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LODGE OF ELKS 720



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MONTHLY MEETINGS / SIGNED MEMBERSHIP CARDS

When attending a floor meeting please have your current membership card out and present it at the door for proper inspection. Your card **MUST** be your current year card, and it **MUST** be signed prior to gaining entrance to the meeting. *Thanks in advance.*

COMM. CHAIR REMINDER; NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

Our goal is to have all "Chair" Newsletter materials in the hands of our editorial staff no later than the 5th of the previous month. ie: March News = Feb 5th cut-off. Similarly, all other "non-chair" submissions must be received by the 10th of the previous month. As a reminder, it is the "Chair," or organizer's responsibility, to verify material accuracy, such as dates, times, venues, and contact personnel. This gives us the opportunity to flag any conflicts. *Again -Thanks in advance.*

ER'S MESSAGE (by Micheal E. Norway, PER, PDD)

April is the beginning of Spring and a new Lodge year. I feel honored that the membership has confidence in me to be their Exalted Ruler, and along with the Lodge Officers and Support Staff, I look forward to leading the Lodge into a very exciting & challenging new year. There have been many strides in keeping the lodge very active in the community, as well as trying to keep the membership active in the lodge. I would like to invite all members and welcome our recent new members to get involved in many of our programs. These programs can't be successful without getting involved and volunteering. Even if you don't see a committee you want to be on, just ask and we can work together to make your ideas work. As well, keep in mind to not forget our Veterans and the sacrifices they've made so that we have what we have today and tomorrow. Nashua Lodge visits the Veterans every third Monday at the Manchester VA Hospital. The Veterans always look forward to our visits and playing bingo. So if you would like to join our visit, we meet at the Lodge at 6:30 PM and car pool up to the VA Hospital. We're usually back at the Lodge by 9:30 PM.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS COMMITTEE

Duties include, (at the member's written request), posting relevant information such as hospital hours, bedside phone #s, and a comprehensive monitoring of a member's progress and status, and where possible, release date. Contact our Lodge's Sickness & Distress Chair, Kelly Dorgan Cote, Esteemed Leading Knight, PER (2) at 603-396-1168 should you learn of an ELK in need. Please make arrangements to call us should you become infirm or need assistance. **ELKS CARE !!!**

NASHUA ELKS LODGE 720: THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO



Thursday Night ELKS BINGO starts at 7:00 PM at the Eagle Wing Function Center. ELKS BINGO, the "life blood" of the Lodge's fund-raising programs, goes on fifty-two weeks a year, and because of the financial success that this program has turned out to be, the Lodge is able to continue with many worthy projects.

This hardworking and dedicated group of ELKS, and Emblem Club Ladies and their spouses, has made this possible, but some new fresh faces would surely give them a well earned, and well deserved "breather" once in a while. Again, a very special THANK-YOU goes out to each of them.

PLEASE volunteer your time, even for only ONE THURSDAY a month for only a few hours between 5:00 & 8:00 PM. We guarantee you'll have fun doing it, and you'll meet a lot of great people as well.

Just come down to Nashua's newest BINGO hall on Thursday. If you can't make it to the Center to "work" the gaming, grab your friends and neighbors and come on down to play! Who knows **!!! BINGO !!!** You may be a big winner! Games start at 7:00 PM, so come early and get a good seat. *See ya there !*

ATTENTION GOLFERS !!! ATTENTION GOLFERS !!! ATTENTION GOLFERS !!!



The 2018 ELKS Golf League is open to all paid-up Members-In-Good-Standing. Last year's "regular" players are automatically signed up, unless they inform us otherwise. Substitutes and **NEW** members must sign up. Preference for open slots will be given to subs who played last year. New members to the League will be put on a "subs list," and open slots will be given on a "first-come" basis.

The League sign-up sheet is on the Lodge bulletin board. Sign up with your Name, Tel. No, E-Mail, and Handicap, (or average 9 hole score.)

When: Wed. evenings starting at 3:30 PM.

Play may begin on May 2, 2018, (weather permitting.)

Where: Green Meadow Golf Club, Hudson, N.H.

