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EXALTED RULER Gina Frank

CHARITY, YOUTH, VETER-ANS, COMMUNITY—IT'S WHO WE ARE!

We are re-opening and beginning to have a few more activities. Even a Pandemic can't keep the Golden Elks from continuing our charitable endeavors! Several of us have volunteered at the Colorado National Guard (CONG) Armory serving food to Guard members beginning or ending a tour of duty for various reasons. We held a First Responder Breakfast in early June and will hold another in early August-come support and interact with our First Responders, they are very appreciative of our efforts. In addition, we have held two community activities to bring some smiles to our neighbors one we offered food and horseshoes and the other a kid's type carnival.

Although I traveled to Alaska to help my kids with daycare issues the last part of June, the members of our Lodge kept things going. Thank you to Wayne, Jeannette, Byron, Dan, Melissa, and Ranya and all members that came to the Lodge to

help and/or support the Lodge.

Please see the article later in the newsletter about Grants through the Elks National Foundation we have received to help us continue our charitable work.

How do we continue our charitable efforts? We need to gain membership and have members participate in our activities. I encourage you to reach out to your neighbors, family, and friends and invite them to join our organization in our charitable endeavors for our community. Invite them to the next Community Event in August or just bring them by the Lodge. I invite you to help with our upcoming events funded through our ENF grants. WE NEED YOU!

The Central Northwest District Flag Day was cancelled and kudos to Melissa Moss, our Americanism Chair, for organizing our celebration on Sunday, June 14th within a week. We were disappointed we

could not hold the celebration at the Northglenn Lodge due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we had a great celebration at the Lodge.

We celebrated and recognized our Lodge's Scholarship winners on Saturday, July 18th. Congratulations to MacKenzie Bailey, Sareina Thomas, and Emily Bennett. Emily is the daughter of member Israel Bennett. All received a \$1000 scholarship. The Elks National Foundation (ENF) offers scholarships annually. The Most Valuable Student application will open on August 5, 2020 and will close on November 15, 2020. Students must be a current high school senior and a citizen of the United States. Students do not have to be related to an Elk. More information can be found at: https://www.elks.org/ scholars/scholarships/ MVS.cfm. Please share this information with high school seniors that you know.

In addition, ENF offers the Legacy Scholarship. Any child or grandchild (or step-child, stepgrandchild, or legal ward)

Our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jeannette Rogers If you have any questions or concerns Can call 303-947-9582 or email jeannette.e.rogers@gm ail.com





A Minute from the Secretary by Byron McElhinney



August
2nd Dawn Marie Finnell
4th Jeffrey Braden
7th Sharlene Korsbon
11th Kris Chupka

Brinda Lobato
16th John Robinson
18th Denise Quintana
19th Wayne Rogers
PDDGER
20th Cindy Proping

20th Cindy Braning
Rodney Cambron
Rochelle Hayes
21st James Sten
Leonard McBroom PER

27th Amanda McElhinney
Nina Shilodon

30th Don Schaefer Ron Schaefer

Sept.

10th Kathleen Campbell13th Timothy Powell14th Sam Clements

14th Sam Clements 19th Vicki Kentch

Jeannette Rogers DDGER

20th Israel Bennett

Steven Bonham

21st Roger Newton 25th Doug Bryant 26th Timothy Schnacke

Drawing:

5-27 #367 Larry Vaughn \$78 Sad Elk

6-10 #7 Richard Bergeron \$83 Sad Elk

Sickness & Distress:

5-27

PSP Bob Schmidt had defibrillator upgraded and is back home recuperating.

Patrick Rogers had knee replacement surgery but recovery has hit some snags with some nerve damage.

Robert Nutt also will undergo knee replacement surgery.

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Chuck Youman had pacemaker replacement.

Patrick Rogers still working on rehabbing his knee.

Vicki Kentch our Chaplain had an MRI on upper neck.

Brandon McElhinney had several small heart attacks and had a stint replaced, at home recovering.

Golden Elks Lodge #2740 annual Spring Golf Tournament Sept. 19, 2020 7:30am by Tee Times.

Applewood Golf Course 14001 W. 32nd Ave. Golden

Scramble Format

Dinner to follow at Golden Elks Lodge #2740.

Registration fee is \$85 per player for green fees, cart, small bucket of balls and dinner. Dinner price for non-players is \$8.

Teams may be Co-Ed.

If you do not have a full team we can match you up.

Call Lloyd Garrett 303-233-1857. RSVP by Sept. 9th



Meet new members, above Robert Nutt. Below Leah Davis.



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crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, and programs to assist in Sam's recovery, including a heated pool for physical therapy.

Over 15 years and multiple surgeries, the Elks Children's Hospital covered all expenses that Sam's insurance did not cover, from the costs of surgery, hospital, medical bills, recovery, rehab, and education, alleviating a huge financial burden from her parents and giving Sam the gift of recovery and the ability to walk.

Sam grew up, joined the Elks and today works in health care. It is all thanks to this wonderful organization that has made supporting medically challenged children one of its pillars, something we all can be enormously proud of.

Sam was just one child and she told us that through the years, although her journey was rough, there were many, many children way worse off than her at the Elks Children's Hospital. She was very blessed that the Elks came into her life and knew the other children felt the same.

God Bless the Elks, our children's therapy programs, and all of our charity programs!

Paul R Ryan GER



Message from the GER Communities need Elks' help more than ever

As I begin my year as Grand Exalted Ruler, I want to begin by saying thanks to all of you and offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation that you have entrusted me as your next national president. This would not have been possible without all of you, my fellow brothers and sisters, and your support and guidance. I also need to thank my family and friends, and of course the assistance and aid of my wonderful wife.

When I started this adventure, finding a theme was something that I wanted to make sure stood out. I wanted to change a little of the land-

scape of the organization to make sure that we not only survive the future but thrive in it. With the changes happening in this world, my theme has become more and more vital to the situation. My Theme for 2020-2021 is Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom. Now more than ever we need to go out there and help our communities and get them to thrive again, get them to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Help to realize that this is a great country. And teach them who we are as Elks and that our organization is one that will Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom and the people of this country.

Elks are a community, and it is my hope for the coming year that by working together with the Elks National Foundation and through our Members and Lodges nationwide we can build both stronger communities and stronger Elks. It is my goal that we can reach \$4.80 per Member in our ENF donations this Elks year. It's not a lofty goal when you consider that we have reached this amount for many of the past years. I understand that with the way the world is right now, it is hard to increase the goal. Lodges are closed and will have a hard time coming up with the extra funds to be able to sustain our current activity. Reach down and grab one more dollar. Believe me, the Elks National Foundation charitable giving will be needed more than ever and the funds will go a lot further now in the world that we are living in.

It is my challenge to each and every Member to practice the Elks values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in your work, your daily lives, and everything you do.

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of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2018, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2018, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2021. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. More information can be found at: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm

I am proud of our Lodge for participating in the Central Northwest District's Soccer Shoot on Sunday, July 26, 2020 held at the Kicker's Club across from the Lodge. We invited participants over to the Lodge for free popsicles. In addition, we offered hamburgers and hotdogs to purchase and provided information about the Elks and our Lodge.

I want to encourage our members to keep current with our activities through our Facebook page (Golden Elks Lodge #2740), our website (https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=2740), and via our email blasts. If you would like to begin receiving the weekly email blasts and the newsletter via email, please contact me or our Lodge Secretary, Byron McElhinney.

At the time of this writing our progressive jackpot for the Queen of Hearts is close to \$900 with 9 envelopes remaining. See information later in the newsletter about the Queen of Hearts and recent winners.

We started Zoom/Lodge Trivia on July 21st and will continue through the end of August. We will begin the Indoor Bocce League with 2 person teams on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM--just come that night, no need to sign up. See article for more details.

I look forward to working with you, your Lodge Officers, the Colorado Elks Association, and Grand Lodge in continuing the successes of the Golden Lodge's endeavors. Would love to see you soon!

