



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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The theme for 2020-2021, set by G.E.R. Paul Ryan, is "Creating Momentum for the Future of Elksdom". An important way to preserve the future of Elksdom is to invite and welcome new members. The Lodge is proud to welcome four new members who were initiated into the Order on September 21st. Let's make them feel welcomed and include them in all of our efforts and activities.



Seated: Dawn Johnson & Zachary Carson
Standing: Garrett Gilbert & Andrew Johnson



For the past few Wednesdays many members have enjoyed eating the tasty meals prepared by our volunteers. Thanks goes out to Brian and Theresa May, Jim Culpon, Jim Gaillard, Bob Martin, and most recently Walter Bentley. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Thanks also goes out to the three volunteers who helped with our last Meat Raffle, namely Colleen Roy, Paula Gilbert, and Bob Martin. Fun was had by all, and we hope we have increased participation at the next Meat Raffle later in the month.

The Lodge applied for the Beacon Grant and its application was accepted. Normally the Grant would be for \$2,500, however this year Grand Lodge increased it to \$3,500. They recognized that due to COVID, many things have changed, notably remote learning. The Lodge has used these funds to purchase educational supplies benefiting about 70 kids of the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region for remote schooling and tutoring at the facility. Once all of the supplies have been delivered to the Lodge they will be presented.

After the Membership Committee reached out to the 125 delinquent members,

several have fulfilled their obligation to pay their annual dues. We have now brought the total down to 99. Please remember that whether you go to the Lodge or not, your membership dues are still necessary. Bills still must be paid, per-capita obligations to Grand Lodge must be met, and charitable functions are still occurring to benefit the local communities. Either stop by the Lodge to pay and become current or mail a check. You can opt to pick up your card, or you can have it mailed to you by including a self-addressed stamped envelope. There is no good reason to lose one's membership into the greatest American charitable organization.

There has been a lot of discussion and confusion in regards to membership, "spouse cards", and visitation requirements. Hopefully after reading the following information clarification will be had by all. Firstly New Hampshire does not recognize common law marriage except in rare cases of inheritance issues. The correct term for a "spouse card" or "widows card" is Identification Card. If a couple is legally married there are three options that the non-member spouse can take to enter the Lodge. They can request an Identification Card from the Secretary on an annual basis which would allow the non-member spouse to enter the Lodge with their member spouse without having to be signed in. There is no limit to the amount of times the non-member spouse could enter. If the non-member spouse opts not to get an Identification Card, the non-member spouse would need to be signed in by their member spouse every time they enter the Lodge, and no limit would be placed on the amount of times the non-member spouse enters the Lodge. The final option would be for the non-member spouse to choose to become a member. If an individual is not legally married to an Elk member, they can be signed into the Lodge a **maximum** of 3 times during their lifetime per House Rule 3A. After that the individual must either opt to become an Elk member or no longer enter, except to volunteer while not enjoying the privileges of the social quarters. If any further clarification is needed, please reach out to the Exalted Ruler or the Secretary.

Please remember you can choose to receive the newsletter online at our Lodge's website, www.laconiaelks.org. This reduces overall expenses. If you wish to discontinue your U.S.P.S. delivery, inform the Secretary at Secretary876@metro-cast.net or call the Secretary indicating your preference.

Exalted Ruler,
Lisa Saucedo

Manager's Corner

ELKS PAINTING FUND RAFFLE!

The prize is \$100 in scratch tickets..

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

Volunteers are needed for the kitchen to remain open.

Please call the Lodge Manager

to volunteer or sign up on the volunteer sheet on the corkboard with your name, phone number, and date you want to volunteer.

WING NIGHT!

Coming soon. Do you prefer Mondays or Tuesdays?

Let me know.

ALL GAMING MACHINES MUST
BE WIPED DOWN AFTER EACH USE!

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager