



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

May 2019

April proved to be a month where many of our members were able to demonstrate principals of Elksdom, namely Charity and Brotherly love. The veterans residing at the Tilton Veterans Home truly appreciated the seven Elks that came to play Bingo and visit with them. Our members equally benefited by sharing special time with the heroes and servants of our country. Not all of our members have families with which to share Easter or a holiday meal. Thanks goes to Shannon Bullock and the six other members for preparing an Easter potluck buffet. Several of our members enjoyed the tasty meal and camaraderie. A large group of our members donated their time, energy, and skills to helping cleanup and improve Copper Cannon Camp, our State Project. Working in unison with members from the other lodges to help get the camp ready was a rewarding experience, not only because of working with our fellow Elks, but also because we knew our hard work would enable the camp to open up on time to the underprivileged youth of our state.

The summer time can sometimes be a challenging time for our local youth. As the saying goes, "idle hands and idle minds can often be the Devil's workshop". If you know of any children ranging from the ages of nine through fifteen, and who come from less privileged and/or deprived of the recreational advantages that most children enjoy, please share with these families the opportunity to attend Copper Cannon Camp for a week during the summer. They can apply online or call the camp directly at 603-823-8107. For additional information, please speak to our Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Breana Martin, or Lisa Saucedo, Exalted Ruler.

Mother's Day brunch will be held on May 12th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please plan to attend, not only to honor the mothers in our lives but also to support our Lodge. For a mere \$10 for adults and \$7 for children one can enjoy a delicious buffet prepared by our members and share quality time with friends and family. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated, so if you can spare an hour or two, please let our Lodge Manager know.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks honors and treasures our veterans. We recognize them as one of the most important and vital groups of our nation, the protectors of our freedom. Memorial Day is a day that should be honored and respected. Many of our lodge members faithfully served our great nation. Our Lodge has the honor and privilege to walk or ride in the Memorial Day parade in Laconia on May 27th. Take an hour out of your day and join your fellow members. It will demonstrate to the veterans that we respect their service, and it will show our community that Elks love and respect the United States of America.

Plan to be at Wyatt Park by 9:15 a.m., walk or ride, and end up at Veteran's Square. Community engagement is the foundation for a successful lodge.

April 1st was the final date to pay one's dues for the 2019-2020 year. Life sometimes gets in the way and we forget, so please let this be a reminder. Stop by the Lodge and pay or mail your membership fee. Not only will this enable you to enjoy our lodge and other lodges, but more importantly it will enable our lodge to reach our E.N.F. obligations and receive important grants that we can use in our Community Investment Projects of the Lakes Region. Another way for you to assist in the health and prosperity of our lodge and our entire organization is to encourage and help other members to stay motivated and committed to the purpose of the Order of Elks. Please reach out to one of our officers and let them know you want to contact members that have lapsed in their membership.

Over the next few months we plan to participate in important community projects, namely helping abused women and children return to a peaceful and productive life, raising funds to assist our veterans in their day to day life, and working hard to keep illicit drugs out of the hands of our youth through education and legislature. Ask yourself how you can help and be a small but important part of these projects. Ask yourself why you became an Elk. Let's keep motivated and continue making a positive difference within our lodge, within our community, and within our country.

Exalted Ruler,
LISA SAUCEDA

Manager's Corner

I'm always looking for volunteers to help with Rotary Breakfast. Once a month would be a huge help. Let me know.

Positive and uplifting comments make the Lodge a better place. Let's work hard to support one another and not tear down our fellow members!

Ideas for improvement?
Put your suggestions in the suggestion box in the front entryway.

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager