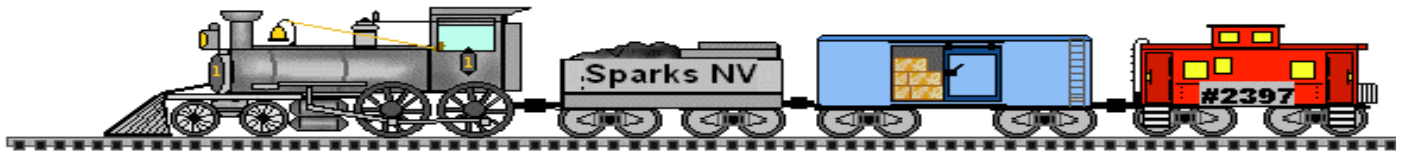


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THE EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Greetings,

We are now starting a new year with plans for increased Lodge activities. Look for dates and times in upcoming issues of your Reporter. As for 2021, PER Marty has a review of this years Lodge events in this issue.

Over 45 members and guests enjoyed our December 17th Lodge Christmas dinner. A big thank you goes out to Bill DeCarbonel and his team for the dinner and thanks to Laura, Sue, and my wife Pat for the fantastic decorations that made the evening very festive. Plus her Christmas song was wonderful.

Another fun event was the Sparks Hometown Christmas parade on December 4th. We had 13 Elk members and family riding and walking while handing out over 800 pieces of candy to children along the route. Marty and Justin were the key chairpersons of this event.

Marty, Denise, Pat, and I had the pleasure to attend the Amplify Life Youth Christmas party and presented them with the Community Award check for \$1606.25. Look for a photo in this Reporter.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Grand Lodge has notified all Lodges that due to depletion of their Insurance fund all Lodges will see an increase from \$7 to \$12 this year. With this increase we must raise our 2021-2022 annual dues from \$110 to \$115. If my HS math is correct it's about 42 cents a month.

Moving on; As you read in this Reporter and my Dinner Bell emails, we are doing two Friday dinners each month. We would like to keep this going and appreciate your attendance. Do You Enjoy Cooking?? If so, please consider doing a Friday dinner. Give me a call and we can schedule a date for you. (775-813-7008)

Wishing you and your family a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Ron Rehn, Exalted Ruler

When we do more than we are paid to do, eventually we will be paid more for what we do.

-Zig Ziglar

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Elk Members ;

We have had a great December ..Warm sunny weather blended with rain, snow, with snow and the most beautiful frosty trees, a perfect time for Christmas celebration.

The Sparks Hometown Christmas Parade got going for the start of the season ..then our Angel tree provided many gifts for children and parents at Marvin Moss school. A great Christmas Dinner was prepared, our annual Christmas party was enjoyed by our Elks members and guests .

We are preparing for another great year. Our Lodge is sponsoring 2 Hoop Shoot basketball contests for the youth. January 7th will be our contestants Dinner.

You are always invited to these wonderful functions. Come and join us

THANK YOU ALL FOR AN AMAZING YEAR.. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH GOOD HEALTH TO ALL!

YOURS IN ELKDOM

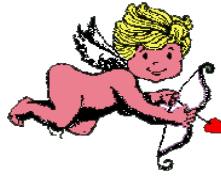
LAURA MURDOCK
Secretary

AMPLIFY LIFE COMMUNITY EVENT



Marty Roberto and Ron Rehn present our \$1,606.25 check to Executive Director Jessica Daum and many of the youth members at their Christmas party on December 11th. Also attending, taking photos, was Denise Roberto and Patricia Rehn.





