



THE
RAYMOND ELK
B.P.O.E. Lodge #1292



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LODGE OFFICERS

- Exalted Ruler**
Virginia Basil
- Leading Knight**
PER Paul Grabski
- Loyal Knight**
Lori V. Benton
- Lecturing Knight**
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PER Randy Flemetis

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TRUSTEES

1 Year
PER Susie Smith

2 Year
PER Darlene Junger

3 Year
PER Mike Turner

4 Year
PER Doug Smith

5 Year
Ron Brummel

Exalted Ruler's Message

By Virginia Basil

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Boy, do I hope it's a new year. I'm really done with 2020. When I was elected your Exalted Ruler my motto was "2020 Vision." Well looks like I needed glasses. We continue to work on the Lodge during our COVID closure, to make your Lodge enjoyable (social distancing observed). Hopefully, the restrictions will be lifted soon and we can get back to socializing.

Many prayers and thoughts for members that we have lost and those that are ill. Please take the time to reach out to families.

Nominations for Officers for your lodge begins February 2nd and 9th, elections are on February 16th. Please consider becoming a lodge officer, or a committee person. Ask any of us and we will help answer any questions you might have. WE ARE NOT A LODGE WITHOUT OFFICERS. Just let us know if you are interested, please.

I need someone who can scan lots of photographs to a flash drive for a slide show. Thank you for considering to help. Want to see you all really soon.

Required Notice to Members

The following information affects our lodge if we have to continue to be closed due to COVID-19 restrictions from the State of Washington.

In light of the pandemic, it is very important that we try to continue with the Statutes as best we can. In an effort to address the upcoming nomination and election of Lodge Officers the following directions have been provided by Roger True, State Sponsor. These will remain in effect unless additional direction is received from the Grand Lodge.

In areas where State and Local Health rulings limit or prohibit gatherings, we offer these instructions to be used for "contested" elected positions.

1. Starting with the first virtual Lodge meeting in February, the Exalted Ruler will announce that the annual nominations for elected officer will start. Remember we have three meetings in February: Feb. 2nd, 9th and 16th.

2. At every meeting, the Exalted Ruler will ask for nominations and that a ballot will be created for all contested positions.

3. The Secretary shall prepare ballots with the nominees for each office being contested. The Secretary will send out an email with the names of the nominees for each office being contested for those that are unable to attend the meeting virtually.

4. The ballot will be available at the Lodge for 2 days following the last lodge meeting.

5. The Secretary shall announce the opening and closing times for balloting at the Lodge. Balloting: Wednesday February 17th and Thursday February 18th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

6. Any member wishing to vote will go to the Lodge, check in to receive their ballot and complete the ballot and place in a lock box.

7. At close of business on the second day, the Exalted Ruler and Secretary will open the box and count the votes to determine the winner. Other members that voted are welcome to observe the counting of the ballots.

8. Results of balloting to be announced with specific notifications going to the candidates.

**Virtual Lodge meetings (Via Zoom) will be held:
Jan. 19th, Feb. 2nd, 9th and 16th**

To Attend Virtual Meetings, use this Zoom address:
<https://zoom.us/j/5274108272?pwd=TVdlc1I0alVlOGFhTnRqeU1mWGfJUT09>

Go to our website - RaymondElks.org - to click on a direct link to the meetings.



OFFICERS

President
Linda Stepp

Vice President
Jan Norman

Secretary
Jackie Gurr

Treasurer
Vickie McNamara

Chaplain
Sherry Aust

TRUSTEES

1 Year
Barbara Bennett

2 Year
Trudi Glazier

3 Year
Kelly Habersetzer

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Where Do Your Contributions Go?

By Kelly Habersetzer

Donations to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) have been distributed locally. Our Lodge was awarded \$5,500 to help the homeless and others in need in our area. Kelly Habersetzer, PER Susie Smith and Bethany Bernard worked with local case workers and the three school districts to determine the essential items needed to help. Tents, sleeping bags, wool blankets, jackets and clothing, toiletries and Covid items and other items were packed into a duffle bag and distributed to Veterans, adults, and children in our Community!

Emergency Meal Program (EMP) donations have been pouring in since Covid hit in March. With the help of Bethany Bernard, Joe Basil and their Crew, thousands of meals have prepared and delivered to our hard-hit Community. Recently, the PeaceKeepers came to the area and along with fellow Elks, distributed supplies and food locally.

Your donations are put to good use. Coats for Kids was able to provide jackets and clothes for deserving children. Tall Elks, our State project, continues to provide therapy to kids all over the State of Washington. Right now, our standing is at \$4.50 per capita and we are in 30th out of 37. Usually we are in the top 10. Please donate if you can. Your donations to the Children's Hospital have been passed on to help sick children. You all should be very proud of yourselves.

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For Elk Year 2021-2022

**All Officer and Trustee positions
will be up for nomination**

February 2nd & 9th

Election to be held February 16th

**If you are interested in a position or wish to
nominate someone, contact a current officer
or ER Virginia Basil at 360-942-9285
for more information.**

