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March 2013

Message from your Exalted Ruler

"I know that you believe you understand what you think I said but, I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is what I meant"

This will be my last article and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this another successful year in Elkdom. Special thanks go out to Kim Maynard and her committee for such a great job on our 100th anniversary Celebration. From the sale of the ads for the centennial book, to the first ever Franklin Elks Soapbox Derby, to the open house and wonderful banquet, everyone on the committee did a super job. Thank you to all who helped make this a very memorable occasion.

Also my thanks go out to Lisa Collins for doing such a great job on our Lodge Bulletin each month. This is not an easy task and she has done a super job.

Our Friday night socials have been very successful this year thanks to everyone who stepped up and either chaired a social or gave their help. Great Job everyone. Upcoming events and meetings for March include a Haddock Dinner on March 1st by Steve Bourdeau, Incoming officers clinic on the 2nd, State Cribbage Tourney on the 3rd at the Concord lodge; Meat Raffle the 8th; and March 10th is the State Meeting in Lebanon. Skinny is having another Wing Night on the 15th and the Emblem

Ladies are having a Steak dinner on the 22nd. On the 29th there will be a GONG SHOW and Skinny will be doing his wings again that night. Come down and show us your talent and have a great time. Our last initiation for this year will be held at our lodge meeting on March 27th.

We have completed most of our Grand Lodge programs and our lodge is doing great. I would like to congratulate incoming Exalted Ruler Jeff Davis and his officers for 2013-2014 and I would like to wish them the best and hope that they have a very successful year. Thanks again to everyone who helped me this year.

Yours in Elkdom
George LaBonte
Exalted Ruler

NH State Elks Cribbage Tournament
Sunday, March 3rd, 2013

Concord/Epsom Elks Lodge #1210
Early registration: Starts at 10:00 AM
Play starts at: 12:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$20.00 Per Person
A light lunch and a meal will be served

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Secretary Notes

****IMPORTANT****

The dues statements are out. Members should pay their dues by March 30 as the new key cards will go into effect on Monday, April 1st. **I will be gone the first week of April** so if you want your 2013-2014 membership card before I go, please get your dues to me by Saturday, March 30th. Otherwise, you will have to pay the bartender and ring the buzzer to get in.

Propositions for Membership:

- Jeremy Murphy pp by John Cleveland
- Anthony Barton pp by Charlie St. Jacques
- William Swenson pp by Lee Kubiak
- Ben Forge pp by Jeff Davis
- Jill Mitchell pp by Ken Stanvick
- Keith Sullivan pp by Shelia Woods
- Jeremy LeBlanc pp by Joyce Hodges
- Robert Alvey II pp by Nichole Moss
- Richard Young pp by Catherine Higgins
- Jonathan Hutchinson pp by Christopher Cannon
- Chad Davis pp by Jeff Davis
- Michael Reagan pp by Barbara Skeats

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 31st 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

From the House Committee:

It has been brought to our attention that when the upstairs hall is rented out for a private party, (if a member feel they know who the party is for), some members have been going up to attend the party uninvited. If you have not been invited to a party upstairs, please do not "crash" the event! If the House Committee gets any more complaints that this is happening, we will take appropriate actions on this matter.

The P.E.R.'s have suggested that the 11th Hour Chimes should be rang every night the lodge is open at 11 o'clock pm., to honor our departed members. The House Committee Voted on this favorable, and this will take place starting April 1st at the start of the new calendar year. To explain further: If there is no social going on downstairs at the Lodge Sunday thru Saturday, the bartender on duty will turn off the T.V's and Jukebox at 11 o'clock pm, have all patrons stand, not wearing hats, and the Chimes will be rang. At the end of the 11 chimes, the bartender and whoever else would like to do so, will say "to our absent members". If there is a social downstairs on Friday or Saturday, the regular routine for the 11 o'clock toast will be done. If there is an Elks social upstairs, the 11 o'clock chimes will be done downstairs as well just like when there is no social at the lodge. If you have any questions on this, please see anyone on the House Committee or the Exalted Ruler.

I would like to Thank everyone who helped with the Meat Raffle on Friday February 15th. What a great crowd! The proceeds are going towards a new A.E.D. Device for our Lodge. With this one event, we are half way there to purchasing the device. Thank you for donating!

Have a great month,
Yours in Elkdom,
Jeff Davis P.E.R.
Chairman of the House Committee

Elks Gong Show

Friday, March 29, 2013 - 6pm
Serving Skinny's Chicken Wings



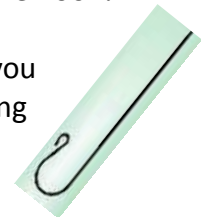
Do you think you have talent?
Or
Would you get the hook?

Come show us your talent and try your chance at winning the HONOR of being the Franklin Elks Gong Show winner!!

Prizes for first and last place

Sign up today!

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Jeff Davis or George LaBonte



upcoming events

Haddock Dinner

Friday, 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 belly full, shake a leg and
support your fellow member



Emblem Club Steak Dinner

Friday, March 22nd 6:30pm

\$8.50pp

Steak, French Fries, Cole Slaw,
Rolls & Butter, Dessert

Bring your family and friends on down for laughter,
fun and a meaty good time.



Meat Bingo

Friday, March 8th - 6:30pm

Grill will be open for hamburgers, hotdogs, fries



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24th

at the property on West Main Street
registration will be at 8:30 - 9 am,

the Easter Bunny will be there all morning, children
of all ages welcome

Skinny's Chicken Wing Dinner

Friday, March 15th & 29th - 6:30pm \$6.00pp

Chicken Wings, Fresh Cut Fries &
Coleslaw

Music to follow



March 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Haddock Dinner	2 DD & Incoming Officer's Clinic
3	4	5	6 Emblem Mtg	7	8 Meat Bingo	9
10 State Mtg Lebanon Daylight Saving	11 BOD Mtg 6pm	12	13 Lodge Mtg 7pm	14	15 Wing Night	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 HC Mtg 6pm	19	20	21	22 Steak Dinner	23
24 Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday	25 BOD Mtg 6pm	26	27 Lodge Mtg & Initiation 7pm	28	29 Gong Show	30
31 Easter	* Citizen/Elk/Officer of the Year, GER Awards, GER Special Citations - Deadlines March 31st.					



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Webster Lake Ice Fishing Derby

Was another great year. Saturday was the best day out on the lake there were tons of people out there fishing and having a great time. Sunday was a little colder and windy and we had some incidents. A worker got to close to the heater and caught on fire (literally) he had to stop, drop and roll, he was okay, but his suit didn't fair to well. The wind blew the tent down in the morning and stopped the cooking for the day and needless to say it made it pretty cold without the heater. But all in all everyone had a great time.

I would like to thank Jeff Hines, Nora & Gil Godbout, Dale Bowen, Jeff Davis, Sue Westland, Chad Carey, Chaz Carey, Mark Lorenz, Chuck Drew and all the others that helped to make this a success.

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

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.

Franklin Emblem Club #105

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

