



THE RAPID CITY ELK HEARD



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March 2021

Officers elected, now members must step up

Hello members,

This month I want to give you the names of the new officers for the 2021-2022 year which begins April 1:

- Tiler Scott VanDrew, appointed;
- Inner Guard Gina Kimball, appointed;
- Lecturing Knight Suzi Aadland, nominated, elected;
- Loyal Knight Matt Kimball, nominated and elected;
- Leading Knight Jim Lutz, nominated and elected;
- Exalted Ruler Rod Holmes, nominated and elected;
- 5-year trustee Bud Burnham nominated and elected;



Chaplain Bill Trankle, appointed; Secretary Barbara Stucker, nominated and elected; Treasurer Brady Foreman, nominated and elected; Esquire - not yet appointed..

We held initiation Wednesday, Feb. 24, for seven (7) new members. I believe that makes more than 70 new members initiated this year.

I have picked Suzi Aadland for Elk of the Month. Suzi always helps with games, taking minutes for the Event Center meetings, coming up with ideas for events and supporting the lodge.

Thank you all for the ideas and the help around the lodge.

Exalted Ruler Rod Holmes

Come out and see all the improvements!

March is here, so spring is once again here. There are a number of improvements that have been finished or are pending around our facilities. A mini split (heating/cooling) has been installed in the pool room, the internet infrastructure has been completely upgraded throughout the Lodge building. Landscaping has begun around the east side of the Pro Shop to give the golf course a welcoming look. We are also installing a gas fireplace in the restaurant and installing a new 16-tap beer cooler in the bar to accommodate craft beers that have been requested. We again have 32 simulator golf teams for the spring league and a large group of Friday Scramblers.

March is the end of the year for current lodge officers who are on a single-year appointment. We are losing a team member who has made big

difference in putting the Lodge and Events Center in a sound financial position, so when you see Aaron Eisenbraun please thank him for all he has done for our Lodge.

The board has decided not to have our annual Easter egg hunt and will have to make a decision about the 4th of July festivities shortly because of continuing Covid-19 concerns.

As always, the Lodge Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month and all members are invited to attend.

Respectfully,

Doug Hamilton, Lodge Board Chairman



PER William 'Skeet' Hamiel received February Elk of the Month honors from ER Rod Holmes to recognize his service promoting the Friday golf scrambles on the course and simulators as well as a past ER.

Elks Members' Business Directory

We are developing an online, searchable business directory for current Elks members. There is no charge to be included on the list.

This directory will only include current members of Elks Lodge 1187.

An email with the link to enter your business information will be sent in early March.

If you need to update your email, please contact Barbara Stucker at secretary@rcelks.org. If you have any questions about the directory, please contact Suzi via email: suzi.aadland@gmail.com.

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ELECTED OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Rod Holmes
Est. Leading Knight.....
Est. Loyal Knight.....PER Paul Gillings
Est. Lecturing Knight.....James 'Bud' Burnham
Lodge Secretary.....Barbara Stucker
Lodge Treasurer.....Aaron Eisenbraun

TRUSTEES

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire.....PER Kevin Gregg
Inner Guard.....Suzi Aadland
Tiler.....Nick Baird
Chaplain.....PER William 'Bill' Trankle

ELKS GOLF AND EVENT CENTER BOARD

President.....Rodney Holmes
Vice President.....Andrew Schulz
Secretary.....Suzie Aadland
Treasurer.....Aaron Eisenbraun
Directors: PER Paul Christensen, Doug Hamilton, Ted English and Tim Powell.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention.....James Burnham
Activities Committee.....
Americanism.....Neil Harris
Auditing.....Richard Roush
Drug Awareness.....Secretary Barbara Stucker
Elks National Foundation.....Secretary Barbara Stucker
Flag Day.....Neil Harris
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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

Fish 'n' Game Night is March 10!

Once a year our fishermen and hunters cook up their favorite recipes and share them in the annual Lodge Fish Fry and Wild Game Feed which will be March 10.

In case you missed earlier stories to help you prepare to share, Chairman Morris Most notes "we'll be frying fish in the kitchen, but the wild game must be cooked prior!"

Men's Golf Association meeting is March 24

The Men's Golf Association will meet downstairs in the lodge beginning at 5 p.m. March 24.

There will be discussion about the year's tournament schedule and answers to questions about the SDHCP system.

"We will start serving at 5 p.m. downstairs and go 'til the fish is gone."

Don't have a fish or a dish?

Bring your appetite and plan to make a donation with the proceeds going to a local charity.

There will be the usual need for volunteers for help serve and cleanup so don't be bashful, just come out and enjoy.

There also will be an open forum to talk about any subject that may help or improve the golf experience at the Elks Golf Course.

Round up your teams and bring all your suggestions!

Pro Shop open any day the weather permits

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 be 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@rclks.org and we will add you. You can also stop in and give us your e-mail address if you would like.

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

Hope to see all of us golfing soon!

Aaron and the entire staff

ELGA alerts members to April 27 opening meeting

Hoping spring weather is near ELGA President Sue Mulz wants to alert everyone to put April 27 on their calendars. That is the date of the opening meeting for 2021. There will be registration and our meeting.

"It will be nice to see all all your friendly faces. More information will follow in the next Heard."

She also noted many members had taken advantage of the simulators and league play to get ready for the season.

Does will Zoom in green on March 11

The Rapid City Does #33 will ZOOM again on March 11! Please wear GREEN for St. Patrick's Day if possible – we have to brighten things up a little bit!

As more people get vaccinated, we hope to resume our meetings at the lodge. I think there is a light at the end of the tunnel!

Karyl Shanahan, our Benevolence Chairman, reported we donated 14 jackets to kids in need and paid a past due water bill for one person. Way to go Karyl!

Karlene Schmidt, Ways & Means Chairman, is planning on the Craft Fair at the hospital In November.

This could change if the pandemic doesn't lift. All profits of this go Hospice.

At this point we are looking forward to our golf tournament in August. Watch for more information later!

Again, if anyone has ideas on fund raising, please contact Karlene Schmidt or myself.

REMINDER: 2021 DUES ARE DUE. Please sent to BPO Does #33, PO Box 2835, Rapid City, SD 57709.

Bonnie Stratton, President

Bits from Beau's Fairway Grille:



Susan Hunt won the Queen of Hearts drawing Feb. 13. She is not an Elk so she received 40 percent of the \$3,918. ER Rod Holmes presented her with \$1,567.20.

Queen of Hearts

Jackpot Drawing each Saturday 7 p.m.

Lodge meetings

Your Elks Lodge 1187 regularly meets at 7 p.m on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Past Exalted Rulers meet the first Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

See you on March 3 and 17?

The Lodge Board meeting precedes the regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday. PERS meet at 6:15 p.m.

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

We are all getting ready for spring and warm weather...and GOLFING! We debuted a Deep Fried Burger last month, and it was a hit! We will have a different deep fried burger every week and it will come with the Soup and Salad Bar!

In other awesome news, we will be offering DOORDASH! We are super excited about this as you can now get our great food without having to leave your house. Check the DOORDASH app soon, and get your order in.

Of course, we will still offer curbside pickup and carry out.

We will have an Easter Brunch, so be sure to check our Facebook page or call us for more details, as the time gets closer.

Liver and Onions have become a staple on Tuesdays, so be sure to check that out if you don't want the hassle of cooking it, but you LOVE liver!

Hours are still 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and regular menu from 11 to 5.

We appreciate every one of our supporters and look forward to meeting new members. Beau and Jolene

Clip me!

\$5 Appetizer with purchase of an entree

(one coupon per person)

Expires 3/31/21

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.

HAVE A TREAT ON US!

Come in during your

birthday month,

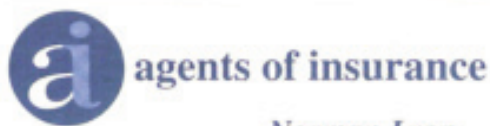
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membership card

to the bartender

and receive a free drink!

(It's that easy!)



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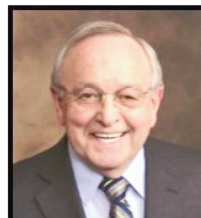
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Gerald Allen	10/05/34	05/15/97	02/02/21
Roger Frye	10/29/40	09/17/75	02/03/21
Jerry French	01/31/47	09/15/70	02/09/21

An Elk is never forgotten!

Upcoming things to watch for: Get ready for the annual Fish Fry & Wild Game Feed March 10. Does Zoom meeting March 11. **Bingo March 20, 6:30 p.m.** Men's Golf Assn. meeting downstairs at 5 p.m. March 24. Elks Ladies Golf Association opening meeting April 27.

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

Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

During the Feb. 3 Lodge meeting, Exalted Ruler Rod Holmes announced that National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris will be stepping down at the end of this fraternal year.



Holmes commended Harris on his exemplary service to the veterans for more than two decades as well as his service to the Lodge.

February's Elk of the Month, PER William "Skeet" Hamiel donated his \$25 gift card to Harris.

At that meeting Lodge Board President Doug Hamilton said the lodge maintenance crew did some work on the van and it seems to be working fine now. He added that the board will be checking into selling the vehicle as soon as "we get the title."

Also in his report Hamilton reminded his audience that the board welcomes input from the Lodge membership.

In February updates from the Event Center Board Secretary Suzi Aaland said the board is still checking on replacing bar stools and explained that work can start on the bridge on Hole 8 when the snow is gone.

In his January activity report to the Lodge (at the Feb.3 meeting) Harris said he attended a Jan. 4 meeting of Boy

Scout Troop 1187 which is sponsored by the Lodge. Harris said he presented a letter and was able to comment on the Scouts donation of Christmas decorations for the veterans at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in December. The Fort Meade Staff wanted to make sure the Scouts knew how much their decorations were appreciated by the veterans. He added that it was a pleasure for him to be able to share that information with the troop.

On Jan. 13 he delivered men's new clothing items, lap blankets, calendars, blank greeting cards and puzzle books to Mike Ellis, recreation therapist, to take to Fort Meade. Rex and Wahneta Goon donated the clothing and Dave and Diane Hill donated the blankets, he said.

Jan. 27 Harris delivered calendars, blank greeting cards, Tandy Leather and Walmart gift cards totaling \$500 to Ellis to take to Fort Meade. Trustee Ted English had donated several leather tooling items for craft projects and the vets needed leather supplies to support ongoing projects, Harris reported.

He said the staff, in telephone calls (because of the ongoing problems with Covid-19) had identified clothing and personal hygiene items the veterans needed and the Walmart cards will help satisfy those needs.

"We have received letters from the Fort Meade staff thanking the Elks membership for all the wonderful donations and support for activities" at the medical center.

Upcoming activities will be dictated by the virus requirement in the near future, Harris concluded.

**Bingo, March 20
6:30 p.m.**

Sally Farrar, Heard Editor