



Elk's Creed

Believe in the goodness in thyself as well as in others.
Protect childhood with tenderness, old age with respect, cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.
Observe faithfully the golden rule.
Enjoy the good things of earth. Keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth and remain always of good cheer.

February 2009

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From your Exalted Ruler



Just another beautiful day in paradise!

Greetings from Houston, Texas...y'all! Working on some remodeling projects for Judy's aunt and plan to be back in February.

The Lodge looked great for the New Year's Eve Party, everyone had a terrific dinner and most of all....fun.

There are some exciting events scheduled for the next two months. A special dinner is planned for Valentine's Day and will be offered on Friday, February 13. Bring your honey and enjoy. On February 24, Fat Tuesday, a Mardi Gras Party is in the works. Many thanks to Susan Galeazzo for her planning and organizing of this event. Also, Leading Knight Ed Knapp is planning the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17. A bus trip to Seneca Allegany Casino is scheduled for March 21 and Texas Hold'em is planned beginning March 5 and will last four nights.

Many thanks to all those that volunteered to help install the insulation and ceiling tile in the small dining room and mixed bar. The volunteers included John Ziemak, John Brunetz, Chuck Gibson, Mike Richner, Stan Pawlowski, George Novak, Ross Kooyman, Les Richmond, and Ed Knapp. Also, thanks to Ross Kooyman, Matt Kooyman, Les Richmond and Daryl Breedlove for all their help with the bathroom renovation project. Progress has been made and the project should be done in early February. Another thank you to Dave Digman for painting the front bathrooms and an assortment of walls. Finally, thanks to Dan Kitson for repairing the green padding in the member's bar.

Many projects have been completed to improve the appearance, add to the ambiance and reduce costs for the lodge. Thanks to all for their time and effort....come up and enjoy!

God Bless you and God Bless America.

John W. Basco, Exalted Ruler

Elk of the Month

This member is always giving of his time to help with improvement projects and providing assistance when plumbing problems arise.

When you see Matt Kooyman, thank him for being such a great Elk.
 Thanks, again, for all your support!

ER John Basco

ER HONORABLE MENTION

This member is always ready to lend a helping hand. Recently, he donated a diamond saw blade and loan of a concrete saw for use in the bathroom renovation project. Many thanks to Bill Guyer for his help and interest in making our lodge a better place to come and enjoy.

ER John Basco



NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES...

News concerning the Tom & Jerry Party missed the January newsletter. The weather was somewhat threatening, but the turn-out was good. A variety of food selections were offered at the buffet and a choice of Egg Nog and/or Manhattan cocktails were available to garnish the taste buds. Thanks to all that attended.

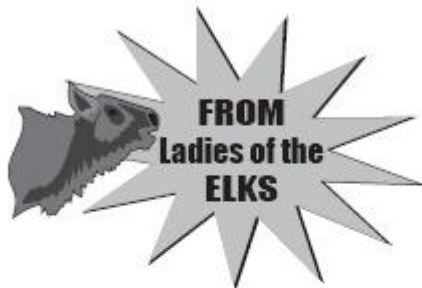
Much progress has been made on the bathroom renovation project. During the first week of January, all of the room's insides have been gutted and portions of the floor removed so that proper plumbing can be installed. Thanks goes out to all the volunteers that are helping in this improvement project. Also, thanks to all those who have donated materials. Cost containment has been monitored and maintained, resulting in zero costs to the lodge at this time.

The "Taste of the Elks" is being rescheduled. Please keep a look out for the new date and time.

Currently, the Queen of Hearts has continued to allude capture. As of January 23rd, we are in week fourteen and down to 40 remaining cards. Current payout for the Queen of Hearts is slightly over \$2,160.00. Each week, your odds and payout increase.

If you have never played, a weekly ticket is drawn around 9:15pm on Friday night. If your ticket is pulled, you can then pick one of the remaining cards from the game board. Every card has a dollar amount assigned to it (no need to be present, someone will draw a card for you). It only costs \$2.00 per ticket for that weeks drawing. All remaining tickets are thrown out after the weekly drawing. Tickets for the next drawing go on sale immediately after the Friday night drawing and continue throughout the week until the next Friday night at 8:30pm.

