

**LODGE OFFICERS  
2012-2013**

**Exalted Ruler**  
*George LaBonte, PER, PDD*

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*Dale Bowen*

**Loyal Knight**  
*Josh Nash*

**Lecturing Knight**  
*Nancy LaBonte*

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*Marguerite Collins*

**Inner Guard**  
*John Cleveland*

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*Tony Bloom*

**BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

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*Bob Cullen*

**Four-Year Trustee**  
*Scott Sargent*

**Three-Year Trustee**  
*Jeff Davis, PER*

**Two-Year Trustee**  
*Lisa Collins, PER, PDD*

**One-Year Trustee**  
*George O'Donnell*

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*George LaBonte*  
*Dale Bowen*  
*Josh Nash*  
*Nancy LaBonte*

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# BIG E NEWS

Franklin Lodge of Elks 1280  
June 25, 1912

*February 2013*

**Message from your Exalted Ruler**

It is February already and spring is just around the corner, Nomination and election of officers for 2013-2014 will be held this month so please come down and give your support to everyone who is running for an office.

Thank you to Evalyn Sylvester and Steve Bourdeau for chairing the Christmas Basket committee again this year and thanks to all who came down to help prepare them . Great job everyone.

Carol Sanborn and Laurie Nadeau did a super job on the Emblem Social. Great food and thanks to Sue Smart for making those delicious cakes and to Evalyn for selling the tickets. You ladies are awesome.

Initiation of new members was held on Sunday Jan. 20th. The state ritual team did the initiation and they certainly were very impressive. We initiated 12 new members. Thanks to Nancy, Evalyn and Andrea for a delicious lunch.

Another successful Lobster roll and Steak Bomb night was held on the 25th followed by music and karaoke by Mark French, great food and great music. What more can you ask for.

On Sat January 26 our lodge was invited to the Laconia Lodge for a Franklin appreciation night. The dinner was delicious and a great time was had by all. Thanks Laconia for a great evening.

We will be having the Elks training course on Feb 10th at 10am at the lodge. This course is open to all Elk officers and members.

There will be an Officer's Meeting February 11th after the Board of Directors Meeting, all Officer's and Committee Members are encouraged to attend.

Incoming Officer's Clinic will be held on March 2nd at the Concord Epsom Lodge.

Congratulations to the D Division Dart League for winning 1st place at the state championships in Manchester. Great job everyone. Anyone interested in Spring League see Cindy and Randy Howe.

Yours in Elkdom  
George LaBonte  
Exalted Ruler

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*Elks Care - Elks Share*

## Secretary Notes

### Greetings

Initiation was held Sunday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Kenneth Shaw, Joe Paquette, Selena Thibeault, Les H. Keyser, Jerome Lowie, Robert Baxter III, Dustin Greenwood, Christopher Davis, Fred McAllister, Jesse Mudler, Harold Reilly, Paul Johnson.

#### **Propositions for Membership:**

Ryan Robb pp by Josh Nash,  
Tim Morrill pp by Jake Morrill,  
Matthew Thurber pp by Jeremy Thurber  
Robert Terrio pp by Joseph Harbour  
Judy Caron pp by Wayne Levesque  
Michael Anderson pp by Doug Sargent  
James Bryson pp by Randy Howe  
Terry Didonato pp by Ed Corson  
Mark Chamberlain pp by Jim Gardner

#### **Reinstatement:**

Michelle St. Jacques pp by Ernest Tucker

February is election month for 2013-2014 officers. Do you know anyone who would like to get involved and make a difference? Come to the meeting February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm and nominate someone who would do a good job. Elections will be February 27<sup>th</sup>.

I will be sending out the 2013-2014 dues statement this month. Lodge dues for regular members are \$68.50 and life member's dues are 23.50. Don't forget to include your donation for ENF, State Major Project (Copper Cannon) and/or Scholarships.

As of today we still have 40+ delinquent members. If you are one of them please send them in ASAP. If they are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> you will be dropped for non-payment and will lose your lodge privileges.

*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

## Copper Cannon - Summer is Almost Here



In just a few short months, Copper Cannon Camp will be full of smiling, happy faces as a new group of campers and staff begin making memories for a lifetime. Whether it is their first time at Copper Cannon or they have been coming for years, every person who walks through the gate will be changed for the better.

Applications for both campers and staff are now available. Applications can be downloaded from the Copper Cannon website at [www.coppercannon.org](http://www.coppercannon.org) or by contacting Copper Cannon at 603-823-8107.

### **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Auction**

Copper Cannon Camp's annual auction will be taking place March 2<sup>nd</sup> at our lodge. It is the largest fundraiser for Copper Cannon Camp and we are looking for volunteers to help make it a success. In the past, it has been a wonderful reflection of both our major project (Copper Cannon Camp) and our lodge to see members actively involved. It is a great chance to give back and volunteer.

