

Calling all members... Let's support our Lodge with the common sense that has brought us to success in the past and can ensure the legacy we want to endow to future generations of Wausau Elks. We cannot let this Lodge fail! We need to ensure that our delinquent dues are paid, and we are doing everything we can to raise funds to support the Wausau Lodge's success.

We have done well financially the first three months in spite of unprecedented circumstances. Let us do everything in our power to keep the positive momentum going and make this a year to remember for the positive changes we have accomplished and not the terrible circumstances of the pandemic.

We as officers are working diligently to secure donations for the Lodge, to solidify the successful future of the Wausau Lodge. We need everyone's efforts to help us reduce our debt.

As I am writing this letter, our restaurant will have been open for a couple of weeks. I am proud that our relationship with the Ugly Mug will continue, ensuring exceptional dinner service that honors the success of Lodge #248.

In July, we also initiated new members for the first time in many months; let us focus on bringing in new members and making sure, they are initiated in a timely manner going forward.

We need to go back to the fundamentals of what we are made of... Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. These Cardinal Principals guide our order. How do you embrace these virtues in your daily life as an Elk? I challenge you to do one thing this month that positively effects our community. Imagine the impact we could have if each member achieved just one simple act of benevolence in the next thirty days.

We have our End of Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 8th starting at 3 pm there will be fun, food, prizes, and games for all in the lower bar. Also, mark your calendar for the Fall Golf Outing on September 14th at Greenwood Hills Golf course, details to follow, look for the fliers.

I pledge to you my fidelity,

Bruce Conard, Exalted Ruler



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EXALTED RULER**

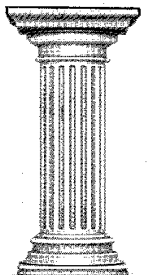
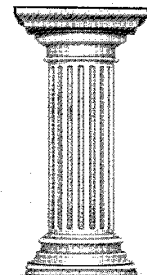
ON THE LODGE FLOOR

Lodge Meetings in August 20th at 7:00 PM

Board of Directors 13th 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



Tom Orr
Born March 16, 1941
Initiated March 21, 2013
Died June 18, 2020 A Member 9 Years

Vernon “Bud” Kesy
Born May 9, 1926
Initiated September 23 2000
Died June 20, 2020 A Member 21 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

How I spent my summer, 2020 vacation:

Monday, same as last Monday; Tuesday, same as last Tuesday; Wednesday, same as last Wednesday, ...Although it seems that nothing is changing, in fact there has been some movement at the Lodge. The members lounge is open again, Thursday through Saturday, and, little by little, the number of members using the facility is growing. We have geared up to return to serving on Friday nights.

Our lone meeting in July saw several candidates initiated so our Lodge is growing again. Thanks to the efforts of Bob Stephens and Darcey Westcott, delinquent members were contacted and we are down to 104 members who have not paid dues. As you can imagine, some of those contacts ended in finding that the member has decided to withdraw from the Lodge, so we will not see that number pay their dues this year.

You may have heard that I have a significant health issue, so I have not been physically active in the Lodge since early March. As a result, Chuck Berens has returned to almost full time duty as Lodge Secretary.

And there you have how I spent August of my 2020 summer vacation.

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A big thank you goes out to the decorating committee for the great looking flower beds outside our Lodge!