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REPORTER



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THE EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Remembering the May edition of the Reporter is written in mid-April, as of this writing, we do not have a date in which the lodge might reopen. Please watch our website and Facebook page for updates. Also, three major community events the lodge was set to participate / host have been indefinitely postponed: The annual Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics, the Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful spring river cleanup and the annual Sparks First Responder Recognition Dinner. A giant shout out to Doyle Sutton for his many years as the Reporter editor and publisher and a thank you to Roland Minot for taking over these duties.

With nothing to report for April, I thought I'd take the opportunity to tout a major Elk accomplishment, the adoption of Flag Day. Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member.

The earliest reference to the suggestion of a "Flag Day" is cited in *Kansas: a Cyclopedia of State History*, published by Standard Publishing Company of Chicago in 1912. It credits George Morris of Hartford, Connecticut however the observance did not become a tradition. Other attempts at creating a national Flag Day did occur but again, none became a tradition. (1)

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In 1907, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks designated, by resolution, June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues.

The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country.

It was through his Elks Lodge in Independence, Missouri, that President Truman got the idea for a national observance of Flag Day. (2)

But what is Flag Day? Every June 14th, the United States doesn't just celebrate the flag as a single entity; it actually celebrates the adoption of the flag itself, which happened in American history on June 14, 1777. Basically, Flag Day is the birthday of the American flag.

Come see the Flag Day ceremony to be held at our lodge on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. An early thank you to member Dan Cicero who is in-charge of the ceremony and refreshments to follow.

With the hope the lodge will be reopen in May, the family friendly bingo night is still scheduled for Friday, May 29th. Please watch the lodge website and Facebook page for details.

True Elks desire, without fanfare of trumpets or publicity, to relieve those in distress and prove themselves true friends of all in need.

Martin J Roberto, Exalted Ruler

(1) Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_Day_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_Day_(United_States)).

(2) Source: <https://www.elks.org/Lodges/LodgePages.cfm?LodgeNumber=374&ID=687>

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY'S



DEBORAH J DEAS SECRETARY 916/956-0542

Happy May to all, it time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

I'm still in the office completing the needed task to keep us up and running.

The officers had our April meeting by telephone (we needed to approve our bills to be paid), it really worked well but not as personal as seeing everyone's smiling faces.

*We have had our inspection by the Fire Department, we passed with flying colors.
We have also had our Pest Control come in for their quarterly non chemical treatment.*

I have been asked what the Secretary does for the lodge. I thought I would take this time to answer one of those questions.

Who is responsible for taking minutes at the Lodge meetings and the BOD meetings?

According to our BY-LAWS

Sec.4. Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep correct minutes of all meetings of the Lodge.

Sec.7.Of the Trustees or Board of Directors: The Board of Trustee, or a Board of Directors established in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Grand Lodge Statues Section 16.020 (collectively called "the Board") after each annual installation shall meet and organize by the election of a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall be members of the Board.

The Secretary of the BOD has always taken the minutes for the Board of Directors and provided the Lodge Secretary a copy.

In simple terms, It is my job to take minutes of all Lodge meetings, it is the responsibility of the elected Secretary of the BOD to take minutes of the Board of Directors meetings.

If you have any questions regarding BOD, I'm sure the Chairman of the BOD or the ER would be happy to answer you.

Enjoy the Spring Air and hopefully we will see you all at the lodge soon.

Deborah

May 2020

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KITCHEN CORNER

The Kitchen will remain closed until it is safe to feed our members. Since most are cooking a lot of meals at home, we welcome you to bring your creations to the Lodge and cook for your Friday Night Friends.

May 29, 2020 will be our 2nd 5th Friday of 2020. We will once again have a Pot- Luck Dinner (If we are open for business by then). The first one this year was a huge success and enjoyed by all attending. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board inside the front door by the closet. If we are unable to open for a reasonable time prior to the 29th, please send me your dishes (Via E-Mail) so Lucy can put out a Menu for the occasion. Lets make this another successful event.

Looking for CHILI COOKS to sign up for an “In-House Chili Throwdown” challenge dinner. Please contact Ed at ednfaye@att.net if you wish to compete. We will have “Judges”, who will not know who the cooks are, until a winner has been announced.

HELP WANTED

When we eat, we create dirty dishes. We need volunteers who can solve that problem. Please sign up on the “Sign-up” sheet posted on the Kitchen Door. Your assistance and help will be greatly appreciated.

Ed Emerick – Kitchen Manager

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Both the modern and the official May birthstone is the **Emerald** thus the May birthstone color is **green**. The alternative birthstone for May is traditionally **Agate**, however in recent times the green gemstone **Chrysoprase** has been added as an alternative.

‘Emerald’ comes from the Greek word “smaragdos” which means “green stone”, and emeralds are associated with friendship, faithfulness and loyalty.

May 2 – Wib Namestka

May 2 – Richard Rowe

May 5 – Curtis Wright

May 7 – Debra Deas

May 10 – Allen Price

May 11 – Sharon Richardson

May 14 – Donald Lininger

May 18 – Norma Driscoll-Johnson

May 21 – Beryl Axtell

May 22 – Jackson Kawewehi

May 22 – Henry Trujillo

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Fraternal Committee

Martin Roberto 741-3376

Auditing and Accounting Committee

Lucy Moreton-Hall, Nora Magan

Americanism

Dan Cicero..... 408-218-1315

Elks National Foundation

Leroy Olson, PER.....316-0250

Flag Day

Dan Cicero..... 408-218-1315

Membership

Vinny Puliti PER.....673-4724

Lapsation

Ed Emerick.....775-842-5177

Veteran/USO

Danny McGinley.....530-1994

Community Project/Activity

Ron Rehn.....813-7008

Drug Awareness

Ron Rehn.....813-7008

Dictionary and Books

Denise Roberto741-3376

Hoop Shoot

Sharon Richardson760 453-5647

Public Relations

Vinny Puliti, PER.....673-4724

Accident Prevention-Insurance Risk

Vinny Puliti, PER and Ross Miller

Standing Relief Committee

ER, Leading, Loyal, Lecturing

Knight and Secretary, Treasurer

Blue Pig

Martin Roberto 741-3376

Committee on By-Law

Secretary

E-Mail Lodge Activities

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James Hefner, PER.....843-9398

Lodge Rental Manager

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Lodge Website / Facebook Page

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Rick Linnenbrink287-6120

Most Valuable Student

Secretary

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***Remember, Sickness and Distress
are always in order and should be
reported to Officer listed or the
the Lodge phone number.***

SPARKS LODGE PER ASSOCIATION

President - Ed Emerick, PER, PDDGER233-6069

Se/Treasurer – Leroy Olson, PER, DDGER.....673-4724

SPARKS LODGE LADIES AUXILIARY

President.....Diane Nielsen

Vice President.....Patricia Rehn

Secretary..... Faye Emerick

Treasurer..... Doris Brotherton

REMINDER TO ALL ELKS:

**All Lodge Meeting are open
to our members.**

Your Views & Ideas are Welcome

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| Esquire | Dave Deas.....916-956-4056 |
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SPARKS ELKS LODGE # 2397
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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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| 3rd. Year Trustee | Ed Emerick, PER.....972-0191 |
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