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February 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER



KEVIN M. GREGG

Wow! The holidays came and went in a blink and here we are on the doorstep of February.

We have a bunch of stuff to squeeze into the Heard this month so, in an effort to help make room, I'm going to keep my comments short. You're welcome.

Bill Wellman has accepted and was appointed as our new Lodge Secretary. Please give him a warm welcome! And we can't say thank you enough to Jim McEwen and George Strandell for more than a year of

service in keeping the office running smoothly.

We will have nominations for officers for the 2010-2011 Fraternal Year at our first meeting, Feb. 2. Elections will be held at the second regular meeting, Feb. 16.

I'd like to draw your attention to Scott Clarke as our Elk of the Month. Scott has been more than generous with his time, labor and advice in the electrical wiring of our game room as well as the Armstrong Room. We are extremely fortunate to have members like Scott who contribute to the betterment of facilities that we are all very proud of. Thank you so much Scott.

Kevin M. Gregg
Exalted Ruler



Bob Knecht received his Elk of the Month honors from ER Kevin Gregg in recognition of his diligence in establishing (with Brother Scott Olsen) the Heard meeting rooms -- only his most recent effort. Knecht is seldom without a project for the betterment of the lodge, be it access road, entrance monument or just encouraging more non-members to come out and get acquainted with the lodge. He has a way of involving folks in his projects, so watch it while you are saying "thank you Bob."

We are celebrating!

Join the countdown to our
CENTENNIAL July 17

With a return to **OLD FASHIONED FUN**

Members only, downstairs, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Think back a decade or so ... you'll select a hand-cut 8 oz rib eye, combine it with a baked potato, fresh salad, dressing and Texas toast ...

And, we're going to add a complimentary glass of red wine ... All for \$7.99 and a dollar goes to the Veterans Hospice program at Fort Meade VA Medical Center.

Afterward try some cards or just visit with old friends, just like we used to do!

Feb. 17 marks the day 100 years ago when Grand Lodge received our charter application!

Membership or Reinstatement

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

Prorated dues during February are \$31.69

Past Members -- Reinstatement fee is \$20

Ask a friend to consider joining or rejoining

Applications in the lodge office

At A Glance

February

Feb. 2 -- Lodge meeting, 7 p.m.

By-law amendments, nominations for officers

Feb. 7 -- Super Bowl party starts at 1 p.m.

Feb. 9 -- Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 16 -- PER meeting, 6:20 p.m.

Lodge meeting 7 p.m.

Election of officers and 5-year trustee

Feb. 13 -- Valentine's couples party

Feb. 17 -- Centennial kickoff 5:30 p.m.

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Exalted Ruler.....PER Kevin Gregg
Est. Leading KnightDennis Johnson
Est. Loyal KnightTim Werlinger
Est. Lecturing KnightShawn Bolton
Lodge SecretaryBill Wellman
Lodge TreasurerJim McEwen

TRUSTEES

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS

EsquireLaura Pepper
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TilerBill Kleemann
ChaplainAndy Gay
OrganistCurtis Binder

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Youth ActivitiesLodge Officers

Notes from the Chairman

Hello everyone. Sorry I've been absent for the last few weeks. I have about two weeks of treatments left and everything is going pretty well.

We've been busy in the Armstrong Room. The steam room was gutted and we're preparing to build back both the sauna rooms. The men's side has been framed back and as soon as the electrical work is complete we'll install the new cedar paneling and the sauna units. The women's side didn't need a lot of work but did require a new sauna unit. We hope to have both up and running sometime in February.

Don't forget that there will be **no cost** for use of the rooms by members with key cards.

The Restaurant continues to update and improve its menus and service. The new chef has done wonders in a very short time. Brandon and staff continue to provide the best service in the city.

Two proposed amendments to our by-laws were presented on the floor of the lodge at the meeting on Jan. 19. They are printed in this issue and have a favorable recommendation from the Board of Trustees.

Just a brief explanation on the By-Law concerning dues... The lodge has, over the years, waited extended periods of time before proposing increases in dues for the members' approval and then, of course, the increases seemed fairly large. This proposed amendment will allow the members to consider and vote for or deny an increase based on the Consumer Price Index inflationary rate that is typically from 1 to 3 percent.

The amendment calls for trustees to present the issue at the budget presentation meeting in April. The trustees present the budget for the new fraternal

year. If this by-law passes, the trustees will also provide their recommendation on dues to the lodge floor for the members' approval or rejection. If the members vote for an increase, it would become effective the **next** fraternal year, not the **current** year.

It is hoped that by considering this each year we will not experience the large increases seen in past years and the lodge will be able to keep up with the various cost increases it experiences every year.

