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MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER



KEVIN M. GREGG

We marked the coming of the end to another fraternal year on Feb. 16 with election of officers for the 2010-2011 year. They are: Exalted Ruler — Dennis Johnson, Leading Knight — Tim Werlinger, Loyal Knight — Laura Pepper, Lecturing Knight — Shawn Bolton, Esquire — Andy Gay, Chaplain — Bill Trankle, Inner Guard — Bill Kleemann, Tiler — Brandon Christian, 5-year Trustee — Wayne Keeney, Secretary — Bill Wellman, and Treasurer — Jim McEwen. It should be noted that Brandon

Christian was initiated just before being nominated and elected as Tiler!

Join me in congratulating them all for their selfless commitment to serve our Lodge. I should point out that all positions have been filled and we're starting out the year with a full slate of officers.

I'd like to thank all the committee chairpersons for your hard work and those of you who sliced out a little time in your life for the betterment of the Lodge. You've all played an important part in what I've realized as a very productive year. I hope you will continue being a key part of our continued success. And there's plenty of room for those of you who may have a little time on your hands and are looking for something to get involved with — you'll be more than welcome. Also, thank you to those who sponsored new members to the Elks this past year. Not only has this made us stronger, but they bring new insight and ideas on how to point our Lodge in a direction for future generations.

I want to express my appreciation to Tim Reurink, our Elk of the Month, for his valued support throughout the year with committees and activities. Tim is one of those who makes time to help out whenever and wherever he can. He has applied his expertise by providing time and material for projects like the game room, Armstrong Room, and, not so noticeable, new toilets in the downstairs men's room. It's the little things that count!

One final thought, I consider myself fortunate to have served with such ladies and gentlemen as the officers and trustees. Their conduct is always with great respect and courtesy. Be excited about your Lodge leadership, they're an outstanding and progressive group of people working in the best interest of the membership.

Exalted Ruler,
Kevin M. Gregg



ER Kevin Gregg honored Brother Scott Clarke as February Elk of the Month in recognition of his generous donation of time, labor and advice in wiring the game room as well as the Armstrong Room. Next time you enjoy these improvements, take time to tell him "thanks."

Membership or Reinstatement

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

Past Members -- Reinstatement fee is \$20

Remember to include a donation to the Elks

National Foundation when you renew your

lodge dues by April 1.

Ask a friend to consider joining or rejoining.

Applications in the lodge office.

At A Glance

March

March 1-- Pro Shop opens for season

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

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

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

Lodge meeting 7 p.m.

Vote on general revision of 5-year by-laws

March 24 -- Wild Game Feed

Check the website www.rcelks.org for extras!

Special Order of Business March 16 meeting

You will be asked to vote on acceptance of the general revisions to Lodge 1187 By-Laws accepted and approved by Grand Lodge over the last five years. Proposed amendments are available for review in the office or on the web site at rclks.org. Other changes can be consid-

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Sandy McDonald3 Years
Kim Swanson4 Years
Bill Petersen5 Years

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Notes from the Chairman

It seems like this has been a long, long winter and we have numerous folks champing at the bit to hit the golf course, launch the boats and move along to other summer activities. I know I'm ready.

On Feb. 17 we had a wonderful evening at the Lodge, revisiting the older days with outstanding steaks with all the trimmings, organized and served by PERs Brett Sutton, Len Crandall and our officer corps in the lower level. We saw many faces we hadn't seen for a long time and the stories of the old days were really flying. We also have an outstanding evening coming up mid-March with our annual Wild Game Feed. This is one you really don't want to miss. Check the calendar.

I'm pleased to report that the Armstrong Room is up and running, complete with saunas for both the men's and women's side. All the weight equipment has been checked and repaired, new mats were placed in the men's shower and other improvements are planned as funding becomes available. The best part is the price of admission is just the use of your key card. All we ask is that you're careful with the equipment, warm up properly to avoid injury and follow the directions on the saunas to avoid damaging the units. It's been a while since these rooms have been fully functional and we're proud to put them back on line for the members. My thanks to Bill Petersen, Jim McKinstry, Larry Eddy and particularly to Scott Clarke for all the help and support in this project.

As it can't always be good news I'm sorry to report that the costs associated with the food industry just keep spiraling up and up. The Board has discussed this at length and determined that rather than institute large price increases we can still stay below most dining establishments in the city by suspending the 10 percent member dis-

count indefinitely. By eliminating the discount we will avoid any substantial price adjustments and stick to just tweaking prices as costs dictate. While we are disappointed that this must be done, I think all the members would agree that we will still be the lowest priced restaurant in the city while furnishing the highest quality service and food available. We thank you for your patronage and support.

