



# NASHUA LODGE OF ELKS 720

MONTHLY BULLETIN    MAY, 2018



## MAY 28th; MEMORIAL DAY

### NASHUA LODGE 720: POW / MIA MEMORIAL TABLE

*As you come into ELKS Lodge 720, please take a moment to reflect upon our POW / MIA TABLE at the entrance. (Unfortunately we're unable to duplicate the colors therein, or as described below.) Hopefully there will be a day when reminders such as these will be artifacts of yesteryear; for the history books only.*



- ♥ The white table cloth draped over the table represents the purity of their response to our country's call to arms.
- ♥ The empty chair depicts an unknown face, representing no specific Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine, but all who are not here with us.
- ♥ The table is round to show our concern for them is never ending.
- ♥ The bible represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God.

- ♥ The black napkin stands for the emptiness these warriors have left in the hearts of their families and friends.
- ♥ The single red rose reminds us of their families & loved ones.
- ♥ The red ribbon represents the love of our country which inspired them to answer the nation's call.
- ♥ The yellow candle and yellow ribbon symbolize the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those still unaccounted for.
- ♥ The slices of lemon on the bread plate remind us of their bitter fate.
- ♥ The salt upon the bread represents the tears their families have shed.
- ♥ The wine glass turned upside down, reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot drink a toast with us, or join in the festivities of the evening.

*So long as there are Veterans, the BPOE will never forget them*

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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 **MUST** be signed prior to gaining entrance to the meeting. *Thanks in advance.*

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REMINDER: NEWSLETTER MATERIAL**

Our goal is to have all “Chair” Newsletter materials in the hands of our editor, no later than the 5th of the previous month. i.e. 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, & most importantly, contact personnel! This gives us the opportunity to flag any conflicts.

*Again - We thank you in advance.*

## **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, 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 !!!**

## **EXALTED RULER’S MESSAGE: Micheal E. Norway; PER, PDD**



Spring has sprung and the warmer weather is approaching. It has been a long winter but we have a lot going on this month. Don't forget to honor our Mothers this month. On Sunday May 13th, we'll be having our Mother's Day Celebration and Brunch for the mothers of ELK members starting at 09:00.

The New Hampshire State ELKS Convention is May 18th thru May 20th at Loon Mountain, in Lincoln, NH. Our lodge will be well represented with many members already planning to attend. If you can't be there for the weekend, try to attend the business meeting on Saturday, starting at 1:00PM.

Once again, Our Lodge Officers and any members that would like to join us, will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th. We'd love to see a formidable representation of ELK-DOM “stepping out” that day.

Remember, please pay your dues obligation if you have not already done so. “A Good ELK is a paid up ELK.”

And a final reminder; the American Red Cross Blood Drive takes place here at our ELK'S Lodge, every first and third Thursday of the month.

## **DISPLACED MEMBERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We have been unsuccessful in reaching or locating the following ELK members.

Joanne M. Labranche      Francis A. Perrotta      Kenneth W. Stewart

If any member knows their whereabouts, or are able to reach these members, please contact Lodge Secretary Annette Jacques, [secretary.elks@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.elks@gmail.com)

**! DUES DUES! "A PAID UP ELK IS A GOOD ELK" ! DUES DUES !**

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



We need the cooperation of all members. Please check your membership card, and verify that it is indicated as "PAID" through April 1, **2019**.

Your 2018/19 dues are as follows:

Regular Member: \$79.50

Life Member: \$26.00

ENF: \$10.00

Your 2018 / 2019 membership obligation must be made current or you will be dropped for non-payment of dues. There's a financial outlay that all Lodges must make to the Grand Lodge, that represents a per-member commitment.

***There Are Costly Ramifications Associated With This !!!***

At the beginning of each "LODGE YEAR, all Lodges remit a sizable portion of all anticipated member dues, (!paid or unpaid!), to the Grand Lodge. Once the GL records are updated, a fractional portion is remitted back to each Lodge. During this interim, we're in effect, lending your Lodge's money to those who have not kept their dues obligation current. This is a ponderous outlay of cash. Do the math - HYPOTHETICALLY - (say) 200 members are not "dues current," and - HYPOTHETICALLY - (say) our outlay is \$50. per capita, , , this is money "loaned" to our membership, interest free! And the worst part is, when we get the GL's member-remittance to our Lodge, we're getting our own money back, only less of it! We cannot sustain this loss - we're not in the banking business.

