



July/August 2021

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COMMENTS FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Fellow Members,

It continues to be a privilege and a pleasure to be ER. I want to thank the membership for their understanding of my absence last month from lodge. I've always said family come first. I've enjoyed watching my son get back to playing baseball this year. I want to thank John Schuiling for filling in as ER for a Lodge Meeting with Initiation and Leading Knight Stephen Todd for stepping in for a lodge meeting as well.

The National Convention is coming up over the 4th of July as usual. This year it is in Tampa, Florida. I thank all of you for sending my family and I to National Convention. I'm honored to represent Alma Lodge #1400. If you have never been to a National Convention, I urge you to make the trip. I have been told you meet a lot of great people and it's a great experience. Next year will be in Atlanta, so start making plans if you would like to go.

Keep an eye on our weekly reminders; now that restrictions have been loosened, we are looking into bringing back live entertainment. Remember to keep bringing friends. We are off to a great start growing our membership this year. In 2 months, we are up to 20 new members!

Summer is in full swing with 4th of July fast approaching. Before we know it, Labor Day will be just around the corner with the new school year and football season! I hope you all have a wonderful summer. We will see you when I get back from Tampa!

Gratefully Yours,
Kyle Packard, Exalted Ruler

We will be holding nominations and election for our open Board of Trustees spot at our next Lodge Meeting (Monday, July 12th, 2021) at 7:00 PM. All members are welcome to attend!!

BAR HOURS

MON: 3:00 PM-7:00 PM
(Bar closes at 7 PM for ALL Meetings,
will reopen ONLY after Initiation)

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.

*****CALLING ALL VETERANS*****

Please submit your military information to the Lodge Secretary, Heather Todd, at your earliest convenience.

Please email alma1400secretary@outlook.com or leave a printed note in the Secretary mailbox in the foyer with the following information: your name, your military branch, rank, and listed years of service. If you received any awards you qualified for, please include those as well. If you have a picture of yourself from your military time, please send via email or drop off for the secretary to scan.

Heather S.L. Todd, Secretary

If you received another statement and you have already paid your 2021-22 dues and have your card, please disregard the invoice. Grand Lodge issued the following notice:

- **Local Lodge Billing Error**
We discovered a mistake with the billing file recently sent out by Grand Lodge. It was scheduled to be pulled on May 22nd. Instead, the Billing file from April 16th file was accidentally used. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. (Posted 06/09/2021)

For those members that received the statement and are delinquent, we appreciate your prompt payment. We are at 49 delinquencies currently. Please remember that on April 1st of each year, if you did not ask for an absolute demit, we are charged assessments by Grand Lodge, State and District that are paid out even if we have not received your membership dues. We look forward to your continued membership in Alma Lodge #1400.

FRIDAY DINNERS!!!

(All meals are available for Dine-In, Take-out or Delivery to vehicle, just call or stop in)

Friday, July 2nd: No Dinner

Friday, July 9th: All you can eat **HERE** Baked or Fried Fish (no to go containers) or ½ Chicken served with French Fries and Cole Slaw for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, July 16th: Beef or Chicken Wet Burritos \$7.00-\$9.00 or Beef Nachos \$9.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, July 23rd: Brats with Macaroni and Cheese from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, July 30th: Smoked Brisket with Homemade Scalloped Potatoes and Corn on the Cob 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, August 6th: Steak Fry: 8 oz Sizzler or ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Vegetable and Roll for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, August 13th: All you can eat **HERE** Baked or Fried Fish (no to go containers) or ½ Chicken served with French Fries and Cole Slaw for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, August 20th: Beef or Chicken Wet Burritos \$7.00-\$9.00 or Beef Nachos \$9.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, August 27th: Matt’s Homemade Pizza from 5:30-7:00 PM



ELKS—1400 2020-2021 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Kyle Packard
Esteemed Leading Knight.....Stephen Todd
Esteemed Loyal Knight.....Doug Stahl
Esteemed Lecturing Knight.....Matt Clark
Secretary.....Heather Todd
Treasurer.....Sally Linton
Tiler.....Richard Coleman, PER
Esquire.....Randall Boudreau, PER
Chaplain.....John Criswell, PER
Inner Guard.....Douglas VanHorn, PER

