

# EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

By  
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Members,

It is hard to believe that we are already in July. Time flies when you're having fun at 1272. The pool is now open for business, so please be sure to come see us while taking in some sunshine. We also have the "River Shanty" open on Sundays for beer and select mixed drinks, something a little extra to make your Sunday afternoon a little more relaxing. We are never in short supply of good drinks and good company.

If you have not paid your dues for the 2019-2020 Elk year, they were due as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, or need some understanding of how the dues system works, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other officers. Life gets busy and finances can be tight, but we will work with you. Your membership and fellowship are important, and I thank all of you for choosing to be members of our "Small Lodge with a Great View".

New members are coming in left and right, and it makes me so proud, not only as Exalted Ruler but as a member of our lodge. It brings me so much joy to see new people come in and learn not only about Elkdom, but how wonderful of a place the Lodge is. I learn something new every day as Exalted Ruler, and even though I have a lot to still learn, I pride myself in being the best leader of our Lodge that I can be. It's not only about learning the Statutes and rules – it's about making personal connections, doing good for people, and working as a team for the best interest of not only the Lodge but for Elkdom as a whole. Keeping tradition and honoring the past is something that I am very passionate about. As the lodge changes and grows, it is important that we never forget our roots, and the reason why we are all here. We are here because we love Elkdom, and because we love our Lodge. Being young and being a female in what has been a predominately male role can be intimidating. I am so honored and proud to be in this leadership position and to be working towards making Lodge the best that it can be. My goal and my hope is that I make you, the members, proud of me too.

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!**

