



Lebanon Lodge 2099

September 2026 Member Newsletter

Message from the Exalted Ruler



Hello everyone!

August is over and we move into fall, and prepare for winter. Hopefully the paving of the road in front of the Lodge is pretty much done.

On Sunday August 23rd, Anita Jackson, Kathy Audette, and myself attended the District Deputy Clinic at the Keene Elks Lodge. Some of the things they talked about was lapsation of members, the soccer shoot and the dates of the state and national level hoop shoot.

October 11th will be our lodge District Deputy inspection. Also on November 8th our Grand Exalted Ruler will be visiting our state at the Rochester Elks Lodge in Rochester NH.

This last month our members voted to resurface the pool tables. Initiation for new members will be on October 24th. For those that haven't noticed yet the Lodge also added another fifteen hundred dollars to the Queen of Hearts game jackpot.

We are one of only three Lodges in New Hampshire that still has the Emblem Club in it. And we have a good relationship with them. They have asked me to let everyone know that New Hampshire State Emblem Association has a unique money raffle going on, which they do each year. It's called the 125 raffle. How it works is they sell only 125 tickets for it, and at each State Emblem Association meeting they pull five tickets each one worth fifty dollars. At their convention they pull one Grand prize ticket worth two hundred dollars and four tickets worth seventy-five dollars each. And if they pull your ticket at any state meeting it goes back in for the next meeting and convention as well. Tickets are \$20 each.

If anyone is interested in buying one let me know. Their first drawing will be on Sunday October 4th at their first State Emblem Association meeting which will be held at our Lodge. I have been told that their national Supreme President will also attending

That's all for now.

Sincerely,

Exalted Ruler
Patrick Corsney

Community

Friendship

Charity



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."

- 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

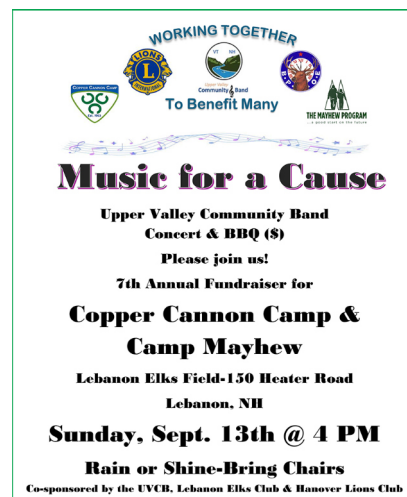
Music for a Cause

Upper Valley Community Band and BBQ

Close-knit communities don't simply materialize. People work together to create cohesion, trust and---in this case---music!

Three Upper Valley organizations—the Lebanon Elks, the Hanover Lions, and the Upper Valley Community Band under the direction of Mark Nelson—for the 7th year—are joining forces to foster community and support a great cause. **Please join us on Sunday, September 13th at 4 p.m.** at the Lebanon Elks field (150 Heater Road, Lebanon) for a free outdoor concert (inside if rain) by the Upper Valley Community Band followed by a BBQ (\$). The concert and BBQ will benefit Copper Cannon Camp and Camp Mayhew, tuition-free summer camps for underserved youth in New Hampshire. Donations are split evenly between the two camps. Last year we raised \$8,000 let's do better by supporting this worthy cause. Donations will be graciously accepted at the concert, however, if you can't attend, please consider making a donation to the Hanover Lions Club PO Box 871 Hanover, NH 03755 Attn Camp Fundraiser or online at hanoverlions.org/index.php/make-a-donation. Click the button that says Donate. When at the payment form, be sure to click the link that says *Add Special Instructions*. Leave a note to designate the donation to the *Music for a Cause camp fundraiser*.

Please join us and spread the word to friends and family, bring a chair, enjoy a great afternoon of music and food and help make a difference for the kids.



The Upper Valley Community Band is a group of local musicians in the western-central region of New Hampshire and the eastern-central region of Vermont who bring the joy of sound to the public. Popular songs include The Star Spangled Banner, Sweet Caroline, Aeroplane Dip, Amazing Grace and Birdland.

Copper Cannon Camp is a free summer camp for New Hampshire youths that is located in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. The mission of Copper Cannon Camp is "to enrich the lives of under-served youth of New Hampshire by providing a quality, tuition-free camp experience."

