

The Temple Chimes

December

Boise Elks Lodge #310
Benevolent and Protective order of Elks

Dear Lodge Members,

December brings the Holiday season and the close of the year - no doubt 2020 will be a year we will never forget. Each month of the year has presented new challenges for the Lodge. Fortunately, the Lodge leadership has worked diligently to help assure the Lodge is on sound financial footing. Certainly, our being able to serve food and beverages has helped to bring in much needed revenue. You can support your Lodge during these times by making a contribution to help maintain Lodge operations, or by ordering a meal either in person or "to-go." If you are able, please also consider volunteering to bartend or help prepare and serve food. Your support is truly appreciated.

In evaluating the Lodge finances we have determined that the Lodge may benefit by potentially refinancing the mortgage against the Lodge. You may be aware that interest rates are currently at record lows. The Lodge Trustees and leadership are looking at the possibility of reducing our interest rate by at least two (2) percentage points which would provide significant savings in interest expense and allow a lower payment, both of which would help during these challenging times. Of course, before any such action is taken the issue will necessarily be brought to the Lodge membership, and Grand Lodge, for approval. You can expect to see more on this topic in the Chimes or by letter but, in the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly via phone or email.

Because of continued health restrictions, there will be no regularly scheduled Lodge meetings in December. Ordinarily, we hold the Elks Memorial Service on the first Sunday in December. Please know that we have not forgotten the lives and contributions of our dearly departed Brother and Sisters, but will reschedule this important event for a future safer date in 2021.

Should you come in for food or during, please remember that our bar top remains closed. Please follow recommendations for physical distancing and help your fellow members stay healthy by wearing a mask when you are not eating or drinking.

We are looking into the feasibility of conducting Lodge meetings via Zoom. As you may know, the Idaho State Elks Association very successfully conducted its Mid-Winter Convention last month by Zoom. If we are able to conduct meetings remotely, we may attract broader participation among our members without the health risk attendant in-person meetings.

Best wishes to each of you and your families for a safe, healthy, and peaceful Holiday season. As always, please reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Fraternally yours,
John J. Burke Exalted Ruler Boise Elks Lodge No. 310

To all of the Elks and their families who may be wanting to come to the Basque Paella dinner on Friday, December 4 with the price of \$12 per serving, the cost is warranted by the contents of shrimp chorizo's chicken special rice saffron and all of the ingredients, there will also be touchscreen salad with my Basque dressing garlic bread and cake. Please come. I'm making enough for 45 people and when it is gone it is gone. All proceeds will go to the Lodge general fund to help meet expenses during this trying time. Serving will start at 5:30 pm and we will serve until 7:00 pm or until food runs out. You can call the lodge ahead for reservations or TAKE OUT orders and we will have ready to pick up or a reserved table for you. MARK YOUR CALENDARS and come out to support the Lodge. Social distancing guidelines will be followed and everyone will be asked to wear a mask while not at a table.

Thank you all, Carolyn

To Our Absent Members In Memoriam

"The Faults of our members, We write upon the sand,"



"Their Virtues upon the tablets of Love and Memory."

Merl W Bock	75
Glenn M Darnall	48
Adrian T Fannin	52
William E Harrison	36
Donald I Hutchinson	39
Paul P King	60 PER
Paul Kohout	39
E Dwight Snodgrass	63 PER
Nathan G Wallace	57
Russell A Ward	70
Richard L Williams	65 PER
Marvin S Wright	54

On July 3 - 8, the Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Tampa, Florida. During this time, Keith Mills and spouse Amy will be installed as the new Grand Exalted Ruler and First Spouse. It is a huge honor for them and Idaho. If you are planning to attend this event, it is CRITICAL that you reach out to Curt Neely BY DECEMBER 15 with your hotel room request so he can get a fairly accurate head count. He is already experiencing significant interest in hotel room requests. Hotel rooms for this convention are already going fast. If you do not let him know, you may not have a room with the rest of the Idaho delegation and may not even have a hotel room near the convention center.

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May this Christmas bring you many reasons to smile. Share this wonderful time of year with those near and dear to your heart.

Merry Christmas to All.