***And There Are Severe Measures Associated With This !!!***

If you have paid your dues at the Grille, either by cash, check, or credit card, make sure to keep your receipt. There's a small time lag for processing, and entering your new card to the automatic key reader. Effective immediately, Grille personnel are instructed to verify all Lodge entrants, no exceptions. If you have not yet received your new card, a paid receipt will be acceptable. This also keeps us in sync with the NH Liquor Authority's Private Club regs.

***But There's An Easy Solution To All This !!!***

Please pay us a visit. Help us ease the burden of this yearly re\$pon\$ibility.

***Your Lodge Thanks You In Advance !!!***

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARDS - Clarification**

**March 28, 2018 - To all Life Members**

I've received several inquiries regarding the dates on your membership card. The line states:

Since "the date you became a life member" Dues Paid to April 1, 2019  
30+ Member Years.

The DATE is the date you were given the honor of becoming a "Life Member."  
MEMBER YEARS is the number of "Dues Years" you've paid. But you were given credit for the entire year. We realize this can be confusing as follows:

If you joined in the month of February, your dues were pro-rated.

Hope this helps, Annette Jacques, Lodge Secretary

## **MEMBERS CHILDREN / GRANDCHILDREN EASTER PARTY; March 18th**



This year's Annual Children's Easter Party was a hopping good time! The children, and parents alike, had fun doing arts and crafts, playing games, and eating ***Easter Pizza!*** The highlight of the afternoon was the eagerly anticipated knock on the door, , , The Easter Bunny had arrived!!! The joy and excitement could be felt crackling in the air, and everyone was able to take advantage of photos sitting with our distinguished guest of honor, Mr. Bunny himself. (You can check out these flix on our Elks FaceBook page.) Thanks to all who came out and participated, especially to Member Paul Lavigne who brought our Easter Bunny to life!

## **MEAT BINGO - May 5th**

Mark your calendars now. There will be a Meat Bingo held at our Lodge on Saturday, May 5th, starting at 7:00 PM. These are always a lot of fun, and it's an excellent way to "bring home the bacon" while you're having a few laughs. There are always multiple games, so there are numerous opportunities to win.

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on May 3rd & 17th at ELKS, 2-7 PM. The "breakfast drive" is on May 22nd, 8 AM to 1:30 PM. This is the time of year when blood shortage hits hardest. *Please come down and perhaps save a life.*

## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - May 28th**



All ELKS members are invited to join the ELKS Board Of Officers as they "march-off" at the Memorial Day Parade. (More will be posted at the Lodge as the info becomes available.) But we do know we'll congregate at Holman Stadium, and proceed to Main Street where we March up to the Elm Street School. For the past 100 years, Nashua's streets have been lined deep with young and old alike, paying tribute to those who have answered the call to duty. This year should echo this participation on both sides of the curb. *Bring yer "Marchin' boots."*

## **N.E.S.T. NASHUA • ELKS • SCHOLARSHIP • TRUST •**



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.

# MOTHER'S DAY

## Brunch



### *Elks Mother's Day Brunch and Service*

*Sunday May 13th, 2018*

*The Elks Annual Mother's Day Services Begins at  
9:00 AM*

*Brunch will follow*

*Menu:*

*Omelet Station*

*Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Bacon, Ham, Sausage, Roast Beef,  
Home Fries & Assorted Fruit.*

*FREE to Elks who are Mothers, Mothers and Mothers in Law of ELK  
Members (Member Cards are checked at the door)*

*\$9.00 /Adult*

*\$5.00/ ages 3-12*

*Children under 3*

*FREE*

*Please join us in  
Celebrating our Mothers!!*



## **VETERAN'S CORNER**

March Bingo at Manchester VAMC was hosted by Nashua ELKS Lodge #720. (Keene Lodge #927 was unable to attend.) Representing Nashua ELKS were: Jack Balch, Norm Lavallee, Beverly & Ray Snee, John Welch and Steve Ordway. The Emblem Club was represented by Marion Savage.

**The Monthly VSO** meeting at Manchester VAMC was attended by Jack Balch on Monday March 26th. Manchester has a new Director, Al Montoya, along with Chief of Staff Dr. Zimmerman. The 4th Fl. West Wing is now open, and Urology is back in its original location. The VAMC was recently visited by the Joint Commission, a civilian medical certifying oversight group, that accredits both public & private medical facilities. The VAMC was given a very favorable rating. A 360K grant was given to the VAMC to promote "whole health" which includes Physical Therapy and Recreation throughout the community. It is planned to make arrangements with local "Ys" to accommodate Veterans with Home and Health Fitness Gyms at a discounted rate.

