

# THE HERNANDO HERD



Monthly Newsletter of Brooksville Elks Lodge #2582



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APRIL 2020



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## 2020 LODGE OFFICERS

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EXALTED RULER**

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| LEADING KNIGHT       | RICH GRIFFITHS       |
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| ONE YEAR TRUSTEE     | MIKE HUGHSON         |

**LODGE SECRETARY LARRY WHITE'S CELL PHONE:**

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## **A Message from your Exalted Ruler**

Members all, in this very grave and dangerous time, I implore you to follow and heed our local medical and governmental authorities' requests and advice to stay home to stay safe! Social distancing is a real thing. Let's practice it!

I recently received word from Grand Lodge that we, as Elks, must obey the rule of local, state and federal law. Currently, (as of 3/17/20) local law enforcement and other authorities have admonished us to travel as little as possible and stay home to help slow the spread of this deadly virus. Grand Lodge implores us to follow their advice.

Under these most serious times, Grand Lodge has (with the approval of our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Roger Bristol), waived some of our statutes in order to keep with the spirit of staying safe and protecting our members and community.

A few of those items include our mandatory meetings held twice a month. We will still have them but ask that only the essential officers attend until further notice. The Secretary and Treasurer may continue their duties as usual since the Lodge is typically empty during their business hours.

A special joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the House Committee took place on March 23, 2020 at 1pm and after much discussion, it was decided to keep the Lodge closed until further notice as opposed to re-opening on March 31, for ours and our members' safety. Any and all activities are cancelled / postponed at this point in time. Please be patient. We will keep you updated through our Facebook page, the Herd and our social media as to what's going on. We felt it was better to be safe than sorry.

All of that being said, we still have bills to pay. Insurance, electricity, gas, taxes, etc. I beg that each of you find it in your heart to make a substantial monetary donation to help defray these costs as we literally don't have any income at this point, and haven't for the past two weeks, other than membership dues which in reality, only covers about three months' worth of our bills of a year. This closure may last several more weeks or longer until the medical authorities tell us it's safe to reopen. A deep, heartfelt thank you for anything you can contribute. Donations should be clearly marked "general fund".

In closing, please know that we miss seeing our friends and all the faces we have had the pleasure to come to know and love. This will pass and soon, very soon, we can all meet again.

May God Bless you all.

**Fraternally Yours,**

**Phil Rafferty E.R.**

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