

THE HERNANDO HERD



Monthly Newsletter of Brooksville Elks Lodge #2582

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MARCH 2020



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2019 LODGE OFFICERS

**PHIL RAFFERTY
EXALTED RULER**

EXALTED RULER	PHIL RAFFERTY
LEADING KNIGHT	RICH GRIFFITHS
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LECTURING KNIGHT	TERRY CAMPBELL
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5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Monday & Wednesday 12:00 p.m. -- 4:00 P.M. Saturday

Please call Larry's Cell Phone: 219-201-7278.

Please call our chaplain Brad Dunham at 352-600-8280 or email him at JUJU316@HOTMAIL.COM with any information if someone is ill or hospitalized.

A Message from your Exalted Ruler

Happy March everybody! This fiscal year is winding down rapidly. We had nominations and election of Officers last month and they will be sworn in at a special ceremony on March 29th at 4pm at the Lodge. A happy hour will follow with dinner served at 6pm. This ceremony can be open to the public so bring your friends and enjoy the day/evening. Don't forget to call ahead so the kitchen help knows how much food to prepare.

As of late, we have seen a nice uptick in attendance at our Friday night dinners, our Tuesday Karaoke and our Trivioke nights. The entertainment is great, the food is great and the camaraderie ship is awesome! Come join us to see what I mean.

If someone is interested, we have space out back for bocce ball courts and horseshoe pits. A little TLC is required but if you're interested in helping develop these, stop in and let someone know.

In other news, the permit process to sell the land is being held up due to vacation time for the people at Grand Lodge. We should be hearing very soon.

The House Committee and others got together a few weeks ago and did some very nice landscaping in front of the Lodge. Weeds were pulled, weed fabric installed and nice new red mulch was added as was a few plants. Stop in to see it sometime.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone to pay your dues early if you can. It makes the Secretary's job much easier. Also, in paying your dues, please consider a gift for the Elks National Foundation. Our per capita expectation every year is \$4.75. If we meet that criteria, our Lodge stands to collect up to \$11,000 in grant money which we use for the Children's Christmas party, feeding homeless Vets, and a host of other charitable work. By the way, your donation to ENF is tax deductible. Till next time.

Fraternally Yours,

Phil Rafferty E.R

HOUSE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

God Bless you all,

Hello everyone; hope all of you are doing well. We have had a busy few months. Thanks so much to all that have been coming out to support the Lodge. Without you we wouldn't be able to keep going. Thanks for all your kind words and compliments to all our volunteers.

March is looking like another good month, starting with Angelo on the 6th. We are now offering a choice of fried or baked fish and everyone seems to be pleased with that. Steak shoot is on the 7th and hopefully we will have a crowd like we did for February, best one ever. Of course we have our line dance lessons every Sunday & Tuesday evenings and Karaoke every Tuesday.

With Election Day falling on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, we will be having our St. Patrick's Celebration on the 21st with Corn Beef, Cabbage & all the fixings along with a choice of Sheppard's Pie. We will also have a DJ, "Daddy Toe Tapper", Chuck Pullen. He was with us last month, everyone loved him and he plays whatever you want to dance or listen to. Please make plans to come out and join us. Also, since we cannot have Karaoke on Tuesday it will be on Wednesday that week. Little Miss Dynamite (Karen Kallen) will be back with us again on the 14th and the 28th.

March 29th is our Installation of New Officers for the coming year. The Installation will be held at 4:00 p.m., cocktails from 5:00-6:00 and dinner at 6:00. We will be serving Chicken Cordon Bleu and the cost will be \$12.00 per person. Please call and make your reservations and show your support for the new officers.

Thanks to all of you that came out and helped with the Homeless Veteran's Bags. We provided 250 Homeless Veterans this year with much needed supplies.

As always we thank all our wonderful Volunteers, don't know what we would do without you!

God Bless,
House Committee

Cindy Griffiths, Sherry MacKiel, Nora Hughson, Diane Hein, Carr Hussey, Jane Hussey, Bill Rundgren, Bonnie Young & Phil Rafferty E.R.

A NOTE from your LEADING KNIGHT

Greetings to all. Everyone is doing well. By the time this edition of the Herd is out all the officers for the new year will have already been elected for the coming year. The new year starts April 1st, with the installation of new officers and the installation dinner being held the last Saturday of March, which will be the 29th. Please join us for the celebration to support and welcome our new officers.

I would like to take this time to thank the ladies and gentlemen of this year's House Committee for the fantastic job they have done for the Lodge and all the long hours they have put in to make sure everything ran so smoothly. Also, for all the great meals they prepared for our dinners. Keep up the good job and a huge thank you to all of you!

Please come by and help support your Lodge.

God Bless,

Rich Griffiths, Leading Knight

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