over 6,000 members and guests in attendance. The "Largest Little City in the World" were great hosts to all of us in attendance. Michael F. Zellen, Grand Exalted Ruler, presided.

### The National Charitable Report is as follows:

Participants in Programs:	13,029,824		
Elks Who Worked:	1,356,475	Hours Donated: Elks: 5,684,361	Miles Traveled Elks: 18,361,522
Helpers Who Worked:	1,366,388	Helpers: 3,383,849	Helpers: 9,596,812
Combined Total:	2,722,86	Combined Hours: 9,068,210	Combined Miles: 27,958,334

<b>Cash Value of Donated Hours:</b>	<b>\$ 218,906,589.00</b>
<b>Cash Value of Miles Traveled:</b>	<b>15,377,084.00</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Cash: 63,719,186.00</b>
	<b>Non-Cash: 36,290,123.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$334,292,982.00</b>

Please see Grand Lodge website for determination of calculations.

New Grand Lodge Officers were elected on Tuesday and installed Wednesday. Grand Exalted Ruler for the term 2017-2018 is Malcolm J. McPherson Jr and First Lady, Patricia, from the state of New Jersey. They will be visiting New Hampshire in the month of September. Dates, times, and events will be forthcoming. There were nineteen (19) resolutions presented and voted upon at Convention. Please see all resolutions and their outcomes on the National Elks website. I will include one of the resolutions in this newsletter, Resolution No. 2017-02-To allow Lodges the option to amend their By-Laws to provide for only one regularly scheduled Lodge meeting per month. Yes, 1,437; No, 1,428. **Passed.** More to come on this resolution for our lodge.

Also of note and a huge thank you to all of you that have brought in new members; please see below

1st Place	California/ Hawaii	+649
2nd Place	Florida	+352
3rd Place	New Jersey	+294

Connecticut	+210	New Hampshire	+45
Rhode Island	+139	Maine	+40
Nevada	+123	Colorado	+33
Maryland	+73	Mississippi	+24
Delaware DC	+73	Arkansas	+22
Massachusetts	+56		

### TOP GROWTH STATES

We were number 10 in the country for bringing in new members. A plaque was given to NH in recognition for its' growth in membership. Congratulations go to all of you that helped to bring in new membership. Please continue in your effort to increase membership and maintain the wonderful members we currently have. Thank you.

In July 2018, the Elks will celebrate its 150th Anniversary to be held in San Antonio, Texas. During the year, the Elks Magazine will be featuring stories of lodges across the country and their history. If anyone has pictures and stories of our old lodge located on North Main St; please bring them forward. We would love to send an article to the Elks Magazine featuring our lodge and many of its' memories and pictures. Initiation was held on July 23rd, seven (7) new members were initiated. Please see pictured below our new members and join me in congratulating and welcoming them to our lodge.



Pictured left to right, Janice Dignan, Exalted Ruler, along with new members; Mark Padula, Deb Denning, Dan Shaw, Linda Cloran, Nila Morrison, Tanner Violette, Angelo Palmer

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold our annual **Family Fun Day**. There will be games, local law enforcement and fire department vehicles, clown activities, a dunking booth, jumping house and more. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided free for all children that attend. Please mark this on your calendars and bring your children and/or grandchildren to this fun event. If anyone has free time and want to volunteer to help for this event, your volunteer hours will be greatly appreciated.

Recipients of this year's 2017 Laconia Elks Lodge #876 Scholarship awards are as follows:

Name	High School	Status Major	College	Scholarship amount
Justine M. Carter	Gilford HS	Business Administration	SNHU	\$700.00
Kadidja E. Conde	LHS	Political Science	American University	\$700.00
Taylor M. Lovely	LHS	Neuroscience	Middlebury	\$800.00
Gladiana L. Spitz	LHS	Molecular Genetic, Medical	University of Rochester	\$700.00
Logan A. Wilder	BHS	Graphic Design	Mass College of Arts	\$600.00
			Number of Students: 5	Total Amount Awarded: \$3500.00

**Copper Cannon** would like to reinstate "Elks Appreciate Night" this year. This event will be held at Copper Cannon Camp, in Bethlehem, NH, on Thursday, August 10th. The evening will begin at 5:45pm with flag lowering, followed by dinner and their River Box Theater. Please dress comfortably and arrive early if you would like a tour of the camp. If possible, please join us and let them express their gratitude for support given to them by our Elks Lodge #876 over the years. An RSVP is required by August 8th at 603-823-8107 or info@coppercannon.org. If anyone is interested in going; please see Beth Kimmey or Jan Dignan, and we will help to arrange carpooling.

A big thank you to the Officers, Trustees, Lodge Members, and to all of you who volunteered your time in July to make all our events successful. It could not have happened without you.

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

Fraternally yours,  
Janice Dignan,  
Exalted Ruler

## MANAGER'S CORNER

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. We will be holding our regular lodge events in August, Meat Raffle on August 18th Fish Fry August 25th. We are still in need of a Rotary Breakfast Crew, PLEASE if you are interested contact me.

Hope to see you all at the Lodge

Peter Tibbetts  
Lodge Manager

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

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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*

DAY		DAY	
01	Susan Ayers	16	David Didonato
01	Chelsea Barrett	16	George Hachey
02	Edward Gaudet	16	Fred Rourke
02	David Mudgett	17	Danielle Culpon
03	Allen Raper	19	Brian Fountain
05	Charles Beede	20	Janice Dignan
05	Mark Betourne	20	John Faro
05	Maureen Record	21	Edward Provencal
06	Robert Powell	22	Hope Anderson
07	Ryan Dow	22	Richard Ellis
07	Larry Drake	25	Denise Bonfiglio
08	Alice Mowery	25	Leon Decelles
09	Roxanne Greemore	26	Kenneth Bonnette
09	Leo O'Connell III	26	Larry Mosbrucker
10	John Bruno	27	Kenneth Hammer Sr
11	Anthony Felch	27	Fred Parkhurst Jr
13	Sharon Tinker	28	Amy Fanning
14	Lester Boynton	28	Donald Flanders
14	Robert Cunningham	28	Alton Gardner
14	Donald Lamontagne	29	Michael Bolduc
14	Ronald Lamontagne	29	Laurel Johnson
15	Mary McIntire	30	Brett Mc Crea
15	James Paquette	31	Ryan Laramie
15	Milo Pike		

**Lodge of Sorrow**



Herbert E. Dick

Herb was born 6/5/1940, initiated 10/6/1993,  
 and he died on July 14, 2017.

**One Meeting Per Month**

**for July and August.**

**Third Monday of the Month**

Proposition for Membership

Mark Saucedo from Gilford, proposed by Lisa Saucedo  
 Marcus Deegan from Gilford, proposed by Lori Dickson  
 Debra Deegan from Gilford, proposed by Michael Southworth  
 Janet Vella from Laconia, proposed by David Brown  
 Vincent Vella from Laconia, proposed by David Brown  
 David Price from Laconia, proposed by Michael Southworth

Proposition for Life Membership

Neil Eastman, Initiated 9/17/1973

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

**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
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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 Margaret Mary Culpon  
 Joe Juliano

Debra Bean  
 Jamie Laramie

Lisa Saucedo  
 Susan Ayers

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