

Board of Directors

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2021-2022 Officers

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March Birthdays 2022

2	Bill Haack		19	Jim Dietsch
6	Doug Wagner		26	Geneva Braun
12	Tim Gebert		27	Shelley Young
17	Marianne Moede			



Exalted Ruler Letter



My fellow Elk friends,

It is with great sadness and sorrow to realize that I have only 2 months left as Exalted Ruler. What a roller coaster ride it has been. There were periods when I didn't know if I wanted to continue holding this position, but I made it. The Covid did not help out a bit. We did not attend some of the conventions/conferences in fear of contracting the disease. People did not use the lodge the way that they did in the past. I truly understand why the attendance was down. Hope all is well.

- We as a group managed to bring back a float in the Cranberry Blossom Parade.
- Thank you, Karen Shirek, for putting together the Brat Fries which were very successful.
- Thanks, Tina Lamb, for donating the grill.
- Thanks, Shelly Young, for coordinating the FUN golf tournament.
- Patty Miller once again ran a very profitable pick-up or delivery Lenten Fish Fry.
- Lance Pliml produced a very prosperous Sportsman's Night.
- The Lady Elks along with Elk members managed to continue to hold a successful Bingo event every Wednesday.
- Bob Berg continued to run the Christmas Tree/Christmas Basket program; he also runs the infant care program at SWEPS.
- Tina Lamb has been putting together the monthly Voice for the past several years.
- Thanks to Dawn Spranger/Tina Lamb/Mike Spranger/Julie Berg for helping out paint and decorate the bar and meeting rooms.
- Thanks to Tom Derrie for doing a succulent job in preparing the delicious meals.
- Thank you, Jim Kraft, for taking over the Flag Day ceremony also for serving Veterans' dinner.
- Thank you to Tom Derrie for stepping up and helping me succeed through these tough times.
- Work was done at King Veterans Home by Tina Lamb and Karen Shirek in the Memory Garden.
- Thanks to Ron Bohn for working on Scholarships; he has been doing this for years.
- Thank you, Brian Spranger, for taking on the famous Hoop Shoot program.
- I want to also include thanking Mike Spranger for his aggressive membership program and all our new members.
- Thank you, Jay Paff, for jumping in as a trustee and Bob Berg as our COB.
- Thanks to PER Bob Zueger for covering my meetings while gone.
- Thank you, Kyle Cronan, for temporarily filling as secretary.
- Thank you, Tina Lamb, for putting together Military Mondays again. It is a very nice program.
- Thank you, Jared Scheunemann, for filling in as temporary Treasure.
- Lastly, I would like to Thank my lovely wife Joy. She put up with a lot of turmoil within the lodge along with me. We worked together and made it through it and are very happy that we did. I will soon be a PER. Wow, I never thought that I would be saying that.

We will continue to house the Heroes Cafe, Sunshine Rotary breakfasts, and the WR Chamber of Commerce Dairy Breakfast while also having Boy Scouts and other local groups use our lodge. I am very grateful for my special Elks Members who helped with our regular meetings and the Elk rituals: Mother's Day, Flag Day, and December Memorial service. If anything is forgotten...blame it on our beautiful trip to Florida.

Leo "Pete" Rogoski

March 2022 Lodge Events & Flk Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Dinner & Elk Member meeting 7 pm  Mardi Gras specials	2  6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Fish Fry!	3	4 Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser	5
6	7	8	9  6:30 pm American Heroes Café 7:30-10 am Breakfast of Honor 7:30-9:30 am	10	11 Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser	12
13	14	15 Dinner/Elks BOD 5:30 pm Member Meeting 7 pm 	16  6:30 pm	17 Open for Irish dinner 	18 Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser	19
20 Sloppy Joe competition \$5 entry fee \$5 to eat Cash prizes!	21	22 Dinner at the Elks Member Orientation 5 pm	23  6:30 pm	24	25 Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser	26 Installation of Officers
27	28	29 Dinner at the Elks	30  6:30 pm	31		

Stop in and get your free birthday drink at the Lodge in March!



