

Monthly Bulletin

December, 2012

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Monday: Only one meeting in December-December 10th. The <u>December 24th</u>.has been cancelled (Christmas Eve). Meetings start at 7:30PM.. <u>Turn in applications for the February Class ASAP</u>. This is your Lodge. Come express your thoughts, opinions and vote!.

DUES----DUES----DUES

8 months have gone by and we still have too many Delinquents. The lodge budget is based on the dues of all the members. Utilities and other expenses have increased, as you all well know, and this is hurting the Lodge and of course denies all delinquents any privileges. Secretary Pam needs the cooperation of all the members. Please help her and the Lodge by checking your membership card and seeing it marked paid to April 1st, 2013.

A Paid-up Elk is a GOOD ELK!

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (Always in Order)

Members, it has been brought to the attention of the sick committee, and lodge officers, that all too often the Committee, or officers, hears about a member who has been sick at home, or in the hospital, after he is well and back home or work. We urge you to call the Lodge (888-9804) as soon as you know about any member who is ill, or in the hospital. It is a good idea if you tell your family that if this should happen to you to PLEASE inform the Lodge or contact one of the Lodge Officers. Esteemed Leading Knight Glenn Cean is the Chairman of the Lodge's Sick and Visiting Committee. Call him for further information—603-765-2341.

ELKS "HOOP SHOOT" FREE THROW CONTEST

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8th at the Elm Street Middle School Gym
CONTEST STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:00 A.M.

Open to all area boys and girls ages 8-13 years old (April 1st, 2013 designates age). Categories are 8-9, I0-II and I2-I3 for both boys and girls. Competitors should wear sneakers or tennis shoes. Shorts or basketball uniforms are preferred (optional).

Each child shoots 25 free throws for score. Local winners advance to South District Shoot-off. Winners of the District will advance to the State Finals. State winners go to the New England Regional. Finalists go on to the Nationals.

Nashua has sent eleven youngsters to the Elks National "HOOP SHOOT" Finals and six years ago we had one of our Greater Nashua area youths, Caleb Donnelly of Hudson, win the National Hoop Shoot Championship. National winners have their names inscribed in the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts & Caleb is among them.

<<<RED CROSS BLOOD DRAWING AT THE ELKS>>>

*Thursday, December 6th & Thursday, December 20th, from 2:30 PM until 7:30 PM

**By Giving a Pint of Blood You Can Be One of Many to help save a Life



ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE--Sunday, December 2nd-- Lodge Room, 2:00 P.M.

"To Honor the Memory of Our Absent Members"

The first Sunday in December of each year is set aside as Elks Memorial Sunday and is observed by every Elks Lodge. Elks Services will be held in the Lodge Room, Sunday afternoon, December 2nd at 2:00 P. M. Your attendance is welcomed as an expression of esteem for our departed Members. This is the day when we show that "An Elk is Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken". The families and friends of our departed members have been invited. All Elks and their families are encouraged to join us for this special program. Guest speaker Father John M. Grace of the Resurrection Parish will deliver the message of the day. Guest Soloist will be Barbara Puder, accompanied by Guest Organist Francine Davis. A special remembrance for members of the armed services who died while in defense of our country will take place.

The Roll Call of the Absent and the Elks Altar Service will conclude the program

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	Member	Born	<u>Initiated</u>	Died
	Raymond J. Lepage LM	August 7, 1933	June 1, 1961	November 26, 2011
	Michael W. Mercier LM	January 12, 1932	June 20, 1971	December 13, 2011
	Silvio A. Graziadei	September 3, 1928	October 22, 2000	December 24, 2011
	Walter J. Wrobel LM	September 19, 1942	May 24, 1966	February 10, 2012
	Herve C. Ricard	March 26, 1927	October 18, 1992	February 26, 2012
	Paul T. Ludwig	January 8, 1938	June 20, 1994	March 1, 2012
	Micheal F. Sullivan LM	April 28, 1932	November 30, 1980	April 13, 2012
	Donald R. Vantine LM	October 4, 1925	June 3, 1962	April 25, 2012
	Donald R.J. Arsenault LM	October 7. 1931	February 14, 1971	May 20, 2012
	Richard L. Lavoie LM	June 27, 1936	November 11, 1957	May 21, 2012
	Wendall A. Poole LM	June 10, 1931	March 4, 1973	June 3, 2012
	Roland H. Sidilau LM	April 1, 1927	November 5, 1978	June 4, 2012
	George C. Joslin, PER LM	July 5, 1929	May 14, 1967	June 11, 2012
	Gertrude C. Leoutsacos	December 21, 1919	February 11, 2007	June 17, 2012
	Thomas J. Potter LM	November 6, 1929	June 28, 1970	August 28, 2012
	Donald G. Deslauriers Sr.LM	July 13, 1929	September 29, 1968	August 30, 2012
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"The clock of their days has stopped. Upon its dial the motionless shadows mark eleven, with Elks the "Golden Hour of Remembrance."

