

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

As we begin 2021, I hope the New Year revives our faith in each other, renews our trust and belief in this fraternal organization, and ignites our sense of responsibility for what we need to focus on, moving forward.

We have a major event upcoming, on March 21st when we will be holding our annual Raffle Party. It is crucial that everyone who is able supports and lends a hand to make sure this event is successful in raising funds, it is essential to the financial stability of the lodge that we support this event with donations, attendance and selling of the raffle tickets.

As you make your New Year's Resolutions, let's not forget the crucial debt reduction program that is essential to keep the lodge running. I know you have heard this before, but any donation you can give is essential to keeping the legacy of this historic lodge alive. The doors have been open to our community and members since 1892, do not let our generation be the one where they close. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated!

Remember why you became an Elks member. We have a lot of good people that have done impressive acts of charity and shown their Elkdom. I am so proud to be a part of raising money for a good cause, helping members of our community, supporting our youth, feeding the hungry, recognizing our veterans, proudly displaying our patriotism and our faith in each other. As we usher in this New Year, we need to focus on the positive and not the negative. Together we can overcome any challenge in the New Year ahead!

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



BRUCE CONARD
EXALTED RULER

ON THE LODGE FLOOR

Lodge Meetings in January 7 at 7:00 pm. Board of Directors Meeting: 14th at 6:30 PM

NEWS FROM THE **LODGE SECRETARY**

2021 will arrive shortly, and I suspect a lot of folks are happy to see 2020 end. With distribution beginning of the vaccine against COVID-19, we finally see some hope of controlling the pandemic. I recall the eagerness with which we greeted the vaccine against polio in the 50's, and times seem very similar. As I recall, like this vaccine, two doses were required, so my parents took me to our family doctor for the two injections. These were trying episodes for a kid! And of course, we no more than completed the misery than the oral vaccine made its appearance. I got that too. In fact, we all did, in school. For those of you my age, remember having to suffer through measles and mumps? How wonderful it is that those days are gone, for the most part.

Of course, it will be a while before we return to something resembling normalcy. Throughout this trying year ER Bruce Conard and the Board have done their best to keep the Lodge running. Through it all we have managed to pay down our debt, no small accomplishment. Ray Dabler modified the Good Fellowship Program to keep that wonderful Wausau Elks tradition functioning. The bar remains open on week-ends and Friday night meal service returned from time to time. All in all, not bad considering these trying times.

For membership, we currently have 580 members with 62 delinquents. For our members, I would like to suggest several New Year's resolutions: for those of you who have not paid dues for the 2020-21 year, resolve to do so. And for everyone, resolve to pay your dues on time in 2021.

Ridge

2021 Super Bowl Event

Sunday February 7, food starts at 5:00, Raffles, Prizes. \$5.00 per person, sign up sheets are in the lounge. Bring a snack or dessert to share but sign up soon! Posters are up in the lounge.



Packer Sundays will run as 4173 Pot Luck for the playoffs. Super Bowl sign up sheets are in the lounge.

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



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



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