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# BIG E NEWS



Franklin Lodge of Elks 1280  
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*December 2013*

**Message from your Exalted Ruler**

Well first and foremost, Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Well Dec. was a fun filled month, I must say. On the 1st we held our Elks Memorial Service, a BIG thank you to Penny Caldwell for chairing this service. What a great added feature she came up with this year. All the deceased members and their obituaries were displayed on a TV screen and they kept running all throughout the service. The family members that participated were very impressed, so were the Officers and Members that participated as well. Thank you to all who helped out on this service.

On the 6th, we had a social and meat bingo that went over phenomenal, with proceeds going towards the Christmas baskets. Best Meat Bingo yet I must say. If you missed it, watch for our next one to be just a good! Thank you to the committee and especially Steve B. for chairing this.

On the 14th, the Keene Swingers came by our lodge for a luncheon, sang a few Christmas Songs then went to the Tilton Soldiers Home for their Annual Christmas Party for the Veterans. What a great time. Thank you Franklin Officers and Members for going over to help push the Veterans around. Also on the 14th, was the annual Members Christmas Party. What can I say about Arlin and his kitchen crew, another awesome meal! Even thou it was the first snow storm of the year, we still served about 70 people. DJ Sara

Moulton kept us hopping to some great tunes. Thank you Arlin and your committee for a great evening.

On the 15th, was our Annual Kids Christmas Party, even thou it was the first snow storm of the year, I believe most of the children that were signed up, showed up. The clown did cancel due to weather, but our new Chairperson Allison Vachon did an outstanding job preparing for the party and coming up with a "plan B" when the clown cancelled. Yes, Santa did arrive on the Fire Truck with his little Elf helper. Randy, Cindy, and Dylan Howe were in charge of making the English muffin pizzas for all the kids, big and small. I would like to thank our friends at the Franklin Fire Dept. for allowing Santa (Dick Davis Sr.) and his helper (Marguerite Collins) ride on the Ladder Truck to arrive at the Lodge safely. Thank you everyone for a great day for the kids!

On the 20th, we had a New England Boil Dinner Social. Pretty good turn out and the food was perfectly cooked! (just patting myself on the back for that one) followed by open jukebox for entertainment. Thank you all who helped and Steve B. for the idea. On the 22nd, we did our annual Christmas Basket program. I am proud to say that

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this year we did 82 baskets! Awesome job committee! It's amazing how everyone comes together to work good together when we really need to. Maybe next year our goal will be for 100 baskets?? Thank you Steve B. and Evelyn Sylvester for chairing this program.

On the 31st, we had a New Years Eve Party at the Lodge. A great time was had by all. There was a potluck (always great food), DJ Ryan Moulton did a great job as always keeping us entertained. Party favors, champagne toast, jello shots, all to ring in the New Year! Thank you Chad Davis and your committee for a great evening.

WOW! What a busy month. I have to say, I've been getting a lot of compliments on how our lodge is going this year. Well, without everyone's help we would not have the lodge we do today! I personally want to thank everyone who has helped out so far this year. I'm proud to be your Exalted Ruler, but I'm even prouder of all your hard work and time giving to our lodge! With that being said, that's all this month. Enjoy your New Year!

Yours in Elkdom  
Jeff Davis, E.R.



#### 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.

#### Secretary Notes



The next initiation will be held on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The lodge will be closed during the initiation ceremony. There will be another one in March done by our PER's. If you haven't been to an initiation in a while, it is a good ceremony to watch and support as a member instead of a candidate. Let's show our support to our new members.

#### Propositions for Membership:

Bryan Proctor pp by Brandon Beaudet,  
Antium Stroud pp by Selena Thibeault,  
Marc Vergato pp by Cindy Howe.

The interview committee has received the applications and the committee chairperson will be calling the candidates to attend the scheduled interview the sponsor of the candidate will also expected to attend the interview.

We are coming to the end of our fiscal year and we still have some delinquent members. If you are one of them please send your 2013-2014 dues in now as the 2014-2015 dues statements will be out in February.

***Delinquent members result in a loss of revenue for the lodge, which would really help with our Veterans, Drug Awareness, Copper Cannon, ENF programs. Helping support our kids programs such as the Christmas party, Fishing derby, Hoop Shoot and the maintaining of our lodge in addition to assisting with running of the Grand Lodge Programs***

*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

# Have a safe and happy holiday.

## upcoming events

### **Meatloaf Social**

January 10th - 6pm  
\$6.00pp  
Meatloaf and all the fixins

### **Emblem Social**

January 17th - 6:30pm  
\$6.00pp  
Menu  
Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad and Dessert



### **New Year's Eve Celebration**

December 31st - 6pm  
Potluck & Appetizers  
\$5.00 charge for anyone that didn't bring a dish  
  
Bring down a dish to share and  
spend the evening with good friends,  
family and members  
50/50 Raffle - Drink Specials

### **Upcoming Events**

**January 5th** - The North District Hoop Shoot will be held at the Plymouth High School.

**January 12th** - The NH State Elks Association will be holding there 3rd annual meeting at 1pm at the Manchester Elks Lodge.

**January 12th** - The NH State Emblem Association will be holding their state meeting at our lodge at 9am.

**January 14th** - There will be an Elks Training Course at 6:30pm all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This course is a great tool to learn about statutes and procedures.

**January 19th** - Initiation will be held at 10am for new candidates, the lodge will be closed during the initiation ceremony opening up around 11am.

**January 19th** - NH State Ritual Contest will be held at the Nashua Elks Lodge, you can contact George LaBonte for more information.



# January 2014



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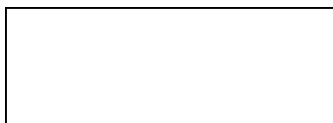
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5 Hoop Shoot North District	6 BOD Mtg 6pm	7	8 Lodge Mtg 7pm	9	10 Meatloaf Social	11
12 NH State Mtg Manchester Elks	13 HC Mtg 6:30pm	14 Elks Training Course 6:30pm	15	16	17 Emblem Social	18
19 Lodge Initiation Ritual Contest	20 BOD Mtg 6pm	21	22 Lodge Mtg 7pm	23	24	25
26	27 HC Mtg 6:30pm	28	29	30	31	



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**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



**Hours of Operation for the Lodge**

Mon, Tues, Wed & Sat - 9:00am to 11pm  
Thurs & Fri - 9am to 12pm  
Sun - 9am to 9pm

**Lodge meetings**

**Regular meetings** - Bar is **closed** during these mtgs. second & fourth Wednesdays at 7pm

**Board of Directors:**

second & fourth Mondays at 6pm

**House Committee:**

Mondays at 6:30pm, Please see calendar for schedule

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend regular Lodge meetings. We would like to see more members attend a lodge meeting and bring your thoughts and concerns.

**Franklin Emblem Club #105**

Regular meetings held 1st Wednesday of each month. Except for the months of July & August