At the House Committee on Monday, 7/6/20, a decision was made to immediately cancel the scheduled Social Quarter Open hours due to no or low participation. Please remember that the Social Quarters is always open to members when the Lodge is open. Open Signs are on the west and south side of the building and will be turned on when someone is at the Lodge. Also, please remember that even if an activity such as a league, dinner, or activity is being held, the Social Quarters is always open and available to members. You do not have to participate to enjoy the Social Quarters--however, you might decide you want too!

Thank you to Wayne Rogers for being at the Lodge every Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday nights to tend the bar and others that assisted with food while we tried having scheduled hours.

HALL RENTAL FOR MEMBERS!

Currently we hold groups up to 50 people under the Jefferson County stipulation under the CDPHE order so if you need extra space for your gathering, bring it to the Lodge! Members in good standing can rent the Lodge for a discounted rate! Contact Kirk Sales at kirk.golden2740@gmail.com or Gina Frank at gina.golden2740@gmail.com for more information!

Queen of Hearts by ER Gina Frank

QUEEN OF HEARTS

PROGRESSIVE CARD GAME

Our game 'reconvened' the game on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Every Thursday night is a new drawing for our Queen of Hearts game. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are sold beginning at 5:30 PM on Thursday night with sales closing at 6:30 PM when the Thursday night speaker begins. The raffle drawing is after the Thursday night speaker (approximately 7:00 PM). This game is open to only Golden Elks #2740 members (regular and associate members). A valid membership card must be provided to purchase a ticket.

Jackpot as of 7/9/20 is \$895.00, with only 9 envelopes remaining!

Following are recent winners and the consolation prize won:

05/28/20 - Byron McElhinney, \$10.00

06/04/20 - Bryon McElhinney, \$10.00

06/11/20 - Mark Bolson, \$5.00

06/18/20 - Ed Utsch, \$10.00

06/25/20 - Wayne Rogers, \$5.00

07/02/20 - Wayne Rogers, \$10.00

07/09/20 - Byron McElhinney, \$5

When the Queen of Hearts is drawn, we will begin a new game. We are planning to hold the drawing on meeting nights and on Thursday evenings that do not follow a meeting. The Board of Directors has approved seeding the new game with \$50.00.

NOT ON THE WEEKLY EMAIL LIST?? WANT TO BE??

Send an email to events.golden2740@gmail.com and receive the Hoofbeat Newsletter via email and weekly updates on the happenings at the Lodge! Or contact Gina Frank at 720-201-6184.

LEAGUE PLAY TO START

Indoor Bocce League will begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Lodge so get your two-person team together—if you don't have a team come and we will put a team together! Entry fee is \$20.00 per person. The entry fee is split at the end of the league with 50% going to the lodge and 50% split among winners (depending on the number of teams will determine if only 1st place or if 1st & 2nd place split the other 50%).

Trivia via Zoom at the Lodge began on Tuesday, July 21st. If you want to join now, the fee is \$5.00 per week. However, you will not participate in the split of winnings. Contact Gina Frank at 720-201-6184 or gina.golden2740@gmail.com.



RECOGNITION OF MEMBEERES By Arlene Munyon

Let us give great big shout outs to our special people for the last two months: Elk of the Month for the month of May was Sam Clement who graciously provided music for the Memorial Day picnic. Thank you, Sam, even the neighbors let us know how nice it was. Elk of the Month for the month of June was Kirk Sales for all the work he has been doing around the outside, as well as inside the Lodge. Thank you, Kirk.

Our Officer of the Month for the Month of May was Wayne Rogers for his assistance in painting the Lodge floors, moving furniture, replacing baseboards, and doing weed work and mowing outside. Thank you, Wayne, for keeping things looking great. Our Officer of the Month for the month of June was Robin Ryan for getting our financial records correctly entered and accepted by the Grand Lodge's Financial Reporting System. This has been a real job because of the changes Grand Lodge made to the Chart of Accounts. Thank you, Robin, we know you have put in hours getting this done.

