

Greetings,

On behalf of my fellow officers and myself, I want to thank everyone for warm reception we all received at our recent installation. I look forward to meeting and talking with all our members, feel free to text, call or email me with helpful suggestions or concerns.

As a group we have a lot planned so watch your bulletin to keep up with the latest news and fun. Your help as a member is needed but appreciated.

The most important people of the Lodge is it's Members and not the officers, for with out the members we would have no Lodge.

Wow, we made it though another Winter, it really is Spring already and Summer isn't far off. The month of May is filling up fast, with State Elks Convention, Clean up day at Camp Wawbeek, and visitors day in June at Camp Wawbeek.



Exalted Ruler



**DALE KRENZ
EXALTED RULER**

April is that time of year when Uncle Sam kindly reminds us of the importance of financial planning and obligations. As you review your planning, especially regarding your estate plans, keep the Wausau Elks in mind. A bequest to the Lodge is a lasting way of supporting your belief in the good things we Elks do for those around us. Call the lodge office for more information if you think this may fit your plans.

Shriner Onion Sale May 12th in Lower Lounge

Orders are being taken for the Shriner Onion sale. Talk to Sean or bar staff to place your order. \$10.00 for a 10 lb. bag. This will take place once again in the lower lounge on Saturday May 12th Starting at 2 PM. Sean and the gang will be setting up Sloppy Joe's for a bite to eat, each bag sold comes with a sandwich and chips so come on down and enjoy some comradery with music and fun. Additional Sloppy Joes 5991 will be available for \$3.00 each.

NEWS FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

April 1 signals the beginning of a new Lodge year. Dale Krenz will assume the position of Exalted Ruler and installation of officers has taken place. Thus, it is time for "that was the year that was." As in any organization, we had our ups and downs. Financially, the dining room continues to struggle. The losses there, combined with some mechanical failures, has led to more borrowing than we would like. Our membership experience provides some interesting perspectives. As I write this, our membership stands at 663, compared to a starting number of 667 in April of 2017. We saw excellent numbers in terms of new members. In addition, we had 7 members ask for reinstatement, a number I have not seen in my time as secretary. On the down side, 31 members decided not to return, which of course leads to the question of why so many members felt it was not worth maintaining membership. ER Dale has already unveiled a number of ideas that will hopefully lead to more of our members seeing the Lodge as a regular part of their social life. Please watch in the bulletin as they are put into place.

On a different theme, Grand Lodge has unveiled the Elks Visa Signature Card. Use of this card supports the BPOE, and our lodge receives \$10 for each card activated. If you would like an application, please stop by the Lodge and see Amanda in the club office.

Hope to see you at the Lodge, *Ridge*