



October 2020

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COMMENTS FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Fellow Members,

As October approaches, we start to reflect on the year that is the infamous 2020. I would first like to thank Doug VanHorn for his time as Exalted Ruler of our Lodge. I know it was a difficult decision to step down. His months as ER were some of the most difficult months ever for any Exalted Ruler. He was faced with a situation that an ER hadn't encountered before. A thank you goes to Larry Glover for temporarily stepping up in the last few weeks. I would like to thank all the members who showed up to vote for our officers and myself. I'm not aware of another time when we had to elect officers for all four chairs in the middle of a lodge year.

October is breast cancer awareness month; let that sink in for a moment. I'm sure we all know somebody who this cancer has attacked. My grandmother was a survivor back in the mid 1990's. We have our very own Christina Saxton and her twin, Melissa Bacoccini, who were both diagnosed within days of each other this year. They say twins do everything together, and Christina and Melissa are no different; even as unfortunate as cancer is, they are surviving together!!

October is full of interesting and fun "national days" such as the 4th is Ten-Four Day; radio operators rejoice! October 7th: World Smile Day. To wrap up the month October 31st is National Knock-Knock Joke Day (I'm not kidding) so if our kids are able to trick or treat this year, get the knock-knock jokes ready! This year, we will have our Fall Convention on the 17th at the Soaring Eagle Casino. We were advised that seating is limited and it will be reduced to only a meeting.

Thank you to all who have been supporting the lodge meals; with all the Covid restrictions, meals and drinks are the lodges only source of income during this difficult time. Remember, all meals are available to go, as well as drive up pick up from the back kitchen door. Just call the lodge with your order.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to all the volunteers throughout the lodge; with your help, anything is possible!

In closing, I thank you for your support of our officers and myself. I am looking forward to serving the lodge in the upcoming months.

Humbly yours,

Kyle Packard, Exalted Ruler

365 CLUB (PINK BANKS) for August

2—Rudy & Ellen Godefroidt
3—Darrell & Karen Hundey
Renee & Terry Barnaby

**Start of September
“Coins for Kids” Month**

Don & Cathi Curtis—
 In Memory of Jack Decker
 2—Tom Breidinger
 Don Barber
 L. Parsons
 Lori Heiting
Christy & Mike Saxton—
 In Memory of Brenda Helman
Christy & Mike Saxton—
 In Memory of John Potacka
 Stu Shook & Wanda McLaren
 Thom & Pat McCreery for the kids
 Dave Travis
Randy & Elaine Boudreau—
 In Honor of Christina
Randy & Elaine Boudreau—
 In Honor of Melissa Bacoccini
Donna Beyer—In Memory of Mark Beyer



BAR HOURS

MON: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM
TUE-FRI: 3:00 PM-10:00 PM
SAT: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM
SUN: Special Events

Rules of our Lodge state that 6 or more members need to be present to extend bar hours.



**ELKS—1400
2020-2021 OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler.....Kyle Packard
Esteemed Leading Knight.....Stephen Todd
Esteemed Loyal Knight.....Joe Noggle
Esteemed Lecturing Knight.....Doug Stahl
Secretary.....Heather Todd
Treasurer.....Sally Linton
Tiler.....Chelsea Rigley
Esquire.....Elaine Helman-Boudreau, PER
Chaplain.....John Criswell, PER
Inner Guard.....vacant

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IN MEMORIAM

The clock of their day has stopped and across its dial the motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven, the hour of recollection.

JOHN POTACKA, PER

BORN: March 5, 1940
INITIATED: February 23, 1999
PASSED AWAY: August 24, 2020

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ronald L Alward.....1	Brent Meyers.....12	Valerie R Otto.....20
Timothy R Wysong.....1	Jeffrey Humphrey.....13	Tim Bott.....21
Michael D Kenny.....2	David Walsh.....13	Donald Barber.....22
James Douglas Lyon.....3	Todd Moeggenborg.....14	Philip Purcell.....22
Malisa Hale.....4	James Rowland.....14	Baxter Lee Ebnit.....24
Alan Fidler.....5	Ray VanDeweghe.....14	James Townsend.....25
Lucinda F Humphrey.....5	James Race.....15	Michael Nixon.....26
Kyle Packard.....5	Marc Sutherland.....15	Donald Bupp.....27
Joseph R Ebnit.....6	James Vyskocil.....15	Gary Frisbie.....27
Gary Downing.....7	Steven Frost.....16	John Renneberg.....27
Kris D Duflo.....7	Todd Nemeth.....16	Jon Rhynard.....27
Gerald L Wolven.....7	Danny Paul Riesberg.....16	Charles C Chapman.....28
Kyle E Wilhelm.....8	Todd Dopkowski.....17	Marion Duane Grover.....28
Dianne Beard.....9	David Brookhouse.....18	Burton Henry.....28
Michael D Naffziger.....9	Walter Essex.....18	James E Bailey.....29
Kevin Ray Chase.....10	Carol Shaw.....18	Jack M Durham.....29
Charles R Everest.....10	John Tellis.....18	James D Yost.....29
Keegan Gay.....10	Matthew Vusich.....18	Marci Lynn Gruss.....30
Jeffrey D Hedrick.....10	James K Leasher.....19	Matt Hoffman.....30
Wayne Pratt.....10	Scott R Anderson.....20	Thomas A Hohlbein.....30
John L Acton.....11	James Diehl.....20	Thomas A McCorkle.....30
Randall H Boudreau.....11	Josh Frisbie.....20	Matthew P VandenBerg.....30
Jennifer A Cowles.....12	Paul C Lux.....20	Laurie VanHorn.....31

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS ARE BACK!!!

