



## ***EXALTED RULER MESSAGE***

We are two months into the Elks' year. All I can say is, "WOW." We are building on the great legacy of our previous officers. We are continuing to grow our lodge. We are moving forward with new projects.

We will be sending eight campers to our Elks Umatilla Youth Camp this year. Deserving area youth will get to spend a week at the best "darn" camp in the whole state of Florida. Thanks go to Evelyn Cresse and Donna DiNapoli for all the arranging this project takes.

Our parking lot has been resealed. Our new elk has been mounted on the pedestal in front of the lodge for all passing motorists to see. Inside, thanks to Herman Bott and his able-bodied crew, the tile floor has been stripped, cleaned, and waxed. The carpet has been shampooed. Many thanks go out to all who have helped with these numerous projects. We have so much to be thankful for—a willing staff of volunteers, lots of new members. The list goes on and on.

Speaking about new members, I have to say -Although we have had some nice sized classes of new members, we still need to promote our lodge to the community. We still need to build the lodge through new membership. We have to welcome our new members. If you see a new face, introduce yourself and encourage the new member to get involved. Since the snow birds have flown north for the summer, we desperately need more helping hands in the kitchen! I would like to encourage new members to come forward with a helping hand there.

I invite all members to participate in upcoming special events. We will have a Father's /Flag Day program. Music is coming Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Shannon Reed Band. I hope you will support the Lake Placid Jaycees by coming to their Caladium dance on July 30. Remember to check the Elks' calendar for dates of all special events. Thanks to the committee was Evelyn Cresse, Fran Turner, Linda Cruse and Darcy Jacobs for putting together the social events we have recently had. Thanks also to Oscar Wagner for putting together a fine Memorial Day service.

I invite all members to come and enjoy the Lodge Lounge. Now that summer is upon us, lounge patronage is a little off. I remind you that it is always cool inside and you can meet some mighty "cool" people there! Come to our lodge. Get involved. Be a part of something fun!!!!

Thank you for your support and see you at the Lodge!



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