



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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Thank you to all of the members that participated in the nominations and election of incoming Officers and the 5-year Trustee. It was wonderful to see eighty-one members participate in this vital part of Elksdom and in Lodge business, especially when the weather was not ideal. The incoming Officers and the 5-year Trustee will be installed into their upcoming rolls on March 21st at 9:00 a.m., and their duties will commence on April 1, 2021.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter we were told by Grand Lodge that beginning in February they would be mailing membership invoices to your homes. You would 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. Recently we were notified by Grand Lodge that due to a formatting error by the print service that was used to print and mail the dues notices, approximately 1,300 notices were sent with errant amounts listed. The print service is re-printing these 1,300 notices and mailing them out right away. The errant notices are obvious as they will list multiple years of current dues owed, and the amount will be way more than it should be. If anyone receives one of these please disregard that notice. A new, corrected one is on the way.

A proposed budget for the 2021-2022 year can be reviewed by members. Due to COVID and the lack of normality last year, the previous year's budget is being used again. Members can ask the bartender on duty to review it at the bar, but copies may not be made nor taken from the Lodge. Voting on the proposed budget will take place at the March 15th meeting.

On January 31st nineteen Elks and two Helpers helped to assemble and deliver 64 Food Boxes to those in need in the community. Many recipients had tears in their eyes and expressed profound gratitude. Several said they appreciated receiving this food after Christmas because they would have food for more than just the holidays. This is something the Lodge can take into consideration in the months ahead.

As noted in the "SECRETARY'S CORNER", members can make donations to E.N.F. online. To donate directly to E.N.F go to enf.elks.org/MyLodge. If your preference is to continue donating in the form of a check or cash, please place your donation in the Lodge Secretary's mailbox, and include your membership number. The Elks National Foundation is the lifeblood of the organization, the tool used by all lodges to benefit local communities. Let us continue generously supporting the Foundation.

Come support the Lodge and the hard work of Brian and Theresa May. They have generously agreed to once again volunteer to prepare and serve tasty meals Wednesday night, March 10th. If a To-Go meal is preferred, feel free to call the Lodge and place your order with the bartender on duty.

The Meat Raffle and Fish Fry were big successes last month, and members and their guests had a lot of fun. Members were able to enjoy

delicious food prepared by Harry and Priscilla Bean along with their son, Harry, prior to the Meat Raffle. Thanks goes to Mark Roy for calling the cards at the Raffle along with Paula Gilbert for selling the cards. Appreciation is also given to Steve Downs, Jim Gaillard, and Jamie Laramie for once again preparing delicious meals for the Fish Fry. We will have these two events in March on Friday, March 19th and March 26th. Stop by and share a laugh, and enjoy a good meal with fellow Elks.

The Lodge is going to return to preparing a Sunday breakfast for our members and their guests in April. Tentatively the first breakfast will be held on April 11th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers will be needed for serving and cleaning while adhering to COVID compliance standards. Keep an eye out for future information. Hopefully we can make this even a regular thing once or twice a month.

Help welcome the newest incoming members that will be initiated into the Order on Sunday, March 7th at 9:00 a.m. by attending their Initiation Ceremony. It is a privilege to be a member of such a great organization.

For those of our members that are Facebook users remember that the Lodge can be found at Laconia Elks #876. 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

NEW FISH FRY PRICES!

Fish Dinner - \$9 / Chicken Dinner - \$8

Shrimp Cocktail - \$4

Try our monthly drink specials!

LODGE RAFFLE!

The prize is \$100 in drink chips

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

Prize will be drawn on 4/1/21

LUNCH SPECIALS

Mon. - Fri. 11am - 2 pm

soup, stew & hot dogs

Have an idea or suggestion?

Write it down and put in Suggestion Box

or in the Lodge Manager's mailbox.

TRICIA ROY

Lodge Manager