

To the members of the Wausau Elks Lodge 248,

As our year develops, we continue to see the challenges of re-opening the lodge in the midst of a global pandemic. We must foremost think about the safety and health of our members, but we must also strive to bring back some normalcy, as long as we proceed with caution.

These are tough times, no one knows the answer, and we are all trying to do what is right. We only have each other. What can you do as a member to make the lodge successful? What legacy to you want to leave? It is not about self-gratification, it is how we come together as a team and move the lodge forward, if we do not who will? As your Exalted Ruler, I serve as the custodian of the principals of our order: charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity. Are we living in a way that embraces those principles?

My hope is that you realize how each of you are essential to the success of the lodge!

We see individual's step-up and volunteer their time to generate events and activities that help the lodge financially; we all need to do our part.

Look to the Newsletter and Facebook for upcoming events, we will be holding initiation on July 16th, a brief installation of all new officers on July 25th, and save the date for August 1st for the 4th annual Bourbon and Cigar tasting, flyers will be out soon! FYI, we will not be closed for the annual shutdown the first week of July; the lounge will remain July 2nd - 4th feel free to support the lodge!

I pledge to you my fidelity,

Bruce Conard, Exalted Ruler



**BRUCE CONARD
EXALTED RULER**

ON THE LODGE FLOOR

Lodge Meetings in July 16th with Initiation at 6:45 PM

Board of Directors 9th at 6:30 PM

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

George Drefcinski

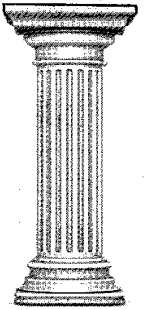
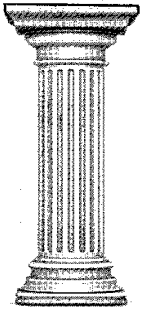
Born

Initiated September 21, 1974

Died June 2, 2020

A member 47 Years

~ In vain we call, they have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death ~



NEWS FROM THE **LODGE SECRETARY**

As you know, June saw a partial reopening of the Lodge. We conducted meetings on the 4th and 18th, opened the members lounge on Thursday through Saturday nights, and conducted Flag Day, although limited in scope and attendance. I hope all members understand the difficulty our Exalted Ruler and Board of Directors encountered in arriving at the decisions to conduct these events, especially in view of the fact that other Lodges remain closed for these activities. In all cases, the safety of 2681 our members guided these decisions.

Looking at July, we have scheduled our next initiation for the 16th. I have written in past newsletter articles that we have succeeded at attracting new members. Pending the elections at the upcoming meeting, we will have 29 eligible for initiation. For some time, we have never had a shortage of pending members. Rather, we cannot get these candidates to the ceremony. If you have sponsored a candidate, please talk with them about the importance of taking the final, most important step in becoming a member. Obviously, this is not a good time to be organizing an event of this size, but the officers will do everything possible to assure the safety of all involved.

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