The 100-Year Anniversary Celebration is officially off and running. We launched another raffle to help fund the various activities. We have a new Stoecker 12 gauge, over and under shotgun, complete with choke tubes and 3-inch capable as the first prize. In addition the committee was able to secure a Birmingham Small Arms Ltd., 270 Winchester cal., bolt action rifle. This is a classic hunting rifle, complete with scope, and will be a wonderful addition to anyone's collection. Tickets will be \$5 ea. or six (6) for \$25 in book form. These will be available from any officer, trustee and participating member or at the Lodge.

We are again asking for your assistance regarding the Heard. Our costs to publish and mail this in hard copy exceed \$1,200 per month or more than \$14,400 each year. It is posted on our web site each month and we will provide notification via e-mail if you will provide us your e-mail address. Please help us in controlling our ever increasing Lodge overhead costs by calling or writing us with your e-mail address. That will allow us to avoid the majority of these costs. If you don't have internet capability please advise us and we will print hard copies and mail them to you on an as-needed basis. Thank you for your effort.

Larry Bulman
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Everyone is a winner when it comes to pool. Come on out and join in the fun in the new game room. Pool league play will expand next season, get in line now!

March 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.

\$10 Adults, \$9 Seniors, \$7 children

Beef Nachos \$5.99

**Scotch Sunday
Cutty \$2.50**

Great Buffet

MONDAYS

Meatloaf Monday
\$6.99

6 oz. Sirloin
\$7.99

Morgan Monday - \$2.75

Play Scotch Doubles

TUESDAYS

Lodge meeting
March 2&16, 7 p.m.

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

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

Card Ladies
March. 2,9,16,23

Couples Bridge
March. 23

8 oz Steak Tips
\$6.99

**Tanqueray
Tuesday**
\$2.50

Enjoy Your Elks

WEDNESDAYS

**March 24
Wild Game Feed!**

Member Appreciation
6 oz. Sirloin \$7.99

Windsor Wednesday - \$2.25

Member Appreciation

THURSDAYS

Smokeless all day!

Member Birthday Night

2-Piece Broaster Chicken Dinner
\$6.50

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 9 a.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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Wild Game Feed

March 24

Cook up and share a favorite
recipe or two

No charge, donations will be accepted

Centennial Celebration July 17, 2010

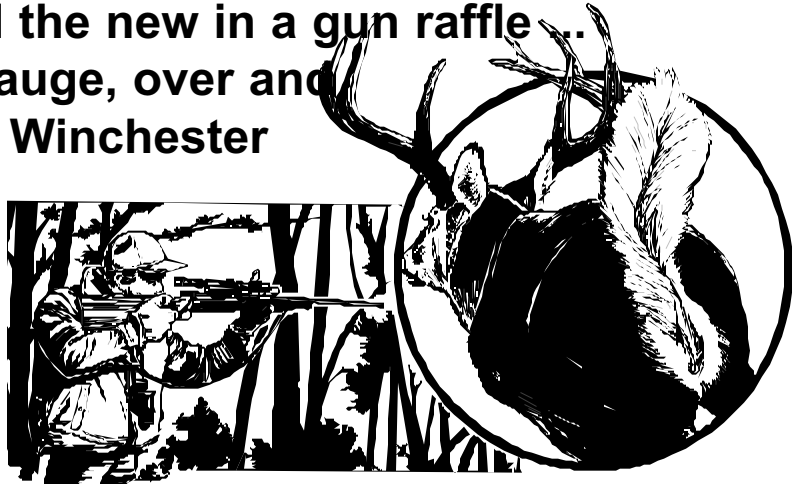
... and the beat goes on!

We've added a new aspect to our anniversary observance combining the vintage and the new in a gun raffle ...

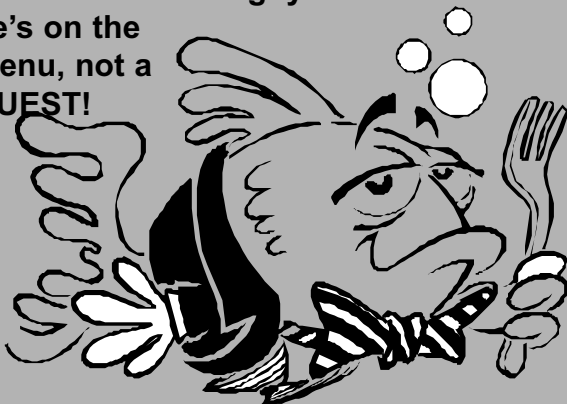
The New is a Stoeger 12 gauge, over and under and the Vintage is a Winchester 270 with scope

Tickets are \$5 each or a book of six (6) for \$25

The drawing will be on the evening of the celebration ... the first ticket drawn will have his or her choice of gun



Someone tell this guy he's on the menu, not a GUEST!



