

Wausau Elks

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Wausau Elks Team Trivia is BACK!

We are still looking for some fresh faces to come and join us at Team Trivia. Questions are always changing and the fun and laughter each week is infectious. April trivia dates are the 14th and the 28th. Trivia starts at 7:00pm and is usually done by 8:45pm. Come early and check out the FOOD MENU. Extended dates for trivia are May 12th and 26th. Hope to see you all there. Bring a Friend! Questions, please contact Scott & Debbie Waldhart 715-551-3113 or Tom Bloch and Sherri Waid

Dues statements for the new Lodge Year 2021 - 2022 should be in your mailbox by now. If you are currently behind in your dues, the statement will reflect that and you may catch up and become current with payment at this time. If you have any questions or have not received your statement please call or email the Lodge Secretary.

Social Media plays a larger role in all of our activities these days.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind when you post on social media. Posts should not;

Be hateful or mean-spirited. Potentially libelous, obscene, or sexually explicit. Be personal attacks, or involve profanity or insults.

Include private or public information published without Lodge consent. Violate any law or promote the violation of any law.

Contribute to or encourage discrimination or harassment. Contain the 5776 names of minors. Divulge Lodge business that may violate your Obligation. Display photos of Members drinking or smoking, or considered harmful to the Elks' image and reputation.

The Lodge reserves the right to terminate someone's ability to post to the Lodge pages when any of the items above are posted.

The Lodge reserves the right to remove comments and or materials from the Lodge social media when those comments include any of the above items.

(Source: Some helpful disclaimers for your Lodge social media By RICK GATHEN, Membership and Public Relations Manager)

Even during these COVID times it is easy to stay up to date on things happening at the Lodge. Follow the Lodge on Facebook (facebook.com/wausaelks) and sign up for the text message service, contact the Club Office at 715.845.5602 to be added to the system.

April 2021 - Lodge & Club 715.845.5602

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3
4 Happy Easter!	5 League Bowling	6	7	8 BOD 6:30 PM	9	10
11	12 6	13	14 Team Trivia	15 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	16 BULLETIN DEADLINE	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Team Trivia	29	30	31

FROM OUR DINING ROOM AND LOUNGE

All that work at the back of the Member Lounge has paid off! Check out the **NEW Charlie's Hide Away!**

We will now be serving **ANYTIME** we are open!
 Stop in soon offering and enjoy our 6416 lounge even more!
 Our Lounge is open Thursday, Friday & Saturday 4 - 9 pm.

Sandwiches

- Cheeseburger - \$6.50
- Hamburger - \$6.00
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich - \$5.25
- Garlic & Herb Chicken Sandwich - \$5.50
- 248 Brat - \$4.00

All Sandwiches are served with Lettuce, Tomato, and Onion

French Fries – Additional \$2.00

Appetizers

- French Fries Basket - \$3.00
- Onion Ring Basket - \$5.00
- Cheese Curds - \$5.00
- Tavern Mixed Basket - \$7.50
- Honey Deep-Fried Chicken Wings - \$1.00 each

Check for daily specials

For Lodge year 2021 - 2022 there is a change in the Weekend Drink Program. As always when you pay your dues PRIOR to APRIL 1st you qualify for a free drink of equal or lesser value AFTER you purchase one on a Saturday OR Sunday (once per weekend) when our Club Lounges are open. You will no longer receive a separate Drink Card for the program because your PAID by April 1st Status is noted right on your membership card! Your bartender will still have you sign the Weekend Drink bar ticket as before.



LODGE LORE

Some may have seen episodes of the remake of the TV series Magnum PI made 2018-20. Older members may remember when the original Magnum PI was on, 1980-88. Tom Selleck starred as Detective Thomas Magnum. He belonged to the King Kamehameha Club and some scenes were filmed there. The club was of course fictional, but especially in the first year many of the scenes filmed at “the Club” were actually done at Honolulu Elks Lodge #616.

Hawaii was annexed in 1898 and became a U.S. Territory in 1900. On April 15, 1901, Grand Exalted Ruler Jerome B. Fisher, who had sailed there for the purpose, called the meeting to order to install Honolulu Lodge #616. It met first in rented space in downtown Honolulu, in a building which is still used by Hawaii Pacific University. In November of that year the Lodge moved into a newer structure nearby.

In 1918 the widow of Honolulu businessman and member James B. Castle sold the Elks their 3 + acre home and property, known as “Kainalu” in the then countryside of Waikiki. In July of 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, himself an Elk, visited, the first President to visit Hawaii. With the attack on Pearl Harbor, families opened their homes to the military wives and children from Pearl, Schofield, and other bases.

in 1958 it was decided to raze the “termite infested” Kainalu and build a new Lodge. Demolition occurred in June of 1959 and groundbreaking took place on August 17, 1959. The first meeting was held in the new facility on June 20, 1960. It remains the Lodge building at 2933 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu.

