



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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The Lodge has been open for a few weeks now, and we are so happy and appreciative for the members that have continued stopping by, socializing, attending Lodge meetings, and volunteering in whatever way they are needed. We are grateful to be open in these difficult and challenging times. There are some lodges that still have not opened or have just opened. This health crisis that has and is affecting millions worldwide has forced the Lodge Manager and Officers to adhere to and exercise every health and safety precaution for the safety and welfare of our members. No doubt some may feel that these measures are extreme, unreasonable or even unnecessary, but again, the health and welfare of our members is paramount; and being law abiding American citizens is part of being an Elk.

Despite the unusual times in which we are living, the heart of Elksdom continues to swell and throb. New individuals proudly join this great organization because they realize and appreciate the great works this organization accomplishes. On Sunday, July 26th, six new members were installed and are now members of our lodge. Let's make them feel welcome and include them in upcoming activities. Encourage them to donate their time and efforts to benefiting the community.



Tim Donovan, Jim Smith, Jamie Carano
Pamela Langlitz, Mark Langlitz, Kit Clark

The next time you see Jim Gaillard make sure you congratulate him. He received the honor of being named New Hampshire State Elk of The Year! Anyone that knows Jim knows that he constantly steps up to volunteer, and he always does so with a willing spirit and smile.



Congratulations also goes to Jim Culpon who was just installed as New Hampshire's 2020-2021 Elks State President. Additionally Bob Martin received the honor of being the State's Tiler for the 2020-2021 year and was installed at the same ceremony.



It is also important to note that we have a new Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul Ryan, a gentleman hailing from the State of Minnesota. Our new District Deputy GER is Scott Merrihew, a member of the Lebanon Elks Lodge.

Because many of our members vacation or have summer plans during August, the Wednesday night kitchen will remain closed. It is the goal to reopen in September. Please look at your schedules in advance and plan to volunteer one time. Let our Lodge Manager know in advance of the date you are prepared to volunteer. You can leave her a voicemail or leave a note in her mailbox. The fish fry will still take place this month, and hopefully the Meat Raffle can resume in September.

Many of you have volunteered throughout the last year, some one time and others numerous. The Lodge would like to show its appreciation for your hard work and Elks' spirit by having the annual Membership Appreciation Dinner. There will be a cocktail hour prior to the dinner, and the meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Function Hall. In order to get an accurate headcount for food preparation, please sign up on the corkboard near the restrooms. A few awards will be presented, and we hope that a few of the students that participated in last year's Americanism Essay contest will attend and receive their honors along with reading their essays. This evening should be fun and memorable.

Custom tabletops with the Elk burned into the top, are being designed for our existing round tables. Each tabletop donated, for the cost of \$165, will have an engraved 4-inch disc with the donor's sentiment (i.e. "donated by" or "in memory of"). Feel free to join with others to sponsor a tabletop. If interested in donating one of these one-of-a-kind tabletops please see Jamie Roy.

There are still approximately 125 members that have not paid their annual dues yet. How disappointing! Remember you are an Elk, and you took a vow to honor your responsibilities. Stop by the Lodge to pay, or mail your check. If you want your membership card immediately, mail your check with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Secretary will mail it to you. In addition to out-of-state members, some have chosen to receive the newsletter online at our Lodge's website, www.laconiaelks.org. This reduces overall expenses. If you wish to discontinue your U.S.P.S. delivery, inform the Secretary at Secretary876@metrocast.net or call the Secretary indicating your preference.

Exalted Ruler,
LISA SAUCEDA

Manager's Corner

Any member who has volunteered over the last year, even one time, please sign up to attend the Member Appreciation Dinner.

It's our way of saying thank you for your hard work.

Dinner will be FREE and delicious!

We hope to reopen the kitchen on Wednesday nights in September. Volunteers are needed. Please call the Lodge Manager to volunteer or drop a note in her mailbox with your name, phone, and date you want to volunteer.

We are STRICTLY following the Governor's guidelines for the health and safety of our members. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced.

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager