



Claremont Elks Lodge #879 Newsletter



PO Box 1496, 54 Summer Street, Claremont NH 03743

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To my fellow Elks of Lodge #879

Greetings everyone from your Exalted Ruler. --- Summer is here! Pools and waterways are warming up for swimming. As I write, this there are a few of us packing to head out to the National Grand Lodge Convention being held in Chicago, IL. Remember any member can go to the conventions. They are very informative and interesting to be a part of. Next year it will be held in Denver CO.

By now most of you have received notification of a membership vote taking place at our regular meeting on July 20th at 6:00 p.m. Discussion and voting to either upgrade and remodel the property at 125 Pleasant St. or demolish the building and decide what to do with the property then. This will take place during the old business section of the meeting. I am offering to anyone interested in seeing the building, I will be available on July 12th at 10:45 a.m. for members to tour the building. If you have any questions, please contact me at tmabbey879@gmail.com.

Thank you again to everyone that volunteered for this year's annual Alumni Parade Barbecue—it was a huge success because of the greatness of our members. Next year we may have to make changes in food offering as it seems our awesome barbecue chicken is not as popular with the younger generations coming out for the celebration. As was reported on Facebook that week our members logged over 169 hours of volunteer work.

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Hunter Fund scholarships. This year we awarded over \$36,000.00 in scholarships over the next 4 years. The winners were Malachi Caple, Scott Hagar, Ethan Murphy and Edison Sohngen. Best of luck in your future education and life!

Coming up on July 19th is the day we send our bus full of kids off to Copper Cannon for the week. This year we have 22 area children who are participating in a free week away at camp. Thank you to the members who volunteered to chaperone the bus ride up and back. They will be returning on July 25th. Let's hope they have a great week and great weather.

Reminder if you have not paid your 2026-2027 dues yet we do not want to lose you. You can pay your dues online, mail them to the Lodge, or stop in and speak to the bartender on duty.

As always feel free to reach out and contact me. You can email me at tmabbey879@gmail.com or leave a note with the bartender on duty with your contact details and I will reach out to you.

Fraternally Yours,

Todd Abbey, Exalted Ruler

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5 year: Paul Gonyea

4 year: Jeff Jangel

3 year: David Chase

2 year: Jeff Wright

1 year: Brian Landry

Charity...Justice...Brotherly Love...and Fidelity

To pay your dues online with a credit or debit card, go to elks.org/pay online, then type "Claremont" in the block and select your Lodge, then click the green box to go to the payment page also available on our website at

<http://www.elks.org/879> and click on the "more info" tab to the left. Any questions call the Lodge at (603)542-9802 and leave a message for me. Thank you, Dawn Zombeck, Lodge Secretary

SAVE THE DATE:

Queen of Hearts will continue as usual. You can purchase tickets on any day from the bartender on duty. Claremont Elks members and their card-carrying spouse or partner are the only ones that can purchase tickets. The drawing is held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. sharp.

PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday night dinners have been suspended until September

Drop in Cards Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

It is never too early to think about camping!

Copper Cannon Camp is gearing up for what is sure to be the best summer camp yet.

We are sponsoring Copper Cannon Camp from July 19th to July 25th. Ages 9-12, This includes transportation.

Other camps run from June 21st through August 14th ages 9-16.

Grandparents weekend is Sept 4th to Sept 7th.

Donating to the Elks National Foundation online is quick, easy and secure. Your online donation will be put to work immediately supporting Elk Programs. If you're an Elk, your Lodge will be credited for your donation. It can be a donation whenever you would like to donate. The Fidelity Club is the ENF's individual giving and recognition program for donors with an automatic monthly donation through their credit card or bank account. For as low as \$5.00 a month, Elks can join an exclusive club that gives them recognition benefits like a sticker for their membership card, a pin and pin attachments, and an invitation to an event at the Elks National Convention. Here is how to donate online. Go to Elks.org than Elks National Foundation, then donate, then Monthly, then Other, type 5 (for \$5.00/month) and complete the required information.



