



The Elks Profile

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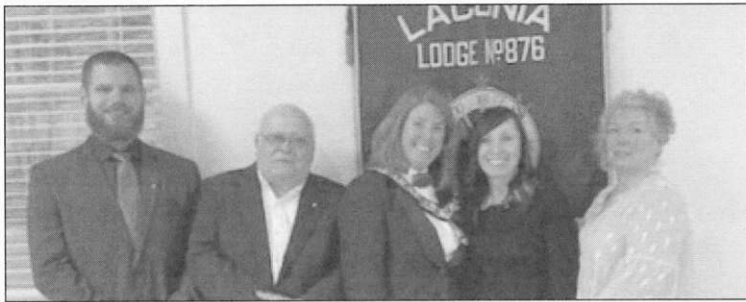
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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

June 2021

Please help welcome the four new individuals who partook in the Initiation Ritual on Monday, May 17th. Some of these new members have already been valuable volunteers in the Lodge, and we look forward to including the others. No doubt all will prove invaluable to the Lodge and to the organization.



(From L. to R.) Jake Parker, Roger Marden
Tanya Clark-Smith, & Paula Gilbert

As most are aware, our Lodge had an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, May 16, with a portion of the proceeds being used to benefit the Veterans. Thank you to all eleven members who volunteered to make this event successful, including a couple of new volunteers, Lloyd and Andrea Miles as well as D.J. Chiasson. In addition thank you to all who dined at the Lodge supporting this charitable endeavor. Please mark your calendars to support the monthly breakfast that will benefit various causes, the next breakfast being on Sunday, June 6th, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Tell family, your friends, neighbors and co-workers to stop by and enjoy. As always volunteers are needed to accomplish great things, so please inform the Lodge Manager or Lisa Saucedo, either in person or by telephone, to let them know you will volunteer.

Plan to attend FLAG DAY on Sunday, June 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Lodge. This occasion is one of the few mandated events that Elks are to attend. As Elks we are a patriotic organization, a group that truly appreciates and respects what it means to be an American, something we must never take for granted. We look forward to your attendance while paying respect to our flag and to the history of it.

For the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge has designated the new Americanism Essay theme to be "What Does It Mean To Love Your Country?" If you have any children or grandchildren in the Lakes Region School District ranging from 5th through 8th grades that would like to participate in this essay contest please let them know that beginning in September schools will incorporate this essay contest into the curriculum. Lisa Saucedo, the Americanism Chairperson, can also be contacted to begin working on the essay process. Who knows? One of our local students may go on to be a national essay champion!

"Clean Up Day" at Copper Cannon held on May 8th had a great turn out of Elks from all around the state. A bit more than 30 members volunteered. With Covid restrictions and guidelines currently in place, the Camp will need to have parents driving their children to camp. All check-ins will take place in the car including the PCR tests of the children. The children will also turn in their pre-camp activity log (temperature and health check for the preceding 10 days) and the results of their PCR test five days before arrival. Camp is at half capacity this summer. Families can contact Camp directly to be guided through the process. If contact information is required, please contact

Mark Roy, State Major Project Chairman.

New Hampshire once again proved how important E.N.F. is, especially in regards to receiving grants from Grand Lodge that can be used with the State. During the 2020-2021 year all 14 lodges reached the \$4.80 per member goal. New Hampshire contributed \$81,269.42 to E.N.F., and Grand Lodge gave New Hampshire \$251,400 in the form of special program grants, the State Charity Fund, bonus funding, Veterans Affairs Services, Scholarships, and Community Investment Programs. Never underestimate the importance of your donations to E.N.F. Let's continue doing great things in our communities by maintaining a consistent and generous spirit.

On May 17th at the Lodge Meeting the current Exalted Ruler tendered her resignation effective June 7, 2021. At that meeting nominations for the position were taken, and Frank Mello was nominated. The final chance for nominations will be on June 7th, and a vote will be taken at that time.

New State Officers were installed at the May 16th State Meeting in Rochester. Marlene Lein of Manchester is the new State President. Thank you, Jim Culpon for your state leadership and dedication to the organization. You did an amazing job advancing Elkdom in New Hampshire during a challenging year of a pandemic.

In June, the Meat Raffle will be held on the 11th. There will be a few opportunities to win lobster and steamers! The Fish Fry will be on the 25th. Plan to attend, have fun with family and friends, win prizes and enjoy great food.

Remember your 2021-2022 dues are due now! Members can pay online at www.Elks.org or by placing a check or cash in the Lodge Secretary's mailbox including your membership number and name. If a member wants their card mailed, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with payment. To read newsletters online, go to www.laconiaelks876.org. To discontinue mail delivery, tell the Secretary at Secretary876@metrocast.net or call.

Exalted Ruler,

Lisa Saucedo

Manager's Corner

FISH FRY!

June 25st

Try our monthly drink specials!

LODGE RAFFLE!

The prize is \$100 in scratch tickets

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

Prize will be drawn on June 30th

HOT DOG SPECIALS

Mon. - Fri. 11am - 2 pm

APPETIZERS!

Saturdays & Sundays

11am - 2 pm

Cheese Sticks and Jalapeno Poppers

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager