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Exalted Ruler's Message



Members All...

Sunday, October 11, the doors opened at 2:30 in the Lodge for the National Foundation Dance. I would like take this opportunity to thank Ken and Terri Hoff for all the hard work and time that they put into this project. The two of them put together a dinner that was fully enjoyed by members attending. Finesse played the music for the dance. The Elks National Foundation is virtually our "Legacy to the Future." Today, the mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. All unrestricted donations go into a permanent endowment fund and that is the beauty of it all. These funds support our charitable projects, scholarship programs

(there are three different ones), the Drug Awareness Program, the Hoop Shoot, the Soccer Shoot, the Youth Camp, the Therapy Services, and on and on. The ENF strives to grant more money back than it receives and it's able to because of the endowments. So the ENF is very important and that is why Ken took this undertaking. Our Lodge, sorry to say, is ranked 90th in the state for donations to ENF, which right at this time averages .578, well almost fifty eight cents per Eustis Lodge member, or for a total of \$624.70. Lady Lake Lodge, in our district, is currently in the number one slot. Their average per member is \$9.65. Quite a far cry from ours, isn't it?

We have quite an assortment of activities coming up in the Lodge. We will be having two reverse draws in November, one for our Lodge to help raise funds for our Christmas baskets and the other is for the District PERS to raise money for the upcoming visit of the State President. There will be other fund raisers to help raise money for our incoming Grand Exalted Ruler who will be from our state this coming year, Mike Smith, from Plant city. The National Elks Convention this year will be in Orlando in July, 2010. I hope that most enjoyed either the PER BBQ, or the Anna Miller Spaghetti Dinner or the Halloween Party. Red Ribbon week was Oct. 23-31 and last year on Halloween, Beverly Eberhardt with the help of Sharron Myers, Nora Kamphaus and others distributed a lot of candy with a bag of good information to the kids about drugs. The Anna Miller Circle Ladies will be in the foyer busy selling tickets for the Annual Anna Miller Ball. They are going like hotcakes now and by the time this goes into print, they may be all sold out. They will be selling

tickets right along for the Cedar Chest, their big project of the year. Please come in and help support the Ladies. In December we will be having and Arts and Craft Show, here at the Lodge. And we will be doing our yearly Christmas bag of groceries.

Thanksgiving will be here by the end of the month, where does the time go? Christmas will soon be on us. Well, I hope that everyone will have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy it with family and friends like I plan to. Family is the most important thing in this world to me but I know that I am not alone in that boat!!



*The time is now upon us,
When the cares of day are few.
The time for pleasant memories,
Both the old and the new.
The time to toast our brothers
Both the living and the dead.
And to those who no longer answer
This special prayer is said.*

EARL N. ROTH, PDDGER, #1002

Born - December 12, 1918
Initiated - October 13, 1960
Died - September 13, 2009

BRUCE K. SANFORD #3940

Born - May 29, 1935
Initiated - January 31, 1966
Died - September 20, 2009

RICHARD V. DIEVENDORF #3129

Born - December 27, 1920
Initiated - March 19, 1987
Died - September 25, 2009

DONAD J. WELKE #2244

Born - July 9, 1938
Initiated - August 27, 1981
Died - October 1, 2009

North Central District		NOVEMBER
Visitation Schedule 2009-2010		
Lodge	Visitation Date	
OCALA #286 702 NE 25th Ave, Ocala Social Hour-5:00 pm Dinner-6:00 pm	Sat. Nov. 7	
APOPKA #2422 201 W. Orange St., Apopka Social Hour-5:00 pm Dinner-6:00 pm	Sat. Nov. 21	

Remembr the sign up sheets by the cash register at the Lodge. Any quesions call Terry Jones at 352-589-4431

Fraternally,

 Ron Locke, Exalted Ruler