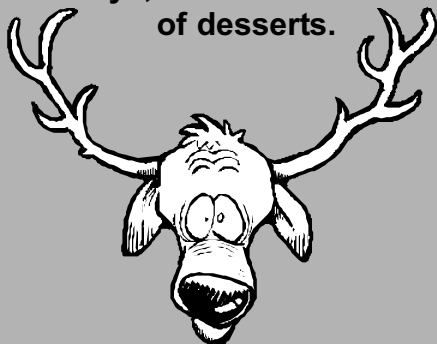
Clean out the freezer!
Cook up a favorite to share at the **Wild Game Feed**

Wednesday, March 24
6 p.m.

No admission charge

There will probably be such taste testers as walleye, popcorn perch, alligator, racoon, wild pig, pickled pike, Rocky Mountain oysters, deer and pheasant kabobs, frog legs and who knows what else?

And as always, a marvelous assortment of desserts.



Come out and catch up on the dining specials

It's March and that means spring is on it's way, and that brings smiles to all of our faces. If you haven't heard, we have had quite a few changes in the restaurant and everyone has been enjoying all of the additions we have added.

We would like to thank everyone who was here for the fabulous Super Bowl party. It was a huge success and we are so glad everyone had a great time.

We want to remind everyone that the Sunday Brunch has been getting better and better as every week goes by. If you haven't heard, we have added the most scrumptious waffles made to order. Also eggs benedict are prepared when you order them, so they are always fresh. There are many new items everyone is finding on the buffet.

Because we have added many new and fresh items to the brunch and our grocery costs have been rising, we have been forced to raise prices, slightly. The new prices are still the lowest in Rapid City -- \$10 for adults, \$9 for Seniors and \$7 for Children (ages 5-10), 4 and under are free.

We have mixed up our dinner specials, Monday is now Meatloaf Monday with a meatloaf dinner for just \$6.99. It

includes meatloaf, a salad, vegetables, homemade mashed potatoes with gravy and a dinner roll or the great Sirloin special, the same steak as Wednesday Night. Tuesday is still Steak Tip Tuesday, Wednesday is Member Appreciation Night which means that we have the 6-ounce sirloin steak dinner for \$7.99, Thursday is Chicken Night with a 2-piece chicken meal, cole slaw, vegetable, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy and a biscuit for only \$6.50, and the great chicken that everyone remembers is back. Friday and Saturday nights we still have the best prime rib in Rapid City, and have a seafood special on Friday and Barbecue St. Louis-style pork ribs on Saturday nights.

We have exciting stuff happening Sunday afternoons as well. In March, starting at 1 p.m. we will have Wii bowling in the lounge. Come in have some fun and show everyone your skills.

We still have daily drink specials.

Thank you from Brandon, Dusti, Scott and the Staff.

Pro Shop opens March 1

Hello Golfers,

It is that great time of year again when we are moving toward warm weather and running away from the cold. It does seem though, as I write this, running away from the cold might be more like walking away at a snail's pace. Oh well, it's now March and this weather can't stay much longer so I am feeling optimistic.

The Pro Shop will be open beginning March 1, ready to assist you with all of your 2010 golfing needs. We will be ready to sell season passes, cart storage, golf equipment or whatever you may need for your upcoming golf season. Season passes and cart storage-trail fees are due by April 1, as are your lodge dues. If you have any questions about 2010 rates, they are posted on our website at www.rcelks.org or you can call the Pro Shop.

We still have some leftover merchandise CLEARANCE priced to make way for the new equipment arriving soon. Stop in and find some great deals on top-of-the line equipment to perhaps help take a stroke or two off your game.

We have made some changes in the Pro Shop. Stop in and check them out. Don't forget to check out the major improvements to the Armstrong Room as well -- just use your Elks keycard. It looks fantastic!

Here's to 70-degree temps and freshly cut grass!
Hope to see you soon

Dar says 'stretch, repair, have fun

I hope everyone is ready for spring. I, for one am, and I am one who usually likes winter.

I look forward to another great year. We have done many things this winter and I hope the results are pleasing.

I would also like to congratulate John and Jeff on their great finish in Palm Springs — First in flight and runner up over- all. That is the quality of golfers we have.