*You are Cordially Invited to Attend
The
Sparks Elks Lodge Annual*

**“Sweetheart Ball,”
And
🏆 Awards Dinner 🏆**

Friday February 11th 2022

Lounge Opens at 5:00pm - Festivities begin at 6:30pm



Due to COVID -19 Restrictions

Pre-Sale Tickets are Requested or call

Ron Rehn to Reserve Your Tickets

Tickets are limited to the 1st 60 people

Deadline to Purchase is Friday February 5th



Tickets Are \$15.00/\$10 for Children 14 and Under

Can be purchased from Ron Rehn or Jim Hefner



Tri-Tip, Roasted Potatoes, Veggies , Salad & Dessert

Prepared by Chef Don Lininger

Awards + Raffle Prizes + Dancing + Music

Semi-Formal Attire

“Come Join in the Celebration”



A big shout out and thank you to Loyal Knight Ross Miller for the donation of dart boards for the lounge area. Steel tipped darts are available behind the bar. With the installation of the dart boards, the lodge would like to begin dart tournaments so come to the lodge and begin practicing. Anyone wanting to chair these efforts please contact Marty at 775-741-3376.



In previous years the lodge hosted a Mother's Day breakfast at the lodge. Moms were free and the family paid per person whatever the cook deemed reasonable. Are you interested in being the chair for this year's Mother Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 8th? Contact Marty at 775-741-3376 to discuss. Looking ahead, interested in hosting a Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 19th; contact Marty.



Thank you to all who helped make the December 4th, Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade a success for the lodge. First thank you to our lodge princess, Rayne Carpenter. A thank you goes to members Justin / Kandi Roberto, Jordan / Rachel Dain, Curtis Wright and Jesse Otto for making the float possible. Thank you to Ron / Pat Rehn, Laura Murdock, Mike Stowell, Art Lindstrom, Roland Minot and River Carpenter for walking the parade and handing out Christmas candies. And thank you to all the lodge members who came to wave at the lodge princess and our members as they passed by in the parade.



A huge thank you goes to all the lodge members and their guests who made the Angel Tree program a success. The program benefited children and families of the Comprehensive Life Skills (CLS) program located at Marvin Moss Elementary School. The CLS program, although located at Marvin Moss, is comprised of students throughout the school district who are eligible for special education due to intellectual disabilities. Twenty-three children were recipients of the lodge members' and their guests' generosity.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years Day
2	3	4 7pm Lodge Meeting	5	6	7 6:30pm Dinner	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 6:30pm Dinner	15
16	17	18 7pm Lodge Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 6:30pm BOD Meeting	26	27	28	29

Friday January 7, 2022: Special Chile dinner, a great salad with gourmet Corn Bread plus Dessert. In honor of Hoop Shoot Winner and Family. Prepared by Mary Holbrook & Pat Rehn. Cost is \$9. Lodge opens 5pm, dinner at 6:30pm.

Friday, January 14, 2022 – Baked Potato Bar with toppings for you to choose of of Shredded Cheese with ground beef, broccoli, sour cream, salsa, gravy, sour cream, chives & salad. Finish off with Brownies, ice cream with whipped cream. Prepared by Carson Women of the Moose Lodge. Cost is \$9. Lodge opens 5pm. Dinner at 6:30pm.

A RECAP OF LODGE ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2021 YEAR



The lodge has once again been busy with community and lodge oriented events in the 2021 year. The below list are events the lodge participated in / or hosted throughout the year. The list does not include grant monies distributed throughout the community for such causes as the Sparks Heritage Museum, the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home, Affinity Life on the NNAMHS complex, the VA Hospital and the Vets in-need Stand Down Program. Help make 2022 just as successful by being active, and leading, in the lodge.

High Mark Distillery Tour and Sampling.

Lodge Valentines Dinner / Recognition of the Sparks Community Volunteer of the Year.

Sparks Heritage Museum After-Hours Private Tour.

Spring KTMB Community Truckee River Cleanup at Lockwood Park in Sparks.

Flag Day Ceremony at Hilltop Preservation Cemetery.

Aces Saturday Night Ballgame Buffett and Game at the Ballpark.

Friday Night Dinners.

Nevada State Elks Association (NSEA) State President Visit and Dinner at the Lodge.

Fall KTMB Community Truckee River Cleanup at Rock Park in Sparks.

Gold Star Family Memorial Candlelight Vigil at Northern Nevada State Veterans Home where the Lodge Served Refreshments.

Line Dancing Lessons and Dance at the Lodge.

First Responder Recognition Dinner at the Lodge.

Hoop Shoot.

Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade.

Sunday Night Football Watch Parties at the Lodge.

Elks Remembrance Ceremony for Those Members who Passed Throughout the Year.

Elk Angel Tree gift program benefitting the students of the Comprehensive Life Skill Program (i.e., learning impairment program) at Marvin Moss Elementary School. As part of the Angel Tree program, the lodge also donates five Christmas meals to families of the program in need.

Christmas Dinner at the Lodge.

Northern Nevada State Veterans Home Trees Stake Removal to Prevent Damage to the Trees' Growth.

KTMB Community Christmas Tree Recycling Program at Shadow Mountain Park.

And not to be forgotten, the lodge bylaws were updated as was the lodge informal uniform to black logo button down polo shirts. Additionally, there are now dart boards in the lounge area and darts are available at the bar. Also not to be forgotten, hard ciders have been added to the refreshments available at the bar.

City of Sparks – It's Happening Here!

Paul Anderson

The Sparks Marina – Several projects are underway at the Marina. Each one making the Sparks Marina an even better experience for visitors. All four of the projects are scheduled for completion by the Summer of 2022.

Before we talk about the projects, here are a few facts about the Sparks Marina.

Twenty-five years ago, floodwaters inundated our region when heavy rains melted the Sierra snowpack. As businesses and homes in Sparks started to flood, storm waters began pouring into the Helms Pit, filling the aggregate pit with approximately 1 billion gallons of water. The lake now stretches over 77 acres, averaging 60 feet in depth, with the deepest point being 120 feet. In addition, an underground aquifer supplies the Sparks Marina with more than 2 million gallons of freshwater per day.

Pump Station and Rock Wall: This fall, the City of Sparks began an extensive construction project to upgrade the pump station that moves between 2 ½ to 3 ½ million gallons of water each day from the Marina to the Truckee River. Along with new pumping equipment and piping, the rock wall along the south side of the Marina is being replaced. The water pumps maintain the lake level, preventing flooding of the neighboring homes and businesses.

Holly Quick Memorial Garden: Located at the southwest corner of the Marina is the Holly Quick Memorial which has been closed for quite some time. The closure was necessary due to the deterioration of the rock wall next to the site. This winter, a new rock wall will be constructed along with a new staircase leading to the garden.

All-Abilities Playground: Thanks to generous donations from local organizations, the playground at the Marina will be upgraded this winter. The playground will become the second all-abilities playground in Sparks, allowing access to children and their adult guardians of all capabilities.

Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza: Although the memorial is not a City of Sparks project, it is located at the Marina. The memorial is being built to preserve and honor the legacy of our fallen servicemembers from Nevada since 1864. Construction of the second phase of the memorial is well underway. This phase will complete the wall which lists the names of the servicemembers. It will provide benches for visitors to sit and reflect as well as a stage for veteran and servicemember organizations to hold events. Bricks being placed throughout the memorial are available with a personalized message by making a donation to the organization. To find out more about the memorial or to purchase a brick, visit www.NVMP.us

TREE POST REMOVAL AT NORTHERN NEVADA STATE VETERANS HOME



Paul Anderson using a post puller to remove a tree post



Roland Minot helping transfer pulled tree posts



David Deas helping transfer pulled tree posts



On December 18, 2021, Sparks Elks members and volunteers assisted the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home with removing about 200 tree posts. It only took about 2 hours to finish.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 12-17-2021



Our annual Christmas Dinner was held on Friday, December 17, 2021. We had about 48 members and guests attend.

Special thanks to Bill DeCarbonel and his crew for cooking the wonderful meal.