The lodge floor also approved a kick-off evening for our 100th anniversary celebration. It will be a return to days gone by on Wednesday, Feb. 17, with a members' steak night and a social evening of cards. There will be a small cost (\$7.50) and a chance to catch up and reminisce with old friends and new members.

Don't miss this one -- seating is first come, first serve on the lower level. It will be a smoke-free evening, everywhere but the upstairs bar. One dollar of each paid attendance will go the Fort Meade VA Medical Center Hospice program.

Our heartfelt thanks to our Treasurer Jim McEwen for all his hard work over the last year and our grateful welcome to Bill Wellman on his appointment to the secretary's position.

Also note that the ER has set nominations the officers and open trustee position for the first lodge meeting in February, with elections to held the second meeting in February.

If you haven't been out to the Lodge in a while, come out and get reacquainted.

Larry Bulman
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Proposed amendments to Elks Lodge 1187 By-Laws

Proposed Amendments to Article V; Elective Officers and Duties of the Trustees:

Add this paragraph following Paragraph 7 of Sec. 7:

The Board of Trustees shall present for the Lodge's consideration a recommendation relative to Lodge dues. In accordance with the budget presentation the trustees shall advise the Lodge of their recommendation to increase or hold constant the current fixed amount of dues contained in Article X, Sec 2, Para. 3. The recommended increase, excluding any supplement appropriation, shall be based on a commonly accepted, nationally recognized inflationary scale. The Consumer Price Index is hereby designated. The Lodge

floor will by a 2/3rds vote affirm or deny the Trustees recommendation.

(End of motion)

Proposed Amendment to Article V; Elective Officer and Duties of the Secretary:

For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$7,000 per annum, payable bi-monthly.

Proposed amendment to read as follows:

For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$12,000 per annum, payable bi-monthly.

(End of motion)

February 2010 Activities Calendar

SATURDAYS

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

Prime Rib
\$15.99

BBQ Pork Ribs
\$13.99
Half rack \$8.99

**Valentine's Day
Couples Party**
Feb. 13

Seatings 5:30, 7:45

**Get reservations
by calling 393-1187**

Crown Royal
\$4.50

Bring a friend out

SUNDAYS

Sunday Brunch

9 a.m. - 1p.m.

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

Super Bowl Party

Feb. 7

Fun starts at 1 p.m.

Regular Sunday 2 for 1 appetizers

**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
Feb. 2 & 16, 7 p.m.

PER meeting
Feb. 16, 6:20 p.m.

Board meeting
Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Card Ladies
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Couples Bridge
Feb. 23

8 oz Steak Tips
\$6.99

**Tanqueray
Tuesday**
\$2.50

Enjoy Your Elks

WEDNESDAYS

Centennial Countdown

Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m.

'Just like Old Times'
in the lower level
(Members only)

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

-- WINTER HOURS -- BAR

Sunday 9 a.m. Brunch to 7 p.m.

Lunch Specials

Mon, Tues, Thurs 11a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wed. 11a.m. - 10 p.m.

Fri-Sat 11 a.m. - Midnight

RESTAURANT

Sunday 9a.m.Brunch to 6 p.m.

Monday -- Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m.to 9 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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Super Bowl Party!

Feb. 7

**Fun games for everyone
beginning at 1 p.m.**

Party Buffet at 3 p.m.

Admission \$10

All-you-can eat menu -- drink specials

(see details in manager's message)

Elks Golf Course 2010 rates

The Elks Golf Course is pleased to announce the 2010 Golf Rates! The Pro Shop will open March 1 ready to aid you with all of your golfing needs.

Warmer weather is right around the corner. It is time to start thinking golf!

Hope to see you soon!
Aaron and the entire golf staff



2010

Prices Include Sales tax

Adult Single	\$595
Adult Couple	\$865*
Family	\$930
Senior Single	\$530
Senior Couple	\$780*
Junior (under 21)	\$125
Young Adult 33- 34	\$520
31-32	\$495
29-30	\$460
27-28	\$435
25-26	\$405
21-24	\$375
Young Adult Spouse	\$255

*Couple means married couple as defined under South Dakota Law.

Punch Card (24 9-hole punches) \$270

Cart Storage and Trail Fees

Trail Fee	\$180
Electric Storage	\$340
Gas Cart Storage	\$290

Season Golf Cart Lease

\$400 plus tax. This option will allow only the lessee to check out the cart but two persons may ride in the cart at no additional cost.

\$600 plus tax. This option will allow either lessee to check out the cart and either person may allow a rider at no additional cost. Only one cart is allowed out at one time. This option can also be purchased to satisfy a family where all licensed members of a family may check out the cart.

