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2018 LODGE OFFICERS



**LARRY WHITE, PER
EXALTED RULER**

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| EXALTED RULER | LARRY WHITE, PER |
| LEADING KNIGHT | PHIL RAFFERTY |
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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members all,

As the Elk year is coming to a close we are at the point in the year where we elect new officers for the next year. The first meeting in February is Past Exalted Ruler night and also the night for nominations of officers for the new year. Please try and attend the meetings this month so that your vote for the new officers can be heard and counted. Election night is the second meeting night on the 25th of February at 7pm.

The Lodge remodel is 95% complete and the new bar is open and running. I would like to thank all the officers and members who helped bring this idea early this year to a reality today. All the planning and research of the project got done. Then the costs and plans were taken to the membership who voted to proceed with the project. Finally all the hard work by all the members who volunteered their time has paid off 110 percent because your Lodge looks fantastic. Please find some time to come see what it looks like now. You will not believe the change.

I always hate having to give bad news but our friend, member and trustee Dennis Craven has been diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer. He will be going thru chemo and radiation treatments to hopefully destroy the cancer. He is going to need all our prayers and help. If anyone would like to donate money to help him with medical costs and other bills, please send your donations to the lodge with a note the money is for this

fund raising purpose. Always remember that Elks care and Elks share in these times of need. My thanks and prayers go out to him and to all the members of our great Lodge in need of them.

Larry White, P.E.R.

HOUSE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

GOD BLESS.

As we near the end of our fiscal year, it is again time to nominate new officers. If you wish to have your vote counted, please be sure to attend the regularly scheduled Lodge meeting on February 11th. Nominations will be on that day, and the election of officers will be held at the next meeting on the 25th.

Again we have scheduled Triviaoke to be at the Lodge on February 22nd. If you have not ever played it, please come out and give it try! It's a lot of fun, and only a buck to play! Food will be available, and the game will be followed by Karaoke. Triviaoke is also scheduled for March 22nd.

Just a few things...as always, please make any dinner reservations in advance. You can call the Lodge to do so. We ask this so we know how much food to purchase and prepare. Thanks!

Anyone who would like to volunteer in the kitchen, please let us know. We could always use your help, and for those who do help, thank you all so very much.

If anyone has any thoughts or ideas on putting an event together for the Lodge, please feel free to let us know. We would love to hear from you!

On a final note, the House Committee would like to remind everyone to always be kind to others. It's free and it'll make you feel good!

The House Committee

Cindy Griffiths, Diane Hein, Jennifer Reaper, Joan Volkorez, Jennifer White

A word from your Leading Knight

Hello everyone. I trust everybody is in good health in this new year. I would like to start this note off with a few great big thank you's to our volunteer kitchen staff and all their helpers for a fantastic New Year's Eve dinner. Prime rib and Cornish hen were the entrees. Yum, yum.

The gala was well attended with approximately one hundred fifteen guests. There were two bands, one in the great hall and one in the back screened in area. They were both awesome.

With all the new improvements that have been made, the compliments were flying. Everyone loved the new floor, paint job and of course, the new bar. If you haven't seen the Lodge in a while, stop in soon. You will be amazed!

Our next big project is to re-locate the members' entrance to the Lodge just inside the double glass doors. We are looking for monetary donations to that end. We expect it to cost around \$2,000 and every little bit helps.

Later this winter, we also have to have one of our twelve-ton A/C units replaced. We are replacing it with a 15-ton unit and tying the stage area in with it so we can eliminate a smaller unit that doesn't work either. All of this takes time and money. We hope you can help.

In closing, since all of the renovations have started, we are seeing a lot of new faces at the Lodge. We have several transfers, members coming in who haven't been in for years in some cases and traveling Elks stopping by for a drink or two. The point is, they are coming in and enjoying what they see and our hope is that eventually, all y'all will stop in. See you soon!

Fraternaly yours,

Phil Rafferty E.L.K.

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