



# The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

The following is a quote by Bernard De Fontenelle from February 23, 2005 that seems quite appropriate for our Lodge this month with the upcoming nominations and elections:

*" People almost always do great things without knowing how to do them, and are quite surprised to have done them."*

### January 2017

Our Lodge meetings were held January 2nd and the 16th. Board of Directors and House Committee meetings were held on January 9th. During the second Lodge Meeting, Howie made a motion to purchase a new range/griddle with 2 gas convection ovens. Our current setup is failing with age and makes it very difficult to hold functions that require cooking food. Howie researched the different options available to us and found one that will fit our budget. The purchase price, freight, and installation is not to exceed \$8000. The motion was seconded and voted upon; motion passed.

The BOD and House Committee have begun the budget process for the year 2017-1018 and these meetings are held every Thursday at 6:30pm. Upon completion, it will be sent out to our members for review and will be voted on at a March meeting. Additional information will be provided as we get closer to completion.

On Sunday the 15th, Laconia Elks Lodge 876 hosted the 3rd State Elks Meeting. It was well attended with just shy of 70 officers and members present. A fabulous luncheon was prepared by Sandy Gaumond. A shout out goes to M&M Culpon and Denise Bonfiglio for helping Sandy in the kitchen to get the food out and help with the cleanup. Some of the topics discussed at the meeting were:

- Elks Scholarships-online process with a deadline of 2/1/17 for applicants.
- Copper Cannon-Peter, Camp Director, reported that there were about 85 campers/week with a total of about 489 campers who enjoyed a week of camp last season. The goal for the upcoming season is to expand the garden, install a water collection system, increase solar panels, and increase the number of youth the Elks sponsor for a week at camp. The Annual Copper Cannon Auction will be held at the Littleton Elks Lodge on March 4th. This is a good time and a great way to support Copper Cannon.
- February 5th-State Hoop Shoot is to be held in Epsom, sponsored by the Concord-Epsom Lodge #1210. We will be sending six (6) youth from the Laconia area that placed at the North District Shoot, held in Lebanon and sponsored by the Lebanon Lodge #2099, on January 8th. Actually our own Frank Mello's grandson is one of the contestants. Good Luck to all of you competing.
- February 16th is Elks Founding Day Anniversary.
- In the near future, State Meetings will be followed up with a Newsletter to be sent to all of NH Lodges. The Newsletter will be posted in the lounge for those of you that would like to know what is going on at the State level. We will also cover some of the highlights at our regular lodge meetings.

### February

During the first meeting in February we will hold nominations of officers. All of you that would like to have a voice in the future of the Lodge are encouraged to attend this meeting.

As well, we will celebrate PER's and Old Timers Night at this meeting.

Invitations to this should have been received. If you should have been included in these categories and didn't receive an invitation; please call the lodge to inform us of this and we will make sure you are added to our list. We don't want to omit anyone. Refreshments to follow the meeting.

BOD and House Committee will meet on Monday, February 13th.

BOD at 6:30pm and House Committee to follow at 7pm.

The second regular Lodge meeting will be held February 20th.

We will hold the election of officers at this meeting, so please mark your calendar.

### March

Installation of Officers.

In Closing:

Please look for February events on our website laconiaelks876.org, on the cal-

endar in our newsletter, and on Facebook.

We have been listed as one of three (3) Lodges in the State that are trending toward a large loss of members. The Lodges that are trending downward and losing members, and the number lost, are Lebanon (41), Laconia (40), and Keene (34). We are being tasked by Grand Lodge to bring in as many new members as possible, and/or contact those members that have lapsed in their membership, by the 15th of February. We held interviews for about eight (8) potential members coming in on Tuesday, January 17th. Their initiation will be held on Sunday, January 29th at 10am. We have close to that many more proposed for membership and will try to complete interviews and hold initiation shortly thereafter. If you want to propose anyone for membership, please have them fill out the membership form and we will work diligently to get them through the process as soon as possible. Year end is March 31st.

