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EXALTED RULER

How is it that when all of your fun and excitement just starts to get going, you realize that a whole quarter of this lodge year has passed us by. It's July and we are excited about the summer events that are coming up and not to mention our Elks Summer Picnic. The venue has been set, so stay tuned to further updates in this bulletin and also next months to find out some of the exciting things we have in store for you this year. As everyone knows who attended last year, there was a lot of prizes given away with all the raffles and games along with a ton of comradery and cheer. Elkdom was present and let me tell you, it will be here to shine once again. We are also having a very nice raffle this year with some great cash prizes and tickets are in the lower lounge for purchase. Stop in and see Sean at the bar to get your raffle tickets and to sign up for the picnic.

The downtown 400 block has been jumping and we are having a great time with our food tent and free music on the square. Stop in to see us and have a burger or brat while you're there. Up and coming throughout the season and things to consider while we gear up for the events we have planned are the Soccer Shoot which is always held at the D.C. Everest Middle School, the summer Art Fest and yes, even looking into the Fall, will be the Elks Fall Conference and the Fall golf outing. Also, don't forget about our Wausau Elks Lodge #248 125 yr. Celebration to be held in October.

OK, so you have listened to me spread the word on events that are coming this year, so I am hoping to see all of you there. With all that said I am still going back to where I started this year and talking to you about your pride in Elkdom. I want to share with you on of my experiences with my pride and a conversation that I had with one of my dearest friends, Mr. Arnie Luechau. As standing outside one evening and preparing to head home, Arnie had been walking out to leave also when he asked me, "well John, how are things going with your year so far?" I mentioned to him that things are busy with all the planning and meetings but it is an exciting busy. I'm enjoying the experience. Arnie then mentioned to me, enjoy it while it's here because when your year has to be turned over to the new ER and your time is up, you'll know everything there is to know about the Lodge and at that time you wish you could do it all over again next year. So enjoy it while you can. I know Arnie was right on the spot with that comment and it's true. Enjoy the moment and live the experience while it's within you. I am very grateful for the Elks, and as my journey has just begun this year, there will always be great moments to look forward to.

God speed and see you soon.

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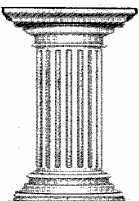
We have received a request for volunteers to staff various functions that are part of the activities surrounding the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall hosted by Wausau Homes this summer July 20th through July 23rd. I have not personally seen this exhibit, but those at the Lodge who have made it clear that this is an impressive display and well worth the time. Volunteer opportunities include parking attendants, guest assistance, name and panel locators and groundskeepers. To sign up to volunteer, please visit www.wausauhomes.com and click on the volunteer link near the bottom of the page.

As always, we have good news and bad news concerning our membership. On the good side, our membership stands at 669 with 6 candidates awaiting initiation and another 3 names before the investigating committee. Unfortunately, 103 members have not paid their dues. Since we have received a number of complaints of never receiving a dues invoice, statements were sent out to those who are delinquent. The portion of the statement that refers to "prepaid dues" has caused some confusion. This is the portion that we send to Grand Lodge over which we have no control. We have paid that portion whether dues are sent in or not, so this portion cannot be deducted from the overall dues of \$137.00.

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IN MEMORIAM

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us, what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." Albert Pike



~ In vain we call, they have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death ~

