NASHUA ELKS 720

Monthly Bulletin

<u>MAŸ, 2008</u>

MAY MEETINGS

<u>Mondav</u> May 12th and <u>Tuesdav</u>, May 27th. *Note change of meeting date because of Memorial Day. Meetings start at 7:30PM. Regular Order of Business and By-Law change vote. This is your Lodge. Come to the meetings where members can discuss everything and vote on all issues that need lodge approval and vote on all issues that need Lodge approval. Give us your thoughts, ideas & vote.

MAY 27th NON-SMOKING VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGE

The following proposed By-Law change will be voted on at the Special Tuesday Night Meeting on May 27th. 2008. The purpose of the special vote is for a general revision and any other changes can also be considered. Presently, the Small Hall (former Ladies Lounge) has been a non-smoking room for a number of years, as the Card room during Cribbage League night. The large Hall, for all practical purposes, is non-smoking during Elk,

Emblem Club and non-Elk functions. Proposed new House Rule No. 20 will read as follows: Smoking will be prohibited in all areas and rooms of the lodge. The Lodge will be a smoke-free facility.

JUNE 8th CLASS APPLICATIONS DUE NOW

The first class initiation of the new lodge year has been set for Sunday afternoon, June 8, 2008. Submitted Applicants, when read, will be turned over to the Investigating Committee. Any applications turned in by the May 12th meeting will also be submitted to the Investigating Committee. Balloting on all favorable candidates will take place at the meeting of <u>May 27th, 2008</u>. If you know of a worthy person, get him/ber an application. Let's make this first Initiation of the new Lodge year the biggest class ever.

IN MEMORIAM

"The clock of his days has stopped and across its dial the motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven"

	Francis J. McGrath Jr.		:
Born: August 1, 1931	Initiated: October 22, 2000 David G. Geer	Died: March 18, 2008	
Born: February 3, 1947	Initiated: April 1, 1983 <i>Kenneth Faye Magoon</i>	Died: March 20, 2008	i
Born: June 22, 1934	Initiated: December 12, 1987 Gerard A. Belanger	Died: March 20, 2008	
Born: October 13, 1923	Initiated: December 1, 1964 <i>Roland H. Poliquin</i>	Died: April 1, 2008	
Born: January 31, 1936	Initiated: February 1, 1971	Died: April 3,, 2008	

~Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God!

***A DUES REMINDER ***

If you do not have your 2008-2009 membership card, please mail or drop off your dues payment now to Secretary Kirk W. Hobbs. <u>Dues are payable in advance</u>. We need you and want you as a member. A Paid-up Elk is a GOOD ELK!

'Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.'

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"Hail To The Chief"---- Nashua Elks #720's New Exalted Ruler Has Been Installed



Installing Officer Al Savage hands gavel to new Exalted Ruler John F. McGranahan who presents a Bouquet of Flowers to his Mother, Claire.



Nashua Elks' 1st Lady Jean lovingly holds her Bouquet of Flowers from new ER John. Nashua Elks Exalted Ruler John F. McGranahan, Jr.

EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE......

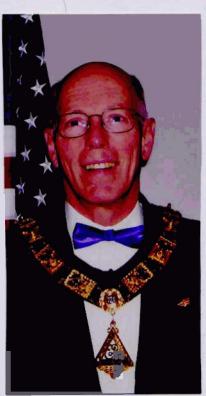
Well lets hope that <u>"Spring has finally Spring</u>" it's been a long winter but we have a lot to look forward to next month. Our NH state convention is being held from May 9th to May 11th in North Conway NH. Our lodge will be well represented with many members planning to attend. If you can't be there for the weekend, try to attend the business meeting at 1PM on Saturday to vote on some important issues.

If you want to have some fun, come to our Italian Night Dinner Dance on Saturday May 24th. This year we are having a Mystery Dinner Theater show during the banquet. Tickets are now on sale in the grill room.

