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**2012-2013**

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# BIG E NEWS



*July 2012*

**Message from your Exalted Ruler**

Happy 4th of July & Happy 100th Anniversary to our Lodge.

Our centennial celebration started on June 17th with our annual Flag Day program. The service was very well attended and many thanks to everyone who came and helped pay tribute to our flag. Representing the VFW and Franklin Area Veterans Council was Woody Freeman; from the 4th Degree K of C was Mark Williams; Bob white and Tim Stangwon; presenting the flags were the Boy Scouts and PER Van Hill. Our speakers were John Bucklin, PER, PDD; Skip Collins, PER, PDD and Mayor Ken Merrifield. The Emblem Club was represented by Carol Sanborn who gave an excellent rendition of Old Glory. Thanks to everyone for helping make this flag day service one of our best.

Friday evening, June 22nd started our weekend celebration with a big bang when hundreds of people came out to view the great Elks fireworks display. Thank to Steve Bourdeau for a great job, as usual. The lobster roll dinner was very well attended and was followed by Karaoke with Tim & Janet. Thanks to Elizabeth Bourgeois for all the festive decorations and to everyone who helped make the evening a very

memorable one.

Saturday started out with the Soapbox Derby chaired by Dennis and Lisa Donahue, thanks to their helpers John Cleveland, Nora Godbout and Susan Hayes.

The Centennial Banquet was quite a night. It was attended by many State Elks Officers as well as representatives from other NH Lodges. Mayor Ken Merrifield presented a proclamation to our lodge and the NH State President George Lapan, Bob Jones, Special Deputy GER and Bob Dorman, PER gave their congratulations.

Brian Beaupre gave a very impressive speech and presented the centennial committee a check from the Beaupre family to help defray the cost of the centennial celebration.

Special thanks to the people who worked so hard to prepare and serve the dinner. Thank you to Nancy, Evalyn, Helen, Maggie, Doug and JoEllen Ricard, Steve Bourdeau, Carol Sanborn, Winnie Keyser, Cindy Howe, Joyce Courtney, Cassidy Mazur and to

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## Secretary Notes

Hello-I hope everyone has a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Up date on the by-laws

I have received the approved by law changes and will read them at the next meeting. The proposed changes were in March's bulletin. Most of them were approved. Copies will be ordered. I will let you know when the new books are available.

### By Law Change Proposed:

Article IX Home, Club or Other Facility--Section 1: The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other Facility owned and/or occupied by this lodge shall be supervised and conducted by the Board of Directors of the Home/Lodge Corporation, incorporated under Section 16.030, of the Laws of the Order, consisting of seven members.

### CHANGE TO READ:

Article IX Home, Club or Other Facility--Section 1: The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other Facility owned and/or occupied by this lodge shall be supervised by a House committee consisting of seven members to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler. **This change will be voted on at the July 11th meeting.**

#### Propositions for memberships:

Charles Cournoyer pp by Ken Merrifield  
Shawn Desroches pp by Randy Howe  
Kristen Henderson pp by Randy Howe  
Michael Desroches pp by Randy Howe

#### Reinstatements:

Carl Lindstrom pp by Heidi Johnson

It's time for 2012-2013 dues. We still have 70+ members that are delinquent. Remember all dues were due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. If you haven't paid your dues you are delinquent. Second notices have been sent to those that have not paid them. If you are one of them PLEASE send them in.

*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

## ER Message Cont.

Russ Small for cutting the Prime Rib and to Arlin Taylor for washing all those dishes; we could not have done it without all of your help.

The most impressive and touching moment of the whole evening was when Bob Dorman, who was Exalted Ruler 49 years ago, gave the 11 O'clock toast. There was not a dry eye in the house. Thanks to Bob and his lovely wife Bea. It was great having you here to help us celebrate.

Also, all day Saturday and Sunday we held an open house to showcase all of our many community projects. Thanks to the Beaupre family for attending and for all the memorabilia. On Sunday we held our 100th Anniversary Initiation, ten new members were welcomed into our lodge. Thank you to all of the officer's for a great job and to PER Joe Guinta for filling for the Lecturing Knight and to Mayor Ken Merrifield for presenting the pins. A lunch was provided and prepared by Evalyn Sylvester, Helen Gallant, George O'Donnell and Nancy LaBonte, thanks for a great job, as usual.

Upcoming events in July will include a dinner and social by Josh and Kate Nash and Emblem Club, see ads on following page.

I will be attending the Elks National Convention in Austin, Texas next week and will bring back lots of information and news from our Grand Lodge.

Yours in Elkdom  
George LaBonte, ER

## 100th Anniversary

### The Soapbox Derby winners were:

1st place Jeremy Sandock  
2nd place Ethan Ricard  
3rd place Leia Donahue  
4th place Lauren Donahue  
5th place Alec Gosine



### 100th Anniversary Initiated members:

Brandon Laffor	Peters Daniels
Robert Baxter	Heather Gayton
Gregory Copp	Richard Dow
CJ Dill	Susan Hayes
Susan Westland	Michael Emerson

upcoming events



**Emblem Social**  
 Friday, July 13, 2012 - 6:30pm  
 \$5.00pp  
 Choice of:  
 Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Hot Dog Plates  
 Served with Macaroni & Potato Salad & dessert  
 Hot Dog plate will be served with 2 dogs

**Friday Night Social**  
**Hawaiian Beach Party**  
 July 27th - 6:30pm  
 Menu & Price will be posted at the lodge  
 Raffle, Music and Drink Specials



# July 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
July 1 - 5 ~ Grand Lodge Convention ~ Austin, Texas			Independence Day			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Copper Cannon Camp Week						
	BOD & HC Mtg 6pm		Lodge Mtg 7pm		Emblem Social	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	BOD & HC Mtg 6pm				Friday Night Dinner 6:30	
29	30	31	*Auditing & Accounting Committee to review Lodge Book and report at last meeting of the month (\$13.040) *Note: only one meeting for the months of July and August			



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

**Lodge Fundraiser - NH Wildlife Calendars**  
Help support your lodge by purchasing a Calendar for **\$9.95**. These calendars make a great any occasion gift. Calendars are on sale now at the lodge.

**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

