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Monthly Newsletter of Brooksville Elks Lodge #2582

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NOVEMBER 2019



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**PHIL RAFFERTY
EXALTED RULER**

EXALTED RULER	PHIL RAFFERTY
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LODGE SECRETARY HOURS:

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

Hello again everybody. Things are going well at the Lodge. I'm happy to tell you that the concrete pad for the new A/C units will be poured by the time you read this. We are keeping our fingers crossed hoping the unit currently keeping us cool continues to work until the new one is installed.

We had our annual audit by Grand Lodge recently and got a positive nod for the books, the kitchen, the overall appearance of the Lodge and our safety program we are required to keep up with. THANK YOU to all of you that made that possible!

To those of you that haven't been in for a while, you should stop in and see the wonderful changes we've made. The new bar area is warm and welcoming and the people are very friendly. There are two video bowling games now, a Wii game, dart board and of course the shuffle board, which by the way, just had the surface refinished by some of the members who volunteered their time. It turned out beautiful. And to appreciate those fellas, there were more than 60 man-hours invested in the project....Nice!

We are still negotiating the land sale with Avalon and as soon as we know anything more, we will keep you posted. FYI, we are trying to get a new parking lot, a new roof, trees removed, a whole house generator, water and sewer hookup and a few other minor things. It's a slow process.

In closing, don't forget to read your calendar in here and make a date for a Friday night dinner and entertainment. We really look forward to seeing all of you. Please make reservations at least a week early so the kitchen staff knows how much food to cook. Thank you in advance for that.

One last thought, consider remitting \$5.00 (or any amount for that matter) in the next few weeks to help us reach our per capita requirement for the Elks National Foundation. Your donation is tax deductible and if we reach our per capita goal every year, we get to apply for grants from Grand Lodge that we use in the community for charitable donations such as the homeless veterans, People Helping People or children with special needs. Take care and may God bless you.

Fraternally Yours,

Phil Rafferty E.R

HOUSE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

Gosh it's November already!!! By now some of you are returning from the North and hopefully had a safe trip back. We have missed you and have been patiently waiting for your return. Welcome back everyone!!

We have been working hard trying to keep our Lodge alive, but we need your help in order to succeed. Hope you find time to come and join us for some of our functions. We are always looking for volunteers, if you like to cook or just help out with other things please let us know.

We would like to thank all the gentlemen that refinished our shuffleboard table a few weeks ago. They worked very hard and long hours and the finished work is absolutely beautiful. Thanks so much, Geoff Cooper, John Hahnenberger, Gene Nelson, Carey Metts & Bubba Cornell. Your hard work is very much appreciated!!!

The next couple of months are going to be pretty busy. We will be getting ready for the Holidays as well as keeping everything else running smoothly. Of course, we still have Angelo on the first Friday, November 1st, and the Steak Shoot & Spaghetti dinner on the first Saturday. The second Friday, November 8th, we have "Sweet Charlie"; he will definitely keep you dancing. The third Friday, November 15th we have Bill Castner & Little Miss Dynamite; they can really entertain, singing all your old favorites. We are also going to have our Thanksgiving Dinner of Ham or Turkey and all the fixings. We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and hope each and everyone have a wonderful Holiday with family and/or friends.

Don't forget to come out on Thursday nights for Karaoke with Terry Campbell and Trivioke on the Fourth Friday, Nov. 22. We have so much fun with it even though we don't know the answer to very many of the questions; we have a lot of laughs trying to figure it out.

This month we will also put up our Angel Tree and start preparing for our Christmas party for all the Foster Children on December 15th, so come by the Lodge and get a name or two. If you would like to volunteer for their party please let us know. It will really touch your heart.

Again thanks to all our Volunteers that help out every Friday in the kitchen. You guys are doing a fantastic job and very much appreciated.

Your House Committee,

Cindy Griffiths, Sherry MacKeil, Nora Hughson, Gin Poisson, & Diane Hein

A NOTE from your LEADING KNIGHT

Greetings to all, hopefully everyone is well and doing great. In last month's news letter I explained that this New Year Eve's party will be catered by Cody's restaurant. The cost of the meal will be \$50.00 per person consisting of your choice of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu, baked potato and all the trimmings. Whereas the meal is going to be catered, tickets must be purchased no later than November 30th, and can be purchased at any time at the Lodge during operating hours prior to November 30th. There will be no tickets sold at the door, so you must buy your tickets so we will have an accurate count for Cody's. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM and the entertainment will be 7:00PM till ? At midnight there will be a champagne toast. Looking forward to a great New Year Eve's party, so come and join us and bring your friends and let's bring in 2020 with style. See you at the Brooksville Elks Lodge December 31st!!!!!!

God Bless.

Rich Griffiths, Leading Knight

A MESSAGE from your SECRETARY

Members all, this is a reminder that we are half way thru the Elk year and I would like to remind everyone to please consider sending in your donation to the Elks National Foundation. Your donation of 10 dollars helps the Lodge make its yearly goal of 2000 dollars donated to the fund. Once we make our goal for the year we are able to then apply for the ENF community grants that help our community projects here at the Lodge like the foster kids' Christmas program and the Kids backpack program that sends food home every Friday with needy children so they have food for the weekend while not in school. The Grants we receive back each year total 6000 dollars. So please consider sending in a donation this month to help make our goal so the Lodge can continue its great work for the community. I hope everyone has a great holiday season and if anyone needs the Secretary's help just give me a call on my cell phone and I will help you.

Larry White PER

Lodge Secretary

ENF chairman

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