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*From The Exalted Ruler*

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**PAUL RUSIEWSKI (2013-14)**

Greetings All,  
September is almost gone and we are about to start a busy time of year at our lodge! There are several upcoming events that we need volunteers to help make them a success! Please check the bulletin board for sign up sheets as well as your Antler for these future events.

Our lodge picnic was held at Jaycees field with a decent crowd in attendance. Those that didn't show missed a good time! I want to thank the staff and members that help make this day a great one. The state meeting in Springfield was held the 20-22 of September with our lodge being in charge of the South Central hospitality room! I will say they did a fantastic job and hope y'all are ready for the next one in January.

Another reminder our lodge has purchased the NFL package! I know there are football fans out there! So come up and catch a game! This is for you to enjoy and benefit our lodge. This is an idea to try and get members in the club room. Any input of any ideas to help better our facility is greatly appreciated.

In closing I just want to mention Use YOUR lodge! Grab a lunch or dinner. Enjoy a tasty beverage while ya watch a sport of your choice. It is YOUR LODGE! Lets continue to make it the GREAT LODGE it is!

*From The Secretary*

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**JOE RAY, PDDGER, PER (2013-14)**

Our Annual Memorial Service will be held December 01<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Lodge Room. All members and families are invited to attend the service. "An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. But awhile ago we gathered, friendship beaming in each eye, now the golden cord is severed, they have passed to realms on high." To Our Absent Members: Gerald Leland Holmes, Kenneth Duane Jones, Orville F. Niehaus, Raymond 'Ray Ray' John Ray, & Stanley Wolff.

There will be refreshments to follow, please plan to attend. This Memorial Service is for our departed members from December 01, 2012 through November 30, 2013. Should you know of someone not mentioned, please contact the Lodge at 532-5751.

*Americanism*

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The Elks' Garrison Flag will be displayed at the Little Egypt Parade Saturday, October 05<sup>th</sup> and the Halloween Parade Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Pending participation, we would like to display the flag at more area football and basketball games as we can. If you have a school function you would like to see it presented at, please let us know.

We need all the help we can get, if you would like to be a part of the Flag display, sign up or call Mark Hayes 292-4269 &/or Tony "Cob" Korzenewski 201-7264, or the lodge 532-5751.

Americanism Chair, Mark Hayes



*From the Lady Elks President*

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**ANN TOEDTE (2013-14)**

Here it is October and the months are flying by so quickly. We have a lot of projects coming up in the next several months. October 7th, at 7:00 is meeting night.

The tentative date to decorate prior to the Halloween Parade will be the Thursday before the parade which will be the 24th of October. October 21st, will be our 2nd meeting of the month at 7:00.

More information and dates will be in the next ANTLER about projects for November and December. Ladies, your help is really needed to help make these projects a big success.

I would like to thank Becky Luebben, for getting our vendors and setting up a great night of fun for all the Ladies. I also want to thank all the Ladies that brought food and Roseanna for the door prizes. A great time was had by all for our first LADIES' NIGHT OUT!

*ENF Scholarships*

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The 2014 Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship applications are now available. Information is available in the guidance offices at the following area high schools: Centralia, CORLHS, Central (Breese), Carlyle, Mater Dei, Nashville and Sandoval. The MVS is open to any graduating senior and all applications are only available by download from the ENF website at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm). Applicants still will submit a hard-copy application to the Lodge by the December 6 deadline. Questions? Concerns? Contact Scholarship Chair Bill Luebben at 532-1758, 322-1758 or e-mail [billbec@charter.net](mailto:billbec@charter.net).

Bill Luebben, Scholarship Chairman

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# Upcoming Events

October 3<sup>rd</sup> "OWC" Country Fried Steak @ 6:00 pm  
 October 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Morning Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
 October 5<sup>th</sup> Little Egypt Parade Flag Display @ 1:00 pm in Salem  
 October 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch @ 10:00 am  
 October 7<sup>th</sup> LOTE Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
 October 8<sup>th</sup> Lodge Meeting @ 7:30 pm  
 October 10<sup>th</sup> "OWC" Fried Chicken @ 6:00 pm  
 October 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday Morning Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch @ 10:00 am  
 October 15<sup>th</sup> House Comm. & Trustees Meet. @ 7:00 pm  
 October 17<sup>th</sup> "OWC" Fried Fish @ 6:00 pm  
 October 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday Morning Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
 October 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch @ 10:00 am  
 October 21<sup>st</sup> LOTE Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
 October 22<sup>nd</sup> Lodge Meeting & DD Visit @ 7:30 pm  
 October 24<sup>th</sup> "OWC" Pork Rib Eye Steak @ 6:00 pm  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday Morning Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival @ 9:00 am  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Parade Flag Display @ 5:30 pm  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> Wiener Roast @ 6:00 pm

