



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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As the Lodge continues dealing with the "new normal" of day-to-day living due to Covid, appreciation is given for the members and others that have continued to support the Lodge, attending Lodge meetings, volunteering whenever needed, and just stopping by to visit with friends. Thank you for continuing to adhere to the safety and health guidelines, even though some may seem inconvenient or unnecessary. It should be noted that Grand Lodge recognizes the toll Covid has taken on the Lodges throughout the country. As a way to slightly ease the stress, Grand Lodge has decided to use the funds that were originally allocated for the National Convention in Baltimore for Covid Relief. Each lodge will receive \$1,500. Thank you Grand Lodge! Please remember that someday, hopefully sooner than later, our "new normal" will be a thing of the past.

The much anticipated Member Appreciation Event finally took place on Saturday, August 22nd. The evening was a fantastic success with 62 in attendance. Tricia Roy, Mark Roy, and Harry Bean prepared a delicious meal; and the meal was served by three of our members, Jane Flanders, Diane Callaghan, and a brand new member, Pam Langlitz. Through the generosity of member, Vince Vella, delicious desserts were prepared and delivered by the Common Man Restaurants.

Throughout the dinner special awards were given to three outstanding members of our lodge, members who routinely go above and beyond what is required of an Elk. Nila Morrison, our Lodge Treasurer, received the 2019-2020 OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD for dedicated and meritorious service to the Lodge, who by unselfish commitment and cheerful enthusiasm furthered Elksdom's programs while fulfilling the responsibilities as an officer of the Lodge in an exemplary manner. Larry Record received the 2019-2020 ELKS DISTINGUISHED CITIZENSHIP AWARD for outstanding and meritorious service to humanity because of all the time and effort he put into helping raise funds through car shows to benefit Veterans at the Tilton Veterans Home. Last but not least, Jim Gaillard was awarded the 2019-2020 ELK OF THE YEAR AWARD as an expression of the gratitude and appreciation of the members of the Lodge and of Grand Lodge for loyal and meritorious services in furtherance of the aims of our order. Because of Jim's fervent volunteerism, he received the ELK OF THE YEAR AWARD not only from the Lodge level but also from the New Hampshire State level. Congratulations to all three members! May they be examples to all of what an Elk is and should be.

The last recipient of an award at the event was Patrolman Eric Adams of the Laconia Police Department. Frank Mello, presented the Enrique Camarena Award to Officer Adams for his outstanding work in the fight against the distribution and use of illegal drugs. As the Elks work hand in hand with the Drug Enforcement Agency of the United States, the Elks make a point of recognizing and honoring key officers that tirelessly go above and beyond their duty in this fight and in conjunction with the Elks Drug Awareness Program. Everyone that attended this event, including Laconia's Police Chief, Matt Canfield, gave Officer Adams a well-deserved standing ovation.



On Wednesday nights the kitchen will once again be open and serve delicious food. Volunteers are needed. There is a sign up sheet on the corkboard, so please offer to help out, even if it's only once a month. Let's not put the burden on the same people all of the time. Meat Raffle will also resume, so stop by September 18th for fun and fellowship. On September 20th the Elks State Picnic will be held at the Derry-Salem Elks Lodge from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please RSVP to Megan Arlitt no later than September 13th at mlb1275@aol.com. Let's have a good turn out, Lodge members, at this fun event.

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@metrocast.net or call the Secretary indicating your preference. Additionally if you have not yet paid your dues, you are now considered delinquent. Please make your membership current right way, so you can continue being a part of the greatest American charitable organization, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Exalted Ruler,
LISA SAUCEDA



Nila Morrison - Officer of The Year

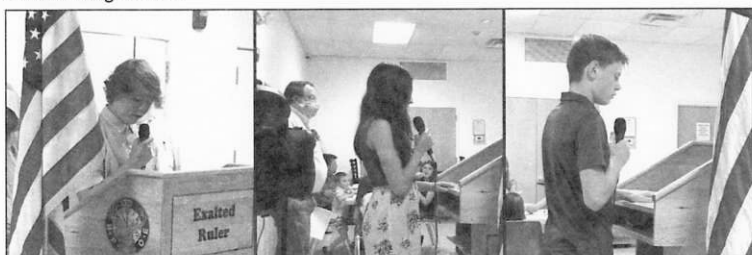


Larry Record - Citizenship Award



Jim Gaillard - Elk of The Year

Three of the fifteen Gilford Middle School participants in the 2019-2020 Americanism Essay Contest also attended the Event along with their family members. Our Americanism Chairman, David Horvath, introduced these students. They read aloud their essays, answering the theme, "What Does Freedom Of Speech Mean To Me?" The two young men and young lady spoke eloquently and from the heart and showed true appreciation for the importance of freedom of speech in our great nation, always respecting and cherishing this right and privilege. These youth are a promising future for our community and our country. It is easily evident why their families are proud of them, and the Lodge is too.



Ryan Turmel

Riley Powers

Derek Kelley

Manager's Corner

NEW ELKS PAINTING FUND RAFFLE!

The prize is \$100 in drink chips.

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

We will reopen the kitchen on Wednesday nights in September. Volunteers are needed. 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.

We are STRICTLY following the Governor's guidelines for the health and safety of our members. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced.

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager