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MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER



KEVIN M. GREGG

The season is upon us. I'm not sure what season it is, but it's here! Chicken noodle or tomato soup sounds real good right about now! I wish you all Good Health.

It's been a year now since we came out of our probationary period and collectively we should be very proud of the progress this lodge has made. It is with your confidence, conviction and unity that we continue to make this lodge a pleasant and inviting place to come together. Thank you for your hard work and dedication in making this lodge a

better place. We still have room to prosper and we will continue working in a positive direction, building upon the successes we have achieved so far.

We attended the South Dakota State Elks Convention Oct. 8-10. There was a very good turnout from around the state with more than 180 members registered, in spite of the weather. Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nicholson had an opportunity to stop by and enjoy a brief tour of our facilities. He was very impressed with our lodge as well as his tour of the Black Hills. He emphasized the need for membership growth and was pleased that we have an active and progressive membership committee. In addition, he wanted to stress that he will send a Grand Exalted Ruler Award pin and a personal letter to those who procure any combination of three new members or reinstatements.

Your officers competed in the ritual contest and captured first-place honors and will have the privilege to represent our state at the national convention in Orlando, Fla., next June. They all worked very hard to learn their parts well and represent your lodge as in the best possible way. It was the best rendition thus far, so good in fact, that we were the only team performing. Please congratulate these dedicated people.

I'd like to invite all Past Exalted Rulers to attend our next meeting on Nov. 17 at 6:20 p.m. As PERs we understand we have an obligation to make ourselves available to the current officers and board members for advice and consultation. Please come and join us to discuss plans for our 100th anniversary celebration July 17, 2010. We will also elect officers for the coming year. You need to come and check out our new 100th Anniversary Jackets, on sale now!

A few of notable reminders -- Old Timers Night will be Nov. 4. We will especially honor 16 who will be inducted into the ranks of Life Members; you're welcome to come participate in the Veterans Day Parade Nov.11, and please note that our Elks Memorial Service will be Sunday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m.

Our Elk of the Month is a great example of how great the membership of this lodge really is. Jim McKinstry, throughout the summer has been a tremendous asset on and off the course. Whether it's a matter of opening up the cart barn, towing a dead golf cart off the course or covering the greens, Jim makes himself available to lend a hand. And, you will always find him in a really good mood!

Thank you so much Jim, we really appreciate your help.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.



October EoM Wayne Keeney, ER Kevin Gregg

Brother Wayne Keeney received a standing ovation from the floor when he was introduced as October Elk of the Month and presented with his award.

ER Kevin Gregg noted Keeney's recent help with the floor covering for the lodge pool room and his continuing efforts on behalf of Elks Lodge 1187.

Membership or Reinstatement

A one-time initiation fee \$65 (\$45 for ages 21-25)

Prorated dues during November are \$53.18

Attn: Past Members -- Reinstatement fee is \$20

Ask a friend to consider joining or rejoining

Applications in the lodge office or Pro Shop

At A Glance

November

Nov. 3 -- Lodge meeting, 7 p.m

Nov. 4 -- Old Timers Night, 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 10 -- Board meeting 7 p.m.

Nov. 12 -- Doe Drove 33 formal meeting

Nov. 17 -- PER meeting, 6:20 p.m.

Lodge meeting 7 p .m.

Nov. 18 -- Men's Golf Association fall meeting

6:30 social, 7 p.m. meeting

Nov. 20 -- Turkey Bingo, 6 p.m.

Nov. 22 -- Doe Drove 33 social meeting

Nov. 26 -- Thanksgiving -- Make Reservations

Memorial Sunday Dec. 6

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Est. Leading KnightDennis Johnson
Est. Loyal KnightTim Werlinger
Est. Lecturing KnightShawn Bolton
Lodge Secretary
Lodge TreasurerJim McEwen

TRUSTEES

Morris Most1 Years
Larry Bulman2 Years
Sandy McDonald3 Years
Kim Swanson4 Years
Bill Petersen5 Years

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Notes from the Chairman

By the time you read this we'll be past Halloween and well on our way to Thanksgiving. I'm writing this a little early as I will be a trifle busy in the upcoming weeks and want to be sure I cover a few things should my attention wander.

First and foremost we've closed out our major projects for the year and it simply couldn't have been done without the support of the Doyle family and Loren Doyle Concrete company. Our special thanks go to Loren and Dave Doyle. In addition we received outstanding support from Clark Electric, Rapid City Window and Glass, Dakota Supply Group and Western States Fire Protection in completing the electrical work, windows and doors, supplying materials and installing the fire protection sprinkler system for the building addition. Particularly our thanks go to Scott Clark, Curt Cartwright, Tim Reurink, and Mark Coad for their assistance to the project and their dedication to the Elks.

Several individuals deserve special mention (and a whole lot more) for their volunteer service on these projects. First, a man who should simply be renamed Mr. Dedication — Bill Petersen. Without his skill and guidance these things would simply not be completed. Tim Werlinger lent his considerable skills often, particularly in demolition for all the concrete work and installation of the new gas system for the patio. We always counted on Bill Edwards and he delivered throughout the process. He was there virtually every day and the days and hours were many. Francis Johnson was another member who was always available, would take on any task and hang in every day until the sun went down.

Numerous other members volunteered when they could: Morris Most, Jim Kennedy, Jim McKinstry, Bob Britt and Dennis Johnson, to name a few. I've probably missed someone and will catch up next month if I did. There were many and unique tasks involved with these projects

but none of it could have come together without the design and coordination provided by our engineer, Alan Temple. We not only have an addition but Rapid City's newest bombproof shelter. In addition Alan's wife, Deb Temple designed and installed the landscaping for the statues we installed at the Number One tee, a simply unique and wonderful addition to the golf course.

We've begun demolition work in the Armstrong room and Pro Shop. The steam room will require all new redwood and that work is underway. Many other small repairs have been accomplished and many more have been identified. Seems like we'll be having a winter perfectly suited to indoor work, so if you're handy with tools and would like to help out simply let a board member know and we'll hook you right up!

Many, many things are in the planning stage for our upcoming 100-year lodge anniversary. We strongly urge you get involved in this celebration. Contact the Board, the Activities Committee, Scott McDonald or Brett Sutton if you'd like to take on an active role for the festivities. We'd love to make this the most memorable event in our history and can do that with your help.

I'm sorry to report that I will have to take a few weeks off starting in late November. I've got a little cancer that needs treatment and chances are I'll lose my good humor over the course of the eight-week scheduled process, so I will take a brief leave of absence. Trustee Bill Peterson has agreed to step into the chairman's role for the interim.

I hope that your Thanksgiving and holidays are the best they've ever been. See you in the New Year. **(Please remember to sign up for your Heard via the e-mail notification and web site!)**

Larry Bulman
Chairman, Board of Trustees



2009 November Activities Calendar

SATURDAYS

Open Menu
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Prime Rib
\$15.99

Crown Royal
\$4.50

BBQ Pork Ribs
\$13.99
Half rack \$8.99

Bring a friend out

SUNDAYS

Sunday Brunch
9 a.m. - 1p.m.

\$8.50 Adults, \$7.50 Seniors, \$6.50 children

NFL Football
Nacho and Chicken Wing Special
Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25

Scotch Sunday
Catty \$2.50

Great Buffet

MONDAYS

Spaghetti and meatballs
\$7.99
6 oz. Sirloin
\$6.99

Morgan Monday - \$2.75

Play Scotch Doubles

TUESDAYS

Lodge meeting
Nov. 3 & 17, 7 p.m.
PER meeting
Nov. 17, 6:20 p.m.

Couples Bridge
Nov. 24

Steak Tips
\$6.99

Board meeting
Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

Tanqueray
Tuesday
\$2.50

Card Ladies
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24

Enjoy Your Elks

WEDNESDAYS

Member Appreciation
6 oz. Sirloin \$6.50

Windsor Wednesday - \$2.25

Member Appreciation

THURSDAYS

Smokeless all day!
Member Birthday Night

2-Piece Broaster Chicken dinner
\$5.99

Nov. 12 Opening Night NFL

Thirsty Thursday
Lord Calvert & Seagrams 7 - \$2.25

Chicken Night

LOUNGE HOURS:

Open daily at 11
Lunch Specials
M, T, Th 11a.m. - 10 p.m.
W, F, Sat 11a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sun 11a.m. - 9 p.m.

RESTAURANT-KITCHEN HOURS:

11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Monday through Saturday Buffet 9 to 1
p.m.
Kitchen open 11 to 8 p.m.
Happy Hour daily 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Prime Rib
\$15.99

Catch of the Day
\$13.99

Jack Daniels or Jim Beam \$2.50

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Make sure you check it out!
www.rcelks.org

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for Thanksgiving Buffet

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Seating at 11 a.m., 12:30 and 2 p.m.

Adults \$12.95; Seniors \$11.95

Children \$6.95

Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing
Vegetables, Cranberries
Full Salad and Dessert Bar

Bring the family to eat or play

Wow, it's November, which means it's time to start making your Thanksgiving dinner plans. Watching football games at the lodge is only one of the many reasons to stop out Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. There are a lot of great games and some of the best will be on the big screens in the lodge. Every Sunday we have all of the games so you don't miss "your" favorite team or player and we're offering a special on Chicken Wings or Beef Nachos as well.

We have a new fall menu offering some different items and are adding everyone's favorite 6-ounce steak on the menu.

The Sunday Brunch is still extremely popular so remember that even if there is a wait to get in, it is definitely the best bargain in Rapid City.

Don't forget the evening dining room specials. The Tuesday night Steak Tips special is quickly becoming a local favorite.

We have a lot of great specials this month so check out November's calendar. As a result of the excellent response, we will have prime rib for the special on Friday and Saturday nights. We have been told by quite a few of our customers that our prime rib is the best in town, so stop in and enjoy dinner.

If you are looking for a great meal to take with you to some of the local high school football games why not pick up an order of chicken on your way to the game and have an instant tailgate party? You may call your order in at 393-1187 and we will have it ready for you to stop by and pick it up.

For those of you who have not seen the new meeting rooms, they have been a big hit with the people who have been booking them.

We still have daily drink specials and are offering a 10 percent discount to all current Elk members on food purchases.

We have been busy booking a large number of Christmas parties so please remember that even though the parking lot appear to be full, many tables in the dining room and lounge remain available.

Thank you from Brandon, Dusti and the staff

It is Turkey Bingo Time!



Quick! Catch your bird!

Nov. 20

Elks Lodge 1187

Eat at 6 p.m.

Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

\$6 per person

Includes taco bar and bingo!

One big prize per person

Now is the time for Christmas Pro Shop shopping

Hello Golfers,

It may be hard to believe, but November is here. What happened to fall? I'm starting to think we only have two seasons in Rapid City — winter and summer. The only problem is that winter lasts nine months :(Oh well, maybe Mother Nature will give us a couple of warm days this month to enjoy some more golf.

The Pro Shop will have a BLOWOUT CLEARANCE SALE beginning Nov. 1. All items will be drastically reduced to decrease the inventory before we close for the winter. Stop in and save on remaining shoes, clubs, golf balls, gloves, etc. for the upcoming year. Now is a great time to begin your Christmas shopping. We have gift certificates available for the 2010 season, they make a great Christmas gifts!

We tentatively plan to cover the greens Monday, Nov. 23, beginning at 9 a.m. (Poor weather may cause us to cover them prior to that time). Any one who would like to volunteer to help can sign up in the Pro Shop or call us. Many

volunteers will be needed so your help is appreciated.
Fairways and Greens

Aaron and the entire golf staff

Men's Golf meeting Nov. 18

Hello fellow golfers: Today, as I am writing this, it is 78 degrees, a lot better than last week and just a little better than next. With the season coming to an end I hope you all enjoyed your golf. Mine went backwards, but it wasn't because of the course because it was in the best shape I can remember.

The Men's Golf Association fall meeting is Nov.18, with a social half hour beginning at 6:30 and the general meeting at 7 p.m. There will be a change in the board, so show up to help support them. We should have a good time.

Joe Riss, president

Your presence is requested

**FOR
OLD TIMERS NIGHT!**

**Wednesday, Nov. 4
at 5:30 p.m.**

Dinner will be served

The lodge has reserved this time to honor the fine men of Rapid City Lodge 1187 for their years of fraternal support.

Their participation over the years has been crucial to the longevity and vitality of a lodge approaching its 100th year anniversary.

Please come, be our guest, and enjoy the camaraderie and the thanks of a grateful lodge.

Maybe you will have a story or two to tell about your association with 1187.

(All other Elks are welcome, you may pay at the door)

**New Life
Members**

Sixteen Life Members were unanimously elected at the Oct. 20 general membership meeting:

Walter B. Anderson
Robert D. Dryden
Jack M. Edwards
Ted Hanson

Kenneth J. Herman
Noel Kingsbury
Kenneth D. Knapp
Dexter S. Koehne

Russell J. Madsen
James R. Padgett
Robert W. Powles
Joseph G. Riss

John D. Schmit
Norbert J. Sebade
Richard H. Tucker
Thomas Vucurevich

Does seek pledges to support the meeting rooms project

Several DOES members got together in mid-October to make bracelets symbolizing the different forms of cancer. These bracelets have 14 different colored beads on them — one for each type of cancer. They will be for sale for \$10 each at a variety of DOES events or you may contact any member for information on how to purchase one.

