

**Rich's Message** by Rich Freeman, Exalted Ruler

Welcome to the month of December 2014. It's going to be a busy, busy month. However, there are a few items from November which I feel, I need to comment on.

First THANKS to all who participated in the Veterans Day Parade on November 1 and the Veterans Day Service at the Municipal Auditorium on November 11. Our own Elk, Duane Norris emceed both events. Great job Duane!

Second, out of 359 members of **OUR LODGE** we had approximately 50 (and that might be high) attend the General Membership Meeting on October 12 and about the same number on November 7 at the Donation, Auction, Munchies Dinner and Dance.

**Thanks to all who PARTICIPATED and contributed.** This lack of interest and participation

has me worried about the future of **OUR LODGE** and Country Club. Let's see if we can't do better this month.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> I was a guest of the DOES, who were celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were established as Hasting Drove #112 in 1954. Our congratulations to them and the service they have provided to Our Elks Lodge and the community.


We start out this month with Stag/stagette night on Dec. 2, 6:30pm. Bring a guest, (on second thought, bring as many guests as you can.) Come out and enjoy the good food, fellowship and the satisfaction of knowing you're contributing to the success of Our Lodge and Club. On Dec. 4th we have the Peoples First Christmas Party. Dec. 7 we have our Mandatory Elks Memorial Service at 5:30pm. There is only one Lodge meeting scheduled in December and that will be on December 9th. December 16<sup>th</sup> will find us once again at the VA Med Center in G.I., for our Sandwich Day program. All who can volunteer their time and help should be there by 10:30am. The ELKS Christmas Party is on Friday, December 19 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring an appropriate gift for him or her. The Gift Wrapping and delivery of gifts for the area children takes place at 9:00 am, Dec. 20. Wrapping will be followed by deliveries at 1:00pm. Christmas Day-May you all enjoy the day with family, friends and loved ones, keep safe and remember our Armed Forces. Finally New Year's Eve, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> will find us with two events going on. Bingo at the VA Med Center, G.I., at 7:00pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor recreation room; if you would like to help this night, please be there by 7:00pm. Afterwards it's off to The ELKS New Year's Eve party at OUR Lodge which begins at 8:00pm-Followed afterwards by Breakfast.

To ALL OFFICERS, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS and DOES who have contributed their time, energy's and support thru out this past year **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!** I commend you all for your support of our Charitable and Benevolent programs/works of Our Order. I look forward to your continued support and PARTICIPATION

## Elks Country Club Winter Hours

### Starting November 1, 2014

Monday.....CLOSED  
 Tuesday.....12NOON-8:00PM\*  
 Wednesday.....12NOON-8:00PM\*  
 Thursday.....CLOSED  
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