

## **Proposed changes to the By-Laws and House Rules**

***(Members: These proposed amendment changes will be discussed and voted on at the Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> Lodge meeting)***

**ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES Section 2 Currently reads: (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES** - All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable: semi-annually, in advance, on the first days of April and October in each year, unless the Member chooses to pay the full year's Lodge dues on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. The regular Lodge dues shall be \$75.00 per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

**Proposed change: (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES** - All Lodge dues here after specified shall be payable ~~semi~~-annually, in advance, on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The regular Lodge dues shall be ~~\$75.00~~ \$80.00 which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

**Currently reads: (c) LIFE MEMBERSHIP** - In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay annually \$31.00 towards Lodge administration expense.

**Proposed change: (c) LIFE MEMBERSHIP** - In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay annually ~~\$31.00~~ \$40.00 towards Lodge administration expense.

### **House Rules**

**Currently reads:** The Board of Trustees shall have management and control of the Club Rooms and full power to enforce all the rules. (Art. IXC Sec. 1)

**Proposed change:** The Board of ~~Trustees~~ Directors shall have management and control of the Club Rooms and full power to enforce all the rules. (Art. IXC Sec. 1)

**Currently reads:** 1. The Club Operating body is required to notify all persons of any violation of these rules.

**Proposed change:** 1. The ~~Club Operating body~~ Board of Directors is required to notify all persons of any violation of these rules.

**Currently reads:** 2. The Board of Trustees will determine club room hours.

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**Currently reads:** 5. No Member or guest shall be permitted to remain in the Club or Lodge room without removing his/her hat.

**Proposed change:** 5. No Member or guest shall be permitted in the Lodge room for meeting night without removing his/her ~~hat~~ head covering.

**Currently reads:** 6. Non-members shall not be permitted in the Lodge building after 7:00 PM on Lodge nights, except on special occasions designated by the Exalted Ruler. Non-members shall not be permitted in the Card Room at any time, except when the room is being used for meetings or conferences.

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## Attention Veterans and Families

Mark your calendar for the Veterans Appreciation Dinner, November 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. We will serve a sit-down dinner of ham steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans and dessert. Veterans eat free. Details to follow in the November Antler Alert.

### ENF Surprise Raffle (it's a good one)

Tickets are \$1.00 each, available at the bar. We draw the winning ticket on Friday the 25th of October at 7:30.

That's birthday dinner night and BSU at UNLV at 8:30. All money goes to our ENF charities.

You need not be present to win, so be sure to print your name and phone number on the ticket.

**October is ENF month**, which makes it the perfect month for all lodge officers and members to show their support by donating. Each year, Elks National Foundation (ENF) strives to grant more money back to each state than it received from that state in donations. Every community can benefit from our many ENF grant opportunities. The lodge did a great job of planning grant-related projects which has resulted in ENF approving the Gratitude, Beacon, Freedom and Spotlights grants for a total of \$9,500. Thank you in advance for your support for this worthy cause.

### Why Join the Fidelity Club?

**Ease:** The Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).

**Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up!

**Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.

**Security:** It's safe, reliable and allows ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

### Ready to Join?

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at [enf.elks.org/recurring](https://enf.elks.org/recurring) and start your gift today!

If you prefer to sign up through the mail, go to the enf website above and it will tell you how.

Questions? Contact [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org) or 773-755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity Club.

*Thank you, Ron Estep, ENF Chairman*

### **Membership drive builds strong Lodges** By Rick Gathen, Membership Marketing Manager.

In honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer, candidates initiated during the months of September and October will be specially recognized. These candidates will be recorded separately in the November 1st Mid-Year Membership Report on line 21. This initiative aims to honor both the GER and the new candidates with gold frames.

Creating a Welcoming Atmosphere: Membership retention begins with fostering a welcoming atmosphere in the Lodge. Here are some key steps to ensure new Members feel valued and engaged.

- **Reach Out:** Make a point to personally welcome new Members. Let them know their presence is appreciated and that they are a vital part of the Lodge.
- **Encourage Involvement:** Inform new Members about various volunteer opportunities. Encourage them to get involved in activities that strengthen the Lodge and support the community.
- **Promote Engagement:** Highlight the benefits of volunteering and how it can deepen their connection to the Elks. Active participation often leads to a stronger sense of belonging and commitment. By actively engaging new Members and providing opportunities for involvement, we not only honor our GER but also build a stronger, more cohesive Lodge and community.
- Together, we add Members. Together, we grow. Let's Soar with 4, in 2024!