October 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch @ 10:00 am  
 October 31<sup>st</sup> "OWC" Italian Beef Sandwiches @ 6:00 pm  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Morning Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Brunch @ 10:00 am  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> LOTE Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
 November 7<sup>th</sup> "OWC" Meat Loaf @ 6:00 pm  
 November 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday Morning Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
 November 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch @ 10:00 am  
 November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
 November 12<sup>th</sup> Lodge Meeting @ 7:30 pm  
 November 14<sup>th</sup> "OWC" Fried Fish @ 6:00 pm  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Baskets @ 9:00 am  
 November 28<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving - Lodge Closed  
 December 01<sup>st</sup> Annual Memorial Service @ 2:00 pm  
 December 08<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Christmas Party @ 2:00 pm  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> Hoop Shoot @ 9:00 am  
 December 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas - Lodge Closed  
 December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve Dance @ 8:00 pm  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Years - Lodge Closed

## CENTRALIA ELKS LODGE #493

Lodge Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M.  
 Members Only Every Tues. 5:30 P.M.

Paul Rusiewski..... Exalted Ruler  
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 Bob Hahn..... Organist  
 Karl Wilson..... Trustee (1 Year)  
 Patrick Kyker..... Trustee (2 Year)  
 Tom Simpson..... Trustee (3 Year)  
 Tony "Cob" Korzenewski..... Trustee (4 Year)  
 Richard Wilkinson..... Trustee (5 Year)  
 Patrick Norrenberns..... "Operation We Care" Chairman  
 Dale Aussieker..... Club Manager

CLUB ROOM - Open Sun. thru Fri. 10 A.M. & Sat. 8 A.M.  
 Lunch: 11:00 till 1:30 • Dining Room Open Fri. & Sat. 6 till 9 P.M.

## The ANTLER

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### October / November Menu

<b>October 3rd</b> <b>Jackson's Crew</b> Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn	<b>October 24th</b> <b>Swine Crew</b> Pork Ribeye Steaks Baked Beans Potato Salad
<b>October 10th</b> <b>Dale &amp; Steph's Crew</b> Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn	<b>October 31st</b> <b>Wonka's Crew</b> Italian Beef Sandwiches Hashbrown Casserole Vegetable Salad
<b>October 17th</b> <b>Pat &amp; Esther's Crew</b> Fried Fish Fries Slaw Hushpuppies	<b>November 7th</b> <b>Bill's Crew</b> Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas

Bring in 2 cans of food for the Food Pantry & receive \$1 off your Dinner price or a coupon for dessert. Any ideas? Like to help? Have a favorite dinner? Let Al, Pat or Dale know about it.

## FALL FESTIVAL DAY & PARADE NIGHT

**Sat., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> • 8am Downtown**  
 Pulled Pork, Pork Burgers, and Brats  
 Till the Kiddie Parade is over

Displaying of the Garrison Flag in the Halloween Parade  
 Meet at the Lodge by 6:00 pm  
 for Line Up at 6:30 pm  
 Sign Up Sheet in the Club Room

At 6:00 pm During and Following the Parade  
 Wiener Roast, Marshmallows and More  
 On the Parking Lot in Fire Pits till ???  
 Stop by and Warm Up by the Fire!!

## SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

All Members & Invited Guests  
 8:00 am Until Lunch

**Try Billy's Loaded Hashbrowns!**

## From the Loyal Knight

Well another state meeting down and we lived through it. Want to say congratulations to Richard and everyone who helped with the hospitality room, everyone loved it and was well appreciated by the other districts! Several comments were made on how good it was and I know personally from visiting the other rooms, we had a bigger crowd than anyone.

Now back to reality. The officers, trustees and Dale have been trying constantly to find ways to make our club more efficient and not cut back any services or on employees. Times are tough, many clubs are cutting back on service to members and some are close to shutting down all together. There will be some changes coming soon, some you will see in this antler others will be forth coming. While our club is financially ok at the time, we can't keep up our current pace. The big solution is MORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION! We are very open to suggestions, and in saying that feel free to email the club, drop a note, stop an officer or trustee and give your comments, suggestions, and/or opinions. We all know not every suggestion can nor will work, but maybe it can help give us a lead. This Elk's lodge has some great people and is, to a lot of us, like another family! Please help us and all the members make this club as great as we all know it is. Come down have lunch or dinner, have a drink, play the new machines or just socialize. We rely on you like you rely on us. ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE.

Gene Howe, Loyal Knight

## Thank You, Thank You!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped at this past State Meeting in setting up and closing down the Hospitality Room. I have the responsibility of hosting the room and without all of you the chore would be much harder. Special thanks to Esther Norrenberns and Shelly Ray for making some of the goodies and keeping the food tables in fresh order. Thanks to Ruth Rakey of Mt. Vernon Lodge for decorating the room and making it in the festivity of the theme, Cards n Cubs. Thanks to all the guys and gals that helped lug everything up to the 29<sup>th</sup> floor and back down to the trailer for the return trip. I am looking forward to another fun time in January with a "Puttin on the Ritz" theme, hope to see you there!