Elks, We Need You to Come Play or Work at the THURSDAY NIGHT ELKS BINGO

*Elks BINGO, the "life blood" of the lodge's fundraising programs, goes on 52 weeks a year and because of the financial success of this program, the lodge is able to continue with many worthy projects. This hardworking and dedicated group of Elks, Emblem Club ladies and spouses, has made this possible, but some new faces would certainly help give them a 'breather' once in a while. A special "THANK YOU" goes out to each of them from the lodge.

. PLEASE volunteer your time, even for only <u>ONE THURSDAY a month</u> for only a few hours from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. You'll have fun doing it and will meet a lot of great people. Call Chairman Ed Norway (620-9964), or just come down to Nashua's newest Bingo Hall Thursday. If you can't work, bring your friends and neighbors, if you can, but come and play anyway. You may be a big winner.

Bingo starts at 7:00 P.M. Come early and get a good seat.



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Wow where has this year gone? We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in December. Of course our Christmas Party on the 1st followed closely by our Hoop Shoot on December 8th. If you know of a girl or boy ages 8 through 13, let them know that they can enter into our Hoop Shoot. If you can shoot free throws good enough, you just might end up with your name on a trophy at the Basketball Hall of Fame. We are having a giving tree at the lodge again this year, so please stop by and adopt a family. At this time of year so many of us can't afford to give our children the Christmas that we would like to, so if you can help as an individual or group, come down and put a smile on some young child's face on Christmas. morning. Remember it's not too early to make your New Years Eve plans. We are having a 'Black Tie" (optional) masquerade ball theme this year so come down & ring in the New Year with some old friends and new ones! In case you haven't heard the fantastic news, our AWESOME Chair Person of the Board of Trustees, Sherrie Michalewicz, has applied for and we will receive another \$10,000 Impact grant from ENF, which means we will be supplying meals for the Soup Kitchen for another year! A Great Job, Sherrie.

Remember~~~"Elks Care ~ Elks Share"~~~Douglas J. Tremlettt, Exalted Ruler

~As Long As There Are Veterans - The Elks Will Never ForgetThem~

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE

All members & friends are invited to join in and help with BINGO for those who gave so much. Schedule for monthly BINGO'S at NH Veterans Home in Tilton & VA Hospital in Manchester are Tilton Veterans Home —December Bingo will be held on the 11th (2nd Tuesday of the month). Departing from Nashua Elks Lodge at 5:30 PM.~The December 8th Christmas Party is at 2:00 PM. Manchester VA Visit -- The December Bingo visit to the VA Hospital is set for December 17th. (the 3rd Monday of the month). Departure time from Nashua Lodge is 6:30 PM. Please join us. Regular monthly visit to the VA Hospital in Manchester took place on November 19th. Nashua Lodge #720 was represented by Nashua Elks Lodge Chairman Jack Balch, Normand LaVallee, Derek Connery, Steve Arway, Maddie Picart, Glenn Cean, Ray Snee & Beverly Snee. Joining them was Past President of the Emblem Club #170 Marion Savage. They always help to make a lot of the hospitalized veterans very happy and remembered. Dover #184 was the host lodge.

<< EXTRA! EXTRA! MEMBERS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER>>

To All Members, there are decisions and planning that we all have to do in life but most people don't like to think about. As we grow older our end of life decisions must be addressed, but as a young person sometimes these decision come upon us without any notice, so I am asking that if you would like to have the Elks Memorial Service done at your wake, please contact the Secretary and let her know that this is something that you would like to have done for you. If you don't request this and your family doesn't ask for it at the time of your death, we as an Elks lodge won't just show up to perform the service. I have heard from many family members that they were disappointed that we didn't show up and perform the Ritual. Some Funeral Directors will ask the family and contact us but, if you as a member, will let us know ahead of time, then at the time of your death we can make arrangements to be there. Again contact our lodge Secretary Pam Christophersen at secretary.elks720@comcast.net If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at nashuaelkslodgeer@gmail.com.

Douglas J. Tremlett Exalted Ruler

Don't Forget the Elks Christmas OPEN HOUSE on Sunday December 16th at 1:00 PM



"Let's Ring Out The Old & Toast In The New Year at the Nashua Lodge of Elks'Annual



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Monday Evening, December 31st, 2012

Get ready for a Special Night out. We are hosting a



Formal Masquerade Ball (black tie optional)

This will be a sit down family style dinner.