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Doug Yost
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Tom Naessens

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June 365 Pink Bank Names

Diane DeMott—In Memory of Thomas DeMott
Ruth Davis
Don & Cathi Curtis—In Memory of Bob LeRoux
2—John & Linda Loper
Bill & Carol Sutherland
2—Terry & Renee Barnaby
Rudy & Ellen Godefroidt—In Memory of Jimmie K
Darrell & Karen Hundey
1—No Name
Mike & Christy Saxton—In Memory of Sally Kaufmann
Mike & Christy Saxton—In Memory of Brenda Helman
Mike & Christy Saxton—
In Memory of Harold & Doretta Helman
John & Kay Criswell—
In Memory of Marshall Criswell & John “Jack” Austin



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Wiliam Kooiman.....1	Brandy Everest.....12	Judith Bohlmann.....23
James Mackie.....1	Trenton Wilhelm.....12	Robert Mayes.....23
James Biddinger.....2	Heath Barton.....13	Sandy Capen.....24
Robert Breidinger.....3	G. Fred Dill.....14	Douglas Yarnell.....24
Ruth Hall.....3	Robert Bissell.....15	Michael Lemcool.....25
Roger Pung.....3	Beth Boyer.....15	Brenda Brennan.....26
Gary Reisig.....3	Stanford Curtiss.....15	Diane Dunlap.....26
Aaron Davis.....4	John Earegood.....15	Edward Golding.....26
Heather Todd.....4	Michael Miller.....15	Thomas Nester.....26
Bernard McClain.....5	Alan Gatlin.....16	Lewis Wicks.....26
John Weller.....5	Richard Pharr.....17	Michael Dufrene.....27
Melissa Bacoccini.....6	Mila Donley.....18	Gale Fisher.....27
Christina Saxton.....6	Rudy Godefroidt.....18	Steven Lott.....27
Carl Sztuczko.....6	David Knowles.....18	Dennis Marshall.....27
David Garcia.....7	Phillip Taylor.....18	Gary Smith.....27
Thomas Cavanaugh.....8	Tammy Halfmann.....19	Steven Beattie.....28
Tyler Haase.....8	David Biehl.....20	Tommy Peet.....28
Terry Klein.....8	John Harrier.....20	John Naumes.....29
Wayne Wieferich.....8	Alexander Radzibon.....20	Ryan Shook.....29
David Nichols.....9	Elmer Freeman.....21	Roger Morris.....30
Ronald Schultz.....11	Richard LaBarre.....22	Mervyn Sanders.....30
Traci Alspaugh.....12		Michael Kreutziger.....31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Michael Smith.....1	Edwin Meyer.....11	Larry Glover.....20
Tracey Stephens.....1	Lawrence Fillhard.....12	Lindy Willey.....20
Raymond Francis.....2	Markus Gloria.....12	Marci Browne.....21
Jean McNab.....2	Robert Minnick.....12	Robert Martin.....21
Thomas Wittkopp.....2	Ronald Vibbert.....12	Ernest Wright.....21
Eric Bailey.....3	James Dubey.....13	David Tripp.....22
Sherri Hessbrook.....3	Jack Newson.....13	Kevin Collison.....23
Ranae Wolfe.....3	John Schuiling.....13	Gregory Mikek.....24
Thomas Naessens.....4	David Holton.....14	William VanAtten.....24
Christopher Knopf.....5	Thomas Mueller.....14	Henry Farr.....25
Gary Beeson.....6	Ronald Acton.....15	Sanford Simon.....25
Robert Lombardi.....6	Donald Brown.....15	Michael Brennan.....26
Michael Makara.....6	Michael Krebs.....16	Darrell Hundey.....27
Jack Branch.....7	Keith Krueger.....16	Taylor Hyde.....27
Zachary Cottrell.....7	Douglas Yost.....16	Edward Taylor.....27
Heather Frost.....7	Donald Burch.....17	Thomas Wachnicki.....27
Ellen Markovich.....7	Eric Chick.....17	Joanne Baker.....28
Thomas McCreery.....7	Michael Morris.....17	Thomas Hamp.....28
John Meyers.....7	Douglas Aldrich.....18	Terry Holland.....28
Jason Dice.....8	Teresa Butcher.....18	Betty Root.....28
Christopher Drury.....8	Jack Schnepf.....18	Jeffrey Stahl.....30
Chad Pratt.....8	Gerald Goshorn.....19	Dale Price.....31
Gary Vernon.....8	John Hardman.....19	Tracy Ross.....31
Roger Campbell.....9	Sandra Smalley.....19	Mark Sopol.....31
Donald Goshorn.....11	Matthew Clark.....20	Donald Swalwell.....31
	Jerry Essenberg.....20	

