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MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER



DENNIS JOHNSON

We start a new year in Elkdom. It should be an exciting year with our Centennial Celebration the highlight of the year. Everyone should mark July 17 on their calendars.

Spring is in the air and we can hope it's here to stay. By the time you read this, the covers should be off the greens so get your golf clubs ready. The season (I hope) is just around the corner.

April 10 is cleanup day around the Lodge and golf course. Hope to see you there!

March 20 we installed officers and held our banquet. I want to thank Brandon and Scott for serving an excellent meal.

I consider it an honor and privilege to serve the members of this Lodge -- thank you for your vote of confidence. The officers and the Board of Trustees will continue working together to improve the lodge.

My personal big push this year is membership. We all need to work at bringing in new members, so I challenge each of you to bring in at least one new member. With the Armstrong Room fixed up with some new equipment and remodeling the steam rooms, we can offer another great benefit with membership -- no extra cost. We are in the process of adding two or three televisions in the Armstrong Room so you may watch TV while working out.

Invite a prospective member out to the Lodge, show them around the Lodge, Armstrong Room, restaurant and lounge, maybe have lunch or play around of golf with them. We really do have a lot to offer men and women and families.

Your annual membership dues should be paid by April 1. If that slipped your mind, please pay now and don't forget to include your donation to The Elks National Foundation. We met our goal last year for ENF and want to do the same this year.

I know many of you members and some I recognize as familiar faces without names, so if you see me around the Lodge or golf course, come shake my hand and introduce yourself. I need to know more members by name other than by your smiling face.

My first Elk of the Month is Charles Van Vleet. His dedication in bringing our past Secretary Don Armstrong to the lodge does not go unnoticed. Chuck takes extra effort to pick up Don at the retirement home, play cards with him and the crew, and take Don into the dining room for supper before returning him home. This might be the only time Don gets out all week long. Chuck will also help out on casino nights. This exemplifies what love is in the brotherhood of Elks. Thank you Chuck.

When you have the opportunity, take a moment to shake the hand and thank our outgoing officers, Kevin and Morris, for their tremendous efforts this past year. A job well done and a big thank you from the Exalted Ruler.

Exalted Ruler,
Dennis Johnson



March Elk of the Month Tim Reurink and ER Johnson

Now PER Kevin Gregg cited Tim Reurink's valued support throughout the year with committees and activities as well as his expertise, time and material for projects like the game and Armstrong rooms in recognizing him as March Elk of the Month.

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 membership, due by April 1.

Ask a friend to consider joining or rejoining.

Applications in the lodge office.

At A Glance

April

April 6 -- Lodge meeting, 7 p.m.

April 13 -- Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 10 -- Cleanup Day 9 a.m. and 9 holes of golf
Does Wine and Ale Extravaganza 6 p.m.

April 17 -- Blizzard Open Golf Tournament

April 20 -- PER meeting, 6:20 p.m.

Lodge meeting 7 p .m.

April 24 -- Casino Night

April 26 -- ELGA kickoff, registration 5 p.m

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Notes from the Chairman

We lost a good man and a good Elk today. Although the passing of our fellow Elk members has not been rare this year, Bob Malone Sr. has become a virtual symbol of Elk loyalty, friendship and grace in the shadow of trying health issues. On any given members Wednesday, good weather or bad, spring, summer, fall or winter, you could count on his enthusiastic greeting as you entered the club and his perpetual good humor.

As his considerable golf skills faded in later years, the memories of his numerous wins and successful competitions on the links, kept his championship status in all our memories. So Bob, our hats are off to you for an outstanding life, your valued friendship and your clear example of courage and dedication to our fraternal order. Our sympathies to your family for their loss and our best wishes on your journey to the next set of championship links.

As all of you are aware from your personal experiences, this year has been challenging, to say the very least, from a financial perspective. We are fortunate to have a beautiful Lodge building, almost historic in its appearance but definitely historic in its infrastructure. Almost anything you can think of concerning the building and its equipment reached the end of its useful life this year. It was financially draining but I'm pleased to report that so far, we've been able to repair or replace the essentials, improve the quality of food and service and embark on a more effective use of the facility for the upcoming fraternal year. My sincere thanks to Jim McEwen, Bill Wellman and the board for their trust and support, complete with authentic constructive criticism and ideas for a "better way." Without their dedication, concern and active participation we would struggle. Thank them for their service when you see them around the Lodge.

In addition, we've struggled for the right fit on our menus, pricing, service, employees and ambiance. Brandon and his staff have seen some evolutionary changes and thus far everything has led us in the right direction. We have increased numbers on our specials to include Thursday chicken specials, Sunday Brunch and noon lunches.

An absolutely outstanding chef and staff turn out excellent fare each and every day. Spiking food costs are com-

ing under control, compliments now abundant on food quality and presentation and the "right" number for staff and service is coming under control. In short, we have the structure in place, we have quite possibly the best restaurant and staff in the city and we're ready to move forward in the upcoming fraternal year.

If you haven't been out for lunch or dinner in a while, you owe yourself a treat and a break from cooking.

The plans for our 100th year celebration are moving right along. Be sure to mark your calendar for the 17th of July. It will be a special day in the life of our Lodge.

The Armstrong Room is up and running with new sauna equipment, several new pieces of exercise equipment and, best of all, free for card-holding members. Please come out, use your card and give it a try.

I checked with several health or exercise places in the city and the prices to use their facilities ranged from \$70 to \$150 per month. Ours is included in your annual dues and is there for your use. If you have any suggestions on ways to enhance its effectiveness, please let us know. By the time you read this we will have installed donated televisions to pass the time while you're on your way to better health.

We have been asking, begging and advising our membership that the Heard will go on-line/internet, on our website to defray the \$1,200 to \$1,400 monthly publishing cost since last October. Well, this is the month and I expect the phone will begin to ring pretty soon asking where their copy is. Please, when you call to ask, have your e-mail address ready and we'll add you to the monthly notice.

Again, if you do not have access to the Web, we will print copies to cover those individuals who identify that problem and mail them. Again, please help your Lodge trim unnecessary expenses, save us that \$1,400 each for printing and mailing and we'll use the trees we save from the paper to continue improving the Lodge.

AS I WRITE THIS IT IS MID-MARCH AND WE ALREADY HAVE FOLKS GOLFING IN THE NEW SEASON. ISN'T LIFE GREAT!

Larry Bulman
Chairman, Board of Trustees

If you haven't already done so, please include at least a \$5 donation to the Elks National Foundation with your dues.

April 2010 Activities Calendar

SATURDAYS

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

Prime Rib
\$15.99

**All You Can Eat
BBQ Pork Ribs**
\$13.99

Casino Night
April 24

*Games, fun start
at 4 p.m.
proceeds will
fund new
equipment
for all to enjoy*

Crown Royal
\$4.50

Bring a friend out

SUNDAYS

**Make reservations for
Easter April 4!**

Sunday Brunch

9 a.m. - 1p.m.

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

New Nacho Supreme \$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
April 6 & 20, 7 p.m.

PER meeting
April 20, 6:20 p.m.

Board meeting
April 13, 6:30 p.m.

Card Ladies
April 6, 13, 20, 27

Couples Bridge
April 27

8 oz Steak Tips
\$6.99

**Tanqueray
Tuesday**
\$2.50

Enjoy Your Elks

WEDNESDAYS

Member Appreciation
6 oz. Sirloin \$7.99

Liver and Onions
\$6.99

Windsor Wednesday - \$2.25

Member Appreciation

THURSDAYS

Smokeless all day!

Member Birthday Night

**2-Piece Chicken Dinner
Broaster® or Baked**
\$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 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wed. 11 a.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

Fish Fry Friday
\$12.99

Jack Daniels or Jim Beam \$2.50

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Reservations Recommended

for Easter, April 4, Mothers Day, May 9

Special Brunch

Seatings 11 a.m., 12:30 and 2 p.m.

Call (605) 393-1187

ENF Gratuity Grant to aid VA Hospice

THANK YOU ALL, from the Loyal Knight Chair that oversees the ENF donations for the Lodge.

As you know, the Lodge reached the GER's goal of \$4.50 per member for the 2009-2010 year. As a result we received a gratuity grant of \$500 for the Lodge to donate.

This year we heard that Fort Meade VA Hospice unit receives no funds for events like a Memorial Service, etc. for snacks and sodas. We voted to donate it to them, on behalf of PER Corky Schultz who is receiving care with the unit.

I told them we came to bribe the staff to take care great care of Corky, but, after seeing his accommodations, that went up in smoke. If you've had the chance to visit him you know what I mean! We donated the money anyway, the staff was very appreciative, and said they really can use it. The Lodge can do good things, when you give as you do..

Tim Werlinger
Est. Loyal Knight

PER Corky Schultz tells Werlinger and former Secretary Dick Walker 'how it was ...' They were joined by Mary Ann Herrboldt, RN Hospice Coordinator, Mary Graham, Nurse Practitioner and National Veterans Service Chairman Neil Harris.



Attention golfing couples Twilight play starts May 24

We will start the 2010 Twilight Golf League season on May 24 with shotgun start at 5:45 p.m. There will be a total of 12 weeks with NO golf May 31.

This is a handicapped league. If you do not have a handicap, one will be established for you. We use the Chapman format and you play the entire season with your own partner. Each week you will draw for your starting hole.

If both players have season passes, there is no green fee. If one person has a pass the other person pays the green fee every other week. If no one has a pass, you pay one green fee each week. All players pay the development fee.

If you are interested in playing or have any questions please e-mail Monica Kjerstad at stadra@rap.midco.net or phone (605) 393-2989.

The fee is \$35 per couple. Make check payable to Twilight League and mail to Monica Kjerstad, 3843 Pebble Beach Crt., Rapid City, SD 57703.

Please pay before you play.

Include your handicap, telephone number and e-mail address.

Monica Kjerstad

Wine and Ale Extravaganza open to all on April 10

We hope to see everyone out at the Lodge on Saturday, April 10 for our annual Wine and Ale Extravaganza beginning at 6 p.m.

We have some big changes in store for our biggest fundraiser of the year. The date has been changed from fall to spring and we added ale to our menu.

Come out and sample some of the finest wines and ales in the area along with great items to bid on in our silent and live auctions.

Tickets are only \$20 per person and are available at the door, from DOES members or by contacting Mona Drolc, 348-1358.

Congratulations to Mona Drolc who was selected as "Doe of the Year" by President Sandra Stephens. As Junior Counselor and Ways and Means Chairman, Mona has come up with new and exciting projects for our drove and has been very dedicated to our organization in addition to other local organizations and charities.

Thanks, Mona for all your hard work!

Mary Taylor

Make Easter, Mothers Day reservations now!

April is upon us and there are many exciting things happening around the Lodge. Don't forget to get your reservations for Easter, April 4, and Mother's Day which is May 9. We will have a special Brunch on both of those Sundays and reservations are highly recommended.

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

We are mixing up the weekly specials again and making some exciting changes:

Sunday – Brunch and New Nacho Supreme Sunday;

Monday – Meatloaf Monday \$6.99 and the Member Appreciation Sirloin for \$7.99;

Tuesday – Steak Tip or Tacos Tuesday 3 Soft-Shell Tacos, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, and all of the fixings and churros for dessert all for only \$6.99;

Wednesday – Liver and Onions served with your choice of potato and vegetables for only \$6.99 or the Member Appreciation Sirloin for \$7.99;

Thursday – Chicken Night, Your choice 2-piece chicken dinner either Baked or Broaster© for only \$6.99;

Friday – Fish Fry Friday, All You can Eat Fish, French Fries, Hush Puppies and Cole Slaw for only \$12.99 or Elks Famous Prime Rib Dinner for only \$15.99, and

Saturday – All You Can Eat BBQ Pork Ribs, choice of potato, salad bar and dinner roll for only \$13.99 or Elks Famous Prime Rib Dinner for only \$15.99.

Those of you who have been enjoying Sunday Brunch may have noticed a lot of new faces. As the brunch gets better, more and more people are being introduced to the Elks and quite a few of them are inquiring about membership, so our increased business has been a "win-win" for everyone. Eggs Benedict are prepared when you order them, so they are always fresh. There are many new items people are finding on the buffet.

We still have daily drink specials and offer a wide variety of fabulous lunch specials available hot, fresh and fast every day.

Thank you from Brandon, Scott and the Staff.

Pro Shop opens March 1

Hello Golfers,

April? Are we golfing yet? Will this winter ever let us go? The answer is yes! And very soon I hope!

I anticipate it freeing us up enough to have Clean Up Day on April 10. We will start work at 9 a.m. and work until around noon. Then a 9-hole golf tournament will follow.

Doesn't that sound like a great day!? Bring rakes and gloves and we will show our pride in the course by giving her a little spring cleaning and even have a little fun while doing it. Call the Pro Shop (393-0522) or stop in to sign up.

We have the BLIZZARD tourney scheduled for the 17th with a 10 shotgun start and as I write this article it seems a very fitting name.

Season passes, cart storage, trail fees, Mens and Ladies Association dues are available for sale in the Pro Shop.

A reminder -- as of April 1 all season passes and cart fees are due. And, of course, you will have paid your annual Elks membership as well by April 1.

New golf equipment is arriving daily. Stop in and let us help you get into clubs that will take strokes off your game! The new equipment looks great and you can also take a look at the improvements to the Pro Shop.

Here's to warm weather!

Aaron and the entire golf staff

Texas Hold'em season concludes

Thank you to all of the Texas Hold'em players, we averaged about 30 players a week and everyone had a great time. We will start up again toward the middle of September and hope to see everyone again for another great season.

Results for 2009 – 2010 Season: 1, Wayne Keeney; 2, Brian Bradley; 3, Dan Holm; 4, Owen Emme; 5, Paul Richter; 6, Curtis Aby; 7, Bob Lore, and 8, Ben Benson.

