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## COMMENTS FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Fellow Members,

Happy New Year! As 2020 comes to an end, most of us have been waiting for this moment to get this year behind us. Sadly, it is not that simple. Our current shutdown will continue through to January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting our meals. As I have helped with most of the meals, there are a few regulars that I always see in the drive through. Seeing some regulars definitely helps it feel a little more “normal”. The free Christmas dinner was a success. We were helped with numerous donations; a couple of large donations coming from Mercantile Bank (\$500) and Ace of Diamonds (\$200). Thank you so much to all the members who donated in some way to help make this dinner happen! It was great to see Elks in action, making a positive impact in our community.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas, even if you did not get to see all your family this year. It has been amazing to serve you as ER in such a roller coaster of a year. I could not be prouder of the members of our lodge and all your charitable offerings of time and money. It was truly an honor to help run meals to cars during the Christmas dinner. It was refreshing to see the well-oiled machine assembly line of volunteers in the kitchen and all the friendly delivery drivers.

As the Covid vaccine has started to be dispersed, we will surely but slowly get back to normal. Meals are still currently to go only, however, Lodge and Board of Director Meetings are back to in person meetings and have moved to Mondays at 7:00 PM. We can have members in the lodge, but no consumption of food or drink. Masks, currently, must be worn at all times. There has also been some confusion about how to get information to the members. If a member wishes to be informed about what is currently going on at the lodge, they need to attend Lodge Meetings. A happy Elk is an informed Elk, and an informed Elk attends Lodge.

In closing, I will try to lighten the mood with some dates to remember in January. January 3<sup>rd</sup> is “Fruitcake Toss Day”, who eats that stuff? Ha Ha! January 9<sup>th</sup> is “Static Electricity Day”, so drag those socks across the carpet and give your significant other an electrifying kiss! January 17<sup>th</sup> is “Ditch the New Year’s Resolution Day”. Did anybody even make it this far? Then to follow up ditching the resolution, January 27<sup>th</sup> is “Chocolate Cake Day”. Why wait? Cheers to a better year, good health, and more opportunities to positively impact others.

Gratefully Yours,  
Kyle Packard, Exalted Ruler

**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.

**TAD BAILEY**

**BORN:** December 13, 1955  
**INITIATED:** May 31, 2008  
**PASSED AWAY:** November 14, 2020

**PAUL EDWARD FAETH,  
RETIRED COLONEL**

**BORN:** November 27, 1931  
**INITIATED:** November 27, 1991  
**PASSED AWAY:** December 21, 2020

**Jack of Hearts tickets are \$1.00 each and drawings are held every Friday between 7:00 and 9:00 PM.**

**There are many more ways to win this time around so check the rules posted at the lodge.**

**Remember that all these dinners and events are subject to change based off new or changing Covid-19 restrictions and Executive Orders. Please keep your eyes and ears open for updates as they become available.**



**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.....Matt Clark

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**365 Club (Pink Banks)**

Don & Cathi Curtis  
Jeff & Tiffani Shook—In Memory of John Potacka  
Rudy & Ellen Godefroidt—In Memory of Jimmie K  
2—D & K Hundey  
Ruth Hall—In Memory of Donna VandeMark

**BAR HOURS**

**MON:** 3:00 PM-8:00 PM  
(Bar closes at 7 PM for Meetings)  
**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.**