Once again, our officers and any members who want to join us will be marching in the Memorial Day parade on Monday May 26th. After the parade, plans are in the works to host some needy children at a "fishing derby" and barbeque. Any members who wish to volunteer their services for this event should contact any officers listed on the back page. We are once again hosting the American Red Cross blood drives. They will be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

A big congratulations to the two sharpshooters representing our lodge who both won the New England Regional Hoop Shoot held recently in Portland ME. 'Tom O'Hearn won the 12-13 boys division with 23 for 25 and Max Coleman won the 10-11 boys division making 19 of 25. Both boys now go on to the national competition in Springfield MA. It is <u>very</u> <u>unusual</u> to have two participants in the national competition from the same lodge. We should be very proud! And speaking of champions our Nashua spelling bee Champ, Awinash Radakrishnan won the NH State spelling bee and will be traveling to Washington, DC to represent our state at the Scripps National Spelling Bee. We are lucky to have such talent in our area.

Thanks to Bert Faucher, Al Savage, Sherrie Michalewicz, Tim Dorgan, George Smith and many members of the Emblem Club for their work at the Installation of Officers.



John F. McGranahan Jr. Exalter Ruler

More thanks to Al and his crew: Bert Faucher, Roger Sirois, Ron Bertrand, Sonny Lebel,

Marion Savage, Claire Bertrand, Betty Ledoux Ray Snee and Bev Prevost for their work at the annual Youth Hockey Breakfast on April 6th. Finally a personal thanks to all the members who elected to donate \$10.00 (or more) when they paid their dues this year. So far, we've collected over \$1,200 and the year has just begun. One of the benefits of ENF is community grants. We were just awarded a \$400.00 grant and donated it to the Anna Maria House in Hudson, NH. Its true...<u>Together Elks Accomplish Miracles!</u>

"As Long As There Are Veterans, The Elks Will Never Forget Them" ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE

All members & friends are invited to join in and help with BINGO for those who gave so much. Schedule for monthly BINGO'S at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton & VA Hospital in Manchester are: <u>Tilton Veterans Home</u> – December 8th Christmas Party-2:00 PM. The December Bingo will be held on 11th (2nd Tuesday of the month). <u>Departure time</u> from the Nashua Elks Lodge is 5:30 PM <u>Manchester VA Visit</u> – The December Bingo visit to the VA Hospital is set for December17th. (the 3rd Monday of the month). Departure time from Nashua Lodge is 6:30 PM. Please join us... The regular monthly visit to the NH Veterans Home in Tilton took place on.

The Regular monthly visit to the VA Hospital in Manchester took place on April 21st.. Nashua Lodge #720 was represented by Nashua Elks Chairman Normand LaVallee, Ray Snee, Beverly Prevost, Jim Penkofski, Dee DeFilice, Gerry and Pat Donaghue and Emblem Club Ladies Marion L. Savage and Betty Ledoux. They all helped to make a lot of hospitalized veterans happy and remembered. SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (Always in Order)

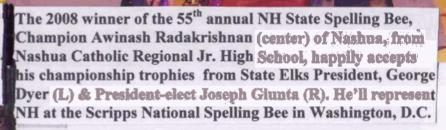
Members, it has been brought to the attention of the Sick Committee, and lodge officers, that all too often the Committee, or officers, hears about a member who has been sick at home, or in the hospital, after he is well and back home or work. We arge you to call the Lodge (888-9804 ext 1) as soon as you know about any member who is ill, or in the hospital. It is a good idea if you tell your family that if this should happen to you to PLEASE inform the Lodge or contact one of the Lodge Officers. <u>Esteemed Leading Knight Richard J. Solan PER</u> is the new Chairman of the Lodge's Sick Visiting Committee for this year.. Call him for further information at 888-5832 (home).

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it! Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now!

Highlights of the 55th Annual New Hampshire State Spelling Bee



57-year member of the Nashua Lodge of Elks #720, Albert W. Savage, PSP, PDD was presented with a plaque highlighting his 55 years with the NH Spelling Bee and serving the past 50 years as Chairman of the Nashua Regional Spelling Bee. Sponsoring NH Union Leader Coordinators, Teresa Robinson(left) & Patty Jo Duguay (right) presented the Union Leader 'story plaque' to Albert W. Savage.





Nashua Elks Donates to "Anne-Marie" House

As a final benevolent act, retiring Exalted Ruler of the Nashua Lodge of Elks #720, John A. Balch, presented a \$400.00 Gift Card to the 24-bedroom "Anne-Marie" House in Hudson, NH, a Emergency Transition Housing for Families Experiencing Homelessness, for up to 2 years.

Director Laurie A. Skibba, shown accepting the Elks donation from retiring Exalted Ruler Baich, is the only full time employee at the "Anne-Marie" House. She is assisted by two part-time employees and 400 volunteers who donated 15,485 last year hours to operate and maintain the 24-bedroom building.

