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BIG E NEWS

Franklin Lodge of Elks 1280
June 25, 1912

June 2014

Message from your Exalted Ruler

Well May was a busy month again! On the 3rd, we had highway cleanup we are designated two sections of road that covers about 3 miles. There were 9 people who helped out and collected 60 bags of trash! Awesome job goes out to Rich Bourdeau, Laurie Nadeau, Winona Keyser, Bob Cullen, Beverly Sulloway, Chad Davis, Chris Davis, Ann Marie King, and your Exalted Ruler. Now route 11 and 3A look much nicer. Thank you!

On the 6th, 7th, and 8th, we held our Youth Government Week. Thank you to George and Nancy for headed this program up again this year. It is great to see the students interact with the City Officials and hold a mock City Council Meeting. This year we had more students, parents and teachers attending, than in previous years. It was a fun night to watch for sure. Thank you Emblem Club for putting on the luncheon, and the committee that did the dinner in the evening. Great job was done by all.

On the 9th, we had Taco Night. How can you go wrong with all you can eat tacos? We even had Amoskeag Beverage doing a promotion as well. Thank you to Adam Caron for all of your supplies and Skinny and your committee for a great night and to Laurie Nadeau, Carol Sanborn and Rich Bourdeau for keeping the tunes going for the evening.

On the 10th, we held the 40th Annual Kids Fishing Derby. There were about 80 kids registered, and yes, it did rain! It wouldn't be the same if it didn't. Thank you Dale B. and Doug R. for

chairing this again, and to all that helped out during the day, with set up, cook shack, registration, clean up, it all seems to flow smoothly every year. Thank you all for a fun day for the kids! Also on the 10th, was Community Day in Franklin, we had the Drug Awareness Trailer in the parade again this year. What better way to have free advertising to try and keep us all drug free! After the parade we set the trailer up down in Odell Park to hand out brochures and to award the winners of the drug awareness poster and essay contest. Thank you all who participated, there were a few new faces this year helping out, which is always welcomed.

On the 16th, 17th, and 18th was the State Convention. A good weekend had by all. Our hospitality suite, which was motorcycle themed, came in second to some tie-dyed shirt wearing hippies from Portsmouth. The highlight of the weekend was the tattoo parlor we set up in our suite. Yes, Colleen was giving tattoos anywhere you wanted (for the most part), but collecting \$2 each for ENF. I'm not saying anything about the one on the guy from the Rochester Lodge!

Congratulations are in store for Lisa Collins who is now the State President Elect, and George LaBonte who is now the 5th State Vice President in the State Elks Assoc. Thank you all who voted to make this happen.

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E.R. Article Cont.

On the 17th, we formed a committee again this year cook for the Adopted/Foster Parent Day at Spaulding Youth Center. Thank you all involved in making this possible. Also on the 17th, was Eagle Court of Honor for Max Maynard at the Oprah House both Elk and Emblem members helped with this event. Thank you all involved from Kim Maynard, who made this day possible and donating food and help to the event. The Mayor Ken Merrifield made May 17th, Max Maynard day in the City of Franklin! How cool is that? This is a well deserved award to an outstanding kid. Great job Max! Keep up the great work.

On the 23rd, Laurie had her Lasagna dinner at the lodge as always.... it was a Great meal.... Thank you Laurie and your committee for an awesome meal and to Rich for DJ'ing for us.

On the 28th, we held Initiation of new members, let's welcome them and get them involved. Like I said, a busy month! Thank you to all who make it possible.

That's all this month. Stay safe, and enjoy the start of a great summer!

Yours in Elkdom,
Jeff Davis - E.R.

Secretary Notes

By-Law Change Proposal:

Page 10: "OF THE TRUSTEES":

To read: "OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS":

Balloting on this proposal will be June 11th.

The next initiation is Wednesday, May 28 done by our State Ritual Team. This is a great time to watch our new member's be initiated. Come to the meeting and support them. Reminder: the lodge is closed for this as it is for all lodge meetings.

Congratulations to Lisa Collins who was elected President Elect and George LaBonte elected 5th Vice President for the NH State Elks Association. Elections were held at the NH State Elk Association Convention.

Secretary Notes Cont.

Reminder: There is only one meeting in the months of June and August and will meet the second Wednesday of those months.

Lodge of Sorrow: Van Hill (1994-2014) and William H. McCain Sr. (1973-2014)

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

OUR THOUGHTS OF HOME

By: Margaret Dolbeare

Dedicated to Commander Ernie Tucker and
all who served in Vietnam

It wasn't at all a chosen path, But the enemy incited
deadly wrath. On the very day our flag was calm
We all shipped out to Vietnam suffering horror,
terror, dread, and dismay. We all struggled through
from day to day. We leaned on booze, prayers, and
pot. Our thoughts of home sure helped a lot. Boots
soggy, wet, and smelly. We crawled under fire on an
aching belly. The food we ate was mixed with dirt.
Our thought of home kept us alert. Our dues were
due, boy did we pay! We came back from.
Hell to the U.S.A.

Put in by George LaBonte

upcoming events



Franklin Area Veteran's Council Social

Friday June 6th - 6:30 pm
\$8.00 pp

Roast Pork, Mashed Potato w/
Gravy, Veg, Rolls & Butter & Dessert
Benefit Honor Flight New England

House Committee Social

Friday, June 20th - 6:30m
\$6.00pp

BBQ Ribs, potato salad, baked beans and a roll.
Raffle and door prizes
our very own house DJ's Big & Rich.
Come down and enjoy the fun

Emblem Club Dinner

Summer Time De-lite
Friday June 13th at 6:30
\$5.00pp



Finger sandwiches, salads, coleslaw, beans, dessert

Elks Social

Friday, June 27 - 6:30pm
\$7.00 pp

Baked or Fried haddock , Hand cut Fries or rice,
and a roll
entertainment to follow



Elks Flag Day Ceremony

Saturday, June 14th - 11am

There will be a luncheon to follow
This is a very impressive ceremony if you have never
seen it done come down, you will be impressed.



June 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 HC Mtg 6:30pm	3	4	5	6 Vet's Council Social	7
8	9 BOD Mtg 6pm	10	11 Lodge Mtg 7pm	12	13 Emblem Social	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 HC Mtg 6:30pm	17	18	19	20 HC Social	21
22	23 BOD Mtg 6pm	24	25 Lodge Mtg 7pm	26	27 Elks Social	28
29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Audit Report Due prior to June 30 (\$13.040 - subject to \$100.00 fine) * GER Award Pins - 3 new or reinstated members (deadline: June 15) * Flag Day (Mandatory Service - Sec. 2.030) 				



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 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

