

**LODGE OFFICERS**

**2012-2013**

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*George LaBonte*

*Dale Bowen*

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*Jeff Davis, PER, Chairman*

*Dan Fife, Secretary*

*Alby Morang*

*Dennis Parris, PER*

*Rex Worster*

*Skinny Sylvester*

*Butch Keyser*

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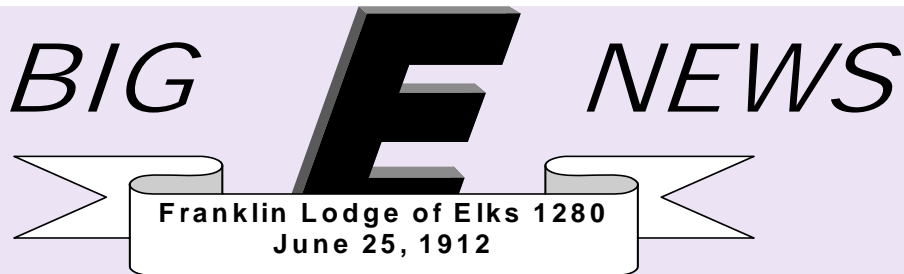
*Lisa Collins, PER, PDD*

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*December 2012*

**Message from your Exalted Ruler**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Our annual District Deputy Visitation on October 28th went very well with only a few minor details that need to be addressed, thanks to District Deputies Dennis Dionne, Gina Parris and their suites.

The Friends of NRA Banquet was a great success and some of the proceeds will be used to help with our Christmas Basket program. Thanks to all who helped make this Banquet so successful. I would like to also thank everyone who worked on the Franklin Area Veterans Council fundraiser and on the Hoop Shoot Program. Our Lodge again this year marched in the Veterans Day Vigil Parade with 16 Elks participating. Great job everyone. Steve Bourdeau's Haddock and Lasagna dinners were great as usual. Thanks Steve.

Our Emblem Club ladies have been busy preparing their Thanksgiving Baskets for 30 families in our community. Thanks to all the Emblem and Elk members who helped.

The governing Body of our lodge is now a House Committee consisting of seven members who are: Chairman-Jeff Davis PER, Secretary-Dan Fife, Dennis Parris PER, Alby Morang, Skinny Sylvester, Rex Worster and Butch Keyser thanks to all for stepping up.

Some of our upcoming events for Dec are the Annul Elks Memorial Service on Dec 2nd at 11am with a lunch to follow. Please plan to attend and pay

respect to our departed members. Sat Dec 8th the Keene Swingers will be coming to our lodge for lunch before going to the Veterans Home to entertain the Vets at their Annual Christmas Party. Our Children's and members Christmas Parties will be held on Sat Dec 15th the ads for these two parties are on the ad page of this bulletin. Please be sure you sign up your children and grandchildren in the lounge by the jukebox. You can get your tickets for the Members Christmas Party by signing up at the bar. On New Years Day we will be having a pot luck dinner from 3pm to? Please bring your favorite dish to share and come on down and celebrate the New Year with your fellow Elk Members.

Your help is always needed on these events; just see me or any other officer for more information. More information on these events can be found in the ads in this bulletin.

Yours in Elkdom  
George LaBonte, Exalted Ruler

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*Elks Care - Elks Share*

## Secretary Notes



\*\*FYI- Grand Lodge per-capita dues have increased by \$2.00 for next year. Also, as a result of this year's State Association By-Law changes, the State Association per-capita dues have increased by \$0.25 for next year, so that means that Grand Lodge per-capita dues will be \$16.00 and the State Association per-capita dues will be \$2.50, for a total per-capita of \$18.50 which will be added to your Lodge Dues. Lodge dues for regular members are \$50.00 (total \$68.50) and life member's dues are \$5.00 (total 23.25).

### **Propositions for memberships:**

Craig Moses pp by Derek DeMour  
Leslie H. Keyser pp by Leslie J. Keyser  
Joe Paquette pp by Jay Terry  
Christina Nichols pp by Tony Bloom  
Dustin Greenwood pp by Ralph Furman  
Robert Baxter III pp by Robert Baxter Jr  
Chris Davis pp by Jeff Davis

### **For reinstatement:**

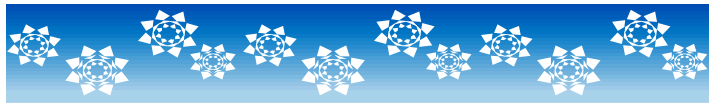
Ronald Huckins pp by Winnie

**Lodge of Sorrow** was held for Bruce Diamond 1979-2013.

2 new candidates were initiated (Deb Wheeler & Travis Woods III)

*I would like to extend sincere get well wishes for those who are sick and heartfelt sympathy to anyone who has lost a loved one.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Winnie Keyser, Secretary



### **Parking Lot**

**REMINDER:** during the winter months if you plan on leaving your car overnight in the parking lot, please move it over by the dumpster. If it snows we need to keep the parking lot open for plowing purposes.  
Thank you for your consideration.