The Trustees



The Ladies of the Elks will hold a Reverse Drawing Dinner on March 28, 2009. Doors open at 6:00. Drawing at 8:00. Main Board is \$750. Details will follow later. Side boards will be available. Tickets will be available behind the bar and from any Ladies of the Elks member. Only 150 tickets to be sold.

Nomination of Officers will be held at the February meeting & Election of Officers will be held at the March meeting. Scholarship applications are still available and are due the month of April. The next meeting is Feb 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Ruth Paul – LOE President
Sharon Cross – LOE Secretary

ELKS LODGE 549 COOKBOOK UPDATE

Thank you to all who have sent in recipes for our lodge cookbook fundraiser. With the mailing of the postcards, we have now accumulated 210 recipes! With our goal being 300 recipes, we still have a ways to go. Those of you who have not sent in your recipes, please do so now, and we thank you. Be sure to have your name in them. In May, we will begin a PRE-SALE of the cookbooks. We will have the cookbooks available in August. All set for Christmas gifts! We will discount the PRE-SALE of the cookbooks. Be thinking of how many you would like to purchase. Also be thinking of how many you would be willing to sell and help make this fundraiser a GREAT one for our lodge remodel and CP. You can email them to me at: jluomo@roadrunner.com or drop them off or mail them to the lodge.

Thanks again to all of you in making this a success!
Jill Luoma
Cookbook chairperson

The **PER Association** would like to thank everyone who attended and worked the PER Chicken BBQ on the 24th of January. Proceeds from the party are going to the Kleinschrot family who lost their home and belongings to a fire earlier in the month. Over 240 people attended and came together to help a 60 plus year member and his family in a time of need. It reminded us all of what being an Elk is really about.

Thank you all and God bless.

BPOE 549 PER Association

Secretary's Corner

Watch for your dues notice in the near future. Please take care of your dues as soon as possible so that you do not end up being delinquent. We still have 52 members in danger of being dropped from membership as of April 1, 2009. We don't want to lose you.

The Lodge of Sorrow was held recently for Elmer Kutie and Charles Reed. They will be missed.

Penny banks were turned in by Carol Imes (1), Bob Zames (4), Jim Bain (1), Stanley Modic (1), and Earl Shufflebarger(1, filled with quarters). Our charities are grateful to each of you.

We want to offer a special thank you to Dave Norman who watches for penny banks and sorts the pennies, wraps them and gets them ready to deposit. He has been doing this for a long time and saves the secretary many hours of work.

Thanks Dave. Your help is gratefully appreciated.



Fraternally,
John E. Haught, Secretary

FEBRUARY 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Super Bowl Pot Luck	2 Darts Wings & Things	3 Taco's	4 Pasta	5	6 Teriyaki Grilled Chicken	7
8 Bloodmobile	9 Darts Wings & Things Emblem Club 11:30 am	10 Taco's	11 Pasta	12 Lodge Meeting 8 PM	13 Special Valentine's Dinner Prime Rib	14
15	16 Darts Wings & Things Trustee House Committee 7pm	17 Taco's	18 Pasta	19 LOE/PER	20 Stuffed Pork Loin	21
22 Monthly Drawing 1:30 pm	23 Darts Wings & Things	24 Fat Tuesday Party	25 Pasta	26 Lodge Meeting 8 PM	27 Grilled Shrimp Scampi	28 District Ritual Contest Willoughby

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 District Meeting	2 Darts Wings & Things	3 Taco's	4 Pasta	5 Texas Hold'em	6 Texas Hold'em Shepherd's Pie	7 Texas Hold'em
8 Texas Hold'em	9 Darts Wings & Things Emblem Club 11:30am	10 Taco's	11 Pasta	12 Lodge Meeting 8pm	13 Grilled Lamb Chops	14
15	16 Darts Wings & Things Trustee House Meeting 7pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Party	18 Pasta	19 LOE	20 Stuffed Green Peppers	21 Seneca Casino Trip
22	23 Darts Wing & Things	24 Taco's	25 Pasta	26 Lodge Meeting 8pm	27 Seafood Paella (a seafood and rice dish)	28
29 Monthly Drawing 1:30 pm	30 Darts Wing & Things	31 Taco's				

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Fat Tuesday: Masks and hats will be on sale Friday Feb 6 and 13 at the Lodge

Mardi Gras – A look back to Fat Tuesdays Past

