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BIG E NEWS

Franklin Lodge of Elks 1280
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March 2014

Message from your Exalted Ruler

Well what can I say about February? SNOW! Wow, I can not remember the last time we have had so much snow. If anyone would like some "free" snow, we are giving it away, please help yourself. This month has been pretty busy, but which month isn't?! On the 2nd, the Superbowl went off without a hitch. What a great time. The food was amazing, and the T.V. situation was not a problem. Thank you Cindy Howe and your committee for a great day. On the 14th, the Emblem Club did their annual Valentine Social. What a great meal, so good it sold out! But did we expect anything else from the Ladies? On the 15th and 16th was the Ice Fishing Derby that we help co-sponsor. We ran the cook shack, help weigh fish, help register fisherman, what a great group of helpers for both days. Thank you very much. On the 21st, was a meat raffle night. A good turn out and some good money raised. The pastrami subs and steak & cheese subs went over great! Thank you committee members on both crews for a great night. On the 22nd, we held a Municipality Appreciation Night for the City of Franklin. The Fire Dept., Police Dept., Municipal Services, and City Hall employees were all invited. We just wanted to show our appreciation to all employees for their generosity and dedication to our City. There was great showing from all Depts., and endless appreciation was giving back to us for all our work for them. Thank you all who helped to make this a success! On the

23rd, the House Committee held a Daytona 500 Social. Skinny's Chicken wings (boneless or bone in), hand cut fries, coleslaw, and apple crisp (was to die for), was the meal. They had hats, T-shirts, decks of cards, koozies, A NASCAR racing hood, beer tins, and banners for prizes. What a great day, a great crowd, and a great meal. Thank you committee for an awesome job! On the 28th, the Kids Fishing Derby Committee put on a crusted parmesan chicken dinner. Awesome meal. We had Mark French Karaoke who as always did a great job for entertainment, and also all the local talent who sang songs. Thank you committee for a great night.

Usually this month would be my last month to write in the Big "E" for you members. But unfortunately for you all, I WILL be your Exalted Ruler again next year! I am honored that so many of you members thought i did a good job this year, that you wanted me to run again next year (and the monetary bribe helped as well) just kidding. I like the fact that even though we have some differences in opinions and decisions, that we can still work great as a group! Our Lodge is doing pretty well overall. But that's no thanks to all Officers, all committee members, all who have helped on any social or program, or anyone just socializing in

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our Lounge. Thank you all very much for making this year as enjoyable as it can be. I look forward in being your Exalted Ruler again next year. Our Lodge Rocks!!

Yours in Elkdom
Jeff Davis, E.R.

Secretary Notes

Nominations were held for 2014-2015 officers:

Exalted Rule - Jeff Davis,
Leading Knight - Nancy LaBonte,
Loyal Knight - Kaye Collins,
Lecturing Knight - Arlin Taylor,
Tiler - Tony Bloom,
Secretary - Winnie Keyser,
Treasurer - Skip Collins and Colleen Conway.
Trustee 5 year - Lisa Collins
Trustee 1 year - Dale Bowen.
Alternate for Grand Lodge - Joe Giunta

Propositions for Membership:

Ronald LaBranche pp by Robert Dorval
Glenn Mallon pp by Gregg Brooks
Christopher Jewel pp by Ernie Tucker
MeriEllen Joga pp by William Chamberlin
David Yeo pp by Steve Bourdeau
Robin LaCruise pp by Cindy Howe.
The next initiation is Sunday, March 23rd.

A motion has been made to put in the March bulletin ***"a proposal"*** for two by-law changes. The changes would be:

Under Article II: Membership: to add a Section 5: **"All applicants desiring membership will be subject to a criminal background check"**.

Second: under Article X: Fees & Dues. Adding—**"the cost of the criminal background check will be paid for by the applicant"**

Members will be voting to except the proposed by-law changes at the March 26th meeting.

The 2014-2015 dues statements are out. Dues are \$68.50 for regular members and \$23.50 for life members and are due by April 1st. Please update your address, phone number and any other changes with me. Thank you

We are coming to the end of our fiscal year and

we still have some delinquent members. ***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 assist 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

Webster Lake Ice Fishing Derby

28 fish made the board Saturday, 27 fish made the board Sunday, total 54 fish

33 youth and 21 adults made board. 27 trophies were given to youths. \$300 in prize money given out Saturday, \$800 given out Sunday. \$500 prize winner to a 14 yr old from Berlin. trophies given for first three places in each category of fish. trout, perch, pickerel.

largest trout- 18", largest perch- 14", largest pickerel- 26.75"

2 tagged trout caught, both on Saturday
40 fish stocked in November 2014 for \$300

A big thank you to Jeff Davis, Doug Ricard, Mike Roderick, John Cleveland, Anne Marie King, Bob Cullen, Nora and Gil Godbout, Skip and Kaye Collins, Ed and Tony Bloom, Rich Bourdeau for helping out on this weekend this event wouldn't go off so good without your help.

Lisa Collins

upcoming events

Shepherd Pie Social

March 7th - 6pm
\$6.00pp
Shepherd's Pie w/Garden Salad
DJ Ryan Moulton

Emblem St. Patrick's Social

Friday, March 14th - 6:30pm
\$7.00pp
Corn beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes
rolls and butter and dessert
Entertainment our own DJ



Bread Bow Social

March 28th - 6pm
\$5.00pp
Choice of Beef or Chicken Stew

Entertainment The Visitors
Profits go to the Kid's Easter Egg Hunt

Copper Cannon Parent Information Night

March 20th - 6pm - 7pm
Franklin Middle School
Parents and children from the surrounding schools are welcome to attend. Campers age 9-12 have the opportunity to participate in Copper Cannon's traditional residential camp program. Activities include (but are certainly not limited to) archery, ropes courses, swimming at Echo Lake, hiking, nature classes, sports and games, GaGa, arts and crafts, outdoor living skills, campfires, storytelling, overnights and cookouts.

Important State Events to Remember

- 3/2 - Cribbage Tournament - 12pm - Nashua Lodge #720
- 3/8 - DD Clinic - 9am Concord/Epsom Lodge #1210
- 3/8 - Incoming Officer's Clinic- Concord/Epsom Lodge #1210
- 3/15 - Charity Dinner Dance - 6pm - Nashua Lodge #720
- 3/16 - 4th State Mtg - 12pm - Nashua Lodge #720



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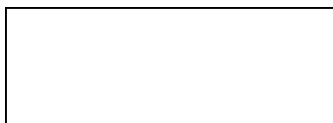
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Copper Cannon Auction |
| 2 State Cribbage Tournament | 3 HC Mtg 6:30pm | 4 | 5 Emblem Club Mtg 7pm | 6 | 7 Shepherd Pie Social | 8 DD & Incoming Officer's Clinic |
| 9 | 10 BOD Mtg 6pm | 11 | 12 Lodge Mtg 7pm | 13 | 14 St Patrick's Social | 15 State Charity Dinner Dance |
| 16 4th State Mtg | 17 HC Mtg 6:30pm | 18 | 19 | 20 Copper Cannon Parent Night | 21 | 22 Hoop Shoot Regional |
| 23 Initiation 10am | 24 BOD Mtg 6pm | 25 | 26 Lodge Mtg 7pm | 27 | 28 Bread Bowl Social | 29 |
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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

Parking Lot

During the winter 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.

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

