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BIG E NEWS

Franklin Lodge of Elks 1280
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January 2015

Message from your Exalted Ruler

Happy New Year!

Where has this year gone? December was a very productive month. On the 5th., Debbie Ritchie made some homemade Chinese food that was fantastic! And I believe she will be doing this again, or else! Just kidding Deb. This was followed by a meat raffle with the proceeds going towards the Christmas Baskets. What an outstanding night! I believe this has been the best meat raffle yet! All the participants that played the raffle..... Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! You all made it possible for your lodge to distribute 112 Christmas baskets to our community. We wanted to do 100, and with your generosity we did 112. We not only made our goal, we broke the record! What a great feeling!

On the 6th., we held our Hoop Shoot with a great showing of kids this year, but without thanks and help from the Franklin Boys and a girls club. We will be sending 6 winners to compete in the next level in Plymouth on Jan. 4th. Good luck kids!

On the 7th., we held Memorial Sunday to remember our departed members. Sadly we had 13 members that have left us, but we will never forget them. Thank you Officers, members and Families for participating in the ceremony.

On the 13th., we held an initiation and had three new members join our lodge. Let's welcome our new members and make them feel at home.

On the 13th., we fed the Keene Swingers again this year before they went to the veterans home for their Christmas party. They thanked us by singing a couple of Christmas songs before they left. If you haven't heard this group, try and make a point to listen to them next year, they do a great job!

On the 20th., the kids Christmas party was held. Around 60 kids came and enjoyed Simplicity the clown and Santa Claus (Fred Basset) came on the fire truck again this year. Thank you Freddy, Franklin Fire Dept., and Alyson Vachon for making this possible. We also held the Members Christmas Party in the evening. Arlin Taylor and his committee did another awesome job on the meal. A Yankee swap was held and exchanged some cool gifts. The band Stuck in Time did another great job in keeping the crowd motivated. A great night overall.

On the 21st., we did the Christmas baskets, yes I'm gonna say it again.... 112 of them! A group of good workers helped put this together and make it happen. Thank you!

On the 25th., I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas! I don't remember asking for coal! But it was a good day even though the weather was

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like spring.

On the 31st., was our New Years Eve party. A good evening had by all. Mark French's Karaoke as always did a great job! Thank you Chad Davis for heading up the evening.

Well I hope 2015 is a great year for everyone! Let's all keep an eye on what we as Elks are committed in doing.

Yours in Elkdom
Jeff Davis, E.R.

Secretary Notes

We initiated 3 new members at our December meeting. (James Wallace, Nicholas McDonald, & Wayne Farmer). Next initiation will be in February.

The 2014-2015 dues are still coming in slowly. Thank you to those who have paid them. We still have 50 + members that haven't paid their 2014-2015 dues. If your dues are not paid yet, please do so ASAP.

Propositions for Membership:

Aaron Bourdeau pp by Anne Marie King,
Marie Tridle pp by Sandy Kelley,
Raymond Marceau Jr. pp by Anne Marie King.

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. Thank you.

The 2015-2016 dues will be due by April 1st, 2015. Statements will be sent out in February.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14th at 7 pm.

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

House Committee Notice:

The City Charity Drawing will be drawn **EVERY DAY THAT THE LODGE IS OPEN**. So despite what some of the "professionals" think, this has been voted on, on several different occasions, and it was felt that if we held the drawing every day we are open, it would clear up which holidays we draw and which ones we don't. Also this would avoid some member's trying to tell the bartender how to do their job and allow them more time to enjoy their visit to the lodge.

ANY member wishing to put ANYTHING on the bulletin boards at the bottom of the stairs in the main entrance of the lodge, MUST first get approval from the House Committee.

Thank You
House Committee.



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.



We had one of Santa's Elf come visit and help put the Christmas Baskets together

upcoming events

Meatloaf Social

January 9th - 6pm

\$6.00pp

Meatloaf and all the fixins



Emblem Social

January 23rd - 6:30pm

\$5.00pp

Variety of Soup Du Jour's w/bread and Dessert



The HC Social

January 16th - 6:30pm

\$5.00pp

"Build your own Taco Bar"

Hard or Soft Shells. Dinner at 6:30

Entertainment by The Visitors Band

HAPPY NEW YEAR



January 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2015 Resolution: Invite a Friend to Join!				1 New Year Day	2	3
4 Hoop Shoot North-Plymouth	5 HC Mtg 6:30pm	6	7 Emblem Mtg 7pm	8	9 Steve Social	10
11 Hoop Shoot South-Rochester	12 BOD Mtg 6pm	13	14 Lodge Mtg 7pm	15	16 HC Social	17
18 3rd State Mtg Franklin	19 HC Mtg 6:30pm	20	21 PER Mtg & Officer's Mtg	22	23 Emblem Social	24
25	26 BOD Mtg 6pm	27	28 Lodge Mtg 7pm	29	30	31



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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 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

