

Greetings,

As our year draws to a close I would like to thank everyone who had volunteered and donated their time and talents to help continue the good works of the Elks.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Bruce Conard who single-handedly raised \$59,000 for exterior building restoration.

I thank our new officers for 2019/2020 for volunteering their time and talents to continue the good works of the Elks. I ask that we all continue to support our local lodge in volunteering, and to support the financial well-being of our lodge by patronizing our restaurant and lounge. If each member committed to a meal and brought a guest once a month or more we would be financially solvent and able to support our charities as they should be.



**DALE KRENZ**  
**EXALTED RULER**

Our lodge is not about the officers and their programs, it is about each and every member. Your lodge needs you!

Exalted Ruler

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NEWS FROM THE **LODGE SECRETARY**

**By the time you read this, your dues invoice should have arrived. Once again we appeal to you to pay the invoice on time, which would be April 1. As I have written a number of times before, we must pay our \$23 per person whether or not an individual's dues are paid. This year we must make that payment by April 10. Again this year, as an incentive to paying dues on time, members paying before April 1 will receive a Weekend drink card.**

**We have had an interesting year in terms of membership. Our membership stands presently at 678, an increase of 20 from April 1 of 2018. In addition, we have 12 individuals eligible for initiation in March. However, we also have 52 who have not paid dues. Obviously, few of those – if any – will remain Elks so we will end the year around 636. If you are one of those 52, we would appreciate hearing why you no longer wish to be a member. Please feel free to e-mail at either the g-mail account of the Lodge or my home account at [schmobe@aol.com](mailto:schmobe@aol.com).**

**On a personal note, there is an old Chinese curse that goes, “May you live in interesting times.” This past Lodge year has been just that. I have to say that, while our motto goes “The faults of our members we write upon the sands, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory,” I cannot say that I saw that practiced much. Hopefully, we can focus this year on making this more of a way of life than a motto.**

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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 5504, please contact the Secretary.