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The Northampton Lodge of Elks No. 997 is On-Line!

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The Facebook page for Lodge No. 997 can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/Northampton-Elks-Lodge-No-997-163765323657903/> Email for Lodge No. 997 is: elkslodge997@gmail.com

Members All,

This has certainly been a trying year for our country and certainly, for Elkdom. The restrictions put in place due to the pandemic have limited our ability to operate our lodges and in a normal fashion and hampered our fundraising efforts. We did manage to successfully secure two Elks National Foundation grants for a total of \$5,500.00 that was used to support our community. We are looking to open our facility and start generating some much-needed income. We have tried to keep the business side of our lodge going via Zoom meetings. It is time to get back to holding our regular lodge meetings at the lodge now that the COVID -19 restrictions are being eased.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Exalted Ruler Donnie Rippetoe, PER, and Treasurer Donna Yerkes for all their hard work over the past 2 years. I must also congratulate the entire suite of Officers whose teamwork kept this lodge moving forward in a positive direction and returning #997 to a viable Elks lodge. I also compliment our Steward, Tara Beaulieu for all her efforts in keeping us well-fed and keeping the lodge immaculate. To the members, your support is much appreciated throughout these trying times. As we work our way through this pandemic, your support will be needed more than ever.

I am calling on the membership to participate in our first meeting at the lodge on Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. We will need to nominate an Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight and Treasurer. Your participation in this process is imperative to steer the future of our lodge. There are many questions that I will attempt to answer, and I welcome your participation and especially, your ideas. The membership must become involved in the decision process. With over 300 members, we barely get 6-8 % of the membership that attends our business meetings. We also need members to step-up to Officers and Committee Chairpersons to keep this a viable Elks lodge. This lodge worked extremely hard to be released from probation and now we are in jeopardy of being placed back on probation. Only the membership, through their support and participation, will prevent this from happening. I urge you to become involved in your lodge.

All is not gloom and doom and we can all work to turn the negative effects from this horrible pandemic into a positive role model for our community. It is time to do what we do best; support our community, give to the less fortunate and never forget our veterans, servicemen at home and abroad, and our first responders. We can make #997 a shining light in our community once again. It is up to the membership to make this happen.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Peter T. Krisak, PDD, Leading Knight, State Trustee
Northampton Lodge No. 997

The House Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m.

The Northampton Lodge of Elks No. 997 is completely handicapped accessible.

The Northampton Lodge of Elk No. 997 Presents Grants

Thanks to the hard work of Kathy Krisak, PER,DDD, The Northampton Lodge of Elks No. 997 received grants for the Northampton Survival Center and Cooley Dickin-

(Right) On March 11, 2021 ER Donald Rippetoe Cooley Dickin-son Hospital with a \$2,000 grant to purchase personal protective equipment and support the ongoing COVID-19 re- sponse.



(Left) On March 15, 2021 Wendy Mazza presented Amy Marsters, Development Manager of the Survival Center. with their grant of \$3,500.



LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021

Donald Rippetoe	Exalted Ruler
Peter Krisak, PDDGER	E. Leading Knight
Ted Timmons	E. Loyal Knight
Angelina Caputo	E. Lecturing Knight
Sherry Grabon	Secretary
Donna Yerkes	Treasurer
Alison Lucey	Tiler
Ray Capers	Esquire
Michael Kolemba	Inner Guard
Patty Paul	Chaplain

Trustees

Anita Waite	Richard Bart
Kim Timmons	Wendy Mazza
Elaine Wood	

Lodge Hours

Operating Under Massachusetts Reopening and Local Gov- ernment mandates with Limited Access

Session of Sorrow

Alan Morini

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Secretary's Message, April 2021:

Greetings!

We are entering a new Elk's year. Reminder, as of April 1, you need to use your new member- ship card, so if you have not already paid your annual dues, please get them in as soon as possible. Just a reminder, when you get your bill Life Members owe \$42.25 and Annual Mem- bers owe \$82.25. Bill separates dues and Grand lodge fees, but you are responsible for both portions. I have received checks for only the "dues" amount, but both must be paid.

Hopefully the Lodge will be coming open soon, and with spring also comes our outside activi- ties. Tent will be going up the week of April 19th and Cruise Nights will begin soon after.

Thanks to Donnie Mike Driscoll, Tara and Jay- cee for keeping our lot and sidewalks plowed and shoveled this past winter. That has saved the lodge a lot of money by not having to pay an outside service.

Our election of officers has filled all slots ex- cept for Leading Knight. If there is anyone in- terested in filing that position, please let Don know. It is an elected office, so the members will have to vote. Installation of officers is scheduled for April 6th. More information will be forthcoming regarding installation.

Welcome spring and nice weather!

Fraternally,
Sherry



2021-2022 Elected Officers for The Northampton Lodge of Elks No. 997

The following members of Lodge No. 997 have been elected as Officers for the 2021-2022 year. Installation is scheduled for April 6th, 2021 with more information to follow!

Exalted Ruler:	Vacant
Leading Knight:	Vacant
Loyal Knight:	Angie Caputo
Lecturing Knight:	Jon Church
Esquire:	Ray Capers
Tiler:	Alison Lucey
Inner Guard.:	Mike Kolemba
Treasurer.	Peter Krisak
Secretary:	Sherry Grabon

(There is no change to the list of Trustees)

Sickness & Distress

Peggy Broughton	Norm Graves
Denise Caputo	Donna Yerkes
Gerry Clark	