25 families were housed and cared for in 2007, which included 31 adults and 43 children with an average length of stay of 90 days. There were 6,912 bed nights at the shelter and were provided 20,736 meals. Of the 13 families that 'graduated' from Anne-Marie House in 2007, 10 families attained housing independence.

Director Skibba welcomes and depends upon all kinds of donations: money, gift cards, food, toiletries, blankets, other necessities and special types of clothing. <u>Volunteers are always welcome</u>. Call Director Skibba603-883-7338 or send mail to "Anna-Marie" House, 180 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH, 03051-4907. E-mail: laskibba@gnihn.org

<u>ELKS MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH</u>—Sunday, May 11th 2008

The annual <u>Elks Mother's Day BRUNCH</u>, with all the fixing will start at 10:30 a.m. And continue until 1:00 pm in the Lodge Rooms.

MENU with <u>*OMELET STATION*</u>

Scrambled Eggs-Bacon-Sausage-Ham-Roast Beef-French Toast-Home Fries, Assorted Fruits, etc. <u>BRUNCH</u> is free to <u>ONLY</u> the <u>mothers</u> and <u>mother-in-laws</u> of <u>Elk members</u> and they must be accompanied by the member. Members' cards will be checked at the door.

The price is <u>\$9.00 person</u>, children under <u>twelve--</u><u>\$5.00</u>, children <u>under 6--Free</u> This <u>BRUNCH</u> is always a great success, so please note it on your calendar.

Come and celebrate Mom's special day at the Elks BRUNCH on Sunday morning, May 11th

<u>SUMMER SIZZLER Raffle & Dinner/Dance</u> <u>\$25.00 per ticket</u>

To Benefit The Nashua Elks Lodge #720 Ritual Team Contest Fund This fund is to send our Ritual team to the 2009 Elks National contest Drawing date July 12, 2008_ Dinner at 7:30 pm Dancing: 8:30 to Midnight

DRAWING TIME FOR TICKETS WILL BE at 10:00 pm

PRIZES

Donation to.....the Ritual Team fund @\$1000.00

1 st place prize @	\$1199.00.	Cash
2 nd place prize @	\$ 499.00.	Cash
3 rd place prize @	\$ 250.00.	Cash
4 th place prize 4 @	\$ 100.00	Cash
And 9 bonus prizes @	\$ 50.00 each	Cash

Full buffet dinner to all ticket holders ONLY...

Guests my obtain dinner tickets only for a fee of \$10.00

There will also be a <u>door prize of a 17 inch flat screen TV</u> at the end of the night Winner need not be present to win the door prize...all tickets must be completely filled out with name, address and phone number for the drawing after the dinner, All money will be paid in cash....(With proper I.D) please!!!!

<u>Raffle Ticket Price</u> (\$25.00) will include chances to <u>win all money prizes</u>, <u>Dinner</u> and the <u>door prize</u> plus a night of fun and dancing with family and friends. Only the ticket holder will be allowed the <u>Dinner</u>, the chance to win the <u>Money Prizes and the TV Door Prize</u>.

All are welcome to the fun and dancing.

Good luck to everyone and Happy Summer to all

For more information please call Sherrie Michalewicz 603-930-1865 cell or 603-521-7182 home

Or call the Nashua Lodge of Elks 603-888-9804 ext. #1 grill room

Tickets sales limited to 200 ONLY (first come first serve)

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THIS IS THE LAST MONTH TO PICK UP A N.E.S.T. APPLICATION (NASHUA ELKS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST)

The Past Exalted Rulers Association of the Nashua Lodge #720, which administers the N.E.S.T. program, announces the offering of \$9,000.00 in Scholarship Awards for the 2008-2009 Academic Year with a minimum of \$500.00 per student for one year.

Students must be in the graduating class of an area high school (or its equivalent) and must be a son/daughter, stepson/stepdaughter or grandson/granddaughter of a member of the Nashua Lodge #720 in good standing. Applications must be picked up at the Lodge now from the Steward.

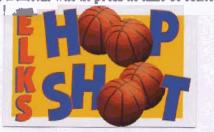
Financial Need, Leadership and Scholarship are the criteria by which students will be judged. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award issued by the Past Exalted Rulers Association of the Nashua Lodge of Elks #720, conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate four year degree program in an American College or University.