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Kettler.....1	Aaron J Mills.....12	Gregory D Lambert.....22
Neal E Raymond.....1	Ronald J Clark.....14	John D Pavlik Jr.....22
Sharon Stebelton.....1	Blake Davis.....14	James Elmer Peck.....22
Julie M Rossi.....2	Barbara Fandell.....14	Jack L Tennant.....22
Andrew Weber.....2	Lee B Bohannon.....15	Scott Kimmel.....23
Peter S Connaughton.....4	Richard A Hon.....15	Carol L Sutherland.....23
Nicholas Adam King.....5	Cory L Irvin.....15	Harold House.....24
William Donley.....6	Diana Piggott.....15	Diana Peet.....24
Richard J Shoemaker.....7	Howard Poindexter.....16	Brian Waber.....24
Richard G Clements.....8	Chris Brown.....18	Richard M Bernard.....25
Robert Kanine.....8	Scott Capen.....18	James Gager.....26
Carol J Layman.....9	Gordon Everitt.....18	Michael Peters.....27
Dana Saurman.....9	Sherry Vining.....21	Judith M Mayle.....28
Dennis J Howe.....10	Kevin Wiltshire.....21	Lyndsay Stone.....30
Rolland L Gushen.....11	Mary Ellen Yost.....21	Shelley Vasey.....30
Fred Patterson.....11	Clarence A Gurski.....22	Lynda C Acker.....31
Duane K Boroughf.....12	James E Huff.....22	Tom Hale.....31
Thomas Gault.....12		Joseph Noggle.....31

**Please welcome Jack Snyder to the Board of Directors. Jack was voted in at our regular Lodge Meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 would have been our Annual Memorial Service to pay respect for the members that we have lost in the past year. Due to the current shut down we were unable to hold our usual service, but poinsettias were still delivered by ER Kyle Packard, Esquire Elaine Helman-Boudreau and PER Randy Boudreau to the families of the following members:**

## **JANUARY DINNERS!!!**

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

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: No Dinner—Closed**

**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, and Homemade Bread for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM TO GO ONLY**

**Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>: All you can eat HERE Baked or Fried Fish (no to go containers) served with French Fries and Cole Slaw for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM**

**Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Chef's Choice from 5:30-7:00 PM**

**Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>: Chef's Choice from 5:30-7:00 PM**







Nunzio Nico	February 5
James R Terwilliger	February 20
Marlin D Brush	March 2
Chris Engle	April 23
Brenda Helman	May 7
William Banks	July 6
Leonard E Lada	July 25
Sally L Kaufmann	August 3
Richard Brenner	August 7
Don Dewey	August 14
John R Potacka	August 24
Timothy L Tennant	October 3
Phillip Raske	November 9
Tad Bailey	November 14
Gerald L Wolven	November 20

**A special thank you to Thom and Pat McCreery for donating the beautiful poinsettias!!**



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JANUARY 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> New Year's Day Closed	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> No PER Mtg	<b>5</b> Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM Drive thru only	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM Drive thru only	<b>8</b> Meatloaf Dinner \$10.00 5:30-7:00 PM Drive thru only Jack of Hearts 7 PM	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> In Person Lodge & House Committee Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>12</b> Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM Drive thru only	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM Drive thru only	<b>15</b> Fish Fry \$10 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Board of Directors Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>19</b> Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	<b>20</b> Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM  Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>21</b> Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>22</b> Chef's Choice 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Indoctrination 6:00 PM Lodge & Initiation 7 PM	<b>26</b> Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	<b>27</b> Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM  Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>28</b> Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>29</b> Chef's Choice 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>1 (Feb)</b> PER Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>2</b> Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	<b>3</b> Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM  Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>4</b> Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>5</b> Steak Fry \$10 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	<b>6</b>

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue.

The Grand Lodge, Fraternal Committee is asking Elks Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web sites to help inspire members and citizens in their communities to make these life-saving donations.

Even though 95% of Americans are in favor of being a donor, only 54% of the U.S. adult population, are registered organ, eye and tissue donors. Nationally, nearly 33,600 patients began new lives in 2016 thanks to organ transplants. 683,000 have taken place since 1988. Every year 1.5 million tissue transplants are performed. 48,000 patients have their sight restored through corneal transplants each year and 1,500,000 since 1961! Unfortunately, 119,000 men, women and children currently need life-saving organ transplants. Then, add another name to the national organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes. No wonder an average of 22 people die each day from the lack of available organs for transplant!

We Elks Members can help close the gap! For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, go to [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net). This is a great way to show that "Elks Give from the Heart."