Elks Brief

December
2020

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The Lodge meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month with the exception of July, August, November, and December when the Lodge meets on the 2nd Wednesday only. The Lodge is located at:

301 W. Gandy Street
Denison, Texas 75020
903-465-9610

Exalted Ruler ........................................... Michael Taylor
Esteemed Leading Knight ...................... Steve McFarland
Esteemed Loyal Knight ............................. John Dooley
Esteemed Lecturing Knight ............... Phillip Templeton
Secretary ............................ Kathy Nelson, PER
Treasurer .................................................. Shellie White
Esquire ................................................ Ron Engelke
Tiler .......................................................... Matt Thompson
Inner Guard ........................................... Janet Templeton
Chaplain ................................................ Fred Brown
5-Yr Trustee ............................................ Terry Williams
4-Yr Trustee ............................................. Doug Slatton
3-Yr Trustee ............................................... TBD
2-Yr Trustee ............................................. Jim Moore
1-Yr Trustee ................................................ Grady Cobble
Alternate to Grand Lodge ............... Kathy Nelson, PER
Interlodge .............................................. Kathy Nelson, PER
House Committee ............................ Janet Templeton (Chair),
                                      Nancy Dooley, Lulu Murrillo,
                                      Jesscia Thompson, Kacey Newsom
Membership Committee .................. Steve McFarland,
                                      Brenda Taylor, Michael Taylor
Auditing & Accounting............. Orley Mullens, Bob Kissel
Elks Nat’l Foundation ......... Steve McFarland, Chairman,
                                      Ron Engelke
National Service-VA ......................... TBD
Scholarships .................... Michael Taylor, ER, Brenda Taylor
Sweetheart .................... Sammie Gail Rankin

From the Exalted Ruler

Happy Holidays to all our good Elk members at Denison #238.

Please stay safe during this time. The 129th Memorial Service for our absent members will be held downtown December 6th at 1:00 pm. Please try to attend this Service.

We still have about 60 members that are delinquent on member dues. Please see Kathy Nelson or call and get your dues up to date.

We have some new activities planned for Downtown and Lakesite starting in the new year so check the Elks Brief for updates. Have a safe Holiday into the new year. Elks Care Elks Share

Fraternally yours,
Michael Taylor
Exalted Ruler

From the Secretary

Hello all! Enjoying the cooler weather now, and how about them leaves?? Thanks to all who have paid your dues, but, we still need 51 members to do so. $80 for regular members and $40 for Life members. I have sent out delinquent dues notices again, please pay as soon as possible. Your dues and donations are extremely important to your Lodge right now. Please send in your donation ENF, Sweetheart, Veterans programs, food baskets for the needy , when sending in your dues.

Remember Lot Lease holders, January 15th is the deadline for quarterly and semi-annual payments. Quarterly is $225 per lot, and semi-annual $450 per lot. There is a $20 a month late fee if not paid by January 15th!

Lastly I would like to welcome all New, Reinstated and Transfer Dimits to our Lodge!! Thank you in advance and stay safe!

PS: Don’t forget about the Memorial Service December 6th at 1:00pm to honor our absent members! We have lost 17 since the last memorial service. There will be a special initiation that day at noon before the memorial service.

Fraternally,
Kathy Nelson, PER, Lodge Secretary

Investigation and Balloting

Investigation will be Thursday, Dec 3rd at 6:00 pm

Transfer Dimit from Mena Arkansas #781 - Ernie Cantrell
New Member Shari Adams proposed by Bobby Adams
New Member Terry Grinslade proposed by Robert Pellman
Reinstatement Paul Trotter proposed by Jerry Perkins
Kathy Nelson proposed Robert Culberson for Life Membership. Robert is 67 and has been a member for 46 years. He will be voted on at the December 9th Lodge Meeting.

Anniversaries

Dec 14th W.B. & Imogene Williamson
Dec 22nd Kevin & Leah Moon

From the Exalted Ruler

Birthdays

Dec 1st John Brett
Dec 9th Jerry Lema
Dec 12th Chuck Turner
Dec 14th Anthony Owens
Dec 19th Chester Thomas
Dec 20th Laurie Kimmell
Dec 22nd Larna Millican
Dec 23rd Polly Bradshaw
Dec 27th Brenda Taylor
Dec 28th Richard Wilkinson
Lodge of Sorrow

Norman "Sonny" Holt passed away on November 6, 2020. Sonny was born on March 14, 1931 and had been an Elk for 28 years.