July Birthdays

1 st Lania Chapin	20 th Dick Baril
1 st Angela L Stapleton	20 th Bruce D Cantara
4 th Philip Osgood	20 th Brent LeClair
4 th Elizabeth Anne Slater	22 nd Jana E Barry
7 th Arnold Craigue	23 rd Corey C Laroche
7 th Patricia Walker	24 th Matthew Carrier
13 th Murielle King	24 th Michael A Satzow
13 th Edward A Lucier	24 th Dawn Zombeck
13 th Richard Donald Nelson	26 th Melodie Penn
15 th Kyle Dalke	27 th Eileen Czechowicz
15 th Thomas Wilson	28 th Robert D Gill
18 th Heather A McNamara	

Hours of Operation

Monday:	2 pm --9 pm
Tuesday:	2 pm – 9 pm
Wednesday:	2 pm – 9 pm
Thursday:	2 pm – 9 pm
Friday:	2 pm – 10 pm
Saturday:	11 am –9 pm
Sunday:	11 am – 7 pm

The Lodge can remain open later at the discretion of the Bartender on duty or when a function is being held.

Would you like to have your Newsletter sent to you by email? Delivery can take as long as 2 weeks depending on where you live.

If you have an email address that we do not have on file, please notify the Lodge at 603-542-9802

We are proud to welcome many new Elk members, and we encourage all members to attend Lodge meetings. Come observe, listen, and learn how the lodge operates. Meetings are where we vote on new members, approved community donations, and hear important committee reports. Participation is a great way to stay informed and involved, you'll learn a lot.

Good News! Digital Elks membership cards are now available at elks.org. If you haven't registered on the website yet, please take a few minutes to do so and enjoy easy access to your membership card and other helpful member features.

Applications for Membership

Brenda Chadbourne by Dawn Zombeck

Applications for Reinstatements

Tonya LaClair by Penny Doughty
Joseph Daxter by Chenoa Wilsom

PLEASE NOTE: Grant Meetings will now be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 pm.



DATE: 06/16/26

TO: All Members of Lodge #879, Claremont, NH 03743

RE: Call of vote for removal of the existing structure located at 125 Pleasant Street, Claremont, NH 03743 and apply for Grand Lodge building permit.

- A. The purpose of the proposed meeting is to hold a vote on removal of the structure at 125 Pleasant Street, Claremont NH 03743
- B. The total estimated budget will be +/- \$25,000
- C. This will not create any indebtedness to Lodge #879
- D. No property will need to be mortgaged
- E. Exalted Ruler, Todd Abbey, will be person authorized to act for the Lodge, to be decided at June 15th, 2026, regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- F. No amount will be received by the Lodge

The date of the vote will be held during the “Old Business” section of the regular meeting held on July 20th, 2026. First reading and notification was made during “New Business” section on June 20th, 2026.

The proposal may be adopted by at least a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present. An accurate count of the number of members in attendance at the Lodge session. It must be recorded along with the number voting for the proposal and the number voting against the proposal. Abstentions will be considered as opposing votes.

Please feel free to reach out to any of the Trustees of the Board of Directors with any questions.

Fraternally yours,
Todd Abbey
Exalted Ruler
Claremont NH Lodge #879

Please have an enjoyable and safe summer with family and friends.

CLAREMONT ELKS LODGE #879**July****2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Drop in Cards 6:30 pm	3	4
5	6	7 Queen of Hearts 6 pm	8	9 Drop in Cards 6:30 pm	10	11
12 Orientation 9 am Initiation 10 am Garage tour 10:45 am	13	14 Queen of Hearts 6 pm	15	16 Drop in Cards 6:30 pm	17	18
19 Kids leave for Copper Cannon	20 BOD Meeting at 5:30 pm Member Meeting at 6:00 pm & garage vote	21 Queen of Hearts 6 pm Grant Meetingg 5 pm	22	23 Drop in Cards 6:30 pm	24	25 Kids return home from Copper Cannon Camp
26	27	28 Queen of Hearts 6 pm	29	30	31	

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BE THE DIFFERENCE! Thank you for being an Elk!
Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something!