



The Elks Profile

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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The Snow family performed great music and vocals on August 13th to a packed Lodge. Members made requests and sang along, and all were happy to hear that the Snows next performance will be on Friday, September 10th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members let's pack the Lodge again, and bring friends and family with you. If we continue having good turnouts, the kitchen will open in October for the Snow family performance.

Our Lodge should be very proud of what it chose to do with the \$2,000 Gratitude Grant this year. Much needed science and art supplies for summer camp programs at the Lakes Region Boys and Girls Club were purchased and distributed by our members.



(Members L. To R.: Frank Mello, Richard Gilbert, Bob Martin & Mark Roy)

Thank you to all of the members that chose to support the Elks National Foundation during the month of September by buying a delicious barbecue chicken dinner generously prepared and served by Brett McCrea, R. J. Pauley, Nila Morrison, and Jane Flanders. All of the proceeds from the \$10 per plate meal will be going directly to E.N.F.



On Saturday, September 25th, beginning at 8 am., the Lodge will have a yard sale and craft fair. Stop by and see what's being offered. Later that day, at 4 p.m. the Lodge will be having a Mexican dinner with all proceeds benefiting E.N.F. Brett McCrea will be preparing combination dinners of enchiladas and tacos along with Spanish rice and refried beans. Meals will be \$10. Sign up coupons will be behind the bar. Stop by for a great meal for a special cause!

Some may not realize the importance of supporting E.N.F., but it is the backbone of the Elks that provides grant money and vital assistance to community programs, the Veterans, and Drug Awareness programs to mention just a few. Please support all of the Lodge's endeavors for fundraising for E.N.F. Never forget the tenants of the Elks, namely Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Members have asked when the Lodge will once again have a Sunday morning breakfast, and I'm happy to announce that it will be on Sunday, September 26th from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with a portion of the proceeds going to help the Veterans. Just as in the past, adults will pay \$9, kids aged 5 to 11 will pay \$6, and

kids under 5 are free. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen and for serving. Please reach out to the Lodge Manager to volunteer or contact Lisa Saucedo at 603-937-4151. **IF** we get enough volunteers we can plan on having a monthly breakfast on the last Sunday of each month.

Our last Meat Raffle was a lot of fun, and thank you to all the members who supported it along with the volunteers who ran it smoothly, Steve Laramie (card caller), Judy Cookman (50/50), Nila Morrison (card seller), and Lisa Saucedo (money handler). If you've never attended, stop by this month on the 17th and join the fun. If you have suggestions on what items to offer at the next Meat Raffle, leave a note for the Lodge Manager in her mailbox or call the Lodge and leave a message on her extension.

Darts have returned to the Lodge on Wednesday evenings. Thanks to Jon Ash for heading up the Luck of the Draw and getting the games running smoothly.

With recent rains some of the gully washed away dirt and wood chips. Mark Langlitz brought his tractor to the Lodge and generously donated his time spreading out new chips and filling the gaps. Things look terrific and your work is appreciated.

Things are becoming a bit more active in the Lodge, and it's nice to see that a few more people are volunteering to help out instead of placing all of the responsibilities on the same members time and time again. All of us can spare an hour or two a month to help at the Lodge. Members want to have fun activities, but if no one volunteers then nothing can happen. There is a sign-up sheet on the cork board between the restrooms for volunteers to work a Wednesday night in the kitchen. Please sign up, even if only once every couple of months. If you are interested in volunteering for Meat Raffle or Fish Fry, please contact Lisa Saucedo.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, pay online at www.Elks.org or place a check or cash in the Secretary's mailbox including your membership number and name. If you want your card mailed, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with payment. If your **permanent** residence is out of state and you want to receive your membership card, please contact the Secretary to have it mailed free of charge. To read newsletters online, go to www.laconiaelks876.org. To discontinue mail delivery, tell the Secretary at Secretary876@metrocaster.net or call.

Exalted Ruler,

Frank Mello

Manager's Corner

FISH FRY!
September 17th

LODGE RAFFLE!
The prize is \$100 in restaurant gift certificates
\$1 per ticket / \$5 for 6 tickets
Prize will be drawn on September 30th

HOT DOGS
Mon. - Fri. 11am - 2 pm

APPETIZERS!
Saturdays & Sundays
11am - 2 pm

PIZZAS - Large & Small
See the bartender

TRICIA ROY
Lodge Manager