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MAY 2020

Exalted Ruler's Message

D.J.Swing

First and foremost I hope this message finds you and your Family in good health amid this pandemic. These are times that will really test our mettle but with God's help, our inner strength and following proper protocol we will get through these times.

As you may be aware The NYS Elks Association modified their directive of March 16, 2020 to read that "all Lodges will now remain closed until further notice". Only necessary people are allowed into the Lodge. We will be postponing or cancelling all events that fall into the timeframe of the directive.

We will work diligently to keep you, the Members, updated in regards to any of the changes.

I would like to recognize and thank **Dave McKenna** (PER President) and **Bill Muchow** (newest PER) for installing the 2020-2021 Lodge Officers. Although it was far from our traditional Installation, these two took the time to make sure we completed the adapted process in order for us to meet our Grand Lodge requirements.

BE SAFE,

D.J. Swing, Exalted Ruler

Business Continues...

Dani Sue continues to work at the Lodge each week to process dues payments and get your cards and keys out to you in the mail. Deposits of checks are not a daily item during this Covid crisis, so it may take a while for your check to clear, be patient.

If you are aware of any member who is struggling during this difficult time and needs assistance, contact any officer, we will see if the Lodge can assist them. Email your situation to elks41help@gmail.com. We will check this address once each day until this pandemic is over.

Remember to wear masks now when you go out to stores, to get gas, etc.

Grand Lodge Convention - As of this writing, online pre-registration for the Baltimore Grand Lodge Convention is

CURRENTLY ON HOLD. Check Elks.org for updates on availability.

Once opened, you can pre-register through June 30. The online pre-registration fee is \$50.00 for all Members. The on-site registration fee will be \$60.00. There is not a fee for a non-Elks spouse or guest. Those interested will need access to the Members Only section of Elks.org to access the preregistration link: <https://www.elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm>. A current credit card for PayPal will be needed. When you arrive at the Baltimore Convention Center, proceed to the Registration area. You will need your e-mail confirmation and current membership card to receive your credentials for you and your spouse/guest and, if qualified, voting credentials.

Officer's Oath

Incoming Exalted Ruler **D. J. Swing** worked with outgoing ER **Bill Muchow** and PER Association President and State Vice President **Dave McKenna** to coordinate the swearing-in of the Officers for the 2020-21 Elk Year.

With closure of all Elk Lodges across the country, and with state and federal limitations on group gatherings, the New York State Elks Association authorized Officers to take their oaths via the telephone by Lodge PERs. This was to be completed by April 15, 2020.

The following Officers were sworn in during the second week of April.

- Exalted Ruler - **D.J. Swing**, PDDGER
- Leading Knight - **B. Griffith** PDDGER
- Loyal Knight - **Dave Rybarczyk**
- Lecturing Knight - **N. Brooks**
- Treasurer - **John Zieziula** PDDGER
- Secretary - **Dani Sue Fianza** PER
- Esquire - **Bill Muchow** PER
- Chaplain - **Susan Griffith** PER
- Inner Guard - **Ben Zieziula**
- Tiler - **Austin Weber**
- Trustee - **Dave McKenna** PER, SVP

Later in the summer after this Covid 19 Virus has passed, the Lodge will have a special dinner to celebrate our new Officers and to recognize Lodge members for their service for the past Elk year.

Note that this May Newsletter has been sent out by E-Mail only. If you know a member who does not get e-mail, please share this information with them.

Due to state and federal limitations on gatherings we cannot fold, label and prep for mailing to members who receive our Newsletter by "snail mail." We apologize for this inconvenience.