? • Are They National Hoop Shoot Champions



Tom O'Hearn

12-year old Tom O'Hearn of Hudson and 11-year old Max Coleman of Londonderry won the Elks Regional Hoop Shoot Contest in Maine last month and traveled to the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Finals in Springfield, Ma. on April 26th with hopes of winning a National Hoop Shoot Title and having their names inscribed in the Naismith's Basketball Hall of Fame. The Elks Builetin was at press at time of contest.





Max Coleman

COME TO THE THURSDAY NIGHT ELKS BINGO (GIVE US A TRY) Held at SPARTANS HALL (near McDonald's on East Hollis Street)

Elks BINGO, the "life blood" of the lodge's fundraising programs, goes on 52 weeks a year and because of the financial success of this program, the lodge is able to continue with many worthy projects... Under the leadership of Chairman Ed Norway, this bardworking and dedicated group of Elks, Emblem Club ladies and spouses, has made this possible, but some new faces would certainly help give them a 'breather' once in a while. Again, a very special <u>"THANK YOU"</u> goes out to each of them from the lodge.

. PLEASE volunteer your time, even for only <u>ONE THURSDAY a month</u> for only a few hours from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. You'll have fun doing it and will meet a lot of great people. Call Chairman Ed Norway (620-9964), or just come down to Spartan Hall on Thursday. If you can't work-come and PLAY! Bingo starts at 7:00 P.M. Come early

FYI

The Nashua Lodge of Elks #720 is one of 14 Lodges and 8,200 members in the State of New Hampshire. Nashua, NH Elks Lodge #720 has the 3rd largest membership in the state with 796 men and women in its ranks. The Elks have over a million members in the United States and its territories. The members did volunteer work on a nationwide scale worth over \$258,000,000 last year. In New Hampshire, the total was over \$1,131,000 in combined volunteer hours, mileage, cash and non-cash donations to our programs.



TALIAN NIGHT AT THE NASHUA ELKS

Murder Mystery Show during Dinner 6:30 - 8:00

\$15.00 per person May 24th, 2008

Antipasto Extravaganza Salad Bruschetta Classico Chicken, Broccoli and Ziti Penne Vodka with Grilled Chicken Veal Milanese Pasta with Italian Sausages Eggplant Rollantini Assorted Mini Desserts

Appetizers 6:00 - 7:00

Dinner 7:00 - 8:00

Dancing with DJ Peter Lyons 8:00 - Midnight

Come for the Food! Come for the fun!



Department American Legion Auxiliary President Harriet Lemery Testimonial

Long time member of the Nashua Emblem Club #170, Harriet Lemery, is currently serving as the Department of New Hampshire President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Her late husband Jack Lemery was a member of the Nashua Lodge of Elks #720. He was a Past Commander of the Coffey Post and an avid worker. On Saturday, May 17th, 2008, Harriet will be recognized and honored for her efforts this past year as the State President. The event will be held in the large hall of the Nashua Lodge of Elks Home at <u>1:00 PM with a Social Hour at Noon</u>. A delicious buffet dinner will be prepared and served by the Elks' outstanding kitchen personnel.

The event committee cordially invites members of the Nashua Emblem Club #170 and the Nashua Lodge of Elks #720 and their guests to attend this prestigious affair. The cost is \$20.00 per person and the check should be made payable to <u>Auxiliary Unit 3</u> and mailed to: <u>Elizabeth Caron at 9 West Point</u> Terrace, Nashua, NH, 03062 before May 10th, 2008.

As an aside, Coffey Post 3, the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion have been contributing to the annual Nashua Elks Flag Day ceremonies for the past 44 years by appropriately disposing of worn and obsolete American Flags in the parking lot at the conclusion of Nashua Lodge of Elks outstanding indoor flag program

<<< RED CROSS BLOOD DRAWING IS BACK AT THE ELKS>>>

*Thursday, May 1st & Thursday, March 15th, from 3:00 until 7:30 PM **By Giving a Pint of Blood You Can Be One of Many to help save a Life***

Highlights of Retiring Exalted Ruler Jack Balch At The Installation of Officers



Bob Gravel named "Elk of the Year" for his ER Jack Balch named "Officer of the Year" Donald J. Winn the "Elks Distinguished Citizen of the Year" for his service helping others.