### **How can I help?**

Help solicit donations from businesses throughout the state. Maybe you know somebody who can take a group deep sea fishing? A cabin on a lake? Host a whiskey tasting party? Help write "thank-you" notes to donors Volunteer the night of the event. We need help in the kitchen or on the floor. Best of all, a free volunteer t-shirt! Come to the event and bring lots of money to spend

For more information or to jump on board, give Pete a call at Copper Cannon Camp 823-8107 or send him an e-mail at [info@coppercannon.org](mailto:info@coppercannon.org)

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### Christmas Baskets

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the Christmas Baskets this year. This year we were able to give baskets to 40 families in need.

Steve Bourdeau, PER



**GL Newsletter, February  
2013 GER Message: Sprint  
to the finish line of suc-  
cessful Lodge year**

Message from the Grand  
Exalted Ruler THOMAS S.  
BRAZIER

February brings an aware-  
ness of the limited time remaining to achieve our  
goals for the year. It is not too late to complete  
many of those goals, but it will require a concerted  
effort if you are going to finish strong before the  
new Officers are installed.

First, has your Lodge met the per capita goal of \$4.50  
for ENF? If not, there is still time to publicize where  
you are to your Members and make a special push to  
achieve that goal. Look at having a special event tar-  
geted to benefit the ENF. Include a special ENF dona-  
tion request in your March newsletter with a form  
that the Members can use to donate. Include the  
online donation information to make it even easier  
for them to donate. Make special announcements  
and pass the hat at your Lodge dinners and meet-  
ings. All of this will add up in the long run and help  
you meet your goal.

This is also the time of year when the membership  
renewal forms go out. Your lapsation committee  
should be in high gear to ensure that you don't lose  
Members during this process. It is unfortunate when  
a Lodge works so hard to bring in new Members, but  
then doesn't do the work to keep them nor pay at-  
tention to those who are not renewing. Don't let this  
happen to your Lodge. Make personal contact. Call  
the Members who have not paid and find out both  
why they have not renewed and what might be done  
to bring them back into the Lodge. Always keep in  
mind our goal of +1 and work toward that end.

You should also be working to complete next year's  
budget. Look at where your Lodge was successful  
this year and expand on areas. Look at where the  
budget was not sufficient for Lodge needs and adjust  
accordingly. Finally, work out how you might in-  
crease revenues to ensure that your Lodge will have

the monies to operate successfully and perhaps  
even expand its offerings for the upcoming year.

Finally, take time to enjoy the completion of an-  
other year. Celebrate the 145th birthday of the  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on Febru-  
ary 16. How lucky we all are to be a part of this  
great Order. Pat yourselves on the back. You are  
all "*A Beacon of Hope*" in this world.

## **Officer Nominations**

From Brian Klatt,  
Grand Lodge Secretary

Nominations and election of Officers for 2013-  
2014 take place in February. I charge that you famil-  
iarize yourself with sections 3.080 and 3.090 of the  
Statutes Annotated. All too often, questions arise  
at Lodge election meetings on what procedures  
must be followed. Help maintain an accurate elec-  
tion; know and understand the Statutes.

## **Nomination & Election of Officers 2013-2014**

Nominations will be Wed, February 13th, and  
elections on Wed, February 27th. If you or a mem-  
ber that you know are interested in being a Lodge  
Officer please contact any of the current Lodge  
Officers. Being a Lodge Officer takes a certain  
amount of dedication to our fraternity and it gives  
an individual a sense of accomplishment and self  
worth. It is an educational experience, officers are  
asked to participate in the running of the Lodge and  
to attend monthly meetings. Each member is en-  
couraged to join the Officer Corps. It is perhaps the  
greatest contribution that one can make to our  
Lodge is to get involved and participate with the  
"Best People On Earth"!

Submitted by  
Lisa Collins, PER Assoc Secretary

## Elks Training Course

ATTENTION: All Elks members, especially all OFFICERS, all COMMITTEE CHAIRS and members of the committees.

I strongly recommend that everybody participate in the Grand Lodge training program on February 10th at 10am.

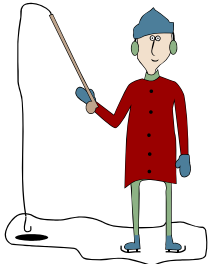
The training exercise has been developed to offer all Elks the opportunity to increase their knowledge and help improve our Lodge.

The questions are taken from the references listed below which are available at the Lodge.

1. Statutes Annotated
2. Manual on Protocol

Participants can perform the exercise alone or join us in our group session. Those who complete the exercise with no more than five (5) incorrect answers will receive a Grand Exalted Ruler's special citation.

Looking forward to 100% participation from our Lodge.