Wayne



Kirk



Robin



From the Leading Knight – Jeannette Rogers

Summer is about over, and students will have the opportunity to begin their studies again for the next school year - some may be back in the classroom, or they may be doing it online - at the time that I am writing this, plans are still up in the air. No doubt however, there will be something to help our youth continue their education in some way - it will just look very different from Fall 2019. As an Elks Lodge, Golden will continue to support our local students - we will be offering warm coats to those who cannot afford one through the Warm Welcome program again this year; depending on what happens with classroom teaching, we hope to continue to offer local third graders dictionaries through the Dictionary Program; and we look forward to supporting other programs like Sources of Strength (Youth Suicide Prevention), scholarships, Americanism Essay contest, and others. We may not be able to directly engage with our local students due to the continuing pandemic challenges, but we will be there in spirit and in service to those youth that need our support.

I am proud to be a member of BPOE, as I read arti-

cles about the work that our fellow lodges are providing their communities, veterans, and youth during this challenging time with COVID-19. Most lodges were unable to have meetings for months, and were limited in what programs and events could be held but not one of our lodges have laid down and waited for this to be over. Idaho Springs Lodge supported their community by providing a facility for the community food bank for several months: Golden members and other lodge members have been actively supporting Veterans and military service individuals at several levels; a lodge in Michigan (I believe) provided a daily parade of balloon characters through their community to bring joy to those stuck at home. Golden Lodge has had several community events for the neighborhood this summer to provide a safe respite from having to cook (with take out dinners open to neighbors); a small neighborhood outdoor carnival for the kids; and in August we are looking forward to an outdoor Movie Night in the parking lot - bring your own chair to sit under the stars and have some entertainment. We are also investigating whether we can host a duck race down the canal – if we can get

From the Leading Knight – Jeannette Rogers

permission, that will be a fun event. Trivia Night starts up again – available either in person or via Zoom for members from near and far to participate and enjoy some company. So even though the pandemic has forced all of us to stay closer to home, it certainly hasn't limited our ability to connect, have fun, and share brotherhood.

Speaking of events and lodge meetings, we strongly encourage members and visitors to the lodge to wear masks while in the lodge - I know that they may be hot and somewhat uncomfortable – but look at wearing a mask as charitable action. Science has shown that masks make difference in transmission of airborne diseases, and it is one way we can care for each other by wearing a mask to minimize the amount of water droplets that are expelled from talking or singing to become airborne.

I appreciate all of our members, for without you, we wouldn't have a lodge or be able to provide the good works that we do in our community. If you haven't paid your dues, please take a moment and send us a check, or call to apply on a credit card. If you have paid, thank you. If you know someone who would enjoy making a difference in our community, would enjoy participating in some of our events, would enjoy being part of our Elks family – ask them to be a member. Sometimes, folks won't offer, but are interested in joining an organization that does so many great things. We are always looking for new members and new ideas – so please let the officers know.

I hope this finds you healthy and safe. I hope to see you at one of the activities (either live or virtual) soon – check out the calendar in this newsletter. And thank you again for being part of the Best People On Earth.

By CARL R. LEDIG, SR. Committee Member

Government Relations: Charity programs are the very foundation and lifeblood of the BPOE, without which the organization would have no purpose and could not exist.

The only way Elks can sustain our vital programs is to be exempt from paying taxes, thereby allowing 40% or more of every dollar to go to our charity programs rather than taxes.

There is only one way to keep the charity programs and Elkdom alive. Unfortunately, it is boring and time consuming but absolutely essential. Each Lodge must fill out the right charity reporting forms for the IRS.

We are all too familiar with the word essential because of COVID-19. Only businesses that provided government classified services as essential were allowed to operate. Nonessential workers spent months at home. Essential is important!

Same for IRS charity reporting. The form is essential! Fill it out to get tax exempt status and keep 40+% of every dollar. Do not fill it out and see funding cuts, services cuts, and programs harder to sustain.

Make yourself essential! Fill out the forms and keep the Elks growing, alive, relevant, and in demand!

My last article ended with, "You can change a life with your charity programs, but you may find that the life changed is your own!"

