



# The Elks Profile

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## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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The Lodge is proud to welcome our five newest members. As always make them feel included and involve them in our activities and fellowship.



Jonathan Koert, Michael Walchak, Stephen Leonard, John Pickard, and Keith Fletches

Bob Martin and I had the honor and privilege of attending the Elks National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. It was an amazing experience to join 6,850 fellow Elks in an educational and motivational program designed to strengthen our local lodges and to help this phenomenal organization to prosper, flourish, and grow. A few key points were continually highlighted over the three days. First we need to ask ourselves WHY we became members. The Elks is not an organization built on individuals who merely want to drink and socialize; but rather it is an organization which needs volunteers and dedication to improve the local community, the state in which we reside, and the country as a whole. Being an Elk should be viewed as a precious honor. Additionally, in order for this organization and our local lodge to grow and remain healthy, we need to continually encourage people to join and show them the important work our organization does. We MUST be stellar examples of what it means to be an Elk. Make it a goal to increase our membership. Keep membership applications with you, or log into your Elks.org account and sign up new members electronically. It's easy to complain about things in one's lodge, but when is the last time each of us had a willing spirit to volunteer, work hard, and truly make a difference.

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert L. Duitsman, shared his vision for this year, "Honoring the Past - Embracing the Future". Let's work hard to make this year the best it's ever been in our lodge and in the organization as a whole.



If they know you, and they like you, they will want to be part of you.

The car show to benefit the Tilton's Veterans Home held on July 26th was a success. This event in conjunction with our monthly fish fry brought in a big crowd, a collection of 56 antique and collectors cars, and \$1500 which is being donated. Thanks to Larry and Maureen Record for chairing this event, and thanks to all of our members that donated their time, hard work, and funds to making this occasion so successful.



Please plan to attend and volunteer at the Veterans Picnic at the Tilton Veterans Home on August 10th. The event starts at noon, but volunteers are asked to be there at 11:30 a.m. to help set up. Please help serve a veteran their lunch and share a meal with them. Offer a smiling face and enjoy good conversation. These fine men and women served our country, so let's sacrifice an hour or two and serve them.

August 24th is a day with a couple of wonderful options for our members. Gilford Old Home Day will be taking place, and our lodge will have the Drug Awareness Trailer at the event. The Town of Gilford has donated a spot for our trailer. Please stop by the trailer or volunteer to work at the trailer for an hour or two. Let's show our local community how passionately our organization feels about protecting our youth from drugs. Let's distribute as much free material as possible. Remember Elks Care Elks Share! The New Hampshire State Elks picnic will be held this day as well in Franklin. The sign-up sheet and information is posted on the cork board in our lodge. Get to know your fellow Elks, share ideas, enjoy a meal and a beverage, and just have fun.

As always, let us be strong Elks and proudly serve our lodge, our community, and our country!

Exalted Ruler,  
LISA SAUCEDA

### Manager's Corner

\$100 Drink Chips Raffle"

\$5 per ticket / \$20 for 5 tickets

Proceeds used for Elks painting restoration and cleaning

Drawing will be held on August 16th

Help design the new lodge pin

Submit your design ideas to Nila Morrison

Final vote @ August lodge meeting

**TRICIA ROY**  
Lodge Manager