PAINT NIGHT REPORT (Submitted by Kelley Lacasse)

Thanks to all who turned out for our "Paint Night" on March 3rd. The evening was flared with "Flaming Brushes" and "Blazing Easels," and provided for an aesthetically good time. Although the turnout was somewhat less than expected, artistically good fun was had by all, the Grille Room was busy, and the Lodge picked up some money along the way.

Our next "Paint Night" is slated for September where we'll be immortalizing "Sunflowers on Canvas" for an anticipated cost of \$25.00 PP, depending on the number of participants. Watch for more in our upcoming Newsletters.

NEW LODGE OFFICERS FOR INSTALLATION

Submitted by: Al Savage, PER, PSP, PDD, HLM

Grand Exalted Ruler; I have the honor of presenting to you the following officers that were installed on March 24, 2018:

Micheal E. Norway, PER, PDD
Exalted Ruler

Kelly Dorgan Cote, PER (2)
Esteemed Leading Knight

Mary Dowling-McMahon
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Robert Schneider
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Annette Jacques, Secretary
Crystal Long, Treasurer

Matt DuMouchelle, Trustee - Five Years

I also have the honor of presenting to you the following who have been chosen by the Exalted Ruler:

Philip Jacques, Inner Guard
Cheryl A. McDonough, Chaplain

Dennis M. Joy, Sr., Tiler
Andrew K. Donaghey, Esquire

FOXWOODS REPORT *(Submitted by Brandon Zyxfryx)*



Thanks to everyone that came out to join us for the Foxwoods bus trip on Feb. 17th! The lodge was abuzz with coffee, bagels, and mimosas that morning, with an incredible show of 44 participants to be exact!

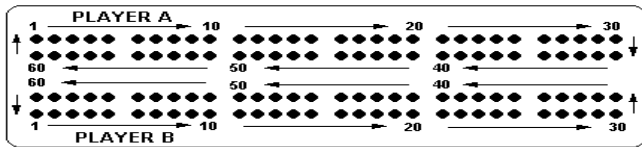
On the bus we had families, friends, and high rollers alike enjoying the sweet sounds of National Lampoon's Vegas Vacation. There was lots of "ACTION" around the beverage cooler and some rowdy fun on board, before we took things to the tables ourselves. While I can't say who the winners were, the Lodge made a total of \$238 on the trip which was awarded to the Charity account. Start looking forward to our upcoming fall trip slated for Mohegan Sun. It's sure to be another great time!

NASHUA LODGE OF ELKS 720 CRIBBAGE LEAGUE BANQUET

Our Lodge's "in-house" Cribbage League will be having their traditional Closing Banquet Celebration on Wednesday, March 28th at 7PM. More details will be posted as they become available. *(Note: Cribbage resumes on Oct. 3rd.)*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on April 5th & 19th at ELKS, 2-7 PM. The "breakfast drive" is on April 24th at 8 AM. This is the time of year when the shortage of blood is felt hardest. *Please come down and perhaps save a life.*

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT REPORT*(Submitted by Bert Faucher, PER, PDD)*

The 2018 New Hampshire State ELKS Cribbage Tournament was held at Nashua ELKS Lodge 720 on Sunday, March 4th.

There was a rousing turnout of 66 players representing 8 ELKS Lodges. Sign-in went smooth, (with coffee and donuts), the luncheon was great, and the gaming was spirited with tons of fun, and lots of “nineteens” along the way. Unfortunately, no “twenty-nines” this year !!!

When the games had pegged to a halt, the results were as follows:

1st Place: Nashua, 3749	2nd Place: Concord / Epsom, 3745
3rd Place: Rochester, 3743	4th Place: Derry / Salem, 3719
5th Place: Claremont, 2686	6th Place: Lebanon, 1898
7th Place: Plymouth, 1833	8th Place: Manchester, 1756

And Sunday’s lucky Money Winners are as follows:

Andrew Vincent, Lebanon, 965, \$150.00
Maria Symonds, Concord / Epsom, 960, \$120.00
Roger Gosselin, Rochester, 955, \$75.00
Rob Schneider, Nashua, 941, \$65.00

So once again, Nashua Lodge of ELKS 720 has retained the coveted Cribbage Championship for yet another year. If only the PATRIOTS had won their little soiree, we would have gladly given them an honorable mention in our 2018 Cribbage Trophy acceptance speech.

All kidding aside, it was a great tournament. Hope to see you all next year!

EMBLEM CLUB SPRING DINNER DANCE; SATURDAY, APRIL 28th

Make plans for the Emblem Club’s Annual Spring Dinner Dance on April 28th. The turnout is always great, the beer is always cold, the food is always hot, and the DJ is always “cookin’!” Festivities start at 6PM, and the cost is just \$12.00 PP. Tickets - Annette Jacques at secretary.elks@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER INITIATION; MARCH 12, 2018

The highlight of our last “Floor Meeting” was the initiation of 27 new members, as well as the re-instatement of Michael Saunders, and the transfer of Jason Dion and James Mangano from neighboring lodges. The hall was overflowing with pride and adulation as the names were called and the candidates took positions to receive their new status as MEMBERS! *Congrats & Welcome Aboard!*

Alesha Paradis	Amanda Matera	Anthony Scopa	Austin Norway
Barbara Saunders	Brett Rainville	Brooke Waye	Claire Actis
Colleen Zagwyn	David Berube	Donald Chancey	Jason Carter
Jennifer Carey	John Fabiano	Linda Howard	Jeff Shea
Kayla McDowell	Ralene Clark	Ricky Burges	Ronald Latulippe
Scot Rouleau	Sean McGary	Zachary Waye	Melissa McMahan
Nathaniel Batchelor	Eric Mercier	Tammy Bissonnette	



MY MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE ELKS

By Robert S. Barrett;
Chair - "Good of the Order" Committee of the
Grand Lodge. Scanned and reprinted from the
January 1932 ELKS magazine by Mike Jones



I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper, two by three inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values; yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS of the United States of America.

It tells me that I am an American citizen - the proudest title in all the world that can be conferred upon a man. It tells me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, and the maker of my own fortune. It tells me that I am a citizen of a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds sway, and where justice is enthroned.

It tells me that I have joined with 800,000 other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to our country and its laws; in placing the American flag first in our hearts as loyal Americans, and first upon our altars as loyal ELKS.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow ELKS to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brothers; to hush the tongue of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick; and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that in 1,500 cities under good fellowship, there prevails a home among brothers and friends; a bonding dedicated not only to the high principles for which the Order of ELKS stands, but to the need of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, my fireside, and my household, are under the protection of every member of this great Order, who has sworn to protect and defend me and mine, as I have sworn to protect his. It tells me that should I ever be overcome by adversity, the hand of every ELK in all the world will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that if old age should find me alone and homeless, that as an honored guest of our Order, surrounded by my old comrades, and with every comfort and luxury, I may sit upon the veranda at Bedford, VA. and watch the evening sun sink behind the Peaks of Otter for the last time before my fading eyes.

And, finally, it tells me, Brothers, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my Lodge, friends and brothers, who, when the 11th hour has been struck, will recall to mind my virtues, though they be few, and will write my faults, though they be many, upon the sands.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A woman wheeled an elderly man into my doctor's office. As she spoke to the receptionist, the old man just sat there, all alone and very quiet. Before I could go and make some "small talk" with him, a little boy slipped off his mom's lap and walked up to the wheelchair; and taking the old man's tired hands he said, "I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

*“As Long As There Are Veterans,
The ELKS Will Never Forget Them.”*

Special thanks to those who took time to honor 12 Veterans at the Manchester VAMC, on Monday Feb. 19th. Nashua ELKS Lodge #720 was the Host Lodge for Bingo.

Members in attendance were:

Exalted Ruler:

Micheal E. Norway, PER, PDD

Esteemed Leading Knight:

Kelly Dorgan Cote, PER (2)

Esteemed Loyal Knight:

Mary Dowling-McMahon

Secretary: Annette Jacques

Jack Balch, PER,

**Ray Snee, Beverly Snee, Steve Ordway
Emblem Club Member - Marion Savage**

Dennis and Ellen Joy donated the refreshments of soda and cookies.



FEB 19th: ELKS LODGE 720 VISIT
TO MANCHESTER VAMC

ELKS COMMITTED MISSION:



“So long as there are veterans, the BPOE will never forget them.” The Veterans Service Comm. takes that pledge one step further, and promises service to our nation's

veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need. Thousands of ELK volunteers give generously of their time, energy and resources to serve veterans & military members each day, to ensure that pledge is not an idle one.

Our volunteers provide direct monthly services to veterans in more than 330 facilities. Through our grants to ELK Lodges, we connect with veterans & military members in their communities, providing them with services where they live. We help veterans rehabilitate & thrive through adaptive

sports programs and therapy kits. And our Welcome Home Initiative is reaching out to some of our most vulnerable veterans; those who are experiencing homelessness.

Since WWI, our dedication has never wavered. Learn more about what we're doing today! Check out our Programs for more information about ELKS in action; or read our latest Annual Report for details!

!!! GET INVOLVED !!!

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



In 1928, one man's dream became reality for all ELKS and the communities we serve. Then-National-President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would *“unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind.”* During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the ELKS National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant. Nearly 90 years after Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ELKS National Foundation continues to unite all ELKS in service to their communities.

Our Mission: The mission is to help ELKS build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where ELKS live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state ELKS associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local ELKS communities.

Our Impact: Since inception, the ENF has contributed \$453.9 million toward ELKS charitable projects nationwide. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing ELKS to do even more to build stronger communities.

This year, the ENF allocated \$12.5 million to fund the Community Investments Program, investing in ELKS communities through grants for ELKS Lodges. Community Investments Program grants - which this year include a special Anniversary Grant to mark the 150th anniversary of the ELKS - offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

How the ENF Works: The ENF is able to help ELKS build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, we have received more than \$251.6 million in contributions and bequests. Today we boast more than 100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$686.3 million.

A board of 7 trustees, who are all past national presidents, governs the ENF, which is located at the ELKS National HQ in the ELKS Veterans Memorial in Chicago. Director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the ENF's day-to-day operation. The ENF also has volunteers at the Lodge, (District and State levels), who coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Thanks to ongoing support of our donors, the ENF continues to expand on Malley's vision, mobilizing ELKS nationwide into a force for positive change.

(Additional info on the ELKS National Foundation is available at the LODGE.)

CANDIDATE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following member has become eligible for “LIFE MEMBERSHIP STATUS”

Raymond W. Ennis DOB: 3/2/42 Initiated: 4/9/63 Member: 55 yrs

We wish him congratulations on reaching this important milestone.

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The Past Exalted Rulers Association of Nashua Lodge #720, which administers the N.E.S.T. program, announces the offering of Scholarship Awards for the 2018-19 Academic Yr. with a minimum of \$500. per student for 1 yr. Students must be in the graduating class of an area high school, (or equivalent), and must be a son/daughter, or grandson/granddaughter of a member-in-good-standing of Nashua Lodge #720 for at least 2 years.

Applications may be picked up at the Lodge from the Secretary after February 9th, 2018. All Scholarships are in the form of certificates of award, issued by the Past Exalted Rulers Association of the Nashua Lodge of ELKS #720, conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate four year degree program in an American College or University.

ELKS FOUR ★★☆☆ STAR KITCHEN - *(See inside for hours of operation)*

Our Great New Kitchen still has the modest menu of yesteryear. As such, we have scoured the countryside in search of new and exotic dishes, certain to dazzle the most jaded palates. So pay us a visit as we make our gastronomic transition; you won't be disappointed. *"Bon Appetite !"*

QUEEN OF HEARTS ♥♥♥♥ WEDNESDAYS; 7:30 PM; ! MEMBERS ONLY !

Check out our "Queen Of Hearts" game in the Grille Room. The rules have been revised and are posted at the Lodge, but importantly - you do not have to be present to win. However, donations are required IN PERSON before EACH drawing. Questions? Contact Mary McMahon at: mrdmelks720@gmail.com

"ROLL-OVER FRIDAY NIGHTS;" 9 PM; ! MEMBERS ONLY !

See any bartender for the details; then get listed !!!

