



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. ----- I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. I want to thank Barbara, Paul, Sandy, and Courtney for attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago with me. I for one, could care less about ever going back to Chicago. We learned a lot and met other Elks from all around the country. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler is Tim Jaeger. His moto for the year is "Ready Elks! Let's Go!"

August is here and our grants committee has been hard at work. Coming up next is the Back-to-School Festival. If you are interested in helping, please call the Lodge and leave a message and I will make sure it gets to the correct person. Watch for emails and Facebook posts to see what else they have planned.

Save the Date!! The Elks Soccer Shoot this year will be on Sunday. September 13th at Monadnock Park. Registration will start at 9:00 and Shoot starts at 10:00. There will be a signup sheet in the stag room for members to volunteer. We will be needing 6-8 volunteers for this event. It is usually done around noontime. Thanks to Justin Pond for continuing this major event for our Lodge and local young soccer players. Also, watch the announcement for our annual golf tournament sign-ups, happening on September 26th. This event fills quickly, and first comes, first play.

At the July 20th general membership meeting, a motion was made and unanimously passed to demolish the garage at 125 Pleasant St. in hopes to create additional parking and a back lawn green space and patio to be fenced in for our members to enjoy during nice weather. Look out for fundraisers coming up to Pay for the Patio! Thank you all for being there.

Copper Cannon Camp was a success this year. This past Saturday when the campers returned, they were happy to see their parents but many of them said they will be going back to camp next year. Sounded like they had a fun week! A big shoutout to everyone to help make this year a success! And a special thank you to the bus chaperones Kevin and Jen! It is great we can count on you every year.

Currently, we have suspended our Tuesday night meals until September. Once the busy summer is slowing down and people return more to the Lodge, they will continue again. From time-to-time volunteers may make a surprise so keep an out eye on that. When meals come back, then all proceeds will go to busing for Copper Cannon as now, we must pay for the transportation. Please remember you can purchase your Queen of Hearts tickets at any time.

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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4 year: Jeff Jangel

3 year:

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 during the month of August. 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.

The Lodge is sponsoring Copper Cannon Camp for Grandparents Weekend September 4th through September 7th. Please contact the Lodge for name and contact information.

BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 MEMORIAL EVENT

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of 9/11, and they are inviting ELK members and family to be part of this meaningful event by hosting an information table and/or forming a stair climb or walking team. A vendor table is a wonderful opportunity to connect with community members while showing the ELKS support for this important day of remembrance. Teams of all sizes are welcome---whether you are representing a business, civic group, school, or simply gathering friends and family.

Event Details:

Date, Friday, September 11th

Location, Visitor's Center

Stair Climb/Walk Begins, 8:46 a.m.

For more information or to reserve a table or register your team, please contact the Community Center at 603-542-7019 or email dzombeck@claremontnh.com

08/04/26: National Night Out, 4-7 p.m., small Carnival Games & Prizes, Tough a Truck, Dump Tank, Music, Free Food, Community Information

08/22/26: SAU 6 Back To School Festival, 10-noon, Barnes Park, Games, Prizes, Food & Drinks. Welcome back, students & families.



August Birthdays

1 st Tim Brown	13 th Peggy Desmarais
3 rd Cynthia Lembke	15 th Kimberly A Hodgdon
4 th Amanda Henault	16 th Peggy Davis
6 th Richard M Dieter	17 th Jessica L Murphy
6 th Derek Ferland	17 th Christopher Selph
7 th Shea Hurd	20 th Ann M Jacques
7 th Gabrielle Keyser	21 st Paul Bagas
9 th Linda Finch-Rosado	23 rd Gregory P Belisle
9 th Joseph E Paquette	24 th Donald Melcher
9 th Barbara J Rozwadowski	26 th Sydney Whipple
10 th Lori Mullen	27 th Gary A Ferland
10 th Scott Willard	28 th Julie M Woodman
	29 th Greg Balcom

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 wonderful way to stay informed and involved, you will learn a lot.

Good News! Digital Elks membership cards are now available at elks.org. If you have not 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.

August is Fidelity Club Month

It is a time to celebrate the ENF's sustaining giving program. Sustaining donors are a constant, reliable network of givers whose support significantly impacts ENF programming. As members of the Fidelity Club, donors who start automatic, monthly gifts receive exclusive recognition on top of giving back to their community. Fidelity Club gifts help make your Lodge eligible for the GRATITUDE GRANT and its bonuses, allowing you to build even stronger communities.

To learn more, please visit: enf.org/FidelityClub



Some of the campers are getting ready for the bus trip to Copper Cannon Campground for a one week stay for a fun time!



The campers return home after a fun time away for a week at Copper Cannon Campground. They are wearing their souvenir matching t-shirts with autographs and fun sayings.

Claremont Elks Soccer Shoot

Sunday, September 13th.

Registration: 9 a.m.

Start Time: 10 a.m.

Monadnock Park

13 & Under.....Age as of January 1st

Call 603-543-9802 for additional information!

CLAREMONT ELKS LODGE #879**August****2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Queen of Hearts 6 pm NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 4-7 pm	5	6 Drop in Cards 6:30 pm	7 Copper Cannon Camp Appreciation Night	8
9	10	11 Queen of Hearts 6 pm	12	13 Drop in Cards 6:30 pm	14	15
16 STATE PICNIC, ROCHESTER	17 BOD Meeting at 5:30 pm Member Meeting at 6:00 pm	18 Queen of Hearts 6 pm Grant Meeting 5 pm	19	20 Drop in Cards 6:30 pm	21	22 BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL 10-noon
23 DD CLINIC, KEENE, 11 am	24	25 Queen of Hearts 6 pm	26	27 Drop in Cards 6:30 pm	28	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!