

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Calling all Elk members, we need to come together folks! As our year is ending, we have some important events that need to be supported and the 248 Raffle in March is one of them. If you can donate items, funds for the gift baskets, and/or buy raffle tickets, your support is greatly appreciated. Secondly, we are still accepting delinquent dues from any of our members who have not paid in 2020. If you have not yet paid, please contribute what you can and help us move the Lodge forward into 2021. It is not too late to make a difference! Please make the choice to honor your commitment and fulfill your financial obligation to the Wausau Elks Lodge. I cannot stress enough the necessity of reducing the debt held by the Lodge, the reality is what we owe will not go away unless everyone gives what they can.

I have seen some impressive acts of kindness as members have opened their hearts and wallets through this turmoil proving that the Elks Lodge #248 is a good thing for our community. We need to give a shout out to Maureen Johnson, known by many simply as Mo, for her devotion to supporting people in need and veterans in our community through our grant program. Her efforts have gone beyond kindness and truly exemplify the motto of Elkdom.

I would also like to congratulate Solomon King as Loyal Knight, filling the chair vacated by Adam Holzschuh. We also have two nominations to fill the remaining trustee spots, which we will be voting on at the next lodge meeting. It is good to see people stepping up and wanting to support their Lodge!

This building has been a pillar of the community since 1923, how can we deny its importance in defining who we are? More than simply a place to gather, it is the foundation of all our giving.

Do not be afraid to join us in 2021, whether it is attending an event like the annual raffle, coming to one of the lodge meetings, or simply joining in spirit through a financial donation.

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



**BRUCE CONARD**  
**EXALTED RULER**

## ON THE LODGE FLOOR

**Lodge Meetings in February 4th & 18th at 7:00 pm. Board of Directors Meeting: 11th at 6:30 PM**

NEWS FROM THE **LODGE SECRETARY**

Just when you have your Christmas bills paid, here comes Valentine's Day. If you are romantically challenged like I am, this day is fraught with danger. This whole romance thing needs to be managed with great care. Take, for example, one of my first Valentine's as a husband. I arrived home from school to find my wife Sue wearing a very provocative little number as she welcomed me with great enthusiasm. She led me to the living room where I found a martini – my favorite drink - on the coffee table. She snuggled next to me on the couch and whispered in my ear, "Say something dirty to me." In my best Dean Martin cool I answered, "The kitchen." The night did not end the way I had planned.

With February comes planning for a new slate of officers to lead our Lodge. Sue and I have basically quarantined since March. We have taken up working on jig saw puzzles, and one day Sue noted how working on them is much like leading one's life. The pieces are all there, it is a matter of arranging them correctly. It is no different with our coming Lodge year. It is nearly time to take the pieces out of the box. The challenge will come in arranging them in the manner most beneficial to our Lodge. I wish the officers well.

*Ridge*

## 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

Larry Schubring, a member 17 Years  
Born February 26, 1941  
Initiated November 13, 2004  
Died December 22, 2020

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



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