

# EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

By  
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Members,

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer and doing your best to stay cool! It's been a hot one, but rest assured we have cold drinks and an awesome pool to take some of the heat off.

Earlier this month I represented our Lodge at the 155<sup>th</sup> National Convention. It was wonderful seeing and meeting our Elk brothers and sisters who traveled far and wide to celebrate not only Elkdom, but a national gain in membership! For the first time in 39 years, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks had a plus in membership, which is wonderful for our organization. The new Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert Duitsman, has adopted this motto for the coming year: "Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future". I love this motto, and during my time as Exalted Ruler I have done my best to not only preserve the history and tradition of our Lodge and the Order, but to also implement changes that will secure the future of our Lodge. Young and old can coexist together – with the older generations having the experience and the younger generations having the ideas. I have learned so much from talking with our members who have invested many years into our Lodge. Times and people may change, but the history will always remain. I respect and cherish our past, as we all should. A coat of paint will never cover the history within our walls. A room renovation will not wipe out the memories and the fellowship that have taken place here. It is our responsibility to find the perfect balance of old and new, and I firmly believe that we are working on that.

I want to thank everyone who has helped out and supported the Lodge during our shift in the kitchen. It is wonderful seeing members volunteering and taking their time to help us transition smoothly. Your support has not gone unnoticed, and I thank you so much for all of your help. We are a team, and I love seeing the members and officers coming together for our Lodge. Also, a permanent thank you goes out to any volunteer who has helped our Lodge in some capacity. As we are a volunteer organization, and it is a lot of work, please thank a volunteer for their time and effort they put in. When you can lend a helping hand, please do...we would love to have you. Volunteering is fun at 1272, and never short of a good time.

I look forward to seeing 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!

