



The Elks Profile

Laconia Lodge #876

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

January 2021

2020 was such a challenging year filled with so much negativity and challenging situations for our members, the community, and the world in general. Moving forward let us hope and pray that 2021 is a year of growth, improvement, good health, happiness and strength. Let us be more determined than ever to give Elkdome our all. With all of that being said, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

January 4th is the date of the Lodge's reopening. After a few weeks of closure, a thorough deep cleaning of the Lodge was performed. Once it's open, all members will be required to adhere to the strict COVID health guidelines. The wearing of masks at all times, unless seated, will be mandatory. Socializing while standing will not be permitted. Wiping down all machines after each use will be required, and disinfected wipes will be available for our members to use. Please work hard to cooperate with and respect these guidelines, and please assist our bartenders and Lodge Manager in keeping the Lodge a healthy and safe place.

As you are all aware we had to postpone our Christmas Baskets Program due to COVID. So many of our members were ill, and it was not safe to proceed with the program in December. The new date for the baskets is Sunday, January 31st, at 8:00 a.m. Those members that had originally signed up to assemble the baskets will be needed to assemble, and those that had signed up to deliver will be asked to deliver. Due to COVID restrictions, no new volunteers can be accepted this time.

Due to disappointing attendance at the Wednesday night dinners, it has been decided that the kitchen will be closed on Wednesdays during the month of January. Hopefully the idea of "absence makes the heart grow fonder" will prove true, and members will support the kitchen once again in February and moving forward. With increased participation we will be able to include a wing night.

Please mark your calendars for January 15th for the Meat Raffle and January 22nd for the Fish Fry. Let's share some good times together with laughs and camaraderie, and let's support the Lodge and Elkdome.

In the month of February Grand Lodge will be mailing membership invoices to your homes. You will then have the option to pay your membership dues and make donations online, or you can choose to pay the Lodge Secretary with a check or cash. Hopefully this new option will make it easier for all of our members to take care of their financial responsibilities promptly whether they are near or far from the Lodge.

There is a matter of seriousness that needs to be discussed. In years past our members promptly and willingly stepped up to the plate and fulfilled their privilege and obligation to support

the per capita E.N.F. requirement, knowing that in order for the Lodge to receive grants to benefit the community, this goal needed to be met. The 2020-2021 rate set by the Grand Exalted Ruler was \$4.80 per member. Sadly our Lodge is about \$1,500 behind at the current time. In order for our membership to fully achieve the required goal by March 1st, we are requesting that each member make a contribution of \$5 or more. Generosity can be shown by either going to Elks.org and contributing, referencing Laconia Lodge 876; or members can make a check or cash payment referencing E.N.F. and leaving it with the Lodge Secretary. Thank you for your understanding and your commitment to being an Elk.

Winter is here, so snow will be falling. The Lodge Manager or bartenders may ask members to move their vehicles to a cleared area of the parking lot in order for a complete snow clearing. If members refuse to cooperate, they will be required to leave the Lodge for the remainder of the day. Maintaining the safety of all of our members and preventing slipping or falling is a priority.

If you want to receive the monthly newsletter online, you can at the Lodge's website, www.laconiaelks.org. If you wish to discontinue your standard mail delivery via U.S.P.S., please inform the Secretary at Secretary876@metrocast.net or call the Lodge Secretary's telephone extension.

Exalted Ruler,
Lisa Saucedo

Manager's Corner

NILA'S SPECIAL BEVERAGES!

\$1 from each sale goes to help her health fund.

LODGE RAFFLE!

The prize is \$100 in scratch tickets.

\$1 per ticket / \$5 for 6 tickets

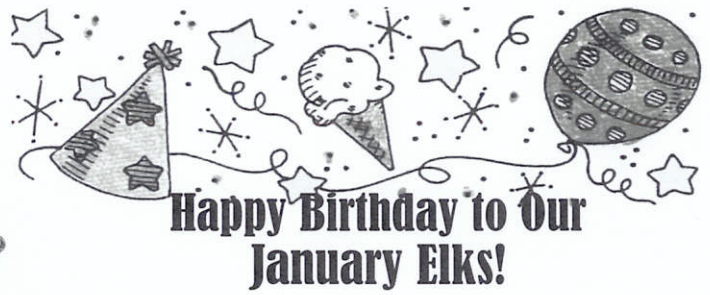
SAFETY ISSUE!! Vehicles must be moved if asked by the Lodge Manager or Bartender on duty if plowing is taking place.

All game machines and the ATM

MUST be wiped down after each use. Please be vigilant.

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager

Secretary's Corner



Regular Membership is: \$62.00 Life Membership is: \$27.00
Please make time to come to the lodge and pay your \$62 or mail a check to remain an active member. If you're receiving a newsletter in the mail and no longer want one, please email me with your name and membership number. One will be available on our website.

Any questions contact the Secretary, Margaret-Mary Culpon.
secretary 876@metrocast.net or call the lodge.

Happy Birthday to Our January Elks!

— Secretary's Notes —
Margaret-Mary Culpon • Secretary
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DAY		DAY	
01	Daly, Kevin	14	Larson Jr, Roy
01	Greemore, Henry J	16	Gagnon, Courtney
01	Jackson, Linda P	16	Quintin, Douglas R
01	Lavin, John T	17	Harrison, Velma L
01	Schubert Jr, Charles F	17	Rich, Tracey
03	Brown, Howard	17	Southworth, Deborah
03	Moynahan, Kevin	19	Clairmont, Kathy
04	Gilbert, Richard E	19	Pilling, Janice W
05	Lakin, Robert P	20	Fay, Robert
05	Robinson, Scott D	20	Gaudet, Normand
06	Benoit, Larry	20	Noyes, Susan E
06	Kimmey, Elisabeth	21	Chapman, James M
06	Laramie, Jamie	22	Compton, Scott
07	Dionne, Ronald G	22	Parshley, Richard J
07	Knowlton, Donald	24	Dever, Robert J
07	Lentz, Sandra	25	Finkeldie, Robert L
09	Cahill, Fran	25	Moren, Russell R
09	Hawkins, Terri A	26	Marceau, Roger G
09	Higgins, Sue A	28	Haslam, Cindy
10	Gardner, Leonard J	28	Heney, John T
10	Stewart, Richard F	30	Rich, Jon
11	MacQuarrie Jr, James	31	Moulton, Gary W
12	Dubois, Richard M	31	Paradise, Lionel J
12	Relf, David T	31	Sullivan, John F



Bulletin to be Read through our Website

*The monthly bulletin is now available to read on our lodge's website.
The monthly bulletin is only mailed to N.H. residents, unless otherwise requested, 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.
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- Remember -
All Dues WERE due on April 1, 2020

 **Dues for 2020-2021 year** 

DUES FOR 2020 - 2021 HAVE CHANGED

Due to Grand Lodge
Insurance Increase,

Regular Membership is now: \$62.00
*** Life Membership is now: \$27.00**

2020 - 2021 Dues

Remember all Dues are due before April 1, 2020

 cut along lines and mail back with payment

DUES STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021

Name: _____

Membership #: _____

Annual Regular Member Dues (\$62.00) Amount Included: _____

Annual Life Member Dues (\$27.00) 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 2020-2021 : \$ _____

Lodge of Sorrow



PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Denise Marie Pope Proposed by Kevin Chubbuck
Richard Lakin Jr. Proposed by Robert Larkin
Jennifer Chiasson Proposed by Denisson Chiasson
Lloyd Miles Proposed by Mark Roy
Christopher Normandin Proposed by Mark Roy