George Stanz (left) and Annette Rowman, Treasurer (right) receive the GER Outstanding Service Commendation from Exalted Ruler Jack Balch. George's dedication to the Elks Golf League for many years & Annette's outstanding leadership as Drug Awareness Chair for the 2007-2008 year

Many Deserving People Were Recognized and Honored At The Installation of Officers



Norman G. Lavalice (left) was presented the "Outstanding Volunteer Award" for his unselfish dedication and volunteer services to our veterans through the BPOE by the State National Service ChairTracy Broderick & ER Jack Balch.

Retiring Exalted Ruler Jack Balch admires the Elks watch that was presented to him by new Exalted Ruler John F. McGranahan at the Installation Geremony in appreciation for his great year.



Nicole Mazze, an 8th Grader at Fairgrounds Middle School, the NH State winner of the Elks 'What Is An American' Essay Contest holds her beautiful State Elks plaque.

Retiring Exalted Ruler Jack Balch hugs his supportive wife, Kitty, after giving her an Appreciation Bouquet.

NASHUA ELKS LODGE #720 BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2008-2009



Dennis M. Joy, Sr. 1 Year Trustee

Michael A. Broderick 2 Year Trustee

Robert A. Palmer 3 Year Trustee



G. Edward Norway, PER 4 Year Trustee

Philip A. Jacques 5 Year Trustee

MEMORIAL DAY 2008

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." --<u>Nathan Hale</u>

"Gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime.... Let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan." --General John Logan, General Order No. 11, 5 May 1868

Memorial Day is reserved by American Patriots as a day to honor the service and sacrifice of fallen men and women who donned our Armed Forces uniforms with honor. Let us all pay our humble respects to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice as members of the U.S. Armed Forces. We will remember you always.

Accordingly, this tribute is in honor of our fallen American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coastguardsmen.

One appropriate way to recognize fallen veterans and their families is to join with others and help place flags on the graves of fallen Patriots at your nearest National Cemetery (generally done the Saturday before Memorial Day). Nashua Lodge of Elks #720 adheres to this and the Memorial Day Parade tribute.

Please join Patriots honoring Memorial Day across our great nation on Monday, May 26th, by observing it *until noon, local time*. Please give a personal word of gratitude and comfort to surviving family members who grieve for a beloved warrior fallen in battlefields defending our cherished liberties. General George Patton insisted, "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

Founding Patriot John Adams said: "I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is worth more than all the means...." Indeed it is!

The Placing of American Flags On Veterans' Graves

Since November of 2001, the Nashua Lodge of Elks has spearheaded the program of placing over 5,000 American Flags on Veterans' graves in thirteen cemeteries in Nashua and two cemeteries in Hudson on the Saturday preceding Veterans Day and Memorial Day of each year. On the following Saturdays, the flags are picked up, cleaned and stored for the next holiday.

This program was organized by Roland Caron, a long time member of the Lodge's Americanism Committee, who recruited a vast number of volunteers from church, youth and civic groups, besides Elks and Emblem Club members, to carry out this very worthwhile and touching 'remembrance of deceased veterans'. Due to health problems 4 years ago, Brother Caron turned over the Chairmanship to Past Exalted Ruler Bert Faucher (603-888-2598). Please call Chairman Bert if you would like to assist the committee in the placing of American Flags on Veterans' graves on Saturday morning, May 24th. He will give you instructions and your assigned cemetery. The American Flags will be picked up the following Saturday on May 31st.

Memorial Day Parade Participation

The Nashua Lodge of Elks #720 will again pay a 'Tribute of Respect to those veterans who are at Rest' by participating in the City of Nashua's upcoming Memorial Day Parade on Monday morning, May 26th, 2008. The Elks will be joined by members of the Nashua Emblem Club #170. Dress for Officers and Past Exalted Rulers of the Nashua Lodge of Elks will be tuxedos and dress for other members wishing to march will be a dark suit or coat or a white shirt. We will meet at Holman Stadium behind Amherst Street School parking lot at 9:45 am. Kickoff is set for 10:30 am. Please make an effort to join us in this 'Tribute of Respect'.

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Instead of "The End" just think of "Taps"

Let's all keep those currently serving and those who have gone before, in our thoughts. They are the reason for the many freedoms we enjoy.

