

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



The Value of Being an Elk

People join organizations for any number of reasons. Ask yourself, "Why did I join the Elks?" Was it for friendships, the contributions Elks make to the community, the wide variety of activities, or the opportunity to be a member of an organization that stands for the same principles and beliefs as myself? There is no one right answer, in fact you may have joined for several reasons that may or may not be stated above.

Regardless of why you chose to be an Elk, we are glad to have you as a member. The value of your affiliation to YOU may vary from other members. However, the value of your membership is directly proportional to your level of participation and involvement in the Lodge. You've heard it said many times, "The more you put into the Lodge, the more you will get out of it". The next time at the Lodge, look around the room and see who is making the most of their membership.

Unfortunately, work schedules and family obligations and activities may limit the amount of time you spend at the Lodge. The value of your membership may be in going to the pool a few times, stopping by the Lodge with friends and members to enjoy a few cocktails. One of the greatest values in the Lodge is fellowship, a place where you can relax and maybe have a Friday dinner now and then with the **Best People On Earth**.

I dare say, the longer you are in the Lodge, and the more you will take advantage of everything the Lodge has to offer, the greater the value your membership will be to you and your family. Cambridge Elks Lodge #1272 was yours to enjoy, the day you were initiated. Being a member, is more than just paying your dues. Make the most of your membership and increase the value of Elkdom to you. And remember, volunteering your time can be personally rewarding.

While I am on the subject, I want to thank PER Dan Kurth, who stepped up to Chair our Veterans Picnic on August 26. Also need to thank all the Elks volunteers, as well as our Boy Scout Troop and their leaders for making the day such a success.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing Labor Day Weekend. See you at the Lodge!

Gage Thomas, Exalted Ruler

CHARITY

BROTHERLY LOVE

JUSTICE

FIDELITY

QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME:

Drawings are held every Friday at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5 each. You gotta play to win. Come out and enjoy the fun. Jackpot is now \$4,100 plus!