



Located along the historic Erie Canal in Lockport, New York

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## Exalted Ruler's Message

D.J.Swing

Once again I hope this message finds you and your Family in good health amid this pandemic. These continuous times will really test our mettle, but with God's help, our inner strength and following proper protocol we will get through this difficult time.

With the upcoming "opening" of our area we will stay up to date with the Government protocols and the NYS Elks Association directives as we prepare to get back to normal. Alas it will be a new normal but I will be getting in touch shortly with Officers and Chairpersons to make sure we are ready when the time comes.

Please note there are various Committees that can always use your help at Lockport Elks Lodge #41. I will be catching up with my duties of

completing my Committee appointments and once done the updated list will be in your Focus. If you see a Committee you are interested in helping with please feel free to contact me or the Chairperson

Congratulations to PER **Kathy Newton**. She was sworn in as State Vice President on Sunday April 17, 2020 by PSP **Larry Hasse**. I know she will do a fine job and will represent the District and Our Lodge well.

I would like to take the time here to Thank PER Bill Muchow for his time and effort in getting Our Lodge in compliance with the Grand Lodge new accounting system. It was a lot of work and Bill pressed through it. Good Job!!

BE SAFE,  
**Jim Swing**, Exalted Ruler

## Thank you all!

Reflecting on the past year as ER, there are a multitude of good memories that come to mind. These memories are due to the great members we have here at Lodge 41.

I wish to thank all of those who supported me as ER. Please pitch in to help **Jim Swing** in the coming year. He will be facing many challenges never seen before due to the Covid-19 issue. And please always remember Elks Care / Elks Share.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bill Muchow  
PER Lodge 41

## COVID-19 UPDATE June Lodge Activities

### CAMP HAPPINESS

It has been determined that this year's Camp Happiness will be cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. Camp Happiness will resume next year as usual, please be safe.

### FLAG DAY OBSERVANCE

June 14th is Flag Day. As with any activity where groups of people would gather, governmental restrictions make this impossible to run as we usually would. Discussions are underway to see if we could produce a "virtual" ceremony online. Watch your email for further updates.

### LODGE ROOM RENTALS

Currently all Lodge room rentals have been either postponed or cancelled. The Lodge is closed until further notice and no new reservations are being taken.



Sunday, May 17th, **Kathy Newton** was installed as West District State Vice President by **Larry Haase, PSP**. Present were out-going State Vice President **Dave McKenna** and Trustee **Jerry Claude**. Social distancing was observed.

**Note that this June Newsletter has been sent out by E-Mail ONLY. If you know a member who does not get e-mail, please share this information with them.**

A copy of this Newsletter has been posted on both doors to the Lodge to allow any members who do not have email access to reading it. We apologize for this inconvenience.