Annual membership dues for 2017-2018 shall be paid by March 31st. Dues are \$59 this year.

On a more positive note, I want to thank ALL of you that continually step up and volunteer for the many functions we held this month. This includes Wednesday night suppers, Meat Bingo, Fish Fry, and Cribbage. Thank you to all of you that volunteer for Rotary Breakfast every Friday. We are a busy Lodge and everyone's help is so very much appreciated. All volunteers are welcomed and very much appreciated. Please log your volunteer hours and miles traveled to and from the Lodge and give them to the Lodge Secretary. We forward these along to Grand Lodge.

A huge thank you goes out to the many that cleaned and painted the hall, and cleaned the furnishings, just in time for the State meeting on the 15th. This includes Jamie Laramie, Donny and Marcia Lamontagne, Howie Kelleher, Bill Romprey, Mike Boldue, Nila Morrison, Jamie Roy, and Mark Roy. Thank you so much.

Finally, don't forget about nominations and voting on new officers on the 6th and 20th of next month. Stay safe and keep warm, and,

GO PATS!!!

Fraternally yours,  
Janice Dignan  
Exalted Ruler



Nominations For Officers  
Is February 6th at the  
Lodge Meeting.

Election of Officers  
is February 20th at the  
Lodge Meeting.

## MANAGER'S CORNER

I hope all is going well for everyone.

We will be having our usual events throughout the month, but in addition we will be having a special promotion on March 18th with Powerhouse gaming, on the electronic pull tab machines.

Details will be coming soon.

Peter Tibbetts,  
Lodge Manager

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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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**Sandra Gaumond • 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. 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 Sandra Gaumond 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  
 FEBRUARY ELKS!**

Norman Legassie, John Hughes, Stephanie Chaffee, Charles Dockham, James Fagnant, Trudy Hastings, Leo Lachance Sr, Jody Libby, Jeffrey MacDonald, Peter Marquis, Michael Porell, Rick Dupuis, Wendy Tillson, Robbin Caravona, Earl Lyons, Robert Mathews, Clifford Eastman, Melodie Hughes, Frank Mello Jr PER, Deborah Bean, Ernest Brown Jr, Nancy Fecteau, Brenda Rowan, Christopher Tinker, Frederick Copp, Bernardine McCrea, Harold Perkins, Edward Dupuis, Russell Kemp, Cindy Murphy, Gregory Barter, Michael Daoust, Kenneth Randlett, Philip Bragg, Daniel Golden, Lorraine Martel, Thomas Michaud, George Murray, Kenneth Waterman, Howard Kelleher, James Ladieu, Donna Brown, Paul Dauphin, Wayne Fletcher, Raymond Marceau, Keinan Martin and Sandra Shene

**To ALL Committee Chairpersons,**

There is a new file system above the copier machine that has new member interests, with their contact info. Please look at these, copy if needed, and contact them letting them know you have seen their interest in that program/s. Then contact them again as your program is near starting, to get them involved. As future classes of new members go thru Orientation, their info sheets will be added to this new system for your review. I hope that this system, with you contacting these new members, early and often, will help to get them active in our programs, providing you the help that you need to run your program/s successfully.

Fraternally Yours,

Jim Culpon PER, SVP, Orientation Committee

Propositions for Membership

Robert C. Powell from Belmont Sponsored by Marcia Lamontagne

**Old Timers Night**

All members that are celebrating 20 years,  
 25 years, 30 years, 35 years, 40 years, 45 years,  
 50 years, 55 years, 60 years, 65 years and  
 70 years (yes there is 1)  
 as an Elk member please join us at our  
 1st meeting in February (6th)  
 and receive your pin.

**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: .....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**

Meg Prue  
 Sandra Gaumont  
 Joe Juliano

Donald Horsman  
 Debra Bean

Jamie Laramie  
 Jim Culpon, PER



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