JULY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	2 No Dinner Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	3 Lodge Closed
4	5 No PER Meeting	6 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	7 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	8 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	9 Fish Fry or ½ Chicken \$10 5:30-7 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	10
11 Darts (all are welcome) 3:00-8:00 PM Taco Bar	12 Lodge & House Committee Mtg 7:00 PM	13 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	14 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	15 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	16 Wet Burrito \$7.00-\$9.00 or Nacho \$9.00 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	17
18	19 Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00-6:00 PM Board of Directors Mtg 8:00 PM	20 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	21 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	22 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	23 Brat Dinner 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	24
25 Darts (all are welcome) 3:00-8:00 PM Rib Cook Off	26 Indoctrination 6:00 PM Lodge & Initiation 7 PM	27 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	28 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	29 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	30 Smoked Brisket 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	31
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29	30	31 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	1 (September) Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	2 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	3 Steak Fry or ½ Chicken \$10 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts 7:00 PM	4

Member Anniversaries for the month of July

2 nd	William and Sheila Claxton	44 Years
3 rd	Diana and Terry Piggott	24 Years
8 th	Lonnie and Susan Busch	49 Years
8 th	Scotty and Carolyn Jackson	32 Years
9 th	Patrick and Debra McLaughlin	38 Years
16 th	Stephen and Candiss Rigley	44 Years
17 th	C Scott and Lori Apple	22 Years
19 th	Jason and Christie Apple	9 Years
20 th	Marion and Bernice Grover	65 Years
20 th	Thomas and Bonnie Naessens	25 Years
22 nd	Joshua and Lisa Shaffer	21 Years
25 th	Sheila and Bill Pilmore	34 Years
26 th	Robert and Charlene Feiss	19 Years
26 th	Lisa and Anthony Parsons	8 Years
28 th	John and Karen Weller	37 Years
29 th	Richard and Jody LaBarre	49 Years
31 st	Phillip and Cindy Cook	28Years

Member Anniversaries for the month of August

1 st	Kyle and Samantha Packard	12 Years
5 th	Howard and Gladys Poindexter	60 Years
6 th	Thomas and Cheryl Rodenbo	22 Years
8 th	Larry and Cheryl Zill	13 Years
9 th	Keith and Catharina Bever	18 Years
10 th	William and Shirley Bailey	37 Years
11 th	Melissa and Anthony Bacoccini	9 Years
11 th	Matthew and Carlynn VanHall	3 Years
11 th	Matthew and Deborah Vusich	31 Years
15 th	John and Kay Criswell	30 Years
17 th	Charles and Kerri Hahn	19 Years
18 th	Jeffery and Keelee Bebow	31 Years
19 th	Jason and Shelley Cary	21 Years
20 th	Rudy and Ellen Godefroidt	50 years
21 st	Cyndi and Steven Bovee	39 Years
27 th	Marci and Todd Gruss	27 Years

New Members to Alma Lodge 1400



Seated Front Row: L to R

Terry Inosencio, Travis Inosencio, John Hall, David VanHall, Samantha Otter, Michael Keeler

Seated Middle Row: L to R

Terry Riley, Janet Hunter, Trevor Elliott, Manjit Nannan, Thomas Drury, Dawn Terwilliger, Michael Throop







Standing Back Row: L to R

Lecturing Knight Matthew Clark, Inner Guard Douglas VanHorn, Trustee Secretary Douglas Yost, Secretary Heather Todd, Trustee Chair Tracy Ross, Leading Knight Stephen Todd, Esquire Randall Boudreau, Exalted Ruler Kyle Packard, Tiler Richard Coleman, Trustee Thomas Naessens, Loyal Knight Douglas Stahl, Trustee Susan Helman, PER Ruth Hall



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