Evening's Cuisine

Cocktail hour at 6:00 pm with shrimp cocktail, oysters, cheese and crackers

Dinner served at 7:00 pm: salad~chicken cordon blue~sliced sirloin~stuffed sole
roasted veggies~au Gratin potatoes and dessert: cake and chocolate mousse

*Members, this is always the <u>biggest</u> and most <u>colorful Night of the Year!</u>
Hats, Noisemakers & Favors given out at 11:30 P.M. so you can welcome in the New Year in style!

Breakfast Served at 1:00 AM for those who are still hungry!

*Dancing from 8:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. to the selected music of the DJ Donnie Heenan

*The Lodge will be closed at 7:00 PM to those without a ticket to the PARTY

Tickets are now on sale at the Lodge Bar/Grille—All Round Tables-Only 8 per table

TICKETS \$35.00 PERSON

*LIMITED TO 250 PEOPLE**SPECIAL NOTE: Dress will be semi-formal*







"Barbara & I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy and Prosperous New Year. May God Bless you all."

Santa Needs Your Help with "Give A Child A Gift"

The 'Tree of Giving' has been up since November 1st and the Nashua Elks Lodge has about 75 children to help make their Christmas a very merry and happy one with gifts.

Want to help but you can't or don't have time to wrap? Santa has helpers that will wrap for you. Just take a name or names, buy the gifts and drop them off at the lodge with the child's name on them and Santa's helpers will do the rest for you.

Still want to help but don't have time to shop or wrap? No problem, Santa has helpers who will do both for you. Just pick a child's name off the Tree and leave money behind the bar.

Can't afford to spend a lot of money but still want to help? Just make a cash donation at the bar for Santa's Kids.

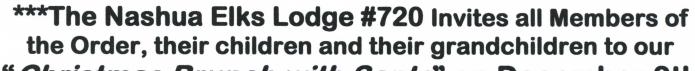
Please, if doing any of the above, do so by December 7th, in order to give Santa's helpers a

chance to shop and wrap. All gifts should be back at the lodge by December 14th

The gifts will be delivered on Monday, <u>December 17th</u>.

Remember, ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE "Thanks Elks" - Santa

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"Christmas Brunch with Santa" on December 9th

The doors will open at NOON with activities until 4:00 pm. There will be a buffet style Brunch available for all members and their family served at 12:30 pm. Santa will arrive to greet the children at 2:00 pm. All children are welcome to sit on Santa's lap.

SPECIAL NOTE: Parents are requested to bring an UNWRAPPED GIFT (NOT TO EXCEED) A \$30.00 VALUE), TO THE LODGE BY DECEMBER 7th WITH THEIR CHILD'S NAME ON IT.

THAT THEY WANT SANTA TO GIVE TO THEIR CHILD.

The Elks will wrap the gift and place it under the tree for Santa to give out. We will have Christmas music for the occasion and games for all to play as well as a Christmas craft table for all the children.

This is a special time of year so please plan ahead for this wonderful day of fun for you and your whole family. This is a Complimentary Brunch for our members and their families. Join us for this blessed and happy event.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend, call the Nashua Lodge of Elks at 603-888-9804 ext. #1 grill room and leave your name and the total number of guests that will be attending with you. Please have your current membership card with you so we may verify who you are.

~~Come and join us for the holidays!~~

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CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

The Charity committee is out to equal its great work of previous years in the distribution of Christmas Baskets to the needy families or individuals in our community. Most of the information is given to the Committee through the best possible source, but our members are invited to submit cases that are known to be worthy of consideration.

IMPORTANT: Because of the enormous amount of work that goes into the preparation and delivery of these baskets, please observe these suggestions in presenting cases:

Give your own name & telephone number with the request & the correct address of the family.

Supply the number of adults and children with the approximate ages of the children.

Leave the request with the Steward in charge or call (888-9804 ext.1)



*** The Placing and Picking Up of American Flags on Veterans Graves ***



Elks Beverly Snee & Ray Snee are shown placing American Flags on two of the graves of the over 900 veterans buried at Edgewood Cemetery in Nashua on November 10th.

Over 5,000 American Flags were placed on Veterans' graves in thirteen cemeteries in Nashua and two cemeteries in Hudson on the Saturday prior to Veterans Day and were picked up and cleaned for storage on the following Saturday on November 17th.

This project was successfully accomplished due to the efforts of the Elks Veterans Flag Committee, the Nashua Emblem Club #170 members, the Rainbow Girls, Boy Scout Troops 6, 410, 261 & 272, the Unitarian Church Youth Groups and the Alvirine AFJ ROTC. Past Exalted Ruler Bert Faucher, Chairman, extends many thanks to all the volunteers for helping continue this very worthwhile and touching 'remembrance' to our deceased veterans.



