

Lebanon Lodge of Elks #2099

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From the Exalted Ruler

Over 6,800 fellow Elks attended the Grand Lodge Convention from both near and far away.

It was very informative, and the New Hampshire and New England Contingent was well represented. The Grand Lodge sessions were augmented by seminars, to name a few; Activities, ENF, Lodge Publications with Q and A periods. The voting on changes and additions to the B.P.O.E. Statutes was well attended. Worthy of note; was a proposed change to allow membership to those under the age of eighteen to join which was resoundingly <u>defeated</u> by a wide margin.

The new Grand Lodge Officers and State Officers were installed as per their respective appointments. Worthy of note our new District Deputy Kevin Lincoln was married at the convention to our Past DDGER, Gina.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks now has a new Grand Exalted Ruler for 2013-2014. He was duly Installed at the Grand Lodge Convention. His name is Millard C. Pickering and he has quite an extensive resume ranging from being an accomplished lawyer, vocalist and a very proud Harley rider/owner!

Thank You for allowing me to attend, and to all of our officers and volunteers who make this Lodge a great community asset.

Yours in the effort,

Joe Alvin Exalted Ruler

Veterans Committee News

Project VetCare is sponsoring an event on September 14th at Jericho Mountain State Park to raise awareness of the issues of health care access and lack of support for veterans. The event will include a barbecue and an off road vehicle ride to honor five wounded New Hampshire veterans. They have asked our Senators and Congressmen to attend this event in order to increase awareness of veterans and work towards reinstating the health care benefits that were removed in 2003. Senator Shaheen and representative Ann Kuster agreed to have representatives present at this event. The Lebanon Elks Lodge has offered to support this effort with a grant from the Elks National Foundation. We need volunteers to help us host the event at Jericho. We have found a 15-passenger van, which we plan to fill with locals looking to support our efforts and to raise awareness. The ride will be two hours each way and thus any volunteers should plan to leave at 8:30am on the 14th of September.

This is a prime weekend for leaf-peeping in the North Country and therefore volunteers will be treated with beautiful views.

On August 25th we will be at the Veterans Hospital in White River Jct. from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Serving Hot dogs and desserts to the Patients

Please contribute to the food drive for Veteran's in need. Thank you to everyone who has helped in all of our projects.

For More Information or to Volunteer please contact: Arleen at 603-448-2510 Work Or by e-mail arultedge@bridgmans.com

Social Activities Committee

Along with our wonderful Friday Night Dinners in August, come join us on August 9th to listen to the rhythm's of the Elk Ridge Gang. On August 23rd, join us at 7:00 PM and learn how to line dance with our volunteer instructor Wendy.

Every Monday is the Queen of Hearts drawing, stop by and take a chance. Wednesday Night Cribbage is still going strong starting at 6:15 PM. No partner necessary, so come along and join the fun! Be sure to check out September's events in the next newsletter. Have a great summer!

Friday Night Dinners

Aug 2nd Chicken & Biscuits \$7.00
Aug 9th Meatloaf \$7.00
Aug 16th Steak BBQ \$12.00
Aug 23th Chicken Stir Fry \$8.00
Aug 30th Backyard BBQ \$6.00

Dinner served with tossed salad and dinner rolls.
5:30—7:00 PM



Mark Your Calendar!

Aug 4th
Aug 9thNHSEA Picnic @PlymouthAug 10thJamming with the BoysAug 10thDD Clinic TBA
Soldiers Home Picnic @Tilton, NHAug 16thSteak BBQAug 25thSocial Visit to the VA Hospital

Sept 13th
Sept 14th

Sept 20th Steak BBQ

Sept 22nd NHSEA Meeting @Portsmouth

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