### Webster Lake Ice Fishing Derby

February 16 & 17, 2013

Volunteers are needed to help sell food, raffle tickets, register participants for both days. We also need help with break down, return items to the lodge and clean up on site after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

If you would like to help please see Lisa Collins or just show up we need your help.

Sponsored by  
Franklin Elks 1280  
Franklin Outing Club  
Webster Lake Association

## Centennial Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 20th at 7pm to discuss the time capsule to be created. All interested in participating in creating the capsule please attend.

See ya there  
Kim Maynard



## NH STATE ELKS CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2013

CONCORD-EPSOM ELKS LODGE #1210

OLD MILL ROAD

EPSOM, NH

EARLY REGISTRATION: STARTS AT 10:00 AM

PLAY STARTS AT: 12:00 NOON

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00 PER PERSON

A light lunch will be served after the first session and a meal will be served at the conclusion of the final round.

We will be providing non-smoking in our hall and smoking in our Lounge for smoking players.

We have a raffle of a 50" TV, each Lodge has been sent tickets for purchase. The tickets are 12 for \$10.00. In addition, we have a \$200.00 visa card raffle.

Please let Lari McLeod, ER know how many people are coming from your Lodge so they can prepare food, etc. Lari's email is [SMcleod101@aol.com](mailto:SMcleod101@aol.com) or call her at 224-3254. If you have questions, or comments please contact her as soon as possible

PLAN TO BE THERE TO TAKE THE  
TROPHY FOR YOUR LODGE!!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL

## Sign in Rule

REMEMBER – In accordance with State Liquor Laws, all non-members **MUST BE SIGNED IN** by a member. **This includes spouses and significant others.** A Member can sign in up to four (4) guests. Members who sign in a guest are responsible for their guest. Guest must leave when the sponsoring member leaves, unless another member signs the guest in and assumes the responsibility for that guest.

**NOTE: DELINQUENT or UNAFFILIATED (dropped) Elks CANNOT be signed in as a guest. If delinquent, they must pay their dues, if unaffiliated, they must be reinstated. REMEMBER – If your guest is not your spouse or significant other, you can only sign them in three times – after that they must either join the Lodge or stop coming in as a guest.**

## upcoming events

### Meat Bingo

February 8th & March 8th - 6:30pm  
Grill will be open for hamburgers, hotdogs,  
French fries, ect..



Valentine's Social  
February 15th - 6:30pm  
\$8.00pp

Menu: Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast,  
mashed potato, veggie, roll/butter & dessert

### Haddock Dinner

March 1st - 6:30pm  
\$7.50pp  
Baked or Fried Haddock, Fries or Rice,  
Coleslaw and roll  
DJ by Ed heath to follow  
come down get a full belly , shake a leg and  
support your fellow member

### Skinny's Chicken Wing Social

Friday February 22nd - 6:30pm  
\$6.00pp

Menu: Chicken Wings, Fresh Cut Fries, Coleslaw

Music to follow

### Gong Show

March  
Come show your talent or non talent.

Anyone interested in participating please contact  
Jeff Davis or George LaBonte



# February 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Past Exalted Rulers Night * Nominations & Election of Officers (\$3.080, \$3.090) * Directory Information Forms to Grand Secretary & DDGERs (\$3.090) * Birthday of the Order February 16th founded 1868					1	2
3	4 HC Mtg 6pm	5	6 Emblem Mtg 7pm	7	8 Meat Bingo	9
10 Elks Training Course 10am	11 BOD Mtg 6pm Ofcrs Mtg 7pm	12	13 Lodge Mtg 7pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Emblem Valentine Social	16 Webster Ice Fishing Derby
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24	25 BOD Mtg 6pm	26	27 Lodge Mtg 7pm	28		



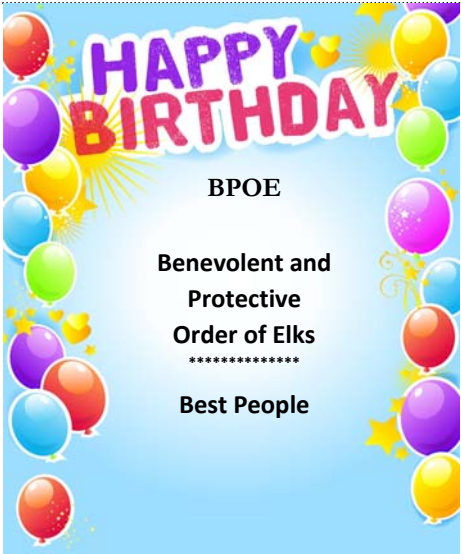
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**Hours of Operation for the Lodge**  
Mon, Tues, Wed & Sat - 9:00am to 11pm  
Thurs & Fri - 9am to 12pm

**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

