

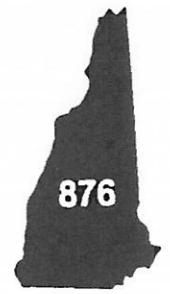


# The Elks Profile

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## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

January 2022

Happy New Year! It is my hope, as I'm sure it's yours, that 2022 is a better year than the one that just concluded. May our families, our friends, and our Lodge be happy, healthy, and united in the things that truly matter in life.

It was great to see so many of our members and helpers come together on December 19th to assemble and deliver Christmas food boxes to just under 60 deserving families in our local communities. Those delivering got so much positive feedback and gratitude from recipients. It should also be noted that many of our members were very generous by donating funds to make this event a success, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Thanks also goes to Winnepesaukee Bagels of Gilford and Goody Good Donuts of Laconia for donating food for members to eat before assembling boxes, and thank you to Shannon Bullock for the delicious homemade quiches. They were definitely a hit!

The Meat Raffle and Fish Fry are returning again this month along with the Sunday breakfast to help benefit Veterans issues. Dates and times are on the calendar. Please plan to attend, have some fun, and benefit the Lodge and the Veterans. As always volunteers are needed to make these events successful. Please reach out to Lisa Saucedo if you are able and willing to volunteer for any of these events. New members are especially encouraged to volunteer.

There is a sign-up sheet on the cork board for volunteers to work a Wednesday night in the kitchen. Please sign up, for without volunteers there can be no kitchen service. If you want to try volunteering and it's your first time, please let the Lodge Manager know, and arrangements can be made for you to work with experienced volunteers who can "show you the ropes".

Nila Morrison, our Lodge E.N.F. Chairperson, and Brett McCrea have plans to prepare another delicious meal for our members with proceeds benefiting E.N.F. during the month of February. When a date and time have been

decided along with the menu, information will be posted in February's newsletter, on the Lodge's Facebook page, and Lodge television monitor. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance. Let's make this upcoming meal as successful as the last one. No doubt it will be equally delicious.

Nominations of officers for the 2022-2023 year will take place at the first Lodge meeting in February, and voting will take place at the second meeting of that month.

As we have all experienced the past few days, winter is upon us and at times the roads and parking areas can be very slippery and treacherous. Please use good judgement and stay safe, and when at the Lodge please cooperate with the Lodge Manager and bartenders on duty if it becomes necessary to move your vehicles so the plow company can keep the parking lot safe.

Your 2022-2023 membership dues can begin being paid now. Remember that annual dues are required **by April 1st**. Dues can be paid online at [www.Elks.org](http://www.Elks.org) or by check or cash in the Secretary's mailbox. Please include your membership number and name. If you want your card mailed, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with payment. To read newsletters at the Lodge website, go to [www.laconiaelks876.org](http://www.laconiaelks876.org). To discontinue mail delivery and receive the newsletters in your email, tell the Secretary at [Secretary876@metrocast.net](mailto:Secretary876@metrocast.net) or call, stating your current email address.

Exalted Ruler,  
*Frank Mello*

### Manager's Corner

#### LODGE RAFFLE

Prize is \$100 in scratch tickets

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

Prize will be drawn on January 31st @ 11:00 a.m.

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#### QUEEN OF HEARTS

Prize is growing!

Drawings - Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

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#### DRINK SPECIALS

Come in and check them out!

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#### VOLUNTEERS

Always Needed

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#### WINTER GUIDELINES

Move vehicles if plow company  
is at the Lodge

TRICIA ROY

Lodge Manager