Mike Rebhahn, Lodge Historian

Remember the Food Pantry donation boxes, inside and outside the Lodge. Help boost Wausau along in this time of great need with your contribution this season!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

I am honored for the opportunity to serve as incoming Exalted Ruler for Wausau Elks Lodge #248. Over the last few years, our Lodge has experienced some significant positive changes and my main goal for this year will be to continue striving forward; all while promoting our virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Over the course of this year, the officer team is looking forward to accomplishing a number of goals for our Lodge, but none more important than ensuring the health and safety of both our Lodge and our Members. We will remain vigilant about our Covid safety protocols: masking when appropriate, keeping social distancing, keeping a clean environment, etc., to make sure we maintain a safe Lodge for everyone to enjoy. Secondly, we will maintain our focus on the fiscal health of our Lodge. We have made amazing strides towards this over the last two years and we will not be letting off the gas this year. So proud of our members that have stepped up to help in a myriad of ways from volunteering at Charlie's Hide Away, donating towards our debt reduction drive, helping during our Elks 248 Raffle, or simply reminding a friend to get those dues in on time.

Maintaining (and improving) our fiscal health sometimes means making difficult choices, but we will ensure to keep our eye towards this goal. A previous manager once told me, "You should always leave your role in a better position than you found it" and I think that makes a great challenge for this year. In following this motto, my pledge to the membership is that I will work diligently to continue the good work of those that came before me to position our Lodge for future success. While we work hard pushing forward, my ask of the membership is to do that same: volunteering, participating, and advocating.

In closing, I want to thank Bruce Conard for his leadership, commitment, and (some how) endless energy that he provided as our Exalted Ruler over this last year. I ask all that when you see Bruce, please ensure to give him a pat on the back for steering our Lodge through 2020!

Fraternally yours, Jonathan Fisher Exalted Ruler



JONATHAN FISHER
EXALTED RULER

Greetings! I am honored to be your first lady and incredibly proud of my husband, the board, and the great works they will all accomplish this year with all of us. I am also privileged to be a member of Lodge #248 since 2016. My roots stem from the border of Iowa and Wisconsin in the small town of McGregor, IA. If you've never visited the Driftless Area, it is not to be missed. I am a pediatric pharmacist by training, and while my direct patient care service was in critical care (PICU), I now work for a healthcare performance improvement organization. We've called the Wausau area home since 2015. I have many passions outside of work including connecting with family, making music, gardening, beekeeping, raising chickens, moving to renewable energy sources, and spending time with our cats & dogs. Looking forward to this next year with all of you!
Warm Regards, Gretchen Brummel

NEWS FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

As noted in last month's bulletin, April begins our Lodge year. Installation of this year's officers took place on March 13 as we welcomed Jonathan Fisher, Exalted Ruler; Solomon King, Esteemed Leading Knight; Christine Van De Yacht (soon to be Pierce), Esteemed Loyal Knight; Holly Goessl, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Trustees Todd Wunsch, Darcey Westcott, Rick Gesicki, Jim Ludwig, Marcelo Coscio; Secretary Ridgley Schott; Treasurer Steve Lammers; Adam Doede, Chaplain.

Past Exalted Ruler Bruce Conard had quite a year. Because of the pandemic, Lodge operations ground to a halt, yet he somehow managed to get our Lodge indebtedness paid down by some \$60,000. We did not do as well from a membership standpoint. We will end the year with about 520 members, meaning we lost a significant number. On the flip side, we initiated over 20 members and we have 17 presently waiting for initiation. Hopefully we will soon turn the corner and begin to grow. *Ridge*

The Local U.S. Constitution Contest was held at our Lodge Saturday March 6th.
Local winners are; Third Place - Amaris Wiesneski from Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School,
Second Place - Elizabeth Kracht from Northland Lutheran High School and
First Place - Brianna Rohland from Northland Lutheran High School.
Local winners will advance to the State Level contest to be held in Wausau on March 21, 2021

ON THE LODGE FLOOR

Lodge Meetings in April 1st & 15th at 7:00 pm. Board of Directors, 8th 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

Thomas Beese, a member 40 Years
Born December 30, 1948
Initiated October 15, 1981
Died February 27, 2021

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



*New Homes *Remodeling
*Additions *Light Commer-

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"WE STRIVE TO BUILD THEM BETTER"



Our 2021 Lodge Year Officers were installed March 13th.

Front row L-R, Chaplain Adam Doede, PER, Leading Knight Solomon King, Exalted Ruler Jonathan Fisher, Loyal Knight Christine Van De Yacht, Lecturing Knight Holly Goessl, Inner Guard Mary Gesicki.
 Back Row L-R, Secretary Ridge Schott, PER, Trustees Marcelo Coscio, Rick Gesicki, Darcey Westcott, Todd Wunsch, Esquire Kevin McCarthy, PER, Treasurer Steve Lammers, Tiler Garland Nelson

On behalf of the Elks Raffle Party Committee, we just want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make this year a great success! The generosity of our members and friends was overwhelming and very apparent by the number of fantastic donations we received. Gift certificates, baskets, and other small prizes, as well as larger items such as the freezer and theatre chair were just some of the wonderful donations, we received from you. Many volunteered their time as well, by helping with prep work, 5924 assembling, set up, working the event, and so much more behind the scenes. Because of the help and support of each one of you, this event will help us continue all the good work we do for the community. It has been a tough year for many, and we are so proud of they way our fraternal organization pulled together to make this another memorable year for Wausau #248. See you next year for the 6th annual Elk's Raffle Party, scheduled for Sunday, February 20, 2022. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts, The Hanke's and Wunsch's (co-chairs)

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