

**LODGE OFFICERS**

**2012-2013**

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*George LaBonte*

*Dale Bowen*

*Josh Nash*

*Nancy LaBonte*

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*Nancy LaBonte, Lecturing*

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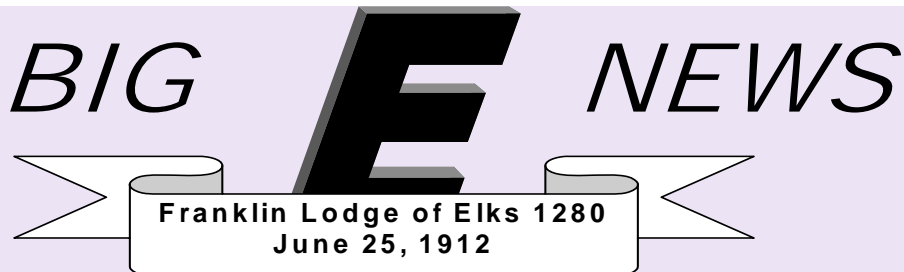
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*November 2012*

*Message from your Exalted Ruler*

"If every member did half of what they expect others to do-What a lodge we would have"

It is hard to believe that there are only 21 days until we celebrate Thanksgiving, only 54 more days until Christmas and only 61 days left of this year. Boy, how time flies.

Laconia Appreciation Night and Clambake was a great night with many Elks and Spouses from Laconia attending. Also the state Elks Soccer Shoot was held at our property in West Franklin. Thanks to all who helped on these events.

Our first Annual Car Show was a great success with 33 cars and bikes participating. The winners were Peoples Choice Dave Dion driving his 66 Chevy Chevelle, 1st place went to Joe LaQuire driving a 1948 Plymouth, 2nd place went to Frank Bryson with his Ford Roadster and in 3rd place was John McCuskey driving a Ford Galaxy. Thanks to Dennis and Lisa Donahue for a great Job.

Through the generous support of the Franklin Lodge of Elks and the hard work of the Franklin Area Veterans Council (of which our lodge is a member) we are all very proud to have sent our first WW2 Veteran to Washington DC. Al Sprague and his daughter Susan were chosen by Honor Flight New England to fly to DC to visit and reflect at their memorials. This

Honor Flight is just a small token of our appreciation for those who gave so much. On Friday Nov 9th an event has been planned in our downstairs lounge by the Franklin Area Veterans Council and our lodge to help raise enough funds to send more Veterans on this great Honor Flight. Al and Sue will both be at this dinner to show us their Photos of their trip and to tell us all about their experiences in DC. 110 Club Tickets and dinner tickets are available from any Veterans Council Member including myself, Nancy, Evalyn and Arlin Taylor.

Please look at all the ads in this bulletin for more information and for all upcoming events. Help is always needed on all these committees; just let me know if you are willing to help. I would like to thank everyone who worked on all the October Socials, Events and programs. Your help was greatly appreciated. Also thanks to everyone who helped on our Highway Cleanup.

Yours in Elkdom  
George LaBonte, Exalted Ruler



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**Secretary Notes**

Nominations were open for Treasurer, Lecturing Knight, and 3 year Trustee.

Nominations were: Treasurer-Skip Collins, Lecturing Knight-Nancy LaBonte. Nominations for 3 year Trustee were Dan Fife and Jeff Davis. Election was held at the Sept 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Skip Collins was elected as the Treasurer and Nancy LaBonte was elected as the Esteemed Lecturing Knight and Jeff Davis was elected for 3 year Trustee. New officers were sworn in at the Sept 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Congratulations.

**Propositions for memberships:**

- Christopher Blackler pp by Dennis Donahue
- Fredrick McAllister pp by Richard Martin
- Jesse Mulder pp by John Cleveland
- Robert Holt pp by Richard Dow
- Paul Johnson pp by Kelly Jean Murphy
- Harold Reilly Jr. pp by Nora Godbout
- Jerome Lowie pp by Allan Graham

**For reinstatement:**

- Kevin Morrissey pp by Cindy Howe
- Michael Mullavey pp by Michael H. Mullavey
- Ed Bloom pp by Jim Devlin

Lodge of Sorrow was held for Michael Leibel 2011-2012.