As a final thought, let us share a favorite prayer:

"Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us." Amen

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2008-2009 CHAIR and APPOINTIVE OFFICERS



George W. Caron Esteemed lecturing Knight Micheal E. Norway Esteemed Loyal Knight Richard J. Solan, PER Esteemed Leading Knight



Douglas Tremlett Esquire

Glenn A. Cean Inner Guard Normand G. Lavance Chaplain

OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICERS of the NASHUA LODGE OF ELKS



Alice C. Demars Treasurer

Something to think about

Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words.

Be careful of your words, for your words become your actions.

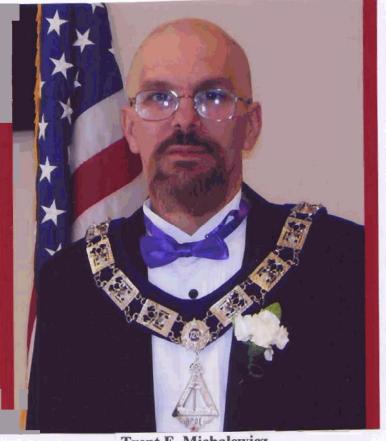
Be careful of your actions, for your actions become your habits.

Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character.

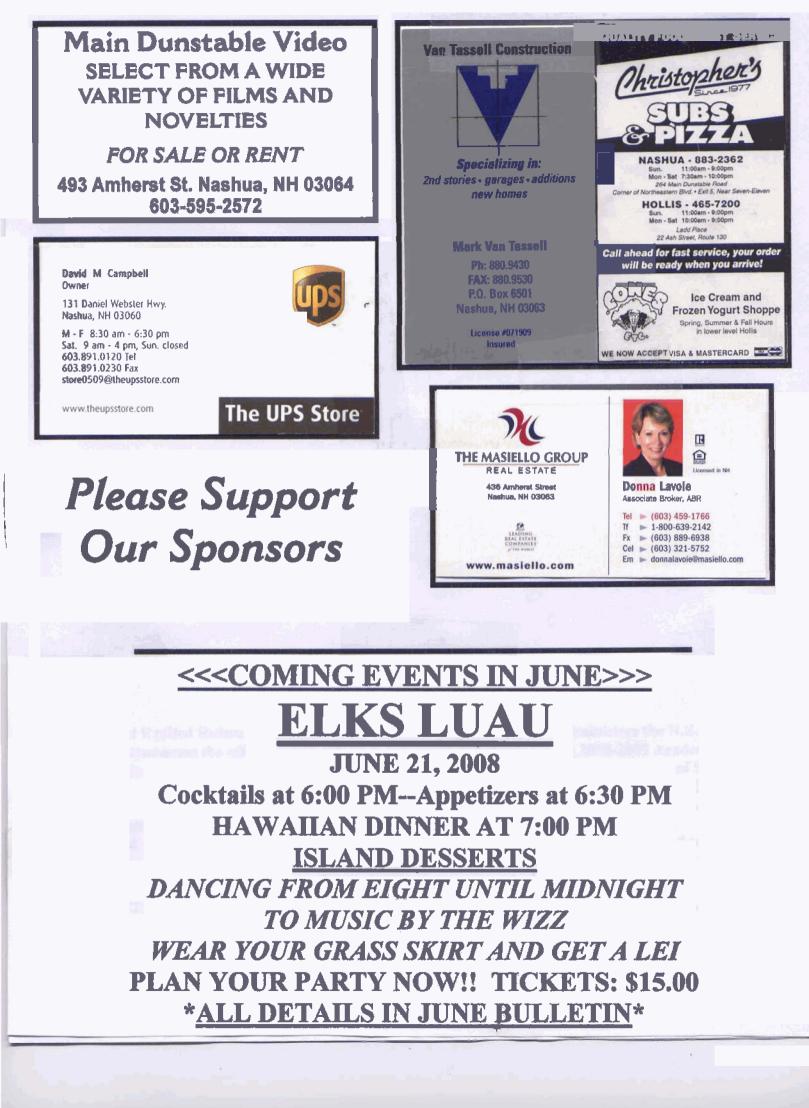
Be careful of your character, for your character becomes your destiny.

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Kirk W. Hobbs Secretary



Trent E. Michalewicz Tiler





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Tiler	Trent E. Michalewicz	603-521-7182
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4 Year Trustee	G. Edward Norway, PER	603-620-9964
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