Officers and other Notables

Exalted Ruler	John Burke	
Leading Knight	Jeff Colaric	
Loyal Knight	Dennis Hyland	
Lecturing Knight	Barb Martin	
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Jerry Ransom	
Treasurer	Nathan Suekel	
Tiler	Michael Hebert	
Chaplain	Rob France	
Esquire	Joel Mills	
Inner Guard	Kim Miller	
Trustees Chairman	Robert Apa	1 yr
	Gary Hoelsing	2 yr
	Geri Scaglione	3 yr
	Carlos Jury Jr	4 yr
	Julie Washam	5 yr
G E R	Paul R. Ryan	
DDGER ID South	Mike D Stagner	
PGER Sponsor	Roger R. True	
I S E A President	Teal Stahl	
Lady Elk of the Year	TBA	
Elk of the Year	TBA	
Officer of the Year	Geri Scaglione	
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11 AM to 3 PM

Restaurant Hours
Tue-Wed-Fri
3 PM to 7 PM
Later with a crowd



Gary Hoelsing's Crew of famous German pork sausage makers. This year Gary has generously donated his time and yummy product. All of the proceeds went to the Boise Elks Lodge general fund.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Elks Lodge 310 Hosted the Soroptimist Club on Saturday, November 21, 2020 as a Community Service. Soroptimist's used our facility all day to make 90 dozen tortillas for their fundraiser. About 8 women and 4 men worked hours on making the tortillas. Bob and Sue Apa took turns providing assistance for the Soroptimist Club. The attached pictures show them in action as they make tortillas. All observed Corona Virus restrictions. Great people.



The Charity Dinner will be held on Friday December 18th starting at 5:30. We are planning on a silent auction. Dinner will be Beef stroganoff, with a vegetable side dish and a Desert. Cost of the dinner is \$12, please come out and support your lodge.

Christmas Baskets

If you can believe it, we are almost just a month away from delivering Christmas baskets! Even though this year will look a little different due to COVID 19, this Elk's tradition is just as important as it has always been to our families and their holiday celebration. The delivery date is set as Saturday, December 19, 2020, and we will start delivering the Albertson's gift certificate and turkeys to our families at 11:00 am.

This year we would like to ask for donations of things such as activity books, word searches, puzzles, crayons, and coloring books to give our families. If you are going to make a monetary donation or pledge, please let the lodge office know so that we can have an idea of how many families we can help this year.



If you would like to be a part of this long-standing Elk's lodge tradition please contact Bugs Sorneson. Thank you in advance for any donations and help that you can provide.

Bugs Sorneson (208)343-0049



04	Robin	McRae	14	Gordon	Brookover	19	Joel	Mills	27	Harry	Huffaker
05	Pablo	Aramburu	14	Fred	Tycksen	20	Merlin	Wald	27	William	Lawton
07	Vickie	Turner	15	Melvin	Adamson	22	Shamrock	Kelly	28	Bob	Busby
08	James	Barker	15	Dean	Bentley	22	Lloyd	Skogerson	30	Dylan	Stocker
08	Michael	Klingner	16	Thomas	Bennett	24	Mark	Kreizenbeck	31	Amy	Craven
09	Frank	Hardesty	17	William	Cozad	25	Randy	Megorden	31	Ivan	Trembly
13	William	Reeves Jr	18	David	Stone						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lodge Open 3pm to 7 pm Pizza 	3	4 Basque Cuisine 5:30 pm \$12.00	5
6	7	8 Lodge Open 3pm to 7 pm Pizza 	9 Lodge Open 3pm to 7 pm Pizza 	10	11 Game Bird Gumbo 5:30 pm	12
13	14	15 Lodge Open 3pm to 7 pm Pizza 	16 6:30 Trustees Meeting 	17	18 Charity Dinner 5:30 \$12.00	19 Christmas Baskets 11:00 am
20 9	21	22 Lodge Open 3pm to 7 pm Pizza 	23 Lodge Open 3pm to 7 pm Pizza 	24	25 Merry Christmas	26
27	28	29 Lodge Open 3pm to 7 pm Pizza 	30 Lodge Open 3pm to 7 pm Pizza 	31	1 Happy New Year	2 

**MASK REQUIRED
FOR
ENTRY**



Dues Notices for the 2020-2021 Lodge Year went out in mid-February. As of the end of September, we have 55 members that are delinquent. Up until October 1st, you were only 6 months delinquent, however, on October 1st, Grand Lodge now considers that you are now a 1-year delinquent. We understand that this has been a very trying year, however, DUES are the basis for most of the fixed costs funding for our Budget. Please pay your dues and Support YOUR Lodge.