### **Our State Project Copper Cannon**



It's always nice when giving back results in a tangible, visible positive experience for others. And for the Elks, nowhere is that result more visible than at Copper Cannon Camp in Bethlehem.

Copper Cannon has wrapped up yet another unforgettable summer camp season, and thanks in large part to volunteers and donors from the New Hampshire Elks. It was one of the most successful summers to date.

The camp was able to provide a free traditional summer camp experience for more than 450 low-income campers from all around the state. Campers had the opportunity to participate in archery, arts and crafts, hiking, swimming, ziplining and plenty of other activities while learning new skills and making new friends. The campers got three quality meals a day and also took home a free t-shirt, books and school supplies for the upcoming year.

Over the past 49 years, Copper Cannon has been able to provide that free summer camp experience to more than 20,000 youth from around the state, thanks to the generosity and hard work of individuals and organizations such as the Elks Club.

In 1969, the New Hampshire State Elks designated Copper Cannon Camp to be its major state project, and has been serving the mission of the camp ever since. Over the past year alone, the State Elks combined with efforts of individual lodges to donate nearly \$29,000 to the camp.

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## Our State Project - Copper Cannon Cont.

But the Elks' impact on Copper Cannon comes in much more than just monetary form. Volunteers at Elks lodges all around the state served as recruiters for the camp, finding local children who qualified for the camp and were excited to attend, and assisting them in the application process. The lodges helped provide transportation and chaperoned the buses and vans each weekend.

Copper Cannon also hosts multiple Elks clean-up days at camp where members have the opportunity to help provide aesthetic and practical improvements with projects around camp.

The camp's founder, Hamilton Ford, overcame an underprivileged childhood and vowed that he would one day give less fortunate children the opportunity for a meaningful outdoor camp experience. In 1963, that dream became a reality and the camp evolved into what it is today.

For more information on volunteering or donating to Copper Cannon Camp, visit [www.coppercannon.org](http://www.coppercannon.org), call 603-823-8107

## GL Newsletter, December 2012 GER Message: 'Tis season for outreach, celebrating Lodge successes

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler THOMAS S. BRAZIER

As we enjoy this holiday season, many of us find ourselves working at various events at our Lodges. It is a time of year when the guiding principles of our Order should manifest themselves with outreach to our Members and communities. Perhaps your Lodge sponsors a free dinner for those who may not have a place to go, or perhaps a food drive for those who are struggling to feed themselves.

Some Lodges put together an entire holiday celebration for families, including dinner, decorations and presents for the kids. We reach out to our veterans, whether they are far from home or in local V.A. hospitals, with cards and packages. And there are always events at our Lodges for our Members to celebrate

the fellowship that binds us together as Elks. Regardless of what your Lodge chooses to do, please remember to be a "Beacon of Hope" to those whom you touch during this busy time of year.

We are two-thirds of the way through our fraternal year and the various goals you set for your year need to be evaluated to ensure that you are on track to achieve them. By now, your charitable goals should be either complete or within reach. Has your Lodge reached the GER per capita goal for ENF of \$4.50? Remind your Members that donations can be made online until 11:59 p.m. Central Time Dec. 31 to count for the 2012 tax year.

Review your monthly membership goals to see if you need an extra push for Members. The goal of +1 is attainable with a concerted effort of your Members. Look at your Lodge activities to make sure you are providing Members with the fraternal support which is so important to an active Lodge. And don't forget to celebrate the achievements of your Members and Lodge. Share your milestones both internally via your newsletter and externally with photos and articles for the local media. Show them that "*Elks Care - Elks Share!*"

Venita and I wish all of you and your families a joyous and peaceful holiday season. We have met so many wonderful Elks in our travels, and we know that you truly care about our great Order. Thank you for everything you do to promote Elkdom. Happy holidays!



### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, December 2nd - 11am.

Each year the first Sunday in December, all Elks lodges throughout the United States conduct a ceremony honoring their absent members.

All members, family, and friends are cordially invited to join us for this year's Memorial Service to our Absent Members.

The lodge will be closed during the Ceremony and will open when concluded at 12pm, lunch provided.

## 10 most requested items by our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan – Mooremart

If your organization would like to sponsor the procurement of any of the items listed below please send an e-mail to [carole@MooreMart.org](mailto:carole@MooreMart.org). In the past when we have made a request relative to the purchase of supplies for our troops, a number of organizations would commit to donating a set number of a specific item (e.g. buying 100 pairs of white socks or 150 toothbrushes, etc)

### Requested items.

[http://takepart.msn.com/veterans/?section=gallery\\_3#section=gallery\\_3](http://takepart.msn.com/veterans/?section=gallery_3#section=gallery_3)

- \* Socks (*white athletic*)
- \* Chalk (*to safely mark the location of road side bombs*), the troops also ask for silly string for marking trip wires.
- \* GPS
- \* Eye protection (*please see slide show as to type*)
- \* Toothpaste and soap
- \* Protein powder
- \* Gun Lubricant (*please contact Carole relative to the brands available*)
- \* Sunscreen
- \* Gloves (*please see slide show as to type*)
- \* Baby wipes

If you think you or your group would like to participate in February 2013's Packing Event by donating a set number of a particular item please let us know by January 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can make the appropriate arrangements relative receipt of the donated supplies.

