Antler Alert

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What's Old.... Is New Again

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ER Terry's Message

As I started to write this, I was thinking of the phrase "What's Old Is New Again" and then, in an instant, my attention was drawn in a different direction. More on "What's Old..." later.

The Elk of the Year Pork Feed was held recently, and as a member of that association, I was at the lodge, working with my fellow EOYs to provide, (hopefully), an enjoyable evening for all. The food was great, as was the company. But then, it was brought to my attention there was some grumbling in our membership with regard to the cost of tickets. I am troubled by this, as inflation is not discriminating. We all feel the pain of it, but it has been necessary to raise prices a little to keep up. I know this isn't popular, but it is necessary for the good of the Lodge.

I pray we are not losing sight of the premise that we, as Elks, should remember *Charity is the greatest of all the virtues...*" As I pondered this, somewhere in our community, a child, probably more than just one, went to bed hungry. A mother and child, lay down in a shelter for abused women and children, feeling safe for perhaps the first time in a long time. The list of examples could go on and on...

You see, the fund raising we do is not about us, but rather it is about continuing our charitable work within our community. We need to remember that there are many in our community who, through no fault of their own, are far less fortunate, and they need us to continue to be a <u>Benevolent</u> and <u>Protective</u> Order of Elks. I believe our focus should be on our fellow man rather than our pocketbooks. I hope you will agree.

Back to What's Old Is New Again.... In February the BPOE celebrated 156 years of existence, and that makes the Elks an <u>old</u>, yet still relevant, entity. Recently the Elks are experiencing a resurgence in <u>new</u> membership, folks who find a calling to be part of something greater than themselves. And that is what makes this year's motto appropriate.

I have three goals in mind for this year, they are simple goals, yet we will only be successful if our members buy in.

- To continue keeping our Lodge in a firm financial position, where we know we can remain solvent and protected against potential misfortune.
- To continue to grow our charitable footprint within our community.
- To continue to grow our membership.

I want to say how humbled I am to work with the officers and trustees who have stepped up to join me for the coming year! I cannot do anything alone, but We, as a team, can do good things for our lodge, and I am grateful to you all!

And lastly, I wish to thank PER Julie and her officers for all their hard work and dedication to our Lodge last year! I am very proud of you all, for a job <u>Well Done!</u>

Fraternally, Exalted Ruler Terry

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Initiation
Emmett Burney, Sharon Leavitt, Carolyn Reader
By Reinstatement
Richard Widder, Dennis O'Dell

Lodge members, our officers and trustees are diligent in their duties to make Nampa Elks Lodge a great place to be. Come to a lodge meeting (second and fourth Tuesdays) and be part of the Best People On Earth. When meetings are over, enjoy a nice big hot dog (only \$2) and a drink with your friends.

Membership—First off, congratulations to the newly installed Officers for 2024–2025! I wish you much success this year and always.

Remember, Elkdom is a journey that allows all members to continue to learn and give along the way. This journey allows us to invest in our communities through our Charity programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of todays veterans, and improve the quality of life for those in need.

But we need new members added to our rolls each year along with maintaining those current members. All are vital to the success of our Lodge and Elkdom in general.

Our focus throughout the year will be to monitor our progress and make sure this goal can be met and that we are a 'plus one' come next March 31st. Invite a friend or family member to join our Order. It's a great way to be a part of promoting and practicing the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Fraternally, Janet Rasmussen, PDDGER

Do you want to help with funeral dinners? Look for the sign-up sheet by the cash register at Friday night dinners. This helps us know who to call when food donations are needed for the funeral dinners. *Thank you* from Ruth Johns (208-466-0708), Jackie Doherty (208-283-9893), Pat Morf (208-249-4728).

NOTES FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - to become a Life Member, you must have 30 years of membership, with the last 10 of those years as a Nampa Elks Member.

You must be on the <u>WAITING LIST</u> for Life Membership. If you are eligible and would like to add your name to the <u>WAITING LIST</u>, please call Secretary Carol Westphal at the Lodge office (208-466-1389).

Life Memberships are granted once each year based on the membership count on April 1st..

The Antler Alert is emailed to our members as soon as it is printed. This is convenient for you and saves the lodge postage money.

