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MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER



KEVIN M. GREGG

Happy New Year to Lodge 1187!

“Celebrate the Tradition of Giving, the Beauty of the Season and a New Year of Peace and Happiness. Thank you for making a difference,” James L. Nicholson, GER.

Keeping with holiday traditions, the officers of the Lodge will serve Tom and Jerrys on New Year’s Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Start your New Year resolutions off right with a warm toddy and some great company.

Thanks to all the volunteers who were able to help out, in a joint effort with the

Salvation Army, in preparing and delivering Christmas baskets to those less fortunate. This is one of the most heart warming activities we commit ourselves to each year.

It was the vision that if the Lodge had some quality meeting-dining rooms not only could we get some outside businesses to use these rooms but our members could also benefit by having access for personal functions as well.

The intent is not only to provide additional revenue to the Lodge, but also provide a great opportunity to obtain new members through the associations we make with service clubs and businesses within our community.

Now that these rooms are complete, and we are starting to realize the benefits, we ask for your consideration in supporting this project by making a financial contribution by subscribing to one of the categories of giving today.

Through his vision, leadership and diligent efforts in establishing our Heard Meeting Rooms, Robert Knecht is recognized as our Elk of the Month. Bob, thank you for the heart and soul you have for your Lodge and Elkdom.

Exalted Ruler, Kevin M. Gregg

Happy New Year & Happy Birthday!

It is the beginning of a new year, but it is also the year of our 100th birthday. January is the kickoff to a July 17 "Centennial Celebration."

Several committees have been hard at work planning and preparing events for the big celebration. It's going to be fantastic!

Keep watch on your Heard for updates. For now, mark your calendar -- 07-17-2010. You'll want to be a part of an auspicious occasion.

--PER Brett Sutton

If you have e-mail access, please let the lodge office know that you can be removed from the mailing list. You will receive a notice when each month's issue is available and the lodge can divert those dollars to other priorities!

Come on, help us feed the pig!

The PIG is on the BOX, or is that out of the box, whichever. It's out, and looking for you -- anyone who has not stepped up with an ENF donation this year. Yes, look for the purple pig and it will help you and the lodge. Print your name on an envelope, put in \$4.50 and make the PIG Smile.

Hey, it's working ... four donations were retrieved Dec. 18 -- keep it going.

As of the Dec. 15 meeting I reported that Grand Lodge shows us at 1,642 members, total donations year to date, \$7183.35 moving us up to \$4.375 per member, closer to the goal of \$4.50 per member. Grand Lodge showed us with 286 member donations this year, leaving 1,356 members we need to help out.

I know if you have been to a meeting this year you have helped out, with a chance to win your donation back in the 50 /50. Which reminds me, next time you see old lucky, shake his hand to get some of that luck, that's Mr. Shoot-gun I'm speaking of, you've already read about him. We added seven new members Dec. 15 and they all donated to ENF -- and Brother McEwen didn't even have the shotgun out (check page 2).

Again, thanks to all the members who stepped up to help the lodge meet all it's goals, And from my house, to your house, we wish you a blessed new year.

Est. Loyal Knight Tim Werlinger

Membership or Reinstatement

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

Prorated dues during January are \$38.86.

Past Members -- Reinstatement fee is \$1 this month

Ask a friend to consider joining or rejoining

Applications in the lodge office

At A Glance

January

Jan. 1 -- Tom and Jerrys 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come out, keep the tradition

Jan. 5 -- Lodge meeting, 7 p.m.

Jan. 12 -- Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 -- PER meeting, 6:20 p.m.

Lodge meeting 7 p.m.

Jan. 30 -- Does Installation

Open to public

No-host cocktails 6, installation 7 p.m.

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

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Notes from the Chairman

Hope your Christmas was your best ever. The Lodge remains very busy with Holiday parties and the use of the remodeled Heard rooms is starting to pick up as well.

As you can see that we've added back a place to display the pictures of the past Does officers in the Lodge room in the lower level.

Work has begun on the retrofitting of the Armstrong room so by the end of January we should have one working steam room, with the other one well on its way to completion.

My thanks to Bill Peterson and the all the other Board members for shouldering the load in my absence. The professionals at the Cancer Treatment Center are doing a great job of looking out for me.

Hope you all have a wonderful start to our new year especially since it is such a special year for our Lodge with



its hundredth anniversary. Our thanks to all of you that purchased tickets for the raffle on the Weatherby shotgun. Those funds will be used in direct support of the 100 year celebration. Also, our congratulations to Jim McEwen for buying the winning ticket.

Hope to be back and up to speed by mid- February.
 Chairman, Board of Trustees
 Larry Bulman

Don't forget your member's 10% discount on food!

It's 2010 and does it seem that 2009 flew by? Though we are in the new year we will still have Christmas parties in the Lodge, so even though the parking lot may be full, we will be able to accommodate you for dinner or a cocktail.

Watching football games at the Lodge is only one of the many reasons to stop out Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. There are a lot of great games and some of the best will be on our big screens. The NFL Playoffs begin Saturday, Jan.9, so come in. We will offer a special on Chicken Wings or Beef Nachos on Sundays as well.

We want to remind everyone that the Sunday Brunch is still extremely popular, so remember that even if there is a wait to get in, it is definitely the best Rapid City has to offer.

We have a lot of great specials this month so check out January's calendar. Because of the excellent responses, Friday and Saturday nights we will

have Prime Rib as the evening special. We have been told by quite a few of our customers that ours is the best in town. So stop in and enjoy dinner.

If you're looking for a great meal to take home, why not pick up an order of chicken on your way and have dinner ready when you walk in the door? You may call your order in at 393-1187 and we will have it ready for you.

For those of you who have not seen the new meeting rooms you are missing out. They have been a big hit with those who have booked them for meetings. Keep them in mind for your organization, family get-together or other special event.

We still have daily drink specials and offer a 10 percent discount to all current Elk Members on food purchases.

Thank you from Brandon, Dusti and the Staff.

Does install officers Jan. 30

The DOES will ring in the new year with Installation of Officers Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Elks Lodge.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with no-host cocktails followed by the installation ceremony starting at 7. The evening will conclude with a dance and refreshments.

The public is invited, so please join us as we celebrate our 64th year and welcome Sandy Stephens back as our returning president.



'Shot-gun' Secretary Jim McEwen won the Weatherby so admired by ER Gregg and Trustee Bill Petersen.

Mary Taylor, reporter

January 2010 Activities Calendar

SATURDAYS

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

Does Installation
Jan. 30

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

Scotch Sunday
Cutty \$2.50

Great Buffet

MONDAYS

Spaghetti and meatballs
\$7.99
6 oz. Sirloin
\$6.50

Morgan Monday - \$2.75

Play Scotch Doubles

TUESDAYS

Lodge meeting
Jan. 5 & 19, 7 p.m.

Couples Bridge
Jan. 26

PER meeting
Jan. 19, 6:20 p.m.

Steak Tips
\$6.99

Board meeting
Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Tanqueray
Tuesday
\$2.50

Card Ladies
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

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

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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New Christmas basket program a success

Dec. 21 and 22, Elks and friends joined with the Salvation Army to distribute Christmas baskets to families in need. The Lodge Charity donated \$2,500, Does Drove 33, \$500 and private donations of \$500 brought the total to \$3,500. An Elks emblem was included in every box that went out. Thanks to every-

one who came out to help.
Bob Lewis, chairman



ER Gregg, Chairman Lewis and Est. Leading Knight Dennis Johnson with the check.

IN LOVING MEMORY



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Bernard Altergott	1-30-64	3-16-05	11-22-09
Loren Wayne O'Neill	12-6-17	5-20-88	12-3-09

Are you doing your part?

Our newest seven members contributed 100 percent to the Elks National Foundation, the 166th consecutive class of initiates to do so.

As Est. Loyal Knight Tim Werlinger points out on the front page, our lodge is lagging behind the GER's request for \$4.50 per member.

The easiest way to make a donation is to feed the pig box on the wall just outside the lounge. Next, drop off or mail a check to the lodge secretary, or go on-line ... enf@elks.org. Not only will you be helping the lodge meet its quota, but you'll receive great information on what ENF does for communities across the nation.

Remember, for every dollar South Dakota Elks contribute \$3 or more is returned for state Elks projects.

Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

Slightly more than one year ago, Elks Lodge 1187 held a fundraiser for Melissa Kittles, a young woman who had experienced a devastating automobile breakdown on her way across the state to attend college.

With a fun-filled event, the lodge raised \$3,000 and presented Melissa with a "beautiful car over Thanksgiving break in 2008.

Her letter of heart-felt appreciation was read at the Dec. 1 lodge meeting and it appears the joy she experienced when, blindfolded, she was told to push buttons. "When I heard something start, I knew that it was a car and began to sob because I was so happy and appreciated all the hard work and care that went into the fundraiser."

She wrote to say thank you once again for the "wonderful, kind act that you all did. When people compliment my car, I am honored to tell them how I got it. I tell them the story of (the breakdown) and then how a group of wonderful people raised" the money to buy it.

The car is still holding up, she wrote. "I get the oil changed when it's time and this summer I bought my first set of tires which was very exciting and a little pricey but it was worth it! ... God bless all of you.

Last month ER Kevin Gregg and Est. Leading Knight Dennis Johnson presented a lodge check for \$500 to Grandview Elementary School for outstanding efforts during Red Ribbon Week.

Over the past several months, lodge charities have included donations to the Yellow Bike project, CASA, South Dakota School of Mines Youth Scholarship Foundation and Black Hills Youth Ministry.

In his Dec. 1 report to the lodge National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris noted that during

November: An "impressive team" of Elks and Does participated in the Rapid City Veterans Day Parade, spreading the message of what Elks do, not only for veterans, but for the community, and tossing out candy. Harris said the group "managed to dispose of all the evidence."

Nov. 12 Harris was host to 14 veterans, three family members and one staff member at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center at the monthly bingo night. He distributed \$70 in cash prizes and served donuts and sodas.

He also delivered some men's clothing items and a Military Veterans book donated by Bucky and Pat O'Connor and some magazines donated by PER Brett and Robin Sutton.

Since clothing collection facilities at both Fort Meade and Hot Springs VA Medical Centers are "full up," the lodge has been asked to hold off on delivering any more clothing or book items until they can dispose of past donations.

Hot Springs managed to find a bit of room, and Nov. 19, Harris delivered several boxes of clothing donated by John and Hazel Anderson, Damon and Corrine Ausmann and Larry and Irene Eddy. The load also included magazines donated by Shawn Bolton, George and Hazel Bradley, Ramona DaSalla, Marvin Henzlik, Helen Hunt and Morris and Lynn Most as well as a "beautiful afghan" donated by Bob and Barbara Britt.

"We have a reputation of providing quality items, thanks to all of you very generous Elks members," Harris said.

Don't forget to say "thank you" to all the dedicated folks who helped Dar Polsean and his grounds crew cover the greens ... they were named Elks of the Month for November.

Sally Farrar, Heard Editor