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2018 LODGE OFFICERS



**LARRY WHITE, PER
EXALTED RULER**

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

I would like to start this month's message by thanking the great members who have done an amazing job on the removal and installation of our beautiful floor. Everyone must stop out at the lodge and see it. Pictures do the new flooring no justice and the outer structure of the new bar is up and we are waiting on the county to finalize our permits for the electric and plumbing work that now need to be done.

We are going to have a busy month here in October. Please check the calendar for what is going on and their start times. We are working on a new website that is going to allow us to put the monthly Herd on the site as a downloadable PDF. Once we get the program up and running, I am going to be asking members who do not have the ability to download the newsletter to let the lodge know and we will send them one in the regular mail. We are trying to cut the cost of the monthly Herd being printed and mailed. It runs the lodge around 500 dollars a month to print and mail it. This money would be better spent on our charity programs that we do thru out the year.

In closing I hope our snow birds have a safe trip back here to Florida when you begin your journey and hope to see you and all the members of our great lodge soon.

Larry White, P.E.R.

HOUSE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

Greetings from the House Committee.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have put their time, energy and hard work into making the lodge a warm inviting place! As always, we want to thank everyone who volunteers in the kitchen. Thank you Cindy for the desserts and Jen for always helping when you are there. A big thanks to Stan and Joan. You two are awesome! Also thank you Dianne for always helping. Donna Felker, thank you too for all you do. If we have missed anyone, thank you also!

Just a reminder, the steak and shoot on the 6th has been cancelled. The Orange Blossom music competition will be held at the lodge. Please come and enjoy some very talented singers. The spaghetti dinner, however, is still on!

The kitchen will be open on the 10th, for those who are there, from 6 till about 8.

Saturday, the 13th is the Wreaths Across America fundraiser. This year we will have vendors there from 9-5. Maybe you can get some Christmas shopping done while supporting our veterans! There will be a breakfast from 9-11, then lunch. We will be grilling burgers and brats, along with sides. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. This is a fundraising event, with all proceeds being donated specifically to Bushnell National Cemetery. Let's remember and honor.

Our lodge Halloween party will be held on October 31st from 6-9. Costume Karaoke! The lodge will make some food, but all are encouraged to bring a dish!

Lastly, thank you all who came out on September 12th to show your support for the fallen emergency responders. We had a wonderful turnout, and the spaghetti was delicious! The lodge donated \$420 to the Brotherhood riders to continue their good work! These are the things that make us proud Elks!

As always, please make dinner reservations well in advance of the dinners. It helps everyone in the kitchen know how much food to make. Thank you!

GOD BLESS,

The House Committee

Donna Felker, Cindy Griffiths, Diane Hein, Joan Volkorez, Jennifer White

A Word from your Esteemed Leading Knight

October is the month we start hoping for a little relief from the hot summer days. It is that time of year we think about planting our gardens and catching up on all the work we couldn't do during the summer.

Here at the lodge, we have been busy too. The old carpet and vinyl flooring was removed and replaced with a 100% water proof laminate planking. You just have to come see how beautiful it is. The men and women that volunteered worked very hard

to achieve this task. You should well be proud of their accomplishment and show your support by donating to our “raise the bar” jug. It is estimated that more than 1200- volunteer man hours have gone into this project to date.

Also, the new bar that was promised is coming to fruition. It is up out of the ground and currently undergoing electrical and plumbing installations. Soon, very soon we will be having a new grand reopening to celebrate all these ground-breaking events.

In other news, please don't forget to make your reservations early for any and all meals served at the lodge. A two-week advance notice would be ideal so our kitchen volunteers have time to buy and prepare for the dinner. Payment in advance is also appreciated.

Sign up now for the New Year's Eve party. This year the menu includes prime rib and Cornish hen, potato, veggie and dessert. This is a fund raiser for the lodge so bring your wallets and your appetite. The cost is \$60.00 per couple. Music is by Classic Overdrive.

In closing, I would like to let everybody know that I am running for E.R. this coming year. Please support me when the time comes. I would greatly appreciate it.

Fraternally yours,

Phil Rafferty E.L.K.

NEW FOOD OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Our bartender Tom and his wife Jen have added the following new food options available when there are no special events:

Wednesdays	Homemade Soup
Thursdays	Taco Buffet
Fridays	Homemade Pizza
Saturdays	Submarine Sandwiches

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Please check out our newly designed website by accessing <https://www.elks2582.com>. We now have an automatic secure connection—an SSL certificate with no extra cost. The new website is more mobile device friendly. It's also less expensive; we now have a 3 year contract for a cost less than our 2 year contract. Additionally, we now have the capability of sending email announcements and campaigns. To ensure that you receive these, please advise our lodge of your current email address.

Lastly, we can now share Facebook content for last minute events scheduled. View our home page and click on the Facebook icon on the bottom center.

Patti Sexson

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