****Email — elks1389@gmail.com Please update your mailing and phone info so our roster is correct.****

LODGE DRAWING ~ MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN \$220 – February 27, 2024 – Ron Gay \$230 – March 12, 2024 – David Brannan Neither member was present To all the volunteers who helped with Installation Night and all who attended the 2024-2025 Installation of Officers, thank you. PER Julie presented the following awards:

Officer of the Year Susan Westphal-Beale Elk of the Year Scott Beale

Distinguished Citizen Lindsay Novotny
Outstanding Service Matt Graves
Trustee Craig Stewart

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS Life Member Billy Webb is in assisted living in Buhl.

Nancy Neider, widow of Member Nick Neider, had knee replacement surgery and is home recovering.

Janet Murphy, widow of Member Don Murphy passed away recently.

DEATH OF A MEMBER Member Timber Edmunson, passed away February 16, 2024. He was born February 12, 1945, and was a 20-year member.

Member Roy Beets passed a way March 8, 2024. He was born February 23, 1943 and was a 51-year member.

Please contact the Secretary at 208-466-1389 if you or someone you know has been ill or passed away.

Hoop Shoot Update - I am proud to share that Idaho is sending two kids to the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago on April 20th. Congratulations to Aurie, sponsored by Boise Elks, and Slade sponsored by Lewiston Elks, both are in the 8-9 year-old age group. There are two kids each from Oregon and Washington also headed to Chicago. Thank you all for supporting this awesome program!

Steve Johnson, South District Hoop Shoot Chairman

Happy April Birthdays

- 1)Thomas Christman 2) Edith Hannett, Monty Molvig
- 3) Sterling Bates, Maria Rich, Jim Roth
- 4) Frank Comte, Wyatt Foss 6) Patricia Dekker, Natalie France 7) Keith Bowers, Victoria Brooks, Cecilia Gue
- 9) Richard Cardoza, Ronald Russell 10) Lisa Bengoechea
- Richard Dekker, Vernon Soppe 12) Phillip Hoesing, Todd Larson 13) Ronald Buxton, Sam Pitman, John Purvis 14) Mikel Burton, Robert Kasnick, James Pancho 15) Virginia Cady, James Cate, Jr.
- 16) Ross Miller 18) Martin Pierson, Dawn Weaver
- 19) Thomas Brooks, Ryan Hasenyager, Randall Knapp, Leo Laleff 20) Marlene Shelton, Gary Simon
- 21) Curtis Thiel 22) Vicki Clark, Gerald Coleman
- 23) Terry Stewart, Timothy Wessel 24) Raquel Cisneros, Gerald Shroll 25) Lyle Kennel 26) Raymond Reed, Veronica Wolfe 27) Michael Homsy, William Light
- 28) Dawn Coash 30) Austin Higgins

MEET & GREET POTLUCK DINNER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

Get Acquainted Cocktails at 6 p.m.
Dinner to Follow
Bring your favorite dish to share
with all the
Nampa Elks Lodge #1389 Family

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A shout out from our Activities Committee

A big thank you to all who participated in the Wine Tasting on March 14th. It was a huge success!

A very big thank you for all the donations of Easter eggs, candy, and your time decorating the basement, making our Easter Egg Hunt a huge success. These events can't be done alone and all of the help is greatly appreciated.

Put these events on your calendar.
Wednesday April 17 Meet and Greet potluck at 6:00.

Saturday April 20 Lawson's Emu-Z-Um Pioneer Town and Historical Museum. For those who want to continue on for a hike, we will go the Shoofly Oolite (Egg Stone Interpretive Trail. Bring a sack lunch or snacks. We will caravan in our own cars to Grandview, about 60 miles. Meet at Albertson's on Greenhurst Road at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$15 CASH paid at the museum (no debit or credit cards accepted). Check out their website at emuzum.com.

<u>Saturday May 11</u> Live music by "Winewood Band" with great classic rock, country and much more. Watch for more details to come!!

Sunday May 12 Mother's Day Brunch.

<u>Saturday May 18</u> Nampa's Parade America. We will decorate a float with the theme "Let Freedom Ring." Hope you will come participate to promote the Elks, our Lodge and America.

For some summer fun ~ Full day guided river raft trip by Cascade Raft and Kayak. Cost is \$100 per person, lunch included. A \$50 refundable deposit is required to secure your spot and needed when you sign up so we can book our trip for **Saturday August 24th**. The balance is due August 1st. For more information watch for flyers in the lodge. If you have questions, contact Susie Mittleider at 208-830-7853.

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