

Manchester Elks Citizen of the Year Committee

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The Manchester Elks Lodge 1893
is Proud to Honor
Eric Larson



Wednesday, June 13 , 2018
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Elks Lodge 30 Bissell Street Manchester

*The Manchester Lodge of Elks #1893 presents its
annual Citizen of the Year award to
Eric Larson.*

The award is given to a citizen who exhibits exemplary contributions in the areas of youth, veterans or community.

Larson oversees the award-winning broadcast journalism program at Manchester High School. Larson who was with the Connecticut Air National Guard as a video technician, received his teacher certification through a state program which offers training for mid-career adults to enter the teaching profession.

In 2017 Larson was named Manchester Public Schools Teacher of the Year for 2016-17. Larson's class has produced the top news program in the Northeast for the past 3 years as finalists for the Student Television Network. The program was awarded the Highest Achievement award in 2017 by the New England Press Association in Boston. Larson's students have received numerous scholarships through the FOX 61 Student News program. Additionally, his program received a silver Craftsmanship Award for their year's work in Broadcast and Film through Student Television Network.

Currently, Eric sits on the Board of Directors for the Student Television Network, as the Northeastern US Representative for the national organization. Many of Eric's former students have pursued careers all over the world in the communication field including ESPN, CNN, NBC and other film and production networks.

The money raised this evening is going to be donated to the Manchester High School's Broadcast Journalism Program. The money used will be to aid aspiring MHS student journalists towards future trips to national conventions where they are able to meet world renowned professionals and learn about the industry.

Program

6:30 PM

<i>Opening Program</i>	Exalted Ruler Tony Duarte
<i>What is the Elks COY Award</i>	Gerry Gallo, PER
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	All in Attendance
<i>Welcome to Manchester Lodge</i>	Exalted Ruler Tony Duarte
<i>Invocation</i>	Rev. Kevin Cavanaugh

Dinner

<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	Tom Tierney
<i>Speakers</i>	Will Rippley Matt Geary Ryan Jones Melinda Garfield Dhurata Lluhani
<i>Presentations</i>	Mayor Jay Moran Sen. Steve Cassano Rep. Mark Tweedie
<i>COY Recipient Remarks</i>	Eric Larson
<i>Benediction</i>	Rev. Kevin Cavanaugh