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EXALTED RULER**

Greetings everyone,

As fall is just around the corner, there have been some great things to reflect back on when after all, we have had a great summer with all the outdoor events that have come our way. We have just wrapped up with our 400 Block outdoor vending and also just a few weeks ago your first lady and I had the honor and privilege to host our summer picnic which was held at Riverside Park in Wausau. I would like to take this time to acknowledge some of those who helped bring that great day together, especially our PER Mr. Scott Waldhart for organizing and planning to make that picnic such a great success. Also, don't forget to thank your officers and bar staff for a great day had by all. For those of you who missed it, we had great entertainment provided by Aaron Schauer, brother to former first lady Deb Waldhart, bean bag toss, great pig roast from Lee's Famous Recipe, officer raffles baskets and of course our 125th anniversary cash raffle. Fun was had by all and thanks to all who attended.

Here we are into September already and you have to look back to say, where did our summer go? But with that thought, we have to look ahead into our Fall projects and events that are coming our way. We will be hosting once again our food vending booth for Art in the Park on September 9th and 10th and we will be located just off of Third St. and McClellan. Stop by to say hello and grab some great food from our vending stand. Also, we are gearing up for our fall conference that will be held in Appleton, WI. at the Paper Valley Hotel on September 14th thru the 17th. Another great event that will be taking place is our Elks Fall Golf Outing which will be held September 18th at the Wausau Country Club. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the Lodge for more info.

SAVE THE DATE!! DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!

Mark your calendars for October 12th thru the 15th. This will be the celebration of a lifetime. We are holding our **125th Anniversary at Wausau Lodge #248**. We will be starting off with family night on Thursday. Friday night is fish fry and then music by Soul Inspirations who have performed here in April of this year and had everyone jumping. Saturday we will have trivia and lunch in the afternoon, then in the evening a selected dinner and great music that will take you back to an era of swing style and jitterbug with the River City jazz. Sunday we will wind down with our great PER breakfast. Stay tuned to the bulletin for all your information and contact the Lodge to hear more on how you can register. We are looking forward to this celebration and the word is out and many other Lodges throughout the state will be in attendance. Along with that, we have also heard through the grapevine that we will be having dignitaries from Grand lodge who have expressed interest in attending. This is one event you should not miss. Well, so far, this year has been exciting to say the least. I would not be grateful enough without saying thank you from Renee and myself to all of your kind words and gentle expressions that have made this first half of our year pleasing and comfortable. It's because of people like you that make the world a better place.

Thank you and God's speed.

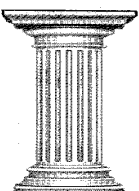
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NEWS FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

In the most recent Grand Lodge Newsletter, newly inducted Grand Exalter Ruler Malcolm McPherson Jr. announced his major theme for this year: Community Awareness. At first, this seems like a magnificent grasp of the obvious. But after giving it some thought, his message has a lot of merit. Are you proud to be a member of the Elks? After all, why should you be? Mr. McPherson succinctly points out that the Elks mission is to support veterans, aid special and underprivileged children, and to promote the growth of our youth through scholarship, Drug Awareness and sports programs. Which of these do you have a problem with? The overall goal, of course, is to make our local community a better place to live. Is our community aware of what we do? This awareness can come in several forms. First, our lodge needs to do a better job of publicizing our role in community activities. But, in addition, each member needs to take the opportunity, whenever possible, to make our friends and neighbors aware of what we do and what we are about. When we create this awareness, it then becomes easier to say, "if you like what your hear, join us." This is not recruiting members, it is strengthening our community. *Ridge*

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 ~

