



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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It goes without saying that we are living in turbulent and stressful times amid the virus that is plaguing our great country and the world as a whole. It is a time of flux, unpredictability, and adjustment. As Elks we vow to adhere to four virtues, namely Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. In spite of what is taking place in the world, let us continue to practice these virtues with our fellow Elks and within our local community. Reach out to one another and offer assistance when necessary. To some of our members who do not have a computer, who do not have social media, who do not text, pick up your phone and call them. No one should feel alone or isolated.

The dates and events that are listed on the calendars for April and May are to be determined based upon the regulations made by the C.D.C., the World Health Organization, and the State and Federal Government's guidelines. We want to keep our members healthy and safe. When we closed the Lodge we said that it would be closed until at least April 7th. If it requires being closed longer we will post that information on our Facebook page LACONIA ELKS #876 and on our website, laconiaelks876.org. If you don't have Facebook, please reach out to one of the Officers for updated information.

It is necessary for the incoming officers to be installed prior to April 1st, so they can affectively lead the Lodge for the 2020-2021 year. In adherence with the State's guidelines of having no more than ten people together at one time and still being able to observe social distancing, the Installation took place on Sunday, March 29th. It was performed by visiting Past Exalted Rulers and was performed in two separate ceremonies. The installed officers are as follows:

- Exalted Ruler: Lisa Saucedo, PER
 - Esteemed Leading Knight: Frank Mello, PER, PDD, PSP
 - Esteemed Loyal Knight: Harold Perkins, PER
 - Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Richard Pauley
 - Esquire: Jim Culpon, PER, PDD, SVP
 - Secretary: Margaret-Mary Culpon
 - Treasurer: Nila Morrison
 - Chaplain: Dorothy Frawley
 - Inner Guard: David Brown, PER
 - Tiler: Scott Robinson
- The Trustees and the new House Committee are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

Due to the current regulations, our bartenders are not able to bartend. During the Lodge closure they have worked for hours tirelessly cleaning, scrubbing, and sterilizing every surface area of the Lodge. Jamie Roy and Jim Gaillard volunteered hours of their time and a lot of muscle cleaning, waxing, and sealing the flooring of the building. Let's make sure to show our appreciation for their efforts and dedication when we speak to them.

If you have not yet paid your annual membership dues, please do so right away. Please mail your checks to the Lodge. The Secretary is still hard at work processing dues and completing other duties that Grand Lodge requires.

In the weeks and months ahead we look forward to having many events and activities at our lodge. Please keep your volunteer spirit strong and continue signing up to assist in many ways. We anxiously wait to show our appreciation to all who have volunteered during the last year at an upcoming Member Appreciation Dinner. We are excited to honor the youth that participated in the Americanism Essay contest. We look forward to busy Wednesday nights again when we open the kitchen and have dart teams and cribbage players competing.

In the meantime please work hard to remain healthy and safe, doing your part to minimize the duration of these tenuous times. COVID19 will not defeat the Elks!

Exalted Ruler,
LISA SAUCEDA

Manager's Corner

"RULE 6" - please work hard to keep all vulgar and foul language out of the Lodge

New Lottery Ticket Raffle!
\$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets

All proceeds go to the Elks Painting Restoration Fund

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Wednesday night kitchen duties. If the kitchen is important to you, sign up on the sheet on the cork board.

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager