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March 2020

Grants help others

March marks the end of the 2019-2020 Lodge Year and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me during my short term as Exalted Ruler. It's been a fast few months and I've enjoyed working with everyone at the Lodge.



ER Gillings

Congratulations to the new officers for the 2020-2021 Lodge Year. I am pleased that all the offices have been filled and am looking forward to a productive year at the Lodge.

February was a short month and we packed a lot into it. The Super Bowl party at the Lodge was a huge success and many thanks to everyone who made that possible.

I'm very proud of February's Grant activities. We delivered pizzas to the homeless veterans on Super Bowl Sunday and cupcakes on Valentine's Day. We delivered supplies and 20 move-in baskets for the homeless veterans as well.



Neil Harris, Secretary Linda Gardner, PER Skeet Hamiel, Jan Schuler and Steph Gisi take a break with Move-In Baskets for homeless vets at the Cornerstone Mission, under our Spotlight Grant

This is all part of the Spotlight Grant. We delivered necessary supplies to WAVI with funds from the Gratitude Grant.

My Elk of the Month for March is Dean Linquist. Dean has been extremely generous in lending us his time and expert-

ise on alternatives for the kitchen and dining room here at the Lodge. We are grateful for all of his help.

Paul Gillings,
Exalted Ruler

Celebrate Fireworks on July 3

March ends our lodge year so you all should have received your membership renewal form; we look forward to seeing all members returning next year.

We should all thank Bill Edwards and John Hildebrandt for stepping up to take the vacant 4- and 5-year trustee positions.

On our Feb. 5 meeting nominations were taken for next year's elected officers and I am happy to report that all positions will be filled.

Plans for the annual Independence Day celebration are being made. This year's festivities will be held Friday, July 3, so please put this event on your calendar.

We will have Bingo twice in March (March 13 and 27, 7 p.m.) so if you can attend please do so as the proceeds go to finance the fireworks. These dates will be on the Facebook page and Lodge calendar.

Respectfully,

Doug Hamilton, Lodge Board Chairman



Doug Hamilton

Good things are happening

Hello all,

Well it just keeps snowing, but I want to talk about the positive things around the lodge.

The carpet is in with the exception of the stairs down to the lodge room and the entryway. Members report that it looks good.

As for the kitchen, we have a couple of leads on people who might be interested in renting that facility.

We are in contact with them and will let you know how that is progressing.

Remember the Wild Game Feed March 4.

That is all I have, but always know that if you have ideas that will benefit the lodge you will be most welcome to share them at a board meeting or a lodge meeting.

Thanks for your help,

Rod Holmes, Events Center President



Rod Holmes

Annual Meeting of the Shareholder of the Rapid City Elks Golf & Event Center, Inc.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Rapid City Elks Golf & Event Center, Inc. will be held April 1, 2020, 7 p.m., at the regular Elks Lodge meeting. Seven people will be elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Corporation (Event Center Board); 4 will be elected from the Lodge Board of Directors and 3 will be elected as members at large from the members of the Rapid City Elks Lodge No. 1187. Immediately following the Shareholders meeting, the newly elected members of the Event Center Board will meet and elect officers for the new year. All Elks members in good standing are Shareholders and are encouraged to attend this meeting on April 1, 2020, at 7 p.m..

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Pro Shop.....393-0522

ELECTED OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Paul Gillings
Est. Leading Knight.....Rod Holmes
Est. Loyal Knight.....Donald 'Andy' Anderson
Est. Lecturing Knight.....James 'Bud' Burnham
Lodge Secretary.....Linda Gardner
Lodge Treasurer.....Aaron Eisenbraun

TRUSTEES

Ted English.....1 Year
PER Paul Christensen.....2 Years
Chairman Doug Hamilton.....3 Years
Bill Edwards.....4 Years
.....5 Years

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire.....PER Kevin Gregg
Inner Guard.....Rex Goon
Tiler.....
Chaplain.....PER William 'Bill' Trankle

ELKS GOLF AND EVENT CENTER BOARD

PresidentRodney Holmes
Vice PresidentAndrew Schulz
Secretary.....Barbara Stucker
Treasurer.....Aaron Eisenbraun
Directors: Suzi Aadland, PER Paul Christensen, Doug Hamilton, Ted English and Tim Powell.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention.....James Burnham
Activities Committee.....Andy Anderson
Americanism.....Neil Harris
Auditing.....Richard Roush
Drug Awareness.....
Elks National Foundation.....Secretary Linda Gardner
Flag Day.....Neil Harris
Golf Committee.....Morris Most
Head Golf Professional.....Aaron Roeber
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Investigation.....Kurt Werner
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Memorial.....Bob Windjue
Memorial Sunday.....Secretary Linda Gardner
National Service/Vets.....Neil Harris
PER Association.....PER Paul Christensen
Presiding Justice.....Scott Sumner
Protocol.....Dean Reichert
Queen of Hearts.....Rodney Holmes
Scholarships.....Rex Goon
Social Activities.....Lodge Officers
Youth Activities.....Lodge Officers

Get your appetites tuned!

Come out and enjoy the annual Wild Game Feed/Fish Fry Wednesday, March 4! You are guaranteed great treats and you can support Meals on Wheels while dining.

The committee will serve from 4:30 until 7 p.m., or until the food is gone. Bring your best wild game dish to share. The committee will ask for

donations that evening and all proceeds will be go to 'Meals on Wheels.'

Cleanup volunteers will be needed.

If you are interested in either sharing that favorite dish or are willing to volunteer, call or text **Morris at 209-5351 or call the lodge at 393-1187 and talk to Makayon (Mak).**

Pro Shop ready to serve your golf needs

Hello Golfers!

We are getting close! March is finally here and it won't be long and we will be golfing, mowing and firing up the irrigation system. The Pro Shop will be open on any and all nice days in March ready to sell season passes, cart storage etc., but we may not open if the weather is less than desirable.

Until then, remember that the simulators are open daily and are a great way to sharpen your game prior to the weather cooperating for us to go outside. Tee times are available by calling the lounge.

I will send out an e-mail updating everyone with golf course information regularly this season. If you are not on my e-mail list and would like to be, please send an e-mail to proshop@rcelks.org and we will add your name. You can also stop in and give us your e-mail if you would like.

Just a reminder, we have locker storage for men and women available for anyone who might need it.

This month I am going to try a tip to help people who slice the golf ball or as a right-handed golfer miss the shot to the right. A common cause of the dreaded slice is the golf club coming "over the top" or from the outside in as the club swings through the

impact area. This movement leaves the club head open and causes spin on the ball which causes the ball to go off to the right or to slice.

Most amateurs, in an attempt to fix the problem, aim left of the fairway to hope the ball will land closer to the fairway by planning on the flight of the ball. This is the last thing you want to do. By aiming to the left you are actually making the ball go farther to the right. To straighten out the ball flight, try to practice aiming at your target or even to the right of your target. This will help the club to start coming down on a more inside out approach putting less spin on the ball and reducing the slice.

Try this on the driving range using an old club shaft or small wooden dowel. Aim it at your target and hit 60 or 80 golf balls with an 8 or 9 iron until you get the feeling of it. Once you master the shorter irons you can implement the movement on up to your driver.

I hope this helps a little. If you have any questions on rules or tips I may be able to answer, feel free to e-mail me and I will put them in my next article.

Hope to see all of us golfing soon!

Aaron and the entire staff

Don't Forget -- Reserve March 11 at 5 p.m. for the Men's Golf Association meeting. It will cover the new rules again and the new handicap system.

Elks Ladies Golf Association (ELGA) President Sue Mulz reminds everyone of the opening meeting on the last Tuesday in April with important issues to be addressed and voted on. So loosen up and be ready.

And, for those days when Mother Nature insists on kicking up her heels, call 393-1187 ext 4 to book a simulator tee time and enjoy a pizza and a cold beverage while you hang out. Mak

Does Drove 33 is looking for fresh fundraising ideas

Members of Rapid City Does Drove 33 have prepared and served a meal for the Hope Center classes.

They are now working busily on ideas for fund raising projects for this year.

And since it is a bit of a slow time,

they are looking for new ideas to support their many benevolent projects and would welcome suggestions and fresh ideas.

If you are a Doe and have not yet paid your dues, please send them today.

Karlene Schmidt, reporter

SATURDAYS

Texas Hold'em
1 p.m.

Crown Royal \$4

SUNDAYS

MONDAYS

Morgan Monday \$2.75

TUESDAYS

Tanqueray Tuesday - \$3

WEDNESDAYS

Board of Directors (first Wednesday)
March 3 6 p.m.

ECB meeting (third Wednesday)
March 17, 5:30

PERs meeting
March 3, 6:15 p.m.

Lodge meetings
March 3 & 17, 7 p.m.

Windsor Wednesday \$2.50

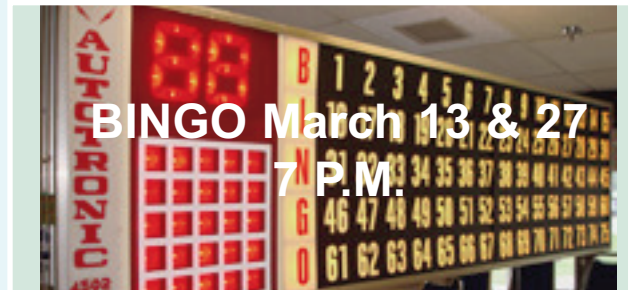
MARCH 2020

+ **With Grand Lodge approval** of the by-law changes voted on Nov. 20, the lodge has returned to two meetings each month except during July and August. **March meetings will begin at 7 p.m. March 3 and 17.**

+ **Your Lodge Board of Directors** has voted to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the membership. **This month the board will meet March 3.**

+ **The Events Center Board** meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for anyone who would like to come and share their concerns or ideas. **Come share March 17.**

+ **Bring out some friends,** have fun, win and help support our annual fireworks during the Independence Day celebration July 3!



+ **You can get your Queen of Hearts tickets** at the bar. Drawings are at **7 p.m. each Saturday.** You don't need to be present to win nor do you need to be an Elk to buy a ticket. Bring your friends out, show them the lodge and treat them to a ticket! Remember the second jackpot winner received a check for \$2,072

MARCH HOURS!

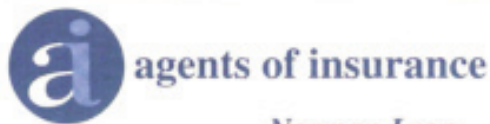
Bar: Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Please follow us on Facebook or on our website.
Thank you for supporting your Elks bar! -- see you soon, Makayon and team.

THURSDAYS

Lord Calvert or Seagrams 7- \$2.50

FRIDAYS

Jack Daniels-Jim Beam \$3



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Fred P 'Pat' Durett	01/14/33	10/16/75	01/22/20
Leonard A Newman	09/21/30	10/15/53	01/24/20
Alfred J Keller	03/04/34	06/18/76	01/31/20
Paul Orem Jr.	07/06/33	10/16/91	02/07/20
Robert Wermers	09/27/31	06/21/67	02/11/20

An Elk is never forgotten!

March dates to note:

Wild Game - Fish Feed, March 4
Lodge meetings: 3-3 & 3-17, 7 p.m.
Lodge Directors meet: 3-3, 6 p.m.
Event Center Brd: 3-17, 5:30 p.m.
Elks Bingo March 13 & 27, 7 p.m.
Men's Golf Assn. 3-11, 5 p.m.

Around the Lodge in bits and pieces



Secretary Linda Gardner and Beverly Lafferty, WAVI Rep. with supplies provided through our Gratitude Grant.

Who will lead Lodge this new year?

If you missed the February lodge meeting you missed an opportunity to approve by affirmation the officers nominated for the 2020-2021 fraternal year.

They are: Exalted Ruler Rodney Holmes, Esteemed Leading Knight Andy Anderson, Esteemed Loyal Knight Paul Gillings, Esteemed Lecturing Knight James Burnham, Secretary Barbara Stucker, Treasurer Aaron Eisenbraun and 5-year Trustee Ted English.

Help needed at lodge for Hoop Shoot

If anyone is interested in helping around the lodge on March 14 for the Regional Hoop Shoot, Mak says we 'sure could use some help serving food, setting up, cleanup and help giving these kids and families a nice afternoon at our lodge."

Help will be appreciated between 1 and 6 p.m. Please let Mak know what you are able to do. Feel free to e-mail Makayone@gmail.com or reach out to her at the lodge at 605-393-1187 ext. 4.

"Thank you and we look forward to this great activity."

Financial and tax services approved

During the Feb. 5 meeting, members approved a proposal from Anna DeSmet, Ferenga, DeSmet & Co., LLD to complete financial statements and tax preparation for

the Lodge and for the Event Center.

Estimated cost for the Lodge is \$3,500 and for the Event Center, \$5,500.

National Veterans Service Committee

In his Feb. 5 report to the Lodge on January activities, Committee Chairman Neil Harris noted:

On Dec. 31 Secretary Linda Gardner was host to 12 veterans at the Cornerstone Mission for a New Year's Eve celebration supported with funds from the Spotlight Grant. She served pizza, chicken and beverages.

That she delivered much-needed personal hygiene and clothing items to the mission which had requested lodge assistance for these items.

On Jan. 15, Harris was host to six veterans, one family member and four staff members from the Fort Meade VA Medical Center for a quarterly meal at the Lodge dining room. "Mak was a most gracious host" he said, adding that Jason and Thomas prepared a "delicious meal."

That he delivered a \$200 Best Buy gift card for the VA staff to use for electronic devices for the vets on Jan.16. He also served donuts and sodas and distributed \$70 in cash prizes to 13 veterans, one family member and one staff member at Bingo Night.

Sally Farrar, Heard Editor