



THE RAPID CITY ELK HEARD



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Come see what's happened in your absence!

Good morning members,

This month I have two items I would like to talk about.

The first is for the members who have not come to the Lodge to see and appreciate all the new improvements.

Please stop in and see them:

1. New carpet throughout the lodge
2. New lights in the dining room
3. Bar renovation
4. Lights behind the bottles on the bar
5. More TVs in the dining room
6. New lights in the bar
7. Installed new counter height table tops in the simulators
8. Refinished all the table tops in the dining room
9. Lights on the outside patio
10. New paint in the dining room
11. New paint on the Pro Shop with Elk emblems on the west and south outside walls
12. Using developmental dollars, replaced the cart path going to #16 tee box

For all of the changes I want to thank all members who donated money to the renovation fund and the members who supplied the labor to make the new changes happen.

Also I would like to thank the Does for their help with deep cleaning the dining room before it got painted.

The second thing I would like to mention is to all of you who have recently become Elks.

If you are interested in getting more involved in the Elks please come and talk to me or any board member.

We need more members to help out to keep the lodge going.

THANK YOU all who have helped,
Rod Holmes, Exalted Ruler



You're an Elk? How about being an officer?

Greetings to all Brother and Sister Elks.

I would like to thank District Deputy Kevin Gregg for meeting with our lodge officers and board members at our Nov. 18 meeting.

We continue to process applications for new members and initiate them in a safe manner. I would ask any new members or members who have been part of our Lodge for some time to consider becoming an officer to insure we can continue our organization.

Please all have blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully,

Doug Hamilton,, Lodge Board Chairman



Ideas Needed for More Saturday Activities

We are planning to have Saturday evening activities from January through March or April, depending on the COVID situation. Bingo is one Saturday a month, so that will be one of the activities.

Here are a few others we are discussing – Game Night (cards, dice, Pictionary, etc.), Cribbage Tournament, Karaoke, and Bar Olympics (darts, pool, simulators,

Cornhole). Activities would start at 6:30 or 7 p.m. with time set aside for the Queen of Hearts drawing.

If you have any ideas for activities that are low or no cost, please contact Suzi Aadland at suzi.aadland@gmail.com. If you don't have e-mail, please leave a message for her at the Lounge.

Covid 19 claims another victim -- no local, regional, state, national Hoop Shoots

I have some Hoop Shoot news to pass along and an update from earlier information.

The Rapid City Hoop Shoot lodge contest **WILL NOT BE HELD** this year. There will be no state, regional or national Hoop Shoot contests this year. The decision was left up to each lodge to decide if they will hold a contest and **Elks 1187 WILL NOT** hold a contest this year.

We all realize the COVID risks and certainly do not want any of our participants, family and more importantly, our Elks volunteers, to be at risk.

I want to take this time once again to always appreciate our Elks volunteers for all you do for our lodge.

Happy Holidays to all and please be safe.

Todd Miller, Hoop Shoot chairman

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Paul Chrisensen.....1 Year
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John Hildebrandt.....4 Years
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Memorial Sunday observance Dec. 6

Lodge officers will join with members of the Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 to pay tribute to 37 members of Lodge 1187 who died this fraternal year (through 11/20/2020). Traditionally this observance is held on the first Sunday of December. This year, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, only the officers will be present.

Lotz-Sheppard, Verne R	04/26/19	Durrett, Fred P	01/22/20
Hamm, Ted E	07/06/19	Newman, Leonard A	01/24/20
Dodge, Donald	07/15/19	Orem Jr, Paul	02/07/20
Pexa, Wade F	07/24/19	Wermers, Robert L	02/11/20
Mack, James A	08/07/19	Herman, Mike	03/05/20
Dahn, Eugene H	08/09/19	Fricke, H Craig	03/17/20
Raben, Gilbert G	09/07/19	Naylor, Edgar W	04/13/20
Hamm, Dean R	10/12/19	Everson, Dean	04/14/20
Petersen, Darold W	10/25/19	Hilton, James	05/11/20
Larson, Roland	10/26/19	Jones, Walter	06/04/20
Schlottman, George B	11/04/19	Barton, Ernest C	06/09/20
Weappa, Clyde	11/07/19	Schurger, Robert J	06/22/20
Kleinsasser, Ronald R	11/14/19	Swenumson, Del	09/02/20
Hislop, Thomas R	11/20/19	Bernal, Donald E	09/19/20
Berndt, Bart	12/06/19	Weimer, Len	10/14/20
Czywczynski, James A	12/12/19	Mikolash, Dale A	11/03/20
Jensen, Volmer	12/13/19	Thomas, Norman C	11/04/20
Keller, Alfred J	01/03/20	Barker, Jack R	11/16/20
Russell Jr, Evan	01/17/20		

Here's how to plan for your winter golf

Hello Golfers,

I hope you enjoyed the season and the course this year! We had a great time and we are looking forward to the spring!

Winter golf is as follows: If the daytime temperatures will reach at the minimum 50 degrees for at least two (2) consecutive days, we will open the course for greens and carts. All other days we will have temporary greens and walking only.

Simulator golf continues to be a

popular winter activity and our league is going strong. If you are interested, please call the lounge/restaurant to make a tee time as we do not make tee times for the simulators in the Pro Shop.