Here is how filling out and filing the forms can change a life. Below is Sam's journey. Think about how it makes you feel to know the Elks played a significant role in giving Sam the ability to walk.

Sam was born with clubbed feet and faced the possibility of never walking. When she was two years old, Sam's doctor told her parents she would need years of expensive surgeries and extensive rehab. Her parents could not afford it and faced very difficult decisions.

Fortunately, the surgeon referred Sam's parents to the Elks, who came to the rescue. At just two years old, Sam became a patient of the Elks Children's Hospital. The hospital took charge and took care of Sam for 15 years.

The Elks Children's Hospital arranged surgeries and transported Sam for surgery and back to the Elks Hospital for rehab. Rehab included months of recovery during which the Elks provided a physical place to recover, clothing, potty training, caring, and food. As she got older and had more surgeries and more rehab, there were more services and a very structured environment. School board employee teachers came to the hospital to educate the patients, and volunteer Elks acted as surrogate parents and caregivers, caring for patients and taking them to local events.

The Elks provided

ENF Grants by Gina Frank

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANTS

Two Elks National Foundation grant applications opened on Monday, 6/1--the Freedom Grant to support Veterans and the Spotlight Grant to support children or veterans/military. We applied for both grants and were approved for a \$2500 Freedom Grant and a \$2000 Spotlight Grant.

Our Freedom Grant will be used to support Survivor Outreach Services. This program provides resources to service members' families in all branches of service who have lost that family member while serving our Country. The program provides opportunities for networking, camaraderie, fellowship, and mentorship to Gold Star families. We plan to sponsor two events for families. One event we will be purchasing backpacks and school supplies for approximately 20 surviving children. We will be inviting the families to the Lodge for dinner, games, and an opportunity to network. In addition, the kids will be able to pick up the school supplies. This event will be held on Friday, August 7th at the Lodge at 6:00 PM. Come mingle and play games with the Gold Star families. INDI-VIDUAL SNACKS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ZOO EVENT. BRING INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS TO THE DINNER (ie, peanut butter crackers, rice krispy treats, etc) WE CAN PUT IN THE ZOO EVENT SNACK BAG AND RECEIVE \$2.00 OFF OF DINNER

The second event will host about 20 adults and 10 kids of Gold Star families for a day at the zoo. We will be providing lunch and snacks and opportunities for camaraderie. This event will be held on Saturday, August 22nd. Times to be determined. Please contact Gina Frank at 720-201-6184/gina.golden2740@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this event. We will need help putting bags together and the day of the event.

If we are unable to accomplish one of our events due to COVID-19 restrictions, our backup plan is to donate funds through the Colorado National Guard Foundation so that Gold Star families can receive assistance during the holiday season with food and gift expenses as needed. Proceeds from the Freedom Grant are not normally allowed to be used as donations, but exceptions have been made this year.

In addition, we will be purchasing toys for older aged children and donating them to the Colorado National Guard Foundation for the annual Santa Shop where Colorado National Guard members who may be struggling financially do holiday shopping for their family.

For the Spotlight Grant we have partnered with the Golden Library and we are coordinating our efforts with Jefferson County School Liaisons. We will be purchasing coats and gloves and distributing to students in our Golden Community. The Golden Library will be providing free books to the students as well as signing them up for library cards. This event will be held on Sunday, September 13th at the Lodge. Please contact Kirk Sales at 989-671-0170/kirk.golden2740@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

The Grants Committee will apply for the Promise (serving youth) and the Beacon (serving community) grants scheduled to open on August 1.

WELCOME TO THE ARVADA ELKS!

The Arvada Elks will continue to meet at the Golden Lodge for meetings the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month beginning at 7:30 PM. Bar opens at 5 pm and there is food served also. Come down and enjoy the social quarters. If you don't want to attend the meeting though you must leave before the meeting starts. We usually reopen the bar after the meeting for a little while.

WE NEED YOU - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We can always use speakers for our Thursday night Dinner Talks. Have an interest or hobby you'd like to share. We'd love to hear about it.

