



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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Let me start out by saying it has been an honor and privilege serving as the Lodge's Exalted Ruler the past year. My fellow Officers, Trustees, and Lodge volunteers worked hard to make the year a success, and we were able to accomplish a lot in the local communities showing what being an Elk really means. Be proud!

To say thanks for all of the hard work members performed, a Member Appreciation Dinner was held on Saturday evening, March 26th. A delicious pasta meal was prepared by Harry Bean, Sr. and his children, Harry Bean and Tricia Roy; and desserts were donated by Vince Vella of the Common Man Restaurants. The Snow Family provided musical entertainment. Attendees congratulated Members who received awards for going above and beyond. Their willingness to step up and volunteer often, and their creative approach to volunteering, benefited the Lodge greatly and the Organization in general.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Nila Morrison, Treasurer, ENF Chair

Brian May was awarded the Elk of The Year Award and Theresa May was awarded the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Mark Langlitz and Jim Thomson received Certificates of Appreciation for all of the hours they have spent working to repair, maintain, and clean up the Lodge and the grounds, saving the Lodge countless money.

At the Dinner three of the four students that participated in the Americanism Essay Contest along with their families attended. David Horvath, Americanism Chairman, invited the students to read their essays aloud, with the theme "What Does It Mean To Love Your Country?" Prizes were presented by State Americanism Chairperson, Lisa Saucedo, and donated by Vince Vella of the Common Man Restaurants, and the first place winner received a \$50 gift card while the second and third place winners received \$25 gift cards.



Sara Kahn 8th grade, Adam Hough 7th grade
& Kylie Kelly 8th grade (winner)

The March 12th St. Patrick's Day boiled dinner was a success! Thank you to all who purchased meals and supported the Lodge Heating Fund. A special thanks is given to Nila Morrison and Stacey Pate for their time and hard work in preparing the delicious meal. Please mark your calendars for the next upcoming Lodge Meal that will support the Lodge Heating Fund. It will be held on April 9th from 4 to 6 p.m., and once again it will be prepared by Nila and Stacey. This meal will consist of baked ham, homemade macaroni and cheese, garlic buttered green beans, and dessert. The cost is \$10, and advanced payment is appreciated. Pay the bartender on duty and get your receipt or leave your name and funds in the Treasurer's mailbox.

March's Meat Raffle was a lot of fun, and thanks goes to Steve Laramie, Diane Callaghan, Lisa Saucedo, and Judy Kremer for volunteering. In April the Lodge is doing

something different. Instead of the usual Friday night Raffle, the Meat Raffle will be held on **Saturday, April 9th at 1:00 p.m.** Join in the fun, win some prizes, and stay afterwards for the ham dinner and live entertainment provided by the Snow Family from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Installation of Lodge Officers and of the 5-Year Trustee took place on March 26th. It was nice seeing members attend and support those who have chosen to step up and volunteer to take responsibility for the Lodge during the 2022-2023 year. Let us all make them feel welcome and work with them to accomplish many more great things in the Lodge and in the community.



Due to health concerns, David Brown chose to step down as incoming Exalted Ruler. Nominations for the position will be held on April 4th and the election on April 18th.

Our members should be aware that recently the Lodge has been hit with sizable expenses due to aging equipment. A new heating unit is being purchased along with a compressor for the walk-in cooler. By supporting Lodge dinners, Lodge Raffles, and by making donations, the burden will be lessened. Please support your Lodge.

For those unaware, KENO failed to pass in the Gilford Town election, so our Lodge must wait another year before being able to revisit the issue.

May 7th is Copper Cannon Cleanup Day. Volunteers are needed. If you have a specific skill set (painting, cleaning, building, gardening, etc), please let Mark Roy know, our State Major Project Chairperson, or sign up on the lodge cork board.

Exalted Ruler,
Frank Mello

Manager's Corner

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS
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LODGE RAFFLE
\$100 in Drink Chips
\$5 per ticket / \$20 for 5 tickets
Prize will be drawn on April 30th @ 11:00 a.m.

QUEEN OF HEARTS
Prize is big & growing!
Drawings - Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

NEW DRINK SPECIAL!!
Peanut Butter Root Beer Float
with Elks glass to keep
\$12

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager