Lebanon Lodge 2099

November 2026 Member Newsletter

Message from the Exalted Ruler

As we step into fall and daylight gets shorter , temperatures get cooler. Members are beginning to return to their lodge activities. We've have had some hard times this month. People have had life circumstances that have required them to make some changes. Four Lodge officers have resigned their offices in the Lodge. We thank them for their service and wish them well. At our November meeting we will be taking nominations for the following offices:

- Esteemed Loyal Knight
- Trustee (for the remaining time of their chair being 3 and a half years
- Tiler
- Chaplain

Even though some of these offices are appointed, I would appreciate any suggestions to fill them for the remainder of the year.

On the positive side of things, we held initiation Saturday October 24th and welcome eleven new members into our Lodge and organization. We had guests visiting our lodge including our District Deputy North GER Dean Chandler and a District Deputy from Massachusetts who attended. I want to thank all who attended this and most of all those who helped with it.

On November 7th we are having a Veteran's Appreciation event here at the lodge and a performance by Chris Powers on that same day upstairs. Look for information posted aroud the lodge. December 6th we will have our annual memorial ceremony service for those that have passed away this year this will take place at 2:00pm. All officers should be in full regalia for this solemn ceremony. Members and families are welcome to attend.

I also want to remind everyone that that as February is fast approaching us it will be time to hold nominations for our 2027 - 2028 year of officers. If anyone is interested in running for an elected office or would like to take an appointed office, Please let us know.

Sincerely, **Exalted Ruler Patrick Corsney**

Community

Friendship

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Concert at the Lodge: Chris Powers

Saturday, November 7th from 6 to 9 pm. $5 Cover Charge.

Enjoy music by Chris Powers. Chris is an "Upper Valley, NH looping musician performing throughout New England & Florida."(from his Facebook page). Popular songs include Tennessee whiskey by Chris Stapleton , Whiskey Glasses by Morgan Wallen, Jack and Diane by John Mellencamp, and Southbound by Chris Powers.

Open to members and bona fide guests.

In Memory of

Please honor our fellow lodge members that have recently passed away.

"The places that have known him/her shall know him/her no more; but his/her virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory."

- **Norman Rhodes**
- **Alan Wagner**
- **Stanley Wood**
- **Joseph F. Stumpf Jr**
- **Curtis Greene**
- **Everett Farnsworth**
- **Raymond Stone**
- **Joe Alvin**
- **Lee Woodward Sr.**
- **Fred Plaisted Jr.**
- **Herbert "Danny" Cornell Jr.**
- **Leonard Beliveau**
- **Douglas Woodward**
- **Ronald LaBombard Sr.**
- **Theodore L. Occhi**

Donations Thanks

A special thank you to Carl Wallen and the Thor Stone Athletic Club for their generous donation to the Veteran's Committee. Also a special thank you to Jean Schwab for her donation of lap quilts for our deserving Veterans at the VA.

Veterans Committee

On October 5th the Lebanon NH #2099 Veterans Committee distributed 50 dental kits at the White River Junction VA. Each kit included mouthwash, battery operated toothbrushes, floss, water flosser/pick, toothpaste, gel toothpick floss and cool mint breath packs. This donation was made possible through the $2,500 Spotlight Grant awarded by the Elks National Foundation.

On October 21 Committee Chair Doug Maynard and Committee member Margo LaHaye purchased $500 in merchandise for the Tree of Warmth, an annual winter donation and distribution event hosted at the White River Junction VA Medical Center. This event provides Veterans, their spouses, and children living in the same household new winter essentials.

A Reminder to Save the Date for Saturday, November 7, 1-3 p.m. as we gather to honor the brave men and women who have served our country.

Save the Date: Annual Veterans Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12th. Appetizers at 5 p.m.; introductions and flag ceremony to follow and live entertainment by Yvonne and Reverbs until 10 p.m. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by December 2nd to Veterans Committee Chair Doug Maynard via phone or text at 603-558-8438 or email drmaynard@comcast.net. There is a 175 person cutoff. This event is open to all Veterans, Gold Star and Blue Star families. This event is made possible through the generous donation of the Byrne Foundation.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Assist with planning, organizing and running member events
- Kitchen staff
- Event Overseers
- Activities Committee Member
- Annual Veterans Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12th from 5 to 10 pm.

Visit the Volunteer Opportunities page on the Lebanon Elks Website to see full job descriptions. The address is https://lebanonelks2099.com/volunteer-opportunities. Look for volunteer event sign-up sheets at the lodge.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Annual Senior Dinner on Wednesday December 2. Event starts at 11:30 am.

Queen of Hearts

When: Monday Nights at 6:30 pm.

Cost: $2.00 per ticket.

You can buy as many tickets as you like. Tickets may be purchased any time during the week when the Lodge is open, and until 6:15 pm on Monday nights.

October Game News

Here are the weekly winners of $100:

- 10/5 was Pete Schwab
- 10/12 was Joanne Bettis
- 10/19 was Calvin Goude
- 10/26 was Joy Tyo

The jackpot for 11/2 is $4,749.

The QofH committee would like to thank the lodge for adding $1,500 to our jackpot. Huge thank-you to all members that played.

Chaplain's Corner

A Season of Gratitude and New Beginnings

November invites us to pause.

The brilliant colors of autumn remind us of the beauty that can come from a season of growth. The trees have spent months reaching toward the sun, growing stronger, producing new leaves, and weathering whatever the seasons have brought. Now, as those leaves begin to fall, the landscape changes once again.

But perhaps the falling leaves aren't a symbol of loss. Perhaps they are a reminder that one season has accomplished its purpose and another is beginning. There is something beautiful about recognizing how far we have come while remaining open to where we are going.

November also gives us the opportunity to reflect on the things that matter deeply to us as Elks.

On Veterans Day, we honor those who have served our country with courage and sacrifice. Their example reminds us of Fidelity—the strength found in commitment, loyalty, and devotion to something greater than ourselves.

Justice calls us to treat one another with fairness, dignity, and compassion, remembering that every person we encounter carries a story we may not know.

Charity reminds us that our blessings become even more meaningful when we share them. Through our Lodge, we have countless opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children, families, veterans, and neighbors in need.

And Brotherly Love reminds us that the strength of our Lodge isn't simply in what we accomplish, but in how we care for one another along the way. A welcoming smile, a listening ear, a helping hand, or simply being present can mean more than we realize.

Then Thanksgiving arrives and gives us a beautiful opportunity to place gratitude at the center of it all.

Gratitude allows us to look back at the season we've traveled through and recognize the growth, the lessons, the people who have walked beside us, and the blessings we may sometimes overlook.

And as one season comes to a close, we don't have to know exactly what the next one will bring.

We can simply remain open.

Open to new opportunities.

Open to new friendships.

Open to new ways of serving.

Open to growth.

Open to the possibility that something wonderful may be waiting just beyond what we can currently see.

The trees don't resist the changing season. They simply move forward into it, trusting the process of renewal. May we do the same.

As November unfolds, may we carry forward the lessons and growth of the seasons behind us, embrace the blessings of today, and step with hopeful hearts toward the opportunities of tomorrow.

May Fidelity guide us, Justice strengthen us, Charity move us, and Brotherly Love unite us. And above all, may gratitude remind us just how blessed we are to have the opportunity to serve, to give, to grow, and to walk this journey together.

Fraternally,

Chaplain -*Debra Monk*

Children's Holiday Party

Saturday, December 5th from 12 to 3 pm. Each year the Lebanon Elks Lodge 2099 hosts a children's Christmas party. Lodge members' children and grandchildren age 10 and under are invited. There will be food, beverages and games. We also have the "bouncy house" that we purchased last year for the children to play in.

Donation Bins

Upper Valley Haven

The November Haven bin theme is Holiday Items. Suggestions include:

- Cranberry sauce
- Sugar and flour
- Stuffing mix
- Pie crust and fillings

Any donations welcome!

Thanks to all that gave and please continue to do so. The need is great!!

Veterans Bin

Donations of lap blankets and new clothing are always appreciated.

Upper Valley Senior Holiday Party

A Holiday Tradition We're Excited to Continue

Wednesday December 2nd, 2026 at 11:30 am

Free for all Upper Valley senior citizens ages 65 and up.

Is it just us, or did this year fly by? Before we know it, the holidays will be here, along with one of our favorite Elks traditions — the Annual Upper Valley Seniors Holiday Party!

The Upper Valley Seniors Holiday Party Committee is honored to help carry on this wonderful tradition and bring our Elks family together to celebrate and give back to the seniors in our community. Guests will enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, a wonderful holiday dinner with all the trimmings, music, dancing, friendship, laughter, and, of course, door prizes!

We Need Our Elks Family!

Whether you are a longtime volunteer or have never volunteered before, there is a place for you. We need help with setup, decorating, greeting guests, serving meals, door prizes, cleanup, and making sure our seniors feel welcome and celebrated.

The volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in the Lodge. Please consider adding your name and joining us for the fun!

Can't volunteer? Come enjoy the party! Bring a fellow Elk, meet some wonderful Upper Valley seniors, enjoy the entertainment, and be part of a tradition that means so much to our community.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our Lodge and fellow Elks members. Together, we can make this year's celebration one to remember! Come volunteer, come celebrate and come make someone's holiday a little brighter.

With love and gratitude,
The Upper Valley Seniors Holiday Party Committee
Elks Members Serving Our Upper Valley Seniors

Shoutouts!

Many thanks to Margo LaHaye for the wonderful Fall decorations she put up throughout the Lodge!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Spaghetti Dinner/Dance Event on 10/10/26. Such a joy to have live music back! It could not have been such a success without each of you pitching in:

- Margo LaHaye
- Darlene Talbert
- Ana Babcock
- Linda Cross
- Rob Witham
- Sarah Witham
- Deb Monk
- Brian Monk
- Sylvia Teeter
- Bob Teeter
- Erin Hughes
- Marcia Oliver
- Michael Haley

Please Help!

Please don't park in front of the service delivery door. Thanks in advance.

November Birthdays

Day	Name(s)
3	Joanne Moulton
4	Lee Porter, Peter Rankin, Rich Tobin
5	Melissa Fonseca
6	Timothy Dauphinais, Kathryn Farrell, Calvin Goude, Tyler Rider, Robert Townsend, D Waterman
7	Brenda Clukey, Robert Decato, Thomas Havill, John Liss, Raymond Pettersen Jr.
8	Tom Thayer II
10	Jeffrey Brooks, Steven Rutledge
11	Cody Bixby, Jack Monahan
12	Casey Murray
13	Linda Kinney, Wolf Tillotson
13	Hillary Wolfe
15	Terri Soule
16	Eric Labombard
18	David Crate Sr., Geraldine Evon
19	Thomas Dupree, Sherry Rhodes, Sarah Witham
20	Lawrence Guaraldi, Brett Henry
20	Sylvia Teeter
21	Darlene Talbert
22	Linda Cross, Debra Monk
23	Lori Trombley, Gary Ward
24	Lloyd Emery Jr., Gary Wieland
25	Jolene Laurie
26	Nelson Bean, John Hamilton
27	Allen Lary
30	Debra Blodgett, Carroll Goodell

Calendar

Saturday November 7th

Please join the Veterans Committee from 1 to 3 pm as we gather to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. Your presence would mean a great deal as we express our deepest gratitude to our local heroes/members. Light Hors d'Oeuvres and cake will be served.

Music by Chris Powers from 6 to 9 pm. $5 cover charge.

Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving. The Lodge will be closed for the holiday.

Wednesday, December 2

Annual Senior Dinner. Free for all Upper Valley senior citizens ages 65 and up. Doors open at 11:30 am.

Saturday, December 5

Children's Holiday Party from 12 to 3 pm. Free to children and grandchildren of members 10 and under.

Sunday, December 6

Annual memorial service at 2 pm.

Saturday, December 12

Annual Veterans Holiday Party from 5 to 10 pm. Free for all Upper Valley veterans.

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Our Lodge sits on 52 acres of land. It is a combination of fields and mountains. The building is an old barn that has been remodeled.

2026 Officers

Exalted Ruler: Patrick Corsney
Leading Knight: Kathy Audette
Loyal Knight:
Lecturing Knight: Doug Maynard
Secretary: Anita Jackson
Treasurer: Scott Merrihew
Trustees: Mary Merrihew, Thom Valley, Bob Teeter, Gary Laurie
Esquire: Charlene Parker
Chaplain:
Inner Guard: Mark Karl
Tiler:

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New Member Recruitment

We would like to give a Shoutout & high-five to members that have recruited new members during 2025 and 2026. Keep up the good work!

Top sponsors since April 1, 2026 are: **Diane Laroche, David Tupper, Gary Laurie, Jay Potter, Philip King, Thomas Valley and Thomas Toner.**

Total Current Members: **504**

New members since April 1st, 2026 : **29**

New members in fiscal year 2024: 43

New members in fiscal year 2025: 32

Sponsor a New Member

Invite your friends to our Lodge to enjoy many of the social activities that our Lodge offers including, pool, casino games, cornhole and the opportunity to develop new friends with like interests. A guest can accompany you 3 times before deciding to join or not. Sponsorship of candidates (your friends) makes the process of investigating and initiation much more efficient. To sponsor a friend for consideration, please ask your bartender for an application.

To join the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks candidates must believe in God; be 21 years of age and be an American Citizen.

Advantages of Membership

- Social activities and camaraderie.
- Use of four pool tables and 2 dart boards.
- Visit any US Elks Lodge.
- Get involved with the charitable works of our Lodge by volunteering your time on committees, fundraisers, or functions.
- As a member you have a voice in decisions that affect our Lodge by attending the bi-weekly meetings.

"You love the lodge. You want your friends to be part of what you love. Invite them to a dinner or charity event. Once they show interest in the lodge, invite them to join." - ***Grand Lodge Membership Recruitment Guide***