08/07/20 – Gold Star Survivor Family Dinner/Game Night & School Supply Distribution (6:00PM-9:00PM) – dinner preparation, putting supplies in backpacks, mingling with Gold Star families, clean up (this event is funded through our Freedom Grant)

08/08/20 - 1st Responders Breakfast (8:00AM - 11:00AM) - mingle with our First Responders

08/15/20 - Community Movie Night (time TDB) - set-up, clean up, oversee snack tables

08/22/20 – Gold Star Survivor Family Day at the Denver Zoo (time TBD) – lead a group of families, help put lunch together, put together goody bags, mingle with families (this event is funded through our Freedom Grant)

08/23/20 – Mines Oregiver Service Day (time TBD) – supervise students from the School of Mines that are providing service to our Lodge in cleaning, painting, and other activities.

09/13/20 – Warm Welcome Event providing winter coats & gloves to students at the Lodge in the Golden area that are in need. We partner with the Golden Library for this event. (10:00AM - 2:00PM) – set up, distribute coats, clean-up

7/26/20 - Central Northwest (CNW) Soccer Shoot (9:00AM - 2:00 PM)

It is ok if you can come for only part of the time. If unable to volunteer, come and enjoy the event!

PLEASE ENROLL, THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR LODGE!

Every time an enrolled shopper uses his or her enrolled King Soopers Loyalty Card, our Lodge will earn rewards. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to enroll and choose Golden Elks Lodge #2740 as their designated organization. Here's how:

Sign up/log on at www.kingsoopers.com or with the King Soopers app (you will need an email and loyalty card to sign up)

Look for MY ACCOUNT (top right), log in and click; go to SAVE (top left)

Look for COMMUNITY REWARDS

Choose ENROLL NOW

Use the FIND AN ORGANIZATION and

Search for GOLDEN ELKS #2740 (#XE704, GOLDEN ELKS LODGE #2740

When that comes up, choose ENROLL

Contact Gina Frank if you have any questions at 720-201-6184. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LODGE!

Just got our last King Soopers report for the last quarter and with just 12 households signed up we earned a little over \$142.00, which since it didn't cost anyone anything extra is pretty good. If you shop at King Soopers please consider signing up for us and help us increase that donation for the next quarter.

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Colorado Day CEA Budget Meeting at Longmont Lodge
2	3 BOD/House 6 PM	4 Coast Guard Bday Trivia Night 630 PM	5 PER Meeting 6 PM Mship. Meeting 7 PM	6 Queen of Hearts 530 PM Dinner Talk 6 PM	7 Freedom Grant Survivor Outreach Dinner and Games 6PM	8 1st Resp Bkfst 8 AM
9	10	11 Trivia Night 630 PM	12 Queen of Hearts 530 PM Lodge Meeting 730 PM	13 Arvada Elks Mtg 730PM	14	15 Community Open House Movie Night
CNW District Workshop at Golden 9am	17 BOD/House 6 PM	18 Trivia Night 630 PM	19	20 Queen of Hearts 530 PM Dinner Talk 6 PM	21	22 Freedom Grant Survivor Outreach Day at the Zoo
23	24	25 Trivia Night 630 PM	26 Queen of Hearts 530 PM Lodge Meeting 730 PM	27 Arvada Elks Mtg 730PM	28 Bar Bingo 7 PM	29 Lodge Dinner 5 PM
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Lodge Activities by Wayne Rogers

June 1st we helped other Lodges serve lunch to CONG (Colorado National Guard) at the Denver Armory.

We had a Diner talk and Queen of Hearts June 4th.

Wayne cooked a dinner on the 6th to eat in or to go. Beef bowl with vegetables and dessert.

June 13th served a 1st responders breakfast of breakfast burritos and homemade corned beef hash with eggs to 15 and some Elks. Had Fairmount Fire, Golden Fire, AMR ambulance and Jeffco Deputy Sheriffs. Had a good time visiting with them as we got lucky they didn't get a call and have to leave right away.

We held our own Flag Day at the Lodge on Flag Day and it was very nice, even drew a visitor from Aurora Lodge Art Ashley PER.

June 27th had a steak dinner with baked potato, salad and dessert.