2021 SPARKS HOMETOWNE CHRISTMAS PARADE – DECEMBER 3, 2021



EXALTED RULER SUPPORTS:	Ron Rehn	775-813-7008	LECTURING KNIGHT SUPPORTS:	Jesse Otto	775-378-3586
Accident Prevention	Mike Stowell	775-358-6037	Americanism	[VACANT]	
Internal Auditing	Mike Phelps Mike Beloud	775-358-2397 702-378-39781	Community Activities	Martin J Roberto	775-741-3376
Orientation (chair / alt)	Martin J Roberto / Ken Ucovich	775-741-3376 / 775-233-6069	1.KTMB Spring River Clean Up	Paul Anderson	775-848-0834
Ritual Committee (co-chairs)	Ken Ucovich / [VACANT]	7775-233-6069/	2. KTMB Fall River Clean Up	Paul Anderson	775-848-0834
Investigation Committee	Vinnie Puliti	775-342-9430	3. Xmas Tree Recycling	Paul Anderson	775-848-0834
Membership Lapsation	[VACANT]		4. Polar Plunge	Cierra Roberto	775-846-0589
Public Relations	Vinnie Puliti	775-342-9430	5. Free Family Bingo Night (fall)	Martin J Roberto	775-741-3376
Christmas Dinner	[VACANT]		6. Angel Tree (Dec.)	Denise Roberto / SEL	775-378-2204
1 st Responder Dinner	Vinnie Puliti	775-342-9430	Flag Day (June)	Dan Cicero	408-218-1315
Grant Writing	[VACANT]		Memorial Day (Dec.)	[VACANT]	
State Pres. Dinner	Ron Rehn	775-813-7008	Father's Day Breakfast	[VACANT]	
LEADING KNIGHT SUPPORTS:	[VACANT]	775-378-6464	Youth Activities Chairsperson	Ron Rehn	775-813-7008
Christmas Day Parade	Vinnie Puliti	775-342-9430	OPERATION COMMITTEES		775-843-9398
St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser	Vinnie Puliti	775-342-9430	Bar / Lounge Manager	Jim Hefner	775-843-9398
Drug Awareness	Ron Rehn	775-813-7008	Rental Manager	Jim Hefner	775-843-9398
Valentine's Dinner / Awards	[VACANT]		Lodge Manager	Jim Hefner	775-843-9398
Mother's Day Breakfast	[VACANT]		Lodge Cleaning (biweekly)	Kandi Roberto	775-354-5169
Hoop Shoot (chair / alt)	Mary Holbrook	775-358-2397	Reporter Editor	Roland Minot	775-741-2571
			Lodge Webpage / Facebook Page	Roland Minot	775-741-2571
LOYAL KNIGHT SUPPORTS:	Ross Miller	775-338-4620	Presiding Judge	Martin Roberto	775-741-3376
			Lodge Mediator	Stan Stoll	775-722-9015
ENF	[VACANT]				
Scholarships	[VACANT]		Kitchen Manager	[VACANT]	
Veteran Chairman	Rick Linnenbrink	775-287-6120			
1. VA BBQ (once annually)	[VACANT]		PER President	Jim Hefner	775-843-9398
2. CLC 3 rd Friday Vets Dinner	[VACANT]		PER Sec / Treasurer	Vinnie Puliti	775-342-9430
3.NNSVH Qtly Ice Cream Social	Rick Linnenbrink	775-287-6120			
4. Gold Star Memorial (Sept)	Don Lininger	775-750-6322	Sparks Elks Ladies President	Diane Nielsen	775-673-8500
5.Biweekly vets poker	[VACANT]		Vice President	Pat Rehn	928-373-8338
Membership Drives	Ross Miller	775-338-4620	Secretary	Joni Hammond	775-358-2397
Installation of New Officer Dinner	Ron Rehn / Stan Stoll	775-813-7008 / 775-722-9015	Treasurer	Deborah Deas	916-956-0542

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Esquire	Ken Ucovich, PER...233-6069
Chaplain	Rick Linnenbrink..... 287-6120
Inner Guard	Roland Minot.....741-2571
Tiler	Patricia Rehn358-2397

**SPARKS ELKS LODGE # 2397
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022**

1st. Year Trustee	David Deas.....358-2397
2nd. Year Trustee	Mike Stowell.....358-6037
3rd. Year Trustee	Jim Hefner, PER.....843-9398
4th. Year Trustee	Curtis Wright.....408-892-4213
5th. Year Trustee	Stan Stoll, PSP.....722-9015
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