

# EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

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Members,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer, and I hope that everyone is happy and healthy. Thank you, as always, for your support of this small lodge with a great view. This month, the Exalted Ruler message is going to be a little different. I received a note from a member who has spent many years supporting our lodge and our community. The message they convey is important, and with their approval I have decided to use their words as my ER message.

“Why are you a member of Elks Lodge 1272? Is it because your father was, because your friends are, because you want to win the Queen of Hearts, or is it because you want to show that you belonged to something in your obituary?”

WE DO NOT KNOW BECAUSE WE DO NOT SEE YOU OFTEN.

Do you remember from your initiation that the Elks is a: Civic organization directed at improving our Country; is a Patriotic organization – the Flag of the United States and its value are critical in our rituals; is a Social organization where you can mix with fellow Lodge members, enjoy food and beverage, and at times spirited conversation, but always leave as friends and Lodge brothers and sisters.

Supporting all of this, Elks Lodge 1272 is a business with bills to pay and work to do! The only person who can do the lifting is you! Your Lodge membership dues are certainly valuable but they do not pay all of the expenses – that is why your participation at Friday dinners, pizza night or bar night are so important to keep the Lodge open and operational.

Equally important is your willingness to assist with activities. Elk’s membership is varied by age and physical capability but there is something all of us can do – just ask any Lodge office holder and you will be pointed in the right direction.

So why are you a member of Elks Lodge 1272? Hopefully your answer is: I contribute to the best of my ability to help the Lodge achieve its obligations as a civic, patriotic, social organization. Don’t let the other guy carry the load alone – help lift – it feels lighter.”

I look forward to seeing all of you at the lodge.

Carrie Jones, Exalted Ruler

## WEEKLY LODGE FUNDRAISERS

QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING IS HELD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:30PM. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN!!

CAKE RAFFLE DRAWING IS 7:20PM. Don't miss out on something really good!

Both fundraisers have provided funds to pay for much needed improvements to your lodge: digital sign, re-surfacing of roadway to the lodge, new HVAC in dining room, just to name a few. We still have a long list of important repairs to update our ELKS. Please support these our volunteer run fundraisers!