We would like to thank all of the great sponsors: Fisher Beverage for the Golf Bag, Aaron for the golf and driving range passes, Gary Sorenson at DynaClean, and the Lodge for the gift certificates.

Thank you,

Bob Malone



Dar says 'take it easy on grass'

It is that time of year. Warm days, cold nights. Now is a critical time of year for the grass.

It is coming out of dormancy and is weak. Until the grass is growing vigorously, please use caution when playing. Replace, Repair and Rake. One 'R' I would like to add this year is Respect.

Make sure you stretch before you swing to warm those muscles that have been dormant all winter.

This time of year we will have frosty mornings. Our temps out here always seem to be 10 degrees colder than in town, so if you have any doubts about delays, call the Pro Shop.

Lets hope for a good-weather year with a chance for a lot of good golf this year.

Your Super, Dar.

ELGA kickoff meeting April 26

Okay ladies, get ready to hit the links. The annual kickoff meeting is getting close and the weather is getting better.

Our new president is JoAnn Bennington, vice president is Sandy McDonald, secretary is Angie Smyle and our treasurer is Cara Boehler.

In JoAnn's absence Sandy will preside at the meeting with registration beginning at 5 p.m. and the meeting at 6.

There has been discussion about our fees so that item is on the agenda.

Committee people will be introduced at the meeting so bring all your questions and concerns and let us build on new ideas for this 2010 year.

Sandy McDonald
Vice President

**Help! The Activities Committee
needs a Wii for video bowling
Bring all your friends to Casino Night
April 24, starting at 4 p.m.
\$20 ticket gets \$5,000 in Elks play money
Includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti
All manner of table games
Spend your winnings at the auction!**

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Dustin Moffenbier	Scott Moffenbier
Matt Siemonsma	Robert Ewing
Mike Kenton	William Wellman

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Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

There will be lots and lots of excitement around the lodge this month -- With an eye on the sky, golfers are making plans for the April 10 Clean Up Day and the Blizzard Open the following week. The Elks Ladies Golf Association will kick off its season with a meeting April 24. And the couples' Twilight League is organizing toward a May 24 shotgun start.

The Does' annual Wine and Ale Extravaganza is April 10.

Brandon and crew are taking reservations for the special Easter Brunch April 6 and Mothers Day, May 9 and they've rounded up new specials!

The Activities Committee has decided it is time to do something for the lodge. A Casino Night, April 24, is planned to raise funds for a Wii video bowling setup. If all goes well, they may add other sports as well.

The Armstrong Room is up and running with new equipment and steam rooms, at no extra cost to members!

During the March 16 meeting, members voted unanimously to submit the five-year by-law revisions to Grand Lodge.

The Centennial committee is charging ahead with plans for the lodge's very special 100th anniversary celebration July 17. Anyone having historical photographs or mementos they'd be willing to share should contact Lodge Secretary Jim McEwen or any member of the committee. There probably are a few chilly days remaining before our Banana Belt weather settles down, so order one of the commemorative jackets. Sale proceeds support the celebration.

National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris has not been idle either. He joined then Est. Loyal Knight Tim Werlinger and past Secretary Dick Walker in

presenting the lodge Gratuity Gift to the VA Hospice unit at Fort Meade, along with \$50 from the old-fashioned steak night.

McEwen presented Harris' February report at the March 2 meeting. Harris sneaked off to the sunny climes of Mexico. The report noted:

-- That 14 veterans, one family member and one staff member from the Fort Meade VA Medical Center were guests at the lodge-sponsored Bingo Night Feb. 18. Harris served donuts and sodas and distributed \$70 in cash prizes.

He also delivered men's clothing items donated by Kermit and Jean Torve and several bags of magazines donated by George and Hazel Bradley and the Torves.

-- That the Watertown Elks Lodge 838 held a fundraising event to support veterans activities and programs at the VA Medical Centers. Harris was directed to split the \$325 donation between Hot Springs, Sioux Falls and Fort Meade medical centers.

-- Seventeen veterans, five family members and five staff members from the Fort Meade center were guests of the lodge for the quarterly meal deal Feb. 23. The event had been postponed from January because of winter weather.

As always, Harris wrote, "Dusti, Louise and Cherish provided courteous, friendly service to the veterans and Nate, Obie and Nic cooked the meal to perfection. A special treat was provided by Corinne Ausmann, Donna Swanson, Judy and Bill Edwards, Peggy and Bill Trankle, James and Jill Pierce, Joy and Bret Morgan and Noni Perez in an impromptu songfest.

A "carry out steak" was provided for a veteran in the Hospice program who couldn't come down for the event.

Sally Farrar, Heard Editor