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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held every 3rd
Thursday in the Northland Elks
Lodge #2376, 7010 N. Cherry
St., at 1900 Hrs. (7 PM)

15 July 2021 (I&I)
19 August 2021
16 September 2021

Submit articles and pictures
for the Newsletter by email to
the Post (Subject: Newsletter)
two weeks prior to Quarterly
publishing. All submissions
subject to editing.

Commander Says:

I want to congratulate and thank your officers and Committee Members for stepping forward to take leadership positions in the Post next year. Their help is instrumental in getting things done, and there is a lot of that needed for this very active Post.

Congratulations to your new Commander elect Phyllis Rosales, and to Dan Madinger and Gaila Sullivan for taking the Adjutant and 1st Vice positions respectively.

The big changes happened in the big 3 all at once, and the Department and National are not working at 100% with the implementation of the new online program, so if there are issues, please be patient and make sure Command knows of any problems so they can work with you to sort them out.

I want to thank all of the members who have worked so hard to accomplish what we have done over the last 4 years and more. We are one of the busiest Posts in the area, and because of that you have a bright future ahead. The Post is active volunteering with the community, performing Military Funeral Honors and Color Guard duties, has a solid record for our philanthropic deeds, supports the youth in our area with Boys and Girls States, Baseball and the Oratorical contest, and new to the Post will be the First Responder Scholarship. Well done Post 626!

Finally, I would urge all members to take the Basic Training Course to increase their knowledge of Legion programs, and for leaders to participate in the Training Tuesday programs. There is room for others to get involved, for new ideas and programs, there are no blinders on. If you have the time and inclination, step up.

“Always Forward” – Cdr. Doug

Membership

Normally, I call all new members as well as those renewing to thank them for their memberships. The last few months have been very hectic and I find myself remiss in my duties. I apologize and I want ALL MEMBERS to know that your membership is appreciated, your dues are handled appropriately, and I will miss working with and/or for you all. **Thank you** for being members in Post 626.

Annual Induction & Initiation Ceremony

Our annual I&I ceremony and awards will be a light version again this year, no guest speaker or meal, but we would still like to see you and your significant other join us. There are lots of awards to pass out, members to be recognized and new officers to be sworn in. There will be a social hour with desert afterwards, a great opportunity to meet someone you don't know. The Elks bar upstairs will be available if you wish to bring down a drink for the social hour.

Past Department Commander Kerry Boardman will be inducting the new officers.

If you received a separate invitation as an awardee asking you to RSVP, please do so NOW. If we don't know you're coming, we will not have your certificate printed or other award on hand. For the new members, initiation is not what you may have experienced crossing the equator or getting your jump wings, it's just reciting a pledge, no harm done.

I look forward to seeing you there. Michelle and I ride off to the west the next morning.

I&I
15 July 2021
1900 Hrs., 7PM
Elks Lodge 2376
7010 N Cherry St.
West (lower) entrance

Current Contact Roster Attached

Continued Below

JOIN US IN OUR ACTIVITIES, WE'DE BE DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU!



Upcoming Events

- 2-5 Jul Decorate **Big Shoal Cemetery**
- 4 Jul **Independence Day**
- 9-11 Jul **Department Convention, Drury Plaza Hotel**
3351 Percy Drive, Cape Girardeau MO 63701
- 15 Jul **Post Initiation & Induction (I&I) Ceremony, 1900 Hrs., Elks Lodge 2376**
7010 N Cherry St., Gladstone MO 64118, West (lower) entrance
- 19 Aug **Post Membership Meeting, 1900 Hrs., Elks Lodge 2376**
7010 N Cherry St., Gladstone MO 64118, West (lower) entrance
- 16 Sep **Post Membership Meeting, 1900 Hrs., Elks Lodge 2376**
7010 N Cherry St., Gladstone MO 64118, West (lower) entrance
- 26 Sep **Community Walk Details TBD**

EVERYONE is more than welcome at any of these events! Please contact the Commander for any additional details.

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