Richard Wilkinson, Jr. Trustee South Central District

## October Birthdays

1 Greg A. Riechman	Ellen Goodspeed	14 Joe L. McHenry	21 Edward Veltman, Jr.
David A. Koelling	Gary M. Garrison	Louis R. Curl	22 John Denton
Richard E. Johannes	Tim McCoy	Thomas W. Hawkins	23 L. Michael True
2 Dale Aussieker	6 Jack Forth	Samuel Alli	24 Forrest M. Heard
Greg Marcum	Norman E. Mayer	16 Bill Still, III	25 Richard A. Carpenter
Gina Kessler	7 Ralph McTall	Jeffrey W. Wehking	Cameron Ward
3 Joseph Pieron	8 Steve Prather	18 Ed Chaney	26 Justin Enriquez
Jack Graham	Robert Raver	Mark J. Hapeman	Gary L. Toedte
4 Cassie McKay	9 David. L. Gerrish	20 Gary L. Tubbs	27 William H. Lindenberg
5 Scott Whittenburg	William C. Luebben	Jack Mann	28 Charles Reed
Jerry Cooksey	10 Perri Debernardi	Charles Fischer	31 W. David Browning
Jim Grable	13 Ty James Bates	Lyle Kirgan	

## To All Members, Spouses & Widows

The Trustees, Officers, and the Club Manager have been working on ways to make the Club operations more efficient and profitable. Unfortunately, this is a big building with a large overhead and it has been a difficult task to make the daily operations a profitable one. Operations can not keep running the same without major financial repercussions down the road. Some ideas have been implemented and more are to come. Decisions in past have been made to not cut staff and/or services, but to try and cut costs and overheads where possible. There have been some bumps in the road during this process and things are changing weekly if not daily to adjust and compensate for this.

Some future ideas are to close the dining room on Saturday nights, but leave the service of serving dinner open to seating in the club room only. This would eliminate the need to heat or cool the dining room and would provide for less staff to serve you and still provide the service you desire. Also we have discussed cutting back on our linen service and do away with table cloths and napkins for Friday and Saturday dinners, doing away with free drinks after a meeting, discontinuing the Saturday Morning Breakfast, and another option on the table is to cut back the mailing of the Antler, and do more via the websites and e-mail. Currently the Antler is available in 2 locations, Centraliaelks.com or Elks.org using our lodge number 493 in the search box.

The Lodge is financially sound and this is not to create a panic in the membership, this is to give a heads up that you may be seeing changes around the club and why. Machines are up and running but have not held up to the financial expectations some had hoped, play is picking up but thus far not enough to offset the losses the club incurs.

If you have ideas or would like to opt out of the Antler mailing, we want to hear from you. What changes, if any, would you like to see? What do you want out of your lodge? What can you do to help your lodge? Give one of the officers a call or talk to the manager. Thanks to all for understanding and patience while we work out the details. Watch for more in the next ANTLER.

## Centralia Elks Lodge October 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>6</b> Sunday Brunch 10:00 a.m.	<b>7</b> Noon Rotary 12:00 p.m. LOTE Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>8</b> Members' Only Night Dining Special Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Open Wednesday Evenings... Come On In!	<b>10</b> "Operation We Care" Fried Chicken 6:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Dining Room Open 6-9:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. Dining Room Open 6-9:00 p.m.
<b>13</b> Sunday Brunch 10:00 a.m.	<b>14</b> Noon Rotary 12:00 p.m. Shrine Club 6:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Members' Only Night Dining Special House & Trustee's Meeting 7:00p.m.	<b>16</b> Open Wednesday Evenings... Come On In!	<b>17</b> "Operation We Care" Fried Fish 6:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> Dining Room Open 6-9:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. Dining Room Open 6-9:00 p.m.
<b>20</b> Sunday Brunch 10:00 a.m.	<b>21</b> Noon Rotary 12:00 p.m. LOTE Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>22</b> Members' Only Night Dining Special Membership Meeting & DD Visit - 7:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> Open Wednesday Evenings... Come On In!	<b>24</b> "Operation We Care" Pork Ribeye Steak 6:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> Dining Room Open 6-9:00 p.m.	<b>26</b> Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. Fall Festival - 9:00 a.m. Halloween Parade Flag Display - 5:30 p.m. Wiener Roast - 6:00 p.m.
<b>27</b> Sunday Brunch 10:00 a.m.	<b>28</b> Noon Rotary 12:00 p.m.	<b>29</b> Members' Only Night Dining Special	<b>30</b> Open Wednesday Evenings... Come On In!	<b>31</b> "Operation We Care" Italian Beef Sandwiches 6:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 1</b> Dining Room Open 6-9:00 p.m.	