

IN LOVING MEMORY



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Rapid City, SD

Name	Born	Init	Died
Fred 'Fritz' Judson	6-27-18	3-6-63	10-29-09
Dr. John T 'Jack' Elston	12-22-19	1-20-73	11-1-09
Donald Eugene Miller	3-18-22	11-1945	11-1-09
William D. Carter	10-6-49	4-19-55	11-13-09

PER Christmas Party

The Past Exalted Rulers Christmas Party is scheduled Dec. 19 in the Herd Room. A no-host cocktail social will begin at 6 and dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Any PERs or Past Does Drove 33 presidents who did not receive an invitation should contact PER Brett Sutton at 341-1277 for information or with questions. Everyone of you should have been invited.

Please RSVP, and if your need a ride to or home from the party, please call Brett.

Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

If any of you have an 'in' with the folks who control use of gymnasiums throughout the city, Est. Loyal Knight Tim Werlinger would like to talk to you. He is having difficulty cutting through the red tape to secure venues for the Hoop Shoot. Please give him a call at home -- 393-4369 or on his cell at 393-5464. Thanks.

The three candidates initiated Nov. 17 represented the 165th class to donate 100 percent to the Elks National Foundation. Check out Brother Werlinger's report on Page 2. Feed the purple pig (it's a legacy from Esther Kniss in 1949 ... more of our lodge history tucked away in odd corners).

In her letter of thanks, Anne M Pfeifle, one of our scholarship winners, added welcome words expressing her appreciation to the lodge for making the golf course available for cross-country track meets. "I've run all over the state," she wrote, "and I can say that it is one of the finest and best places to have a meet -- for runners and spectators. I'm sure it can be a big headache for the Elks, so I am especially grateful.

"Thank you again for this scholarship and for your support of running and students."

Please mark your calendars on Dec. 6 for the annual Memorial Sunday tribute to our departed members over the past year. Anyone needing transportation should call the secretary's office at 393-1187.

Don't forget to attend the first Tuesday meeting Dec. 1. Included on the agenda will be balloting on candidate Ronald L. Mason, proposed for membership by Brother Mark O. Chytka.

Another reminder: This will be the **final** mass mailing for the Elks Heard. Those of you who have access to e-mail

are asked to contact the secretary (if you have not already done so) and provide your e-mail address so you can be removed from the mailing list. Presently it costs the lodge about \$1,100 to mail the Heard each month which the board has determined can be spent in more productive ways. Those of you who travel will discover the Post Office provides only limited mail forwarding, so take advantage of the web -- www.rcelks.org, read your Heard online and stay in touch with other things that are happening around your lodge. You'll get a reminder each month when a new Heard is published. **Those of you without e-mail service will continue to receive the Heard in the mail.**

National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris was host to 13 vets, one family member and one staff member at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center Oct. 15. Donuts and sodas were served and \$70 in cash prizes were distributed.

Twenty four vets, five family members and five staff members from Fort Meade were guests of the lodge for he quarterly meal Oct. 20. "As always, Dusti, Stevie and Louise provided courteous, friendly service to the veterans and Nate, Randy, JoJo and Nic cooked the meal to perfection," Harris reported. Corinne Ausmann, Donna Swanson, Dixie Wilson, Judy Edwards, VaLois Strandell and ER Kevin Gregg provided an impromptu songfest and each veteran was presented with an American flag. "What a fantastic treat to complement a wonderful evening for the veterans."

Don't forget, the lodge will be closed on Christmas Day so everyone involved with the lodge can spend time with their families.

Sally Farrar, Heard editor