Camp Mayhew is located on Newfound Lake in New Hampshire. The Camp Mayhew website tells us, "Mayhew challenges and helps at-risk New Hampshire boys to believe in themselves, work well with others, and find their best. It is the only all-boys program in the state that combines school-year mentoring and a residential summer program for at-risk boys, tuition-free, through high school graduation."

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.

August Game News

Here are the weekly winners of \$100:

- 8/3 was Kimi Clark
- 8/10 was Diane Laroche
- 8/17 was Jason Lahaye
- 8/24 was Jean Schwab

The jackpot for 8/31 is \$3,393.

The QofH committee would like to thank the lodge for adding \$1,500 to our jackpot. Monday, 8/24 saw our biggest weekly amount of \$212. Huge thank-you to all members that played.



Donation Bins



Upper Valley Haven

The September Haven bin theme is Canned Vegetables.

Suggestions include:

- Corn
- Beets
- Peas

Any donations welcome!

On July 1st we delivered 98 items weighing 44 pounds to the Haven. 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.

Chaplain's Corner

Be the Light

September brings with it a sense of fresh beginnings. As the seasons quietly begin to change, we're reminded that every new day offers an opportunity to grow, to encourage, and to serve.

The strength of our Lodge isn't measured by the number of members we have, but by the kindness we show, the compassion we extend, and the willingness to stand beside one another. Every act of generosity, every welcoming smile, every listening ear, and every helping hand becomes a light that reaches farther than we may ever know.

One of the greatest gifts we can offer another person is hope. Hope reminds us that even during life's challenges, goodness still exists, hearts can be healed, friendships can grow stronger, and tomorrow always holds new possibilities.

As Elks, our principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love,

and Fidelity call us to live with integrity, serve with compassion, and care for one another without expecting anything in return. These quiet acts of love often leave the deepest and most lasting impression.

This month, may each of us look for simple ways to brighten someone's day. A kind word, a shared laugh, a phone call, or a moment spent listening may be the very encouragement someone has been waiting for.

May we continue to be a Lodge where every person feels welcomed, valued, and cared for, and may the light we share with one another extend far beyond these walls into our families, our communities, and the lives we touch each day.

Faternally,

Chaplain
-Debra Monk

Community Support

On August 20th we presented a check in the amount of \$3,500 to The Upper Valley Haven. This donation was made possible through the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Gratitude Grant.

Special thanks to those members who contribute to the ENF which makes these grants available to our Lodge and to the ENF for supporting our charitable partners in the Upper Valley.

Grant committee co-chairs,

Bill, Margo and Doug



L-R, is Executive Director of the Haven Will Towne and Elks Grant Committee co-chairs Bill Kelley and Doug Maynard.

Fidelity Club

How your small change makes a big local impact

Many of you generously contribute to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) when renewing your annual dues. If you want to make an even steadier impact, consider joining the **Fidelity Club**.

It's Budget-friendly: Start with as little as \$5 a month. Zero hassle: No paperwork, no stamps, and no trips to the

mailbox. Complete control: Choose your own amount, and easily change or cancel your gift at any time.

By visiting enf.elks.org/recurring, you can easily set up automatic monthly donations.

Currently, we have only three members participating in this program. Let's grow that number and keep building a stronger community together!

Volunteer Opportunities: How you can help

Assist with planning, organizing and running member events

- Kitchen staff
- Event Overseers
- Committee Volunteers

Visit the Volunteer Opportunities page on the Lebanon Elks Website at <https://lebanon-elks2099.com>. Use the email form to contact us and get more information.

Upcoming events with volunteer opportunities

- Upper Valley Community Band & BBQ on Sunday, September 13th
- Member Appreciation event on Saturday, September 19th
- Spaghetti Dinner & Dance featuring the The Beggars Band on Saturday, October 10th

Current Opportunities

Event Overseers

The Event Overseer ensures that all patrons are safe and following the Liquor Laws of the State of NH and of the Lebanon Lodge of Elks. Overseers must monitor individuals either entering or exiting the building during an event to

ensure that no patron is entering or exiting the building with drinks and to ensure that there is no consumption of alcohol in the parking lot or any other illegal activities. If more than one Overseer at an event, then one Overseer can assist the bartender in being a runner for the bar in terms of stocking and/or making change. The Overseer is also responsible to stay until the event has concluded and all patrons have exited the building. This position is paid a flat fee of \$100. Most events are 4-5 hours. If this interests you, send an email to our Lodge Manager Diane LaRoche. Bpoe2099manager@gmail.com

Kitchen Help for Events

Kitchen staff is also welcomed for community dinners and private events. Duties include: preparing tables in the function hall for food service; preparing and cooking food for the event; plating and serving; ensure that food not consumed is properly stored; clearing of tables; dishwashing; removal of rubbish from kitchen; and to ensure the kitchen is cleaned and all items in their proper place. Kitchen staff might also assist the bartender if only one Overseer in stocking bar items, transferring ice from the downstairs bar to the upstairs bar and making change.