Elks Golf Course daily fees, cart rental and driving range prices

Green Fees

(Including tax and development fee)

2010

Member 9 Holes	\$19.00
Member 18 Holes	\$29.00
Nonmember 9 Holes	\$24.00
Nonmember 18 Holes	\$38.00

Cart Fees

(Including tax)

2010

Member 9 Holes	\$15.00
Member 18 Holes	\$24.00
Nonmember 9 Holes	\$17.00
Nonmember 18 Holes	\$30.00

Twilight Rates after 2 pm (include cart)

-- NOT VALID ON WEDNESDAYS --

(Including tax and development fee)

2010

Member 9 Holes	\$19.00
Member 18 Holes	\$28.00
Nonmember 9 Holes	\$26.00
Nonmember 18 Holes	\$38.00

Twilight Rates after 2 pm (walking)*

-- NOT VALID ON WEDNESDAYS --

(Including tax and development fee)

2010

Member 9 Holes	\$14
Member 18 Holes	\$21
Nonmember 9 Holes	\$19
Nonmember 18 Holes	\$26

*Walking twilight rates are new for 2010

Driving Range

(Including Tax)

Unlimited plan

	With season pass	Without
Single	\$125	\$235
Family	\$175	\$285
Junior	\$100	\$200

*Punch Card 10 large bags \$50 (\$10 savings)

Large Bag approx 60 balls	\$6
Small Bag approx 40 balls	\$4

*Driving Range punch card is new for 2010.

All driving range prices stay the same from 2009 to 2010

Get reservations for Valentine's couples party

It's February and that means many different things to all of us -- Super Bowl Sunday is Feb. 7, Valentine's Day is Sunday, Feb. 14, and we will have a special dinner for couples on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 13.

The dinner will start with crab stuffed mushrooms, followed by a fresh garden salad, then your choice of entrée from either bacon wrapped filet mignon or shrimp scampi and ended with a chocolate-covered strawberry. The dinner will also include your choice of a glass of red or white wine.

The price is \$45 per couple for members and \$55 per couple for non-members. As everyone may remember last year's dinner was sold out relatively soon, so make your reservations early (call 605-393-1187). Seatings will be at 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. and is limited, so plan ahead.

We will have another great Super Bowl Party Sunday, Feb. 7. Activities start at 1 and the party buffet will start at 3 p.m. with kickoff shortly after 4. We will have a huge buffet with pizza, brats, wings and various other appetizers, all for only \$10 per person. There also will be special beer mugs you can purchase and get cheap refills the whole game, as well as many other drink specials.

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.

Our dinner specials have been gaining in popularity so check out February's calendar. Friday nights and Saturday nights we will have Prime Rib for the evening special. We have been told by quite a few of our customers that our Prime Rib is the best in town, so we encourage all of our members to stop in and enjoy dinner.

We would like to welcome and introduce the newest member of our staff, Chef Scott Dolney. Scott has been in the Rapid City area for many years, both at Arrowhead Country Club and most recently at Stonewalls Restaurant. So, if you notice some new and exciting meals, don't be afraid to give them a try. We also have added fresh waffles to the brunch and they are some of the best in the area. Remember to try one when you stop out for brunch.

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

Thank you from Brandon, Dusti and the Staff.

Hoop Shoot succeeds

Yes, your Rapid City Lodge fired off a Hoop Shoot in the late hours this year and sent five contestants to the state shoot in Pierre. We were well represented from this area Lodge with the following Shooters.

Starting with MaKenzie Hetley from Hill City placed 6th in Girls 8-9, Jace Caldwell of Grandview placed 6th in Boys 8-9, Ryan Skillingstad of Hill City placed 7th in Boys 10-11, Girls 10-11 Bailey Johnson of Wilson Elementary ended up as a no-show in Pierre. Regan Enos of South Middle School had a shoot-off to place 3rd in Girls 12-13, and Taylor Schultz of West Middle School won 1st in Boys 12-13 and won Best of the Best Boys with 22 of 25 shots. We will see Taylor at the Regional Hoop Shoot here in Rapid City March 5.

Thanks to all the shooters who came out to compete and make this year's Hoop Shoot a success, and **BIG THANKS** to all the **Volunteers** who showed up to help make our two local shoots run smoothly.

Tim Werlinger, Est Loyal Knight



Taylor Schultz won Best of Boys!



Regan Enos



Jace Caldwell



Ryan Skillingstad



MaKenzie Hetley

Sandy Stephens heads Does again

The DOES 2010 elected and appointed officers were installed in a public ceremony on Jan. 30. Sandy Stephens was welcomed back as the returning president along with most of the officers who are returning again for another year. Thanks to all of you for your dedication.