Elk Ladies President's Letter

Hello Elk Ladies,

Thank you to everyone that were able to make the meeting in February. Thank you to Bridget and Sue for a wonderful dinner! March's committee is Barb P. and Lori. It was a productive meeting again and it was great to visit with everyone.

Think Spring and enjoy the days as they are getting longer! YAY!

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Plouman

Elk Ladies President

Scholarship Committee News

The Wisconsin Elks Ass. is offering \$500 minimum technical scholarship open to everyone. The application is due April 1st to Ron Bohn at 3311 48th St. S. WR 54494.

A copy of the application can be downloaded at wielks.com under Technical College Scholarship Application, then follow the directions. If anyone has any questions you can email me at ron.bohn64@gmail.com or call 715-424-2872. Good luck!

ALSO

The Wis. Elks Ass .and our local lodge will be hosting the U.S. Constitution test. The test is open to all U.S. citizens who are in their senior year in high school. The test is a 40-question multiple choice test with an essay used as a tie breaker. The student who scores the highest on the local test will move on to take the state test where they will win a minimum of \$800 up to \$3,500. The lodge will award 3 local level awards.

The local test will be given on Sunday March 13th at 6:00 pm at the lodge at 430 W Jackson St. Wisconsin Rapids. The state test will be on April 3rd at 11:00 am. To take the local test you must email me at ron.bohn64gmail.com to reserve a test. Tests are limited to 20 students so do not delay.

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Lodge Updates

American Heroes Café Upcoming Events

- March 9th 0730-10:00 Café
- Navy band at WR PAC 3PM Sunday March 6th
FREE tickets available at the Café, a VFW meeting, at the Arts Council, or call Bill Haack @ (262) 496-3198.

Although tickets are free, we ask that you make sure someone fills the seats you are obtaining. *Please do not let the tickets go to waste.*

Vietnam Veteran's Breakfast of Honor

Breakfast buffet at the Lodge for local Vietnam Veterans. Lodge opens at 7:30 on March 9th. Our guest speaker begins at 8 am, Colonel Ray Bossert (Ret. US Army).

Lenten Fish Fry

Lenten fish fries begin on March 4, 2022. Your options are inside dining or take away meals. Please contact Patty Miller at 715-459-8664 or email her pnjmill@gmail.com if you can help out. Call the Lodge to place your take away order: 715-423-1930

Dinner & Installation of 2022 Officers

Saturday, March 26, 2022. Please contact the ER (Pete) for information.

Sloppy Joe Competition

March 20th: Sloppy Joe Competition. Cash prizes for the top 3 places. \$5 to enter a ground meat crock pot, \$5 per person to eat!! Buns, chips, and cheese for condiments, bar is open and generally a great time will be had by all.

Additional Special Lodge Dinner Nights in March

March 1: Mardi Gras dinner specials (a taste of NOLA)

March 2: Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

March 17: St Patrick's Day Irish dinner

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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St. Patrick's
Day



March 2022: The Voice of Lodge #693

- Mar. 1 Elks member meeting: Mardi Gras Dinner begins 5 pm; Meeting at 7 pm
- Mar. 2 Bingo: Doors open 5 pm; game starts at 6:30 pm; Fish Fry dinner
- Mar. 4 Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser
- Mar. 8 Elks Steak "Date Night" Tuesday! Dinner begins at 5:00 pm
- Mar. 9 American Heroes Café; Breakfast of Honor
- Mar. 9 Bingo: Doors open 5 pm; game starts at 6:30 pm
- Mar. 11 Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser
- Mar. 14 Elk Ladies dinner/meeting
- Mar. 15 Board of Directors 5:30 pm; Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- Mar. 16 Bingo: Doors open 5 pm; game starts at 6:30 pm
- Mar. 17 Special St Patrick's Day Irish dinner
- Mar. 18 Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser
- Mar. 20 Sloppy Joe Competition
- Mar. 22 Dinner at the Elks: Dinner begins at 5:00 pm
- Mar. 23 Bingo: Doors open 5 pm; game starts at 6:30 pm
- Mar. 25 Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser
- Mar. 26 President's Dinner & Installation of Officers