**The Quarterly VAVS** meeting was attended by Norm Lavallee on April 4th. Good news for Veterans enrolling at the Manchester VAMC; turnaround for enrollment time for visiting your Primary Care Doctor is only 24 days, one of the best VA turnaround times in the nation.

The Manchester VAMC has a Suicide Prevention Program supported by two Suicide Prevention Coordinators. Suicide Prevention is the highest clinical priority of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Free haircuts for all veterans are provided on the first Monday of the month at the VAMC by Michael's School of Hair Design.

**Bedford, Manchester & White River Junction VAs are hosting a baby shower.** Donations are needed for Veteran's Baby Showers by Apr. 27th. (*Short notice.*) ELKS Lodge #720 voted to spend approx. \$120.00 on gifts at the Apr 9th mtg.

**Bingo at the Tilton Veterans Home**, hosted by Laconia ELKS Lodge #876, started at 6:30 PM on Tuesday April 11th. Nashua Elks Lodge #720 was represented by Norm Lavallee and Jack Balch. Our Lodge also delivered 4 afghans.

**Bingo at the Manchester VAMC**, Monday, April 16th, was hosted by Portsmouth Lodge #97. ELKS Lodge #720 was represented by Jack Balch, Norm Lavallee, John Welch, Kim Beaudin, Linda Howard, Gail Johnson, Ray & Bev Snee, and Steve Ordway, with Marion Savage attending for the Emblem Club.

**Upcoming events:** Rochester Lodge #1393 will be hosting Bingo on May 14th at the Tilton Veterans Home starting at 6 PM.

Dover Lodge #184 will host 7:30 Bingo at Manchester VAMC, on May 21st.

Members are welcome to become "Bingo Volunteers" to honor our Veterans.

**AS LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS, THE ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM**

## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

A drill sergeant had just chewed out one of his cadets. As the cadet was walking away, he turned to the cadet and growled:

*"I guess when I die you'll come back and dance on my grave."*

The cadet replied, *"Not me, Sarge, , , no sirree! I promised myself that when I got out of the Army, I'd never stand in line again!"*



**ELKS "Ye Olde  
Bulletin Board"**

**ELKS LODGE 720 MEMBERS**  
Post your non-commercial  
announcements here.  
There's no charge, and you  
get your materials into the  
hands of fellow ELKS.  
*Give us a call, or drop a line.*

**GRILLE ROOM  
HOURS OF OPERATION**

Sun:	11:30 AM	8:00 PM
Mon:	4:00 PM	10:00 PM
Tue:	4:00 PM	10:00 PM
Wed:	11:30 AM	10:00 PM
Thu:	11:30 AM	11:30 PM
Fri:	11:30 AM	11:30 PM
Sat:	11:30 AM	11:30 PM

Holidays: See Calendar

**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 McMahan at: [mrdmelks720@gmail.com](mailto:mrdmelks720@gmail.com)

**"ROLL-OVER FRIDAY NIGHTS;" 9 PM; ! MEMBERS ONLY ! See any bartender**

Every Friday, 600 (+) member numbers are "thrown in a hat" and a single number is chosen. IF it's your number, and IF you've made the required weekly contribution - You've won. You don't have to be present to be a winner.

**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. ***"Bottoms Up!"***

**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](mailto: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.

**KENO:** 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!"

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**DATED MATERIAL**

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	6	7	8	9 Queen of Hearts Dwg.  Potential start date for Golf	10 General Newsletter Submission Cut-Off	11  ROLLOVER DRAWING	12
	13 MOTHER'S DAY  MOTHER'S DAY CEREMONY 9:00 AM	14  Floor Meeting 7:30 PM	15	16 Queen of Hearts Dwg  Golf	17  Red Cross Blood Drive	18 ROLLOVER DRAWING NH STATE ELKS CONVENTION LOON LAKE LINCOLN, NH	19 Armed Forces Day  NH STATE ELKS CONVENTION LOON LAKE LINCOLN, NH
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	27	28 <b><u>MEMORIAL DAY PARADE</u></b> (SEE INSIDE)  Floor Meeting 7:30 PM	29	30  Queen of Hearts Dwg.  Golf	31	<b>Kitchen Open Wed, Thu, &amp; Fri 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b>	