The DOES are continuing to sell cancer awareness bracelets. This has been a great fund-raiser for our drive with bracelets selling for \$10 each. The different colored beads each represent a different cancer. All proceeds go to local families struggling with cancer expenses. Individual members have been selling them to family and friends and they will be available at the Black Hills Stock Show. If you would like to make a purchase, please contact Mona Drolc, 348-1358.

Mary Taylor

A couple weeks ago I received correspondence in the mail that was read at the Lodge meeting Tuesday night. I'm writing to you, because you were not there, at the Lodge meeting that is.

The National Elks Foundation congratulated Rapid City Lodge on reaching \$4.6815 per member -- exceeding the Grand Exalted Ruler's 2009-10 per-capita goal of \$4.50. Our Lodge is eligible for a Gratitude Grant of up to \$500.

Our members now have the power to help teach children from the local elementary school to love reading; to buy supplies for a senior center; to support local veterans; to feed a needy family down the street, or to contribute to a local charity.

It's time to ask yourself, "did I help with that"? If not, please note your 2010-11 dues notice has a space for you to add the help reach this goal in the new year; can't be any simpler than that. Don't forget the Purple Pig hanging around as a reminder.

Again, thanks to all the members who did step up.

Tim Werlinger, Est. Loyal Knight

IN LOVING MEMORY



Name	Born	Init	Died
Michael J. Blanchette	7-8-49	9-18-97	12-23-09
Harold Berendes	12-28-24	10-04-68	1-19-10
John F. 'Jack' Cannon	5-13-21	11-04-60	1-20-10
Bill Walksey	1-13-17	4-18-59	1-21-10
Eugene C. Fingerhut	9-13-24	12-06-57	1-22-10

One more reminder!

To my Brother and Sister Elks:

The BPOE stands for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The first word is Benevolent and the ENF is the Benevolent arm of the Elks. In the past each year the lodge has had to take from our Charity Fund to meet the GER's goal per capita. Usually fewer than 200 members give to ENF (up to \$1, 000). For more than 17 years each new member has donated when joining. Consider adding that \$5 donation to your dues payment this year -- we can meet our goal.

Concerned member, Stan Blum

Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

From all the chatter overheard around the lodge these days, you'd better plan to arrive early on Feb. 17 for the kickoff celebration for our Centennial July 17.

It will be a return to the 'olden days' of Stag Night in the lower level with 'personalized' steaks, potato, salad and Texas toast along with fellowship, cards and who knows what other activities will be revived. It not only acknowledges the 100th anniversary of the arrival of our charter application at Grand Lodge, but is a golden opportunity to swap tall tales and enjoy a really fine steak, cooked to your order.

And, the whole affair won't cost the lodge a penny and should raise quite a few pennies for the Fort Meade VA Medical Center's Hospice program.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. on the lower level, open only to members in good standing. Gather the gang, it will be one really fine affair.

The first February meeting (and the second) is one you don't want to miss. Not only are we to vote on two amendments to our by-laws, we will nominate officers and a five-year trustee. The election is the third Tuesday. These folks will determine the direction of Elks Lodge 1187 in the 2010-2011 fraternal year. Your vote can make a difference!

In his report to the lodge Jan. 5, National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris again thanked all the volunteers and members of the lodge for their support and care throughout the past year. The lodge received thanks from the national commission and Patient Care Services at the Black Hills Health Care System.

Harris noted he was host to 12 veterans, one family member and one staff member at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center for the monthly bingo night. He served

donuts and sodas and distributed \$70 in cash prizes to the vets. He also delivered men's clothing items donated by David and Diane Hill and Verne and Donna Sheppard as well as VCR tapes from the Sheppards and books highlighting quilts made in support of veterans donated by Steve and Marilyn Denison. He also delivered magazines donated by Noemi Bauer, Marvin Henzlik, Morris and Lynn Most, the Sheppards, Lowlyn and Bonnie Stratton, Brett and Robin Sutton and Donald Weiland.

Harris delivered a large Christmas card created by Boy Scout Troop 55 -- because of H1N1 flu concerns, the young people could not deliver their own card. Harris will share photos of the 'delivery' with the scouts. The chairman said he passed on the vets' holiday wishes to Troop 55 leaders: Marke Stucke, Senior Patrol Leader; Linda Larson, scoutmaster, and Bruce Crisman, assistant scoutmaster.

He reported he attended a Cub Pack 74 meeting in mid-December. The members had hand painted some 40 Christmas ornaments and asked him to deliver them to Fort Meade along with several pails of popcorn -- photos are forthcoming. He recognized the pack leaders who "have such a positive impact on these young men" -- Rodney and Linda Brown, Dave Davis, Adam Frizzell, Ed Lucas, Chris Walz, Julie Kjellerson, Shandra Klein, Jolene Hillesad and Dustin Beranek.

Sally Farrar,
Heard Editor



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