(All meals are available for take-out or delivery to vehicle, just call or stop in)

Friday, October 2nd: Steak Fry: 8 oz Sizzler, Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Roll for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, October 9th: All You Can Eat Here Baked or Fried Fish Fry (no to go containers if dining in) served with French fries and Cole Slaw for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, October 16th: 10" Beef or Chicken Wet Burrito or Beef Nachos for \$9.00 8" Beef or Chicken Wet Burrito for \$7.00 or Gluten Free 8" Beef or Chicken Wet Burrito for \$7.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, October 23rd: Broasted Chicken with Mashed Potatoes, Corn for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, October 30th: Pork Loin, Macaroni and Cheese and Fried Green Beans with Bacon for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!



In honor of this recognition as well as all cancers, we will be raising donations for Pardee Cancer Center of Alma.

Pardee provides financial assistance, when needed, to cancer patients residing in Gratiot County for cancer-related medical expenses.

They also help patients understand the terms of their insurance, apply for Medicaid and Social Security disability benefits, apply for financial assistance through different facilities, and they refer assistance to organizations that provide services for patients in need (housekeeping, driving, etc).

Pardee helps to relieve patients' and their families of the financial and emotional burdens and the overwhelming challenges that they have to deal with as they go through their cancer journey.

OCTOBER 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	2 Steak Fry \$10 5:30-7:00 PM	3
4	5	6 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Taco Night 5:00-8:00 PM Served from the kitchen	8 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	9 Fish Fry \$10 5:30-7:00 PM	10
11	12	13 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM Lodge and House Committee Mtg 7:00 PM	14 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Taco Night 5:00-8:00 PM Served from the kitchen	15 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	16 Beef or Chicken Wet Burrito or Beef Nachos 8''-\$7 10''-\$9 5:30-7:00 PM	17
18	19	20 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM Board of Directors Mtg 7:00 PM	21 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Taco Night 5:00-8:00 PM Served from the kitchen	22 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	23 Broasted Chicken \$10 5:30-7:00 PM	24
25	26 Indoctrination 7:00 PM	27 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM Lodge & Initiation 7 PM	28 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Taco Night 5:00-8:00 PM Served from the kitchen	29 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	30 Pork Loin \$10 5:30-7:00 PM	31
1 (November)	2	3 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM	4 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Taco Night 5:00-8:00 PM Served from the kitchen	5 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	6 Steak Fry \$10 5:30-7:00 PM	7

REINSTATEMENTS

In our Lodge By-Laws, Article X, Section 4, allows that during the sixty (60) day period between September 1st and October 31st, of each year, the fee for reinstatement in this Lodge of a member stricken from the rolls from this Lodge for nonpayment of dues shall be one (1) dollar, instead of the regular \$50.

If you know any dropped member that wishes to reinstate, applications may be picked up from the Secretary or at the bar.

Anyone filing in October needs to pay \$1 reinstatement, plus \$50 pro-rated dues for a total of \$51. This is payable when submitting your application.

Heather S.L. Todd
Secretary

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALMA ELKS #1400 BY-LAWS

State Sponsor Ronald Hicks, PGER is insisting that all Lodges comply with Section 15.090 of the Elks Statutes Annotated which states “The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at any regular or special meeting of a Lodge or at any statutorily required Special Services held within the Lodge is prohibited.” Further Section 16.090 of these same Statutes states, “All Homes, Clubs, Club Rooms and Social Parlors shall be closed during the hours of all regular and special meetings of the Lodge, except those facilities thereof designated for the use of and then being used only by the non-Member spouses and minor children of the Members of the Lodge, providing the use does not interfere with proper functioning of Lodge meeting. Any Lodge violating this Section under any pretext whatever shall be liable to a forfeiture of its Charter.” Further, Alma Elks Lodge #1400 House Rules #4 states, “During the hours when the Lodge is in session, entertainment facilities and the Club bar shall be closed.”

This means that at 7:00 PM on Lodge meeting nights the bar must be closed and absolutely NO alcohol may be purchased or consumed during the regular Lodge meeting. Any alcohol of those in the Lounge area will be removed from them at this time. Further this means that while NON-Members and children can remain in the Lounge area while not consuming alcohol others will be required to attend Lodge or leave the facility.

Some discussion was held by a By-Law Committee consisting of Dick Coleman, Doug VanHorn, Kyle Packard, Doug Stahl, Heather and Stephen Todd, John Criswell and Elaine Helman-Boudreau who met on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM to pursue the following By-Law change.

Under Article IV: MEETING, Section 1 states:

“The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July and August, in which the Lodge shall meet the first Tuesday.”

Proposed change will read, “The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth **Monday** of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July and August, in which the Lodge shall meet the second Monday.”

Reasoning behind this is that Tuesday, being Burger Night is a bad night for the bar to be closed at 7:00 PM while Monday, which is not a highly frequented night, would not significantly cut into the Lounge profits with the bar closing at 7:00.

This proposal will be read on Lodge floor on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 with voting on the proposed change being held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. All members are encouraged to be in attendance to vote on this change.

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