

Greetings,

November and December are the busiest time of the year for many of us, with 4 major holidays in a row (Hunting, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years). Lots of shopping, hosting, and taxes. Save some time, and stress. Let the Elks make the turkey, and book your family Christmas party with the Elks! Sorry you still have to do your own hunting.

November 1st, Lodge meeting and Initiation, November 7th Game Night, November 8th BOD meeting, November 11th Veterans day and reception, November 13th Widows/ Widowers night, November 14th Trivia, November 15th Lodge meeting, November 18th a volunteer fundraiser breakfast for JDRF, November 22nd Thanksgiving Brunch.

In December we start with our annual Memorial Service on the 2nd, a Brewery Tour on the 8th and Breakfast with Santa on the 16th.

We are starting a new fundraiser for the community! Starting this November 18th, join us for breakfast on the third Sunday of each month. (December 16th Breakfast with Santa).

You'll enjoy a hearty meal with family and friends while supporting a great cause. Each month, proceeds from the event will be donated to a local organization or individual in need. November's breakfast will be supporting JDRF to help with research for Type 1 diabetes.

If you know someone in need and want to request a breakfast fundraiser to support them, please contact the Lodge office to fill out an application.

Your ideas, and concerns are important to me, please contact me at dalewausau248@hotmail.com.



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## NEWS FROM THE **LODGE SECRETARY**

The Elks National President, Michael T. Luhr, has proclaimed November as Elks Veterans Remembrance Month. This only fits because veterans are certainly a focus of many Elks' efforts. For me, the terms "veteran" brings memories of my father. While serving with the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II, he contracted yellow fever, eventually succumbing to the disease when I was 16. As a result, the Veterans Administration played a major role in paying for my college education. I am hardly the only Elk whose life was touched by war. So I read with pride that not only in November, but every month of the year, Elks will serve thousands of Veterans across the country by volunteering at more than 330 VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, clinics, and various other veterans facilities. Looking for a way to help? An easy way to start would be by supporting our Veteran's Day Reception planned for November 11. Hope to see you there and around the Lodge, *Ridge*

Members and Friends,

As Wausau Lodge #248 enters into its 127th year, our beautiful and iconic building approaches its 100th. The time has come to invest in the repairs and maintenance necessary to preserve our building for years to come.

The tuck pointing and masonry of our building's exterior is in dire need of repair. The mortar on all sides of the building is crumbling, all caulking needs replacing, and many of the steel lintels above the windows need replacing.

Fortunately, our Lodge, through the work of Lecturing Knight Bruce Conard, has already received \$25,000 in grant money through the Walter Alexander Foundation Inc. and \$25,000 through the Judd S. Alexander Foundation to make these repairs possible. These monies, along with future funding, will allow us to make these repairs without incurring any debt or spending any Lodge funds.

**This proposal, which will be voted on November 15th at the regularly scheduled Lodge meeting, includes the following repairs:**

-Removal of the unused brick chimney on the West side of the building, with the bricks being used for replacement of damaged bricks elsewhere on the building.

-Repair of all damaged or deteriorated mortar joints and damaged bricks on the West, South (front) and East sides of the building.

-Replacement of all deteriorated steel lintels and all caulking on the West, South, and East sides of the building.

-Sealing of all masonry and brickwork on the West, South, and East sides of the building with TK290 sealer.

-Work will be done by Restoration Services Unlimited, and includes labor, material, and taxes.

-Work outlined in this proposal has been bid at \$58,826.

I reiterate that these repairs and maintenance will be done at no cost to the Lodge, and will be paid entirely with already received grant money, and future funding to be raised specifically for this purpose. No borrowed funds are to be used for this project.

As these repairs and maintenance are necessary for the continued usage and operation of our beautiful and iconic building, we urge you to vote to approve this proposal.

The Board of Directors is authorized to act for the Lodge. \$50,000 in grants have already been received for this project, with the balance to be raised to complete the project.

We welcome any questions, suggestions, or discussion of this proposal.

Fraternally Yours,

Adam Doede Esteemed Loyal Knight, Secretary of the Board of Directors, Wausau Lodge #248