Every Friday, all 600 (+) membership numbers are thrown into a hat (so to speak) and a single number is chosen. ***IF*** it's your number, and ***IF*** you've made the required weekly contribution - CONGRATULATIONS !!! You've won.

And here's the best part - you don't have to be present to be a winner.

!!! HAVE WE GOT PULL TABS !!!

Paper pull tabs / electronic pull tabs; you pick 'em. Many folks prefer the "traditional" paper variety, yet the new "electronic" version with multiple games is catching on like wild fire. *C'mon down & give it a try. Get Lucky !!!*

NOTABLE ELKS - (ANTLERS WITH ROOTS)

Six, (count 'em), 6 ELKS have served as PRESIDENT Of The UNITED STATES!

Dwight D. Eisenhower
Harry S. Truman

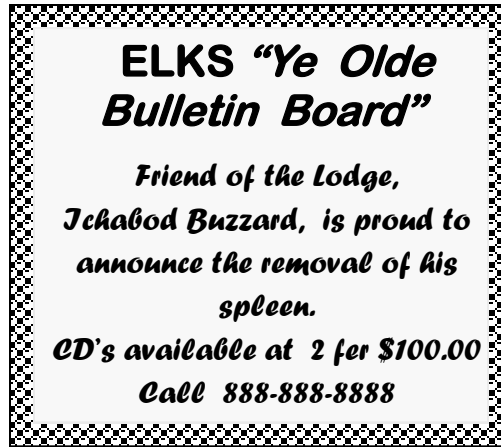
Warren G. Harding
Gerald R. Ford

Franklin D. Roosevelt
John F. Kennedy

ELKS have also been well represented in the Military; below is a partial listing:

Gen. George S. Patton Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Capt. Harry Noah Robbin
Gen. Frederick Funston Gen. James M. Gavin Gen. John Pershing
Rough Rider Henry Nash Gen. Douglas MacArthur

It makes one think of our nationwide membership today, and who will be next in line to hold public office, or defend our sacred shores. God Bless America !!!



NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

If you'd prefer getting your Newsletter by E-Mail instead of via Post, simply send us an E-Mail request, (**OR**) a signed note in our secure suggestion box, (**OR**) contact Annette Jacques at secretary.elks@gmail.com. **Save The Tree\$**

SEEN OUR NEW GRILLE ROOM ???

For starters, there's lots of very convenient parking, and our Grille Room, including our bar, & meeting hall are totally H/C accessible.

This spacious, modern, smoke free facility, features 4 giant TV's for sports, along with "ELK PRICED" beer, wine, & spirits.

Our Grille Room and Kitchen service hours are posted herein.



We've even carved out a modest smoking room for that "after-dinner-smoke!"

So stop by and check out your new Lodge. Eat, drink, be merry, & have a puff. Who knows; maybe your visit will start a weekly family tradition. See ya there!

SEEN OUR NEW HALL ???

Our new smoke-free, H/C accessible Hall is available for all occasions at very competitive pricing. If you or auld acquaintance have an upcoming party, breakfast, luncheon, or dinner function you'd like to see at our venue, give Manager Hollie a call at 630-888-9804, or E-Mail to manager.elks720@gmail.com.

Fair warning: Our spacious, inviting, modern, welcoming, comforting new facility is attracting strong advance bookings, so we urge you - plan accordingly.

•••K•E•N•O••• We're pleased to announce that ELKS now offers "KENO," similar to our neighboring Southern State. (Who needs 'em!) This, in addition to all other New Hampshire Lottery venues including Mega Millions, Power Ball, Mega Bucks, Pick 3, Pick 4, , , you name it. We also offer Scratch-off tickets of every size, shape, theme, and monetary denomination. So if you're itchin' for scratchin', (*couldn't resist*), or hankerin' for a hamburger, and salivating for some "suds, stop by 12 Murphy Drive. We've redefined "One Stop Shopping!"

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

(Submitted by Mary Dowling-McMahon)



Please let us know if there are issues you feel that should be addressed in !YOUR! Newsletter. !YOUR! new Lodge has a new Lodge year comin' up. Help us to make ELKS 720, **#1** !!! Drop a note in our secure suggestion box, or an E-Mail to mrdmelks720@gmail.com.

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