

Greetings,

As this month's publication comes out, Debby and I will be in San Antonio for The National Elks 150th Convention and Celebration. I am looking forward to learning all I can about the Elks, talking with other lodges and learning of programs and fun events that have worked for other lodges. I am sure I will be bringing back new ideas and excitement for our lodge.

We will be shut down for our annual summer maintenance Sat. June 30th to July 5th, open for our famous Friday night menu on the 6th of July. Volunteers are always welcome to help out with projects during the Maintenance week, please contact Scott Ziebell at 715/297-6045.

Most importantly I need your help. Surly we all know someone we can honor by asking them to become an Elk! Our next new Elk initiation will be Saturday August 4th, to be followed by our Elks picnic. A great time to be had by all, live entertainment, our summer raffle drawing, full bar service, great food by our new Chef Brian. Get to meet and know our new members, and most importantly the chance to just have FUN.

Your ideas and concerns are important to me. If there is something you have noticed or would like to see, contact me at dalewausau248@hotmail.com.



**DALE KRENZ
EXALTED RULER**

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PLEASE Carry and use your door card.

We are a private club so our building is available only to our members. All members receive one key card and you can buy additional cards for only \$6.00. **Please carry and use your cards.** If you have lost your card or it no longer works, please contact the Secretary.

NEWS FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

We recently received from Grand Lodge a Field Guide to the Community Investment Program conducted at the national level. Over the years, Chuck Berens has assured that we have participated in the grant process conducted by Grand Lodge. The letter accompanying the booklet noted that the Elks National Foundation will allocate \$12.4 million to Elk communities through the CIP. Since a large part of the Elks is community service and donation to community projects, I thought it would be interesting to report on our investment in the community. Our charitable giving report notes that Wausau Lodge 248 donated \$2650 to Youth Activities, \$17,900 to Needy/Handicapped programs, \$2214 to Community Service programs, \$695 to Community Recognition programs, and \$4477 to the Elks National Foundation. This does not take into account the hours our members worked at the various events we conduct throughout the year. Please remember that we can log any volunteer time or money donated throughout the year, but I need to know about that volunteer time or monetary donation.

In terms of membership, our membership count is 667 with 87 members who have not yet paid their dues. Since we have paid state and national assessments on all listed members, this represents a loss to the Lodge of \$2001. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Hope to see you at the Lodge, *Ridge*



The Elks L.O.R.E. (loan out rehab equipment) program is available to fill your temporary needs for equipment to aid your recovery from surgeries or accidents. We have crutches, walkers, wheel chairs, to name a few. The program is open to any Elk's member and their families and there is no charge. It is not meant to supply equipment for long term care, but to help meet your needs on a short term basis.

Contact Wendy McCarthy, Rick Gesicki or the Lodge Office with any questions or needs you may have regarding arranging for loaner equipment.