He will be greatly missed and never forgotten

Lakesite Improvements for Sale

There are several improvements at the Lakesite facility for sale:

76 Justice Lane - 3 Bedrm, 2 Full Baths and other amenities - Contact Penny at 214-762-3986
90 Ottine Lane - 2 Bedrm, 1 Full Bath and other amenities - Contact Mike at 214-566-6090
66 Coast Guard - 2 Bedrm, 2 Baths and other amenities - Contact Jackie Boyd at 903-818-6717

These are the improvements only for sale. The land belongs to Denison #238 Lodge. You must be an Elk in good standing to purchase improvements. All Lot Lease transfers must be accompanied by $25 transfer fee, and must be approved by the Lodge Trustees and Board of Directors of Denison Lodge #238!

From the House Committee

"Happy Holidays Elk Family
We look forward to seeing you at one of our many holiday celebrations. Both locations will have dinners to benefit Toys for Tots, bring a new, unwrapped, toy valued at $10.00 or more and receive a free dinner. There are also New Years Eve parties to ring in the the year with all our friends. We are always looking for volunteers to help with dinners, please see your bartenders or a House Committee member to help out. Lakesite is also in need of quarters, see the bartender to cash in your spare change. We hope everyone is safe and healthy.
MERRY CHRISTMAS,
House Committee"

From the ENF Chair

Thank you to all who helped us get out grants this year. We are looking forward to starting the year off with a bang to get all grants for 2021. If you send in $10.00 when paying next year dues we can get them. If you send in $100 you will receive a nice pin from us. We would like to help more people with our grants so let’s get started to make a difference.

Thank you,
Steve McFarland ENF Chairman
Ron Engelke co Chairman"
Note from the Exalted Ruler

Well Denison Elks #238 is back open this month and it has been a really crazy 2020. I would like to welcome all Elk members and guest back to the lodge and lakesite social quarters. Remember as Elks this is your lodge and it is up to you to make it better and better. Elk members if you have an issue or complaint, please visit your house committee or an officer of the lodge. Also, we have suggestion boxes at both the lodge and the lakesite. Let’s all strive to make Denison #238 one of the best lodges in the district.

Fraternally,
Michael Taylor
Exalted Ruler,

Open Letter from Esteemed Leading Knight John Dooley

Dear Elks,

What a crazy year 2020 has turned out to be! This year has included a very serious pandemic, the Elk’s quarters being closed, the stoppage of all pro sports, equality marches, riots, a presidential race and we are not done yet! Not to mention all of the great improvements we had done at both our Denison and Pottsboro locations. There has been a lot of blood, sweat and tears put into both locations by our fellow Elks and both places look great!

Now our lodge is back open and the Elks as well as the rest of the world have started to get out and live again. Due to this I expect to see more of you at our main property in Denison and our lake site property in Pottsboro. If this is the case then I ask that when you enter one of these Elk establishments you get in the mind set to treat your fellow Elk as how you would want to be treated yourself. I understand that in the past we have had disagreements between Elks and sometimes these disagreements have carried over through each new administration as well as each new board of trustees and house committees. Our current Exalted Ruler (Michael Taylor) as well as the current house committee and board of trustees all wanted 2020 to be a new year for the Elks with the main goal of bringing the Elks of BPOE 238 together. I understand with the lodge’s social quarters being shut down due to Covid-19 it has been hard to see this goal of ours come to fruition but I assure you that you will now see the implementation of it. Despite all of these good intentions I understand we live in an imperfect world and incase an issue should arise, whether with a fellow Elk member or something with the lodge itself, then I ask that you bring this issue up to the House Committee’s attention or the Elks as a whole at one of our monthly meetings. I assure you the item will be addressed and the proper procedures will be followed in the handling of it. Some of you may still be skeptical that there really is an attitude change within our Elk’s Lodge and all I can do is quote President Trump when he said “Try us, what have you got to lose.” He actually said “Vote for me what have you got to lose” but you get the point.

At the end of the day we are all different with differing opinions and feelings but we are also all Elks. We all chose to be an Elk and we were all accepted into this great organization. Now as Elks we all share the same goal and that is to make this world a better place for others. But before we can do that we need to make sure our lodge is a great place for all Elks!

Sincerely,

John T. Dooley
Esteemed Loyal Knight of Elks 238
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