Watch next month for the new season pass golf rates coming out! We will have them done by Christmas so you can purchase them for gifts. I believe we will also have a special again with it.

Hope to see you soon!

Aaron and the entire golf staff

ELGA members reminded there's time to play

Hello ELGA,

I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. The holiday at my home was a quiet one.

I don't have much to say. I know that is a shocker. We may still have some nice days to get out and golf. I hope I can take advantage of a few of them.

We have some of our friends we

should keep in our prayers. Romy Thomas' husband passed away early November and also Karla Grosz is fighting her cancer. I know these are not the only ones who are going through tough times right now.

I hope everyone are doing the best you can. These are tough times, but things will get better.

Sue Mulz, ELGA President

Please remember that every Elk is welcome to attend the Lodge Board, Event Center Board and regular Lodge meetings. Your ideas and suggestions help keep our fraternal organization fresh and growing. See you there Dec. 2?



Howard Rice, longtime, former golf chairman and perennial volunteer, was named November Elk of the Month by ER Rod Holmes. He noted Rice's generosity in providing his Quonset building for the table refinishing project. Rice always offers use of his equipment for lodge projects and special events.

Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas from Beau's Fairway Grille at the Elks Lodge!

We will practice holiday hours and thus we will be closed Dec. 24 from 2 p.m. until we re-open Dec. 28 at 11 a.m.



We are still booking holiday parties, so talk to Jolene if you need information!

We will have **'casseroles to go'** starting in December, so inquire with Jolene or Deidra for what's available.

We have brunch every Sunday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

We also have our football menu and the NFL package on Sundays from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Make a note — Prime Rib is now Friday and Saturday nights and Steak Night is on Wednesdays!

Beau and Jolene

Lodge meetings

Your Elks Lodge 1187 **regularly** meets at **7 p.m.** on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Note: One meeting in December! Dec. 2

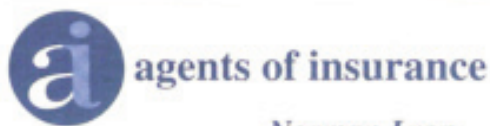
The Lodge Board meeting precedes the regular meeting at **6 p.m.** on the first Wednesday.

The Event Center Board meets at **5:30 p.m.** on the third Wednesday. The various meetings in the lodge will be conducted with social distance recommendations from the CDC, and current members are always welcome!

HAVE A TREAT ON US!

Come in during your birthday month, show your current membership card to the bartender and receive a free drink!
(It's that easy!)

Have some spare time? If you can help around the lodge, check with an officer



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Norm Thomas	06/03/46	10/04/68	11/04/20
Dale Mikolash	09/23/35	04/21/76	11/03/20

An Elk is never forgotten!

At A Glance

December 2020

Please be aware that circumstances related to recommendations for dealing with Covid 19 may result in some changes in events.

- Dec. 2 -- Lodge Board meeting, 6 p.m.
PERs meeting, 6:15 p.m.
Lodge meeting, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10 -- Does dinner and meeting,
Elks Lodge, downstairs
- Dec. 24 -- Beau's Fairway Grille at the Elks Lodge
Closed after 2 p.m.
Reopen Dec. 28 at 11 a.m.

Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

Just a little FYI about what is happening in our Drove.

As you may know, BPO Does USA will be 100 years old next year. There's an exciting project in the works that needs YOUR help. Karen Boardman, PSP, is in charge of creating a nationwide DOES cookbook. Proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go to expenses of Grand Lodge.

Send recipe(s) to Karen Boardman, PSP, Convention Committee 1108 Valley Creek Run Winter Park, FL 32792, 407-929-6716 (cell) Karen.dpif@gmail.com Include your name, address, and Rapid City Drove No 33, SD

Drove Officers for 2021 are:

President—Bonnie Stratton	First Counselor -- Karyl Shanahan
Senior Counselor -- Mary Taylor	Junior Counselor -- Karlene Schmidt
Secretary—Myrna Meyers	Treasurer -- Sue Myers
Conductor—Dianne Labor	Inner Guard -- Peggy Trankle
Outer Guard—Ilene Johnson	Chaplain -- Jean Gilmore
Alternate Delegate to Grand Lodge -- Mary Taylor	
Three-Year Trustee -- Nelva Blenner	

Appointed by the President: Flags, Attendants, Assistant Conductor, Assistant Musician **ANY VOLUNTEERS?** Respond to **Bonnie Stratton**

As of now, we are on track for our Dec. 10 dinner and meeting at the Elks, downstairs. Not sure how we will do dinner. Any thoughts?

If anyone knows of a family or families in need of a helping hand, contact Karyl Shanahan.

Dianne Labor

National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris is keeping up the relay support system for veterans at the Fort Meade Medical Center.

In his October report to the lodge he explained that six electric razors, on hair clipper, five bird feeders and two bags of bird seed plus some cal-

endars and holiday greeting cards were delivered to Mike Ellis, recreation therapist, to take to Fort Meade which was still in lockdown because of a resurgence of the virus.

Some of the vets were in serious need of the personal hygiene items they had requested, Harris said, "So we were glad to be able to help with those."

Ellis indicated they feel they will now have enough bird feeders to replace the ones destroyed in summer hailstorms.

Bird watching is a great distraction for the veterans who appreciate the lodge support in obtaining the items.