Birthdays

September 1	Robert Barden, Charles Handel, Max Jewell
September 3	Fred Clow, George Lapan, Miguel Perez
September 4	Christine Bagley, Jonathan Kleen
September 5	Xena Sberna
September 6	Michael Blood, David Ruel, Roger White Jr
September 8	Benjamin Bendiburg, Mike Davidson
September 10	Dale Dyer, Kyle Genow, Thomas Woodward
September 11	John Leighton, Robert Slayton
September 12	Laurie Strong
September 14	Kimberley Dyke
September 18	Faith Dubois
September 19	Jeffrey Hunold, Raymond Rivard
September 20	Kevin Blake, Robert Blanchette
September 21	Martha Wilson
September 22	David Bellavance, Robert McCarthy Jr., Charlene Parker
September 24	William Blish, Todd Blodgett, Bryan Monk
September 25	Paul Simon
September 26	Claudette Downing, Brian Ryea Sr
September 27	Robert Davis, Willis Downing Jr, William Soule Jr
September 28	Allen Hall, Stanley D Wood
September 30	Lois Longley, Madison Moser, Steve Petrucelli

Calendar

September 13th

Music for a Cause

Upper Valley Community Band Concert & BBQ (\$) at 4 pm. 7th Annual Fundraisers for Copper Cannon Camp & Camp Mayhew.

September 19th

Member appreciation event. Starts and noon until we run out of food. Free music on the Jukebox.

September 24th

Grover Gaming Tournament at 6 pm. Please sign up on the list if you plan to attend. Also, there will be a prize for the best hat.

September 26th

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Ride in event. Registration at 9 am. Kickstands up at 10:30 am. BBQ from 12 to 3 pm.

Corn Hole Fridays

Corn Hole game at 6 pm.

Queen of Hearts &

Veterans 50/ 50 Raffle

Every Monday from 6 to 7 pm

Cribbage

Every Wednesday at 6 pm

Lodge Meetings

Tuesday, September 8th and 22nd at 7 pm

Shoutouts!

We want to send a shoutout and huge thanks to Bill Kelley, our Lodge Grant Writer. Without his expertise in writing and submitting our Lodge Grant applications our Committee would not be able to do all that we do for our Veterans and the Community!

Pool Table News

We voted at the August meeting to have our pool tables restored. The project will take two days, during which we won't be able to play. Many thanks to Kevin Slack and Katie Farrell for doing the research and finding a good vendor to do the work.

Trustee Update

Gary Laurie will be sworn in as a 5-year trustee on September 8, 2026.



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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	Trustees: Mary Merrihew, Thom
Leading Knight: Kathy Audette	Valley, Bob Teeter, Kimberly
Loyal Knight: Erin Hughes	Bettis-Clark
Lecturing Knight: Doug	Esquire: Charlene Parker
Maynard	Chaplain: Debra Monk
Secretary: Anita Jackson	Inner Guard: Mark Karl
Treasurer: Scott Merrihew	Tiler: Bryan Monk

Community * Friendship * Charity

New Member Recruitment

Sponsor a New Member

The Elks welcomes new members into the fold. Invite your friends to our Lodge to enjoy many of the social activities that our Lodge offers including, pool, casinogames, Bunco, cornhole and the opportunity to develop new friends with like interests. 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

As mentioned above, the Lodge offers many social activities and camaraderie.

All Elks Lodges in the US welcome

visiting Elks members.

Offers the opportunity to get involved with the charitable works of our Lodge by volunteering your time on committees, fundraisers, or functions; or

If you are unable to commit to time, you can give of substance by participating in our fundraisers, such as games, raffles and events the proceeds of which support our many local charitable partners such as The Haven, The Red Logan Dental Clinic, our Veterans and on a national level the Elks National Foundation.

As a member you have a voice in decisions that affect our Lodge by attending the bi-weekly meetings which are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.



**"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**