Thank you.

Carole

<http://www.mooremart.org/>

WMUR TV has a video and article on their website you can also view [at http://www.wmur.com/news/nh-news/Group-sends-50-000th-troop-care-package/-/9857858/17351576/-/13hyvwe/-/index.html](http://www.wmur.com/news/nh-news/Group-sends-50-000th-troop-care-package/-/9857858/17351576/-/13hyvwe/-/index.html). Let's show our support to our troops,

thank you

Lisa Collins, PER, PDD, 4th State VP

# Headliners **COMEDY** Club

## Friday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm @ The Franklin Elks

192 Central Street Franklin NH



Steve Guilmette      Jody Sloane      Dennis Fogg

**Many of our Comics have been on:**




### DINNER & SHOW

Tickets: \$30 per person or \$55 a couple  
or \$ 50 a couple if bought before November 30<sup>th</sup>  
DINNER 6pm SHOW 7pm  
Call 934-9852 or 934-3661

**For Comedy info: [www.HeadlinersComedyClub.com](http://www.HeadlinersComedyClub.com)**





### The Emblem Club

#### Christmas Party

December 5th at 7pm.

Husbands and significant others are welcome to come. They are having Pot Luck so any members attending please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Please bring a Yankee Swap gift to swap.

### Elks Christmas Food Baskets

#### Sunday, December 23rd

Preparation and pick up will be between 11am - 12pm



Donations of canned foods, turkeys, etc and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. All donations can be left at the lodge boxes or totes will be down there the first of November. Monetary donations can be left to the Attn of the Elks Club with the bartender. Thank you

## upcoming events



**Headliner's Comedy  
Dinner & Show**  
December 14th - 7pm  
Cocktail hour - 5pm - 6pm  
Dinner - 6pm - 7pm

Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu with all the fixin's.

There will be a bunch of raffles and prizes!  
See poster on page 4 for more information



**Members Christmas Party**  
December 15th - 6:30pm

Garden Salad, Roast Pork, Mashed Potato,  
Gravy, Veg, rolls and dessert

Tickets are available from bartenders, please sign up with  
bartender to get your tickets, we need to know how  
many people are coming.

*Please bring Yankee Swap gift - Music By Randy Bickford*

**Children's Christmas Party**

December 15th - 9:45am

Show at 10am Santa at 11am



Food and refreshments will be provided for the children

Help is needed for wrapping and decorating

Sign up deadline is December 8th,

sign up sheet is at the lodge by the jukebox.

for more information please call Kim Maynard

934-0395 or cell 393-8425

Happy  
New Year

**New Year's Day Celebration**

January 1st - 3pm - 7pm

\$5.00pp - if you didn't bring a dish

*Potluck Please bring a dish to share*

50/50 Raffle - Drink Specials



# December 2012



**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

Elks Memorial Service: Document and enter brochure in Program "C" Keep America Healthy & Beautiful during the Holidays... <b><i>Please Don't Drink and Drive!</i></b> Elks Christmas Charities Program... <i>It's what Elks do!</i>						1
2 Elks Memorial Service	3 HC Mtg 6:30pm	4	5 Emblem Xmas Party	6	7	8 Keene Swingers Xmas Party Soldiers home
9	10 Board of Directors Mtg 6pm	11	12 Lodge Mtg 7pm	13	14 Headliners Comedy	15 Kid's & Members Xmas Party
16	17 HC Mtg 6:30pm	18	19	20	21	22
23 Xmas Bskts	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve	<b style="font-size: 1.5em;">Merry Christmas</b> <b style="font-size: 1.5em;">Happy New Year</b>				



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B.P.O.E  
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Franklin, NH 03235



**Hours of Operation for the Lodge**  
Mon, Tues, Wed & Sat - 9:00am to 11pm  
Thurs & Fri - 9am to 12pm

**Lodge meetings**  
Regular meetings - Bar is **closed** during these mtgs.  
second & fourth Wednesdays at 7pm  
  
Trustees:  
second & fourth Mondays at 6:30pm  
  
House Committee:  
Mondays at 6:30pm, Please see calendar for schedule  
  
All members are welcome and encouraged to attend

**Franklin NH Elks 1280 - Lodge Shirts & Sweatshirts**

The Lodge is selling Men's & Women's Polo shirts with Elk logo on them. We changed the lodge name to read Franklin NH Elks.

Please see Exalted Ruler to purchase



**Franklin Emblem Club #105**  
Regular meetings held 1st Wednesday of each month. Except for the months of July & August