I would also like to thank Larry Bulman and the board for all of the support in upgrading our equipment over the last few years. With this it makes it easier to give the golfers a quality golf course they can be proud of.

With the continued support of our board and membership we should be able to continue to move forward. Thank you all. Remember this spring to stretch, repair, have patience and have fun.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Your Super, Dar

Does donated nearly \$13,000 in 2009

Did you know that in 2009 the Rapid City DOES donated nearly \$13,000 to charity with the majority of that money staying right here in the Rapid City area?

Do you want to belong to an organization that lives up to its principals of patriotism, charity, loyalty and love?

If your husband is an Elks member you already know of the benefits of belonging to such an organization. The DOES are seeking new members who enjoy the fellowship of other women and want to help out in our community. Our next initiation of new members will be April 8. Please contact President Sandy Stephens, 716-6890 or membership chairman, Dorothy Clark, 393-8187 for more information.

Mary Taylor, reporter



Brother Neil Harris provided the photos



The lodge-sponsored activities board at the VA Medical Center, Ft. Meade

Save This Date!
Saturday, April 10, 2010
BPO Does Drove 33
Wine-Ale Extravaganza
Elks Lodge

IN LOVING MEMORY



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Name	Born	Init	Died
Andrew W. Bogue	5-23-19	2-27-60	6-10-09
David Barber	12-14-20	5-21-80	1-29-10
Darrell E. Palmer	1-09-31	9-06-67	2-03-10
Paul Fenske	4-05-28	10-16-03	2-07-10

Proposed for Membership

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Charles Fleming	Michael Fleming
George Hall	Bill Kleemann
Nick Hemen	Bill Kleemann
Shawn Jensen	Bill Kleemann
Matt Day	Bill Kleemann
Gerald Welch	Bill Kleemann
David Maas	Bill Kleemann
Joseph Michael	Morris Most
Richard Behrens	Patrick Malone
Penny Hill	Bob Lewis

Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

Members who attended the Feb. 16 lodge meeting were treated to a guided tour of the newly renovated Armstrong Room, courtesy of Board Chairman Larry Bulman.

Just another benefit of your Elks membership, the exercise, shower and sauna facilities (for men and women) are open to all members, without charge. Just use your regular Elks keycard -- Remember you'll need a new one on April 1.

The two new members initiated that evening continued the unbroken tradition of supporting the Elks National Foundation 100 percent -- over more than a decade and a half.

Consider adding a donation to ENF when you pay your dues. And, if you have already paid them, you can donate anytime -- see our Est. Loyal Knight Tim Werlinger for details.

Ever wonder where the charity dollars go, other than toward organized youth and veterans activities? Est. Leading Knight Dennis Johnson reported Feb. 16 that the lodge donated \$56 to buy tickets for youngsters to the Shrine Circus. Earlier in the month, PER Scott McDonald reported that \$100 was given to the family of Degon Stutz to help with medical expenses.

Both proposed by-law changes (regarding dues and secretary's salary) received unanimous approval.

Activities Chairman Don Jiracek announced that pool play has become so popular (with the new Game Room) that league play will be expanded from just Monday night to Tuesday nights next tournament season.

He also noted that the July 4 celebration will be held Saturday, July 3, to avoid conflict with the city's fireworks display.

The 9-11 golf tournament, which honors First

Responders from throughout the Black Hills, will be held Sept. 11.

This year the annual lodge audit will be performed by DeSmet and Biggs on vote of the membership.

Feb. 2 PER McDonald received a pin for his work with ENF and another pin will be presented to Brother Werlinger for his efforts in helping the lodge reach the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member in the 2009-2010 fraternal year.

In his January report to the lodge (Feb. 2) National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris noted he has committed the lodge to continue bingo nights and other activities through the next quarter.

He noted that on Jan. 21, he was host to 19 veterans, two family members and one staff member at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center for bingo night. He served donuts and sodas and distributed \$70 in cash prizes. Harris also delivered some men's clothing items donated by Bob and Judy Lewis and magazines donated by George and Hazel Bradley, Dale and Mary Clelland, Virgil Eberly, Morris and Lynn Most and Wayne and Karyl Shanahan.

A bus breakdown canceled the January quarterly meal at the lodge, but Harris said an effort would be made to serve the vets in February.

Feb. 4, the veterans were treated to a rodeo performance at the Black Hills Stock Show.

Please check out the lodge web site for a variety of pictures Harris has provided of veterans activities. Included are the giant Christmas card prepared by Boy Scout Troop 55 and delivered by Harris along with handmade ornaments from Cub Scout Pack 74 as well as the activities board the lodge sponsored.

Sally Farrar, Heard Editor