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# The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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## *A Message from the Exalted Ruler*

I hope everyone is staying cool during our recent hot and steamy days.

Have any of you have had the opportunity to visit our new website? Please, give us feedback and ideas to keep it current and interesting to view.

Susan and I spent the week at National Convention in Houston the first week in July. It was quite impressive, a great experience, and extremely HOT. The emphasis this year was on increasing memberships and the retention of current members. Also, along the same line, it is encouraged that initiation be held within a month of the application. As always, we would like to see an increase in membership involvement in committees and functions and are open to ideas with this regard. Please bring forward any ideas for a function or if you visit another Lodge, and think they are doing something that might be fun to do at our Lodge, bring this to an officer or a meeting. Bringing in new members and increasing member involvement will help to ensure our Lodge's success.

George Lapan, PER, PSP, PDD, Chairman of our Accident Prevention and Insurance Risk Committee has resigned. He is thanked for his many years of service to this organization and to our State Association. Chris Woltering, President, has appointed Gerry Skidds, Esteemed Leading Knight of Rochester Lodge #1393 as his replacement. Gerry is knowledgeable in this field and will do an excellent job. His information is below:

Gerry Skidds, 16 Keay Rd, Lebanon, ME 04027  
H: (207) 457-6440. Cell: (603) 609-5500  
jercyn@metrocast.net.

The State Soccer shoot date has been changed to October 16, 2016 in Portsmouth, NH. The date change was due to conflicts. We still need a chairperson for the Soccer Shoot Committee.

The Annual Summer Picnic at the Tilton Veterans Home has been rescheduled from August 13th to August 27th at 11am to be held at the Pavilion. Our Lodge will supply the hotdogs and gloves to be delivered by 10:30am. Please let us know if anyone is interested in going to help out with the Veterans Picnic. It is fun and rewarding and the Veterans love it.

There will be no Lodge meeting on Labor Day, September 5th.

Family Fun Day and Bike Fest are to be held this weekend, Sunday, 10am-3pm. Volunteers welcome.

Only one Lodge Meeting in August. This will be the 3rd Monday, the 15th. BOD and House Committee will be August 8th beginning at 6:30pm.

The State Elks Picnic at the Derry-Salem Elks Lodge is on Saturday, August 6th, 2016. They would like a head count ASAP. If you are planning to attend; will you please let me or Peter know so that we may let them know an approximate number?

As always, be safe and enjoy our last month of summer.

Fraternally yours,  
Janice Dignan,  
Exalted Ruler

### **DOTI'S HOMECOMING**

**CELEBRATION FOR HER YEAR OF SERVICE AS  
DISTRICT DEPUTY TO THE GRAND EXALTED RULER**

**STEAK AND CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

**AUGUST 20TH 1:00 TO 5:00 \$15 PER PERSON**

### **MANAGER'S CORNER**

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As always we have meat raffle and fish fry come on in and have some fun.

The lodge now has electronic pull tabs, you could win up to \$500. Its like playing a slot machine, come in have a drink and play the games.

Peter Tibbetts,  
Lodge Manager

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**— Secretary's Notes —**  
 Sandra Gaumont • Secretary  
 secretary876@metrocast.net  
 603-524-0818

**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.*

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Click on "**Bulletin**" and choose which month you want to read.  
 Any questions contact Sandra Gaumont at:  
 secretary876@metrocast.net or call the lodge

**- Remember -**

**All Dues were due on April 1, 2016**

**Dues for 2016-2017 year**

Due to per capita increases from  
 Grand Lodge and the NH State Association,

Regular Membership is now: **\$58.50**  
 \* Life Membership is now: **\$23.50**

**2016 - 2017 Dues**

**Remember all Dues were due before April 1, 2016**  
**If you have not paid yet you are delinquent!**

✂ cut along lines and mail back with payment

**DUES STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1, 2016 - APRIL 1, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Regular Member Dues (\$58.50)    Amount Included: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Life Member Dues (\$23.50)    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 2016-2017 : \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Happy Birthday to Our  
 AUGUST Elks!**

Susan Ayers, Edward Gaudet, David Mudget, Allen Raper, Charles Beede, Mark Betourne, Maureen Record, Ryan Dow, Larry Drake, Alice Mowery, Roxanne Cassin, Leo O'Connell, John Bruno, Sharon Tinker, Lester Boynton, Bob Cunningham, Donald Lamontagne, Ronald Lamontagne, Mary McIntire, James Paquette, Milo Pike, David Didonato, Marilyn Dunn, George Hachey, Fred Rourke, Danille Culpon, Brian Fountain, John Faro, Edward Provencal, Hope Anderson, Richard Ellis, Gisela Noddin, Denise Bonfiglio, Leon Decelles, Kenneth Bonnette, Kenneth Hammer, Fred Parkhurst Jr, Amy Fanning, Donald Flanders, Alton Gardner, Michael Bolduc, Laurel Johnson, Michael Chandronnait, Brett McCrea and Ryan Laramie

Dimits

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Philip Carson from Randolph MA Lodge #2130

Propositions for Life Members

Raymond LaPointe - Initiated May 26, 1968

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as well as in others.

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

**O**bserve faithfully the Golden Rule.

**E**njoy the good things of earth,  
keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth  
and remain always of good cheer.



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**Grand Exalted Ruler 2015-2016 Ron Hicks  
 District Deputy GER Doti Acres Gath - Laconia, NH  
 2016-2017 Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler: .....Janice Dignan	Treasurer: .....Deirdre Tibbetts	Trustees: 5 yr: .....Frank Mello
Est. Leading Knight: .....Susan Ayers	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: .....Sandra Gaumont	Inner Guard: .....Dick Ingram	Trustees: 1 yr: .....Marcia Lamontagne

**2016-2017 House Committee**

Mark Roy  
 Meg Prue  
 Sandra Gaumont

Donald Horsman  
 Debra Bean

Jamie Laramie  
 Jim Culpon, PER



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