We have also started our telephone calling campaign to raise money for the new dining-meeting rooms at the Elks Lodge. Please show your support for the improvements at the lodge by making a pledge. We have had to leave messages at many households and also ran into a lot of discontinued numbers, so if you have not been contacted and would like to make a donation, please send your check to "Elks Meeting Facilities" or call the lodge to make your contribution.

Our formal meeting Nov. 12 will have election of 2010 officers and our social meeting is on Nov. 22. Hope to see you all in attendance!

Mary Taylor
Reporter

Suggestion Box is open

Please take advantage of the suggestion box which is in the lobby (where the pay phone used to be).

Whatever your concern may be, register it. It is your lodge and your ideas are needed to make it a special place.

IN LOVING MEMORY



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Name	Born	Init	Died
Dennis Lee James	5-28-38	3-16-95	10-2-09
O. Dale Sayler	6-13-22	9-06-67	10-8-09
Theodore R 'Ted' Pfisterer	9-28-23	10-27-58	10-11-09
Wesley H. Hanson	9-14-32	5-18-66	10-16-09

Things to watch for ...

- Nov. 3 -- Lodge meeting
- Nov. 4 -- Old Timers Night
- Nov. 10 -- Board meeting
- Nov. 11 -- Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 12 -- Does formal meeting
- Nov. 17 -- PER meeting
Lodge meeting
- Nov. 18 -- Men's Golf fall meeting
- Nov. 20 -- Turkey Bingo
- Nov. 26 -- Thanksgiving Buffet
Smokeless Thursdays
Thursdays are birthday nights!

Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

If you are not doing anything on Nov. 11, become a Veterans Day participant and not just a spectator. Est. Loyal Knight Tim Werlinger and Est. Leading Knight Dennis Johnson could use some help.

PER Brett (and Robin) Sutton are providing the candy for the kids, but the "tossers" say they could use some help carrying banners and such. Give Tim or Dennis a call or let the office know if you're available.

PER Dean Reichert (and ER Kevin Gregg) had high praise for the lodge ritual team and its near flawless performance (near 98 percent) at the state convention in Deadwood. The effort was applauded by those attending the Oct. 20 meeting. The officers are raring to go to Florida and represent South Dakota at the Grand Lodge competition next summer. Attend a third-Tuesday meeting and see the group in action as they initiate new members.

Werlinger noted the lodge is still somewhat behind in donations to the Elks National Foundation. Lodge 1187 stands near \$3.88 per member against the Grand Exalted Ruler's call for \$4.50 per capita. Thus far fewer than 250 of our members have contributed this year -- with an average gift of \$20.

Five months remain in the fraternal year. Donations can be left in the lodge office or individuals may donate on line.

Trustee Bill Petersen displayed the new Elks jacket celebrating 1187's centennial next summer. The jackets are available at the lodge for \$70 (with \$10 going to the lodge toward centennial expenses). Damon and Corrine Ausmann are donating the embroidery.

In his Oct. 6 report to the lodge, National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris said the lodge

was host to 10 members of the "Re-Creation" entertainment group at the Econo Lodge. The entertainers provided a musical variety show for veterans at the Fort Meade and Hot Springs VA medical centers in early September.

Sept. 10, Dale Friend and Aaron Roeber and the Golf Course staff were hosts to five veterans and one staff member from Fort Meade for a golf outing.

Harris noted receipt of a thank you from the Black Hills Health Care System thanking the lodge for donating "the beautiful Activities Board for the dining room" at the Fort Meade center. Director Peter P. Henry wrote that the board helps the veterans with their everyday activities and upcoming events.

Sept. 16, Harris was host to 16 veterans, one family member and a staff member at the monthly bingo night at Fort Meade. He distributed \$70 in cash prizes and served donuts and sodas.

Sept. 24 he delivered boxes of clothing, baseball caps, shoes, paperback books and magazines to the State Veterans Home in Hot Springs. The VA centers at Fort Meade and Hot Springs have moved clothing collections to smaller quarters, so the donations were shared with the state facility. They sent thanks to Brad and Shirley Bursing, Lowell and Adeline Hamilton, Harlan Nielsen, George and Hazel Bradley, Morris and Lynn Most and other lodge members who donated the items. Both the VA facilities are still in need of quality blue jeans, sweat suits, jackets and new (in the package) men's underclothing. However, both have asked that other donations are withheld for the time being.

Don't forget to make your Thanksgiving buffet reservations now. The three seatings fill in a hurry. Sally Farrar, Heard editor