Stacy Desrosiers of the Rainbow Girls and Marion Savage of the Nashua Emblem Club #170 return American Flags they picked up off of veterans graves to Chairman Bert Faucher, PDD

lks, Emblem Club, Elks Crusaders Football & Cheerleaders Pay Tribute On Veterans Day



Roger Matthews Al Savage and

Left to Right: Edward C. Leary, Jr., Julie A. Cean, Leo Sonny Officers of the Nashua Lodge of Elks #720 are ready to march. "God Bless Our Troops & Those Who Have Served" Cean, Madeleine R. Picart and Esquire Pamela Langlois. Lebel, Ray Snee, Barbara Snee, Norman G. Lavallee, Glenn A.







Emblem's Ellie Lebel, Marion Savage & Driver Barbara Tremlett & 50 Elks Crusaders join the Elks in Tribute to the Veterans

Nashua Elks Named "Outstanding Volunteer Group" by Nashua Soup Kitchen



Committee Chair and Co-Chair Sherrie and Trent Michalewicz proudly hold the annual 'coveted' award on behalf of the Nashua Lodge of Elks for the implementation of the \$10,000 plus Grants received from the Elks National Foundation to help feed the needy guests of the Nashua Soup Kitchen every week during the 2012 year. Since January, the Nashua Elks have prepared, cooked, delivered and served over 11,000 people with a cost of over \$12,000 as of November 1st, 2012.

Nashua ElksTo Receive Another \$10,000 Grant For 2013 To Continue Soup Kitchen Feeding Members, the Elks Grant Committee is asking for more help during the next year for the Impact Grant and are in need of more people or groups to cook, serve and do clean up at the soup kitchen with us.

You can either join a team or form your own team. by signing up on our sign Up Sheet at the lodge. The committee has a set budget to go by and with that a menu to follow.

We need you or a group to cook the full meal either at the lodge or the Soup Kitchen

If cooking at the lodge we need to make sure that the kitchen isn't being used and the that manager is aware of this

Cooked foods must be delivered to the Nashua Soup Kitchen the day you are to serve and you must stay for clean up after serving the meal..

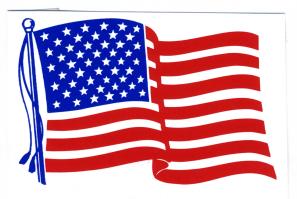
Bring back " CLEAN "any and ALL containers used to transport the meal and then turn in a Volunteer sheet with hours work to Chair Sherrie.

Full details will be on the Elks Facebook page starting December 1st and will also be posted at the lodge next to the sign up sheet. Thank You. "Elks Care – Elks Share" and you can be part of it.

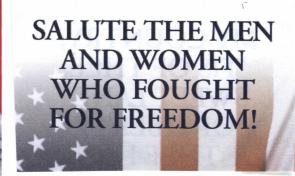
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Nashua Guardsman to Lead 42nd Infantry Division

Famed "Rainbow Division" has units across the Northeast including New Hampshire.







Brig. Gen. Harry Miller of Nashua. -

New York Army National Guard Brigadier Gen. Harry Miller, a Nashua resident and long time member of the Nashua Lodge of Elks #720 is a two-tour veteran of the Iraq War, has been named to lead the New York Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division.

Miller, a one-star general, has been serving as deputy commander of the 10,500-member New York Army National Guard since March. Prior to that, Miller was on federal active duty serving as garrison commander of Fort Drum, near Watertown, and Rear Detachment Commander for the Army's 10th Mountain Division while the division headquarters was deployed in Afghanistan.

An employee of Pfizer in his civilian life, Miller resides in Nashua with his wife, Melissa, and three daughters; Courtney, Emily and Abbey..

The 42nd Infantry Division, which is headquartered in Troy, has 20,000 Soldiers with elements in New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Army National Guard's 197th Fires Brigade is a component of the 42nd Infantry Division.

Miller will replace Major General (two-star) Steven Wickstrom, a Massachusetts native, who has commanded the 42nd Infantry Division since May of 2009. The date for the command change has not been set.

"I am truly honored and humbled to become part of such an outstanding organization and extremely thankful for the opportunity," Miller said. "I'm excited to once again take on the challenges of command and to be part of all star-team with such a storied history."

"Congratulations & Good Luck General Miller & Brother Elk"

Prayer for our Troops

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

Prayer Request:

When you read this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops around the world. Of all the gifts you could give a Marine, Soldier, Sailor, Airman, & others deployed in harm's way, Prayer is the very best one. <u>MAY GOD BLESS YOU & OUR TROOPS</u>



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