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The Station of the Exalted Ruler

We have made it to the Holiday Season!

First, I would like to thank **Bobby Kilgore** for organizing **the Lodge Halloween Party last Friday night**. A good time was had by all!

We have been approved for an **ENF Beacon Grant** to help us with recognizing the Veterans at the Medical Center in Tuskegee. We were able to purchase 23 items for the Veteran's gift bags this year, including toiletries, socks, T-shirts and **Flip Flops** Due to Covid restrictions, the Veterans will not be allowed to travel to the Lodge again this year. The next best thing is to serve them 1834 BBQ sandwiches and the fixin's on **Wednesday, November 10th at the Medical Center**. We will give out the gift bags at that time. Won't you come out and give us a hand?

Please mark your calendar for our **Elks Memorial Service to be held on December 5th, at 2:00 PM,** for our annual **Elks Memorial Service** honoring our absent members.

We will have a **Cutthroat Christmas Party in the Club December 17th at 7:00 PM**. This party and membership event is for members, spouses, and guests. Each person is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas present for exchange, labeled for a girl or boy. Spend no more than $10-$15.00 on your gift. Also, please bring finger foods to share. All agreed that the crowd last year really had a good time with "*unwrapping and stealing exchanging*" each other's gifts!

For New Year's Eve, it was decided to have a **New Year's Eve Cocktail Party in the Club**. Doors will open at 6:00 PM on New Year's Eve. We will have an open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served until 9:00 PM. After 9:00, members may then go to their favorite lounge or venue to ring in the New Year! Members will sell **tickets for $10.00 per person in advance** to determine how many will participate. Members, their spouses, and guests are welcome to come out for the evening. This being a membership event, guests will be given an application for membership.

The **50th Anniversary of the Elks National Hoop Shoot Program** will begin in January 2020. A Lodge Hoop Shoot committee was appointed to plan and prepare for the Lodge to participate in District and State Hoop Shoot competitions. During the Board of Directors meeting on Monday, November 1st, a motion to cancel our participation in the event was presented to the Board. After discussion, an amendment was proposed to report the original motion as favorable to the floor but to allow the Lodge to take final action, whether or not to participate in the competition. A concern was that we (the Lodge) did not have enough active member participation to conduct the event.

The amendment to the original motion was offered to include that a vote of the Lodge be taken on the motion to cancel Lodge participation in the event. The amendment was seconded and then tabled to Monday, November 15th, to allow time for other members who may wish to review and comment before the final vote of the Lodge would be taken to cancel or conduct the event.

Please come out for the Lodge meeting on Monday, November 15th to discuss and vote this topic.

Please see the ads in the Wapiti for additional details on our November and December events.

We hope that all **have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!!**

John Findley, Exalted Ruler

Lodge Cutthroat Christmas Party!

December 17th – 7:00 PM

Bring a Wrapped Gift to exchange!

Spend no more than $10.00 - $15.00...

Be sure to identify if the gift is for a girl or boy...

Finger Foods! Karaoke with Hal and Rose!

November Birthdays

Day			Years as Elk
05	Aris	Murphy	56
06	Joel	Gregg	6
08	Jackie	Thomaston	26
09	James	Buford	33
14	Peter	Byrd	2
15	Allan	Garner	29
17	Keith	Stanfield	15
18	Roger	Royal	22
20	Dan	Hart	44
21	Ann	Breedlove	2
21	James	Smith	45
24	Lance	Farrar	1
25	Russell	Cash	17
27	Wes	Long	6
28	Wayne	McCormick	15

Hal and Rose Karaoke

In the club for your enjoyment...

November 12th, 2021

Club opens at 4:00 PM

Karaoke at 7:00 PM

See you at the Club!

Memorial Service

December 5th, 2021

2:00 PM

To Our Absent Members

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:00 Club Open 6:00 Board Mtg 7:00 Lodge Mtg	2	3	4	5 4:00 Club Open	6
7 	8 4:00 Club Open 6:00 House Commit 7:00 Lodge Mtg	9	10 Marine Corp Birthday	11 	12 4:00 Club Open 7:00 Karaoke **Hal and Rose!**	13
14	15 4:00 Club Open 7:00 Lodge Mtg	16	17	18	19 4:00 Club Open	20
21 Nation Gingerbread Cookie Day	22 4:00 Club Open 7:00 Lodge Mtg	23	24	25 	26 Club Closed	27
28	29 4:00 Club Open 7:00 Lodge Mtg	30				