*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

**November is Veteran’s Remembrance Month,** many believe that Veterans Day is a day to honor those Americans who have died in combat, In fact, Memorial Day is the day set aside for that purpose. Veterans Day is a day to honor all veterans, both living and dead, but especially the living.

During Veteran’s Remembrance Month, all Lodges are asked to run a special event for the benefit of our nation’s heroes. A great number of Lodges use the proceeds for special events in the VA Medical Centers during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

John F. Kennedy once said, “A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers. “ If Mr. Kennedy made that statement today, he would have included the women of our armed forces. They have also served with distinction and sacrificed greatly in defense of our country.

**“Cribbage League Notice”**

As some of you may know, the sign-up sheet for the upcoming Cribbage League is now posted at the Lodge. The League will start on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and run for ten weeks. We will be taking a week off for the State Elks Tournament which is traditionally held on the first Sunday in March. If the weather cooperates, we should finish the League by the end of March. The cost will be the same as last year, \$5 per person per week. Last year we had a great group of players, hopefully you will all decide to return. I would like to have at least ten teams, so if you know of anyone that is interested in playing please let me know and I will sign them up. If you have any questions please call me at 455-6177.

“Gene Shaw”



**Tri Rivers Friends of NRA  
Annual Fund Raising  
Banquet and Auction**

Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 5:30pm

Menu - Prime Rib and stuffed chix breast buffet

Seating is limited! Make your reservations early!

Tickets can be purchased online :

[www.friendsofnra.org](http://www.friendsofnra.org) or contact Nancy LaBonte.

Help is needed to put on this event, please let Nancy or George LaBonte know if you can help.

**Emblem Club  
Thanksgiving Baskets**

Monday, November 19th

Preparation and pick up will be between 5pm - 7pm



Donations of canned foods, turkeys, etc and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. All donations can be left at the lodge boxes or totes will be down there the first of November. Monetary donations can be left to the Attn of the Emblem Club with the bartender. Thank you

## upcoming events

### Emblem Club Dinner

Friday , November 2nd at 6:30pm - \$7.00pp

Menu - Homemade soups, chowders and stews,  
Sandwiches, rolls and butter and Dessert

Don't want to cook tonight let us do it for you come  
down for some great home cooked food from our  
Emblem Ladies



### Elks Annual Hoop Shoot Competition

November 10th at 11:30am

Franklin Recreation Center

We need help with registration, scor-  
ing, line judges and Ball Retrievers. Please come down to  
help out and show your support to your community.

### Veterans Council Social

Friday November 9th at 6:30pm - \$7.00pp

Menu - Roast Pork Loin, Mashed potato & Gravy,  
garden salad, Veg, rolls and butter and dessert

Raffles & 110 Club Raffle to be drawn this night  
Music by Mark French

Proceeds to benefit to send another veteran to  
Washington DC through The Honor Flight NE Program.

**VETERAN'S DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL PARADE**  
**NOVEMBER 11th at 6:30pm at the FRANKLIN VFW**

### Haddock Dinner

November 23rd at 6:30 - \$7.50pp

baked or fried Haddock, home made fries or rice pilaf,  
coleslaw and rolls

open juke box to follow

### Lasagna Dinner

November 24th at 6:30 pm - \$7.00pp

Serving lasagna, salad, and garlic bread

followed with karaoke by Mark French at 7pm  
so bring your singing voice down and have some fun



# November 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Membership Report Due on or before November 5th (\$12.050)				1	2  Emblem Club Dinner 6:30pm	3  NRA Dinner
4  Daylight Saving Time Ends	5	6	7	8	9  Vet's Council Social 6:30pm	10 Hoop Shoot 11:30am  Charity Dance
11 2nd State Elks Mtg Veteran's Day	12  GB & BOD Mtg 6:30	13	14  Lodge Mtg 7pm	15	16	17
18	19  Emblem Thanks- giving Bskts 5pm	20	21	22  Thanksgiving Day	23  Haddock Dinner	24  Lasagna Dinner
25	26  GB & BOD Mtg 6:30	27	28  Lodge Mtg 7pm	29	30	



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Woo Hoo  
Doing the  
happy  
dance!



**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

**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

