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# BIG E NEWS

Franklin Lodge of Elks 1280  
June 25, 1912

*September 2013*

**Message from your Exalted Ruler**

Well, where did the summer go? Just think, only 116 days till Christmas!

Last month sure started out with a great social. The Dart Teams had a fish fry on the 2nd that was outstanding a great meal always. We had Mark French's karaoke that kept us moving after the meal. What a great night all around. At the 11 o'clock toast, I believe there were still like 40 people at the lodge! Amazing! Thank you Cindy and your team of helpers for an excellent night. On the 4th was the State Elks Picnic up at the Plymouth Lodge it was a great day for a picnic, and Franklin had the most members present. I think we even had more there than Plymouth. On the 8th, was the Veterans Home Car Show. What can I say about the Franklin Lodge, we had 16 members and a few Emblem Members there to help push around the Veterans. What a great turn out of help. It was a great way to spend a few hours on a Thurs. night to give back to the Veterans. There were a lot of nice cars that brought back some memories for the Veterans from their younger years! We actually saw Alby Morang and Bob Doucet (Duce) there! No, not in one of the rooms! They brought their Model "A's" over for display. We can not forget about Alby's dog Buddy, who jumped up in laps of some Veterans and gave some well need therapy. Thank you very much to all who helped! It was the biggest turn out in quite some time. On the 10th, was the Drug Awareness Meeting and

the D.D. Clinic held at our Lodge about 50 members attended the meetings. The ones that did not fall asleep during Joe Guinta's allotted time, which I think he went over, picked up some good information on the drug problem, not only here at home, but in the country! Then we all sat thru the D.D. Meeting and picked up some more good info pertaining to the lodges. Thank you Chad for helping me with the coffee and doughnuts for these two meetings. After those meetings were done, we all headed over to the Veterans Home for their annual picnic. It was good to mingle with the Veterans again on this day. On the 16th, the Emblem had a Taco night. As always, plenty to eat and always so tasty, even Carols Mexican corn dish, delicious! We had D.J. Ryan M to keep us hoping throughout the night. Very good time! Thank you Emblem for all you do for the Elks! On the 17th, Steve, Buddy Beyer, Dale Bowen and Josh Nash held our first annual horseshoe tournament down on the property 13 teams participated in this event. The cook shack was open for some food and drinks as well. The proceeds from this day are going to the new local boys and girls club of Franklin. It was a beautiful day to mingle out on the property. On the 18th, Steve and

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### Message from your Exalted Ruler - Con't

Kaye put together a flea market on the property. I believe 13 spots were selling valuables. The cook shack was open this day as well, and the proceeds from this day are also going to the boys and girls club of Franklin. Thank you to all who helped both days! Supporting the boys and girls club is an excellent program our community can really use.

At this time, I would like to thank all my committees for all their hard work and efforts. I know we have hit some rough spots, listened to some whining....OMG what whining! But I think the lodge is running pretty smooth. If anyone, yes anyone, thinks they can run the lodge any better, please talk to the one person who can make that difference. That person is your Exalted Ruler! I have big shoulders, I'm a great listener, and I will take any CONSTRUCTIVE criticism into consideration. That's all for this month I hope everyone has a great Labor Day Weekend!

Yours in Elkdom  
Jeff Davis, E.R.

### Grand Exalted Ruler Visit

Our Grand Exalted Ruler Millard Pickering and his wife Susanne will be visiting the State of NH on Wednesday, September 25th, 2013. They will be accompanied by our Area 1 Sponsor Amos McCallum, PGER and his wife Barbara. In addition NHSDGER Bob Jones and his wife Sandy will also be accompanying.

1. **First stop is Keene Lodge #927** for a complimentary lunch at the Lodge. This is tentatively scheduled for a 1PM start. There may be a few presentations, introductions, and then a few brief remarks by our new GER, he will sign membership cards after the lunch. State Jackets, Ties, Sports Coats, Business attire is the dress code.

2. **Evening Banquet is at the Nashua Elks Lodge #720.** Cocktail hour is at 6PM. Dinner is at 7PM. Price is \$15 per person. The price includes Cheese and Crackers, Salad, Baked Stuffed Chicken/ Prime Rib, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Dinner Rolls, strawberry shortcake/vanilla ice cream.

Rooms have been set up at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua. <http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/nashua/ashst/hoteldetail>

### Secretary Notes for September 2013

**FYI:** There will only be one meeting in September. All the officer's will be away at the Grand Exalted Ruler's Dinner in Nashua the second meeting in September (25<sup>th</sup>). The next meeting will be September 11 @ 7 pm. All members are welcome to attend. Member's dues are coming in slowly. Reminder notices have gone out. We still have 57 members that are delinquent. If you are one of them please send your dues to me ASAP. Thank you.

**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 assisting with running of the Grand Lodge Programs**

#### Propositions for Membership:

James Vogt pp by Ed Corson  
Richard Przybyla pp by Kevin Morrissey

#### Reinstatement:

David Beaudet pp by Jeff Davis

#### Lodge of Sorrow:

David C. Huckins-1963-2013

*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

### Franklin Autumn Jam Festival



October 12th - 3pm - 11pm  
Elks Property, South Main St.  
\$10.00pp

Bands, Food and Fun

More Info to follow,  
watch for posters

## upcoming events

### Boys and Girls Club Softball Game

September 4th - 6pm

They need help with this event, please take some time to go support them. For more information and where they are playing contact Nancy LaBonte  
Thank you

### 1st NH State Elks Association Meeting

September 22nd

Portsmouth Elks Lodge  
State Trustees Mtg - 12pm  
State Meeting - 1pm

### Trustees Social

September 13th - 6:30pm

\$6.00pp

Steak & Cheese Bombs or Sausage Subs  
served with home made fries.

### Tri River Friends of NRA

Fund Raising Banquet and Auction

Saturday, Sept 28, 2013 @ 5:30 pm

Franklin Elks Lodge, 192 Central St. Franklin, NH

For tickets online [www.friendsofnra.org](http://www.friendsofnra.org) Or, mail completed order form with payment to:

Tri Rivers Friends of NRA

Nancy LaBonte

16 Summers St

Northfield, NH 03276

603-286-4446 or [nan7871@yahoo.com](mailto:nan7871@yahoo.com)

Help is also needed to put on this event, please contact Nance LaBonte if you can lend a helping hand.

### Emblem Social

September 20th - 6:30pm

\$7.00pp

Roast Pork Loin  
Mashed Potato/Gravy, Veggie  
Rolls/butter and Dessert



# September 2013



**Sun            Mon            Tue            Wed            Thu            Fri            Sat**

1	2  Labor Day	3	4 Emblem Mtg  Boys n Girls Club Softball	5	6	7
8	9  BOD Mtg 6pm	10	11  Lodge Mtg 7pm	12	13  Trustee Social	14
15	16  HC Mtg 6:30pm	17	18	19	20  Emblem Social	21
22  1st NH SEA Mtg	23  BOD Mtg 6pm	24	25  GER Visit	26	27	28  NRA Dinner
29	30  HC Mtg 6:30pm	<b><i>Please have a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend.</i></b> *National Patriotism Week September 9 - 15.				



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There are only 116 days left till Christmas.



**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  
**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