On July 10th we were back at the Denver Armory helping to unload two turcks of food, bread and beverages to them for those deploying for training.

We were doing social hours on Tuesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's but after a couple of months we weren't getting enough business to make it worthwhile so we may make adjustments and revisit once this pandemic is under con-

trol and more people feel comfortable getting out.

We will continue to have meals that will be available for dining in or take out.

August 4th we will start another round of Trivia, either you can come into the Lodge and play or get the log in information and join by Zoom. We had about 20 players last time and many winners so it was competitive. They all had fun.

We are changing the Queen of Hearts game when it starts over it will be held on the Lodge meeting nights and Thursdays that don't follow Lodge meetings. We are hoping this will draw a few more people to come to Lodge.

Current game still has about 9 cards to go or until someone

picks the Queen of Hearts and jackpot is over \$900 so far, we could go over \$1,000 just depends how long the Queen of Hearts keeps hiding.

New game will start at \$50 and build back up.

August 15th we are having food and snacks and an outdoor movie if weather is good, if not we will just move inside. This could be fun for the whole family.

August 7th we will be using our Freedom Grant from ENF to support Gold Star families with a free dinner and games. We will also sponsor a day at the zoo on the 22nd with other monies from the Freedom grant. We hope this will be a welcome break for them.

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bocce Ball 630 PM	PER Meeting 6 PM Girl Scouts 630 PM Mship. Meeting 7 PM	3 Queen of Hearts 530 PM Dinner Talk 6 PM	4	5
6 Lodge/Community Duck Race	7 Labor Day BOD/House 6 PM	8 Bocce Ball 630 PM	9 Queen of Hearts 530 PM Lodge Meeting 730 PM	10 State Convention Arvada Elks Mtg 730PM	11 State Convention	12 State Convention
13 State Convention Warm Welcome 10A-2P	14	15 Bocce Ball 630 PM	16 Girl Scouts 630 PM	17 Queen of Hearts 530 PM Dinner Talk 6 PM	18 Air Force Birthday	19 Golf Tournament
20	21 BOD/House 6 PM	Bocce Ball 630 PM	23 Queen of Hearts 530 PM Lodge Meeting 730 PM	24 Arvada Elks Mtg 730PM	25 Bar Bingo 7 PM	26 Lodge Dinner 5 PM
27	28	29 Bocce Ball 630 PM	30			

Upcoming Events by Wayne Rogers

We have been hosting the Arvada Elks on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays for their meetings while the Arvada Lodge is under construction for their remodel.

In Sept. we will be bringing back Bocce ball, 2 person teams, men ,women, mixed doesn't matter. If you would like to play and don't have a double come down and we will place you with someone. It's a lot of fun and doesn't take long to get pretty good.

Looking to play a sport again, we will host a golf tournament on Sept. 19th at Applewood Golf course. Don't have a flyer at the time of newsletter writing but details will be forthcoming by email and posted on our Facebook page.

Come out for our end of month Saturday dinner on the 26th at 5pm for dine in or take out. Watch your email for details and menu and get your RSVP in.

As you can see we are slowly getting back to like it was before the covid19 virus hit us. We are observing all the Public health orders issued by the State and Jefferson County. Sanitizing tables and chairs after each use, keeping the bathrooms cleaned and

wearing mask. If you forget yours we have some and hand sanitizer also.

We took advantage of the down time and painted almost everything including the floor and stage.

Pete Frank has taken putting a door on the east side for easy access to our new patio area (still waiting to be built) perhaps you would like to help. We could use someone with a grader and we have had I volunteer to set all the post for our chain link fence. What a nice addition that will be. When finished we plan to apply to extend our liquor license footprint to include

the patio and horseshoe pits.

Come down and enjoy our facilities and remember if you are planning a large event we may be able to rent you the Lodge at a discounted price and we can offer catering and bartending services also.

We can always find something to keep you busy if you have free time to donate, cooking, cleaning, gardening, general upkeep. We would love if you have an expertise to share with our Thursday night dinners and talks which educate us all.

Hope to see you soon.

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