

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

November is Elks Veteran's Remembrance month. To quote the Elks pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Let us remember to celebrate all those who have honored our country with their service and sacrifice. On November 8, we will hold a lunch and reception at 3pm in the lodge ballroom. This program has been held diligently over the last several years, campaigned and championed by our loyal and dedicated P.E.R s Roman Baca & John Mijal. Please make reservations by calling the lodge so we can plan accordingly, all veterans, guests and members are welcome.

As we continue to face challenges with the pandemic, we have forged ahead with our duties at the lodge. Eight months into our elected year, we have shown the fortitude and the financial savvy to keep the lodge moving ahead. Do not forget to support our partner The Ugly Mug on Friday and join us for dinner!

We must also remember to give thanks this month, as reflecting on our blessing is more important than ever. We are not sure at this time how we will celebrate Thanksgiving, but we will keep you informed on the Wausau Elks Facebook and through our Text Messaging program. Make sure as good Elks that we look out for each other, if anyone needs help or assistance as the weather turns cold, and holiday spirit comes alive; let us do what we can to make sure everyone has our support.

Darcy Westcott has done a great job with our social media, make sure you are following us on Facebook all the great activities we have upcoming, including Saturday Soup which starts on November 7th. We need people to sign up; there is a sign-up sheet in the lower bar.

I would also like to give a shout-out to Henry Lamovec, who donated the new popcorn machine to the upper bar, come sample a bowl and tell Mary how tasty it is!

I am so Thankful for all of my officers and fellow elks who are standing tall during this time.

I pledge to you my fidelity, Bruce Conard, Exalted Ruler



BRUCE CONARD
EXALTED RULER

ON THE LODGE FLOOR

Lodge Meetings in November 5th and 19th at 7:00 pm. Board of Directors 12th at 6:30 PM

NEWS FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

Since my last two articles dealt with monetary donations to the community and donated volunteer time, it is time to bring the membership up to date with a synopsis of activities at the Lodge. As you know, we have returned to partial operations by conducting meetings, opening the lounge on a limited basis, and returning to Friday night dinner service. On October 7, the District Deputy inspected our Lodge and found all in order. In fact, we are considered one of the top 5 Lodges in the state. Our financial picture has improved nicely with our line of credit now less than \$100,000. In spite of limited operations, we have had a strong year so far financially.

Our membership situation is not as strong, but there are positive signs. As I write this article, our membership stands at 593 with 81 members still not having paid dues. Neither number is accurate. When dues statements went out last February, 13 members responded that they would not return. However, by statute we must do all we can to retain members, and they cannot be dropped until Oct. 1. Thanks to the work of Bob Stephens, we reached out to virtually all delinquents. Thus, our membership will drop to 581, and our number of delinquents will reduce to 69. On the positive side, we will initiate 3 new members at our second meeting of October, so our membership will rise to 584 by the end of the month. In addition, the 5887 membership at recent meetings has voted positively on 20 candidates who now await initiation, if we can only get them to the ceremony. All in all, even in the most trying of times, we have had a positive year. *Ridge*



Packer Sundays are back, sign up in the lounge. \$10.00 per person for the regular Season games noon or 3:25. Pick a game and be a food sponsor too.

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

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



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