



Calling all Elks

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Grand Lodge News

Welcome Home Kits offer a new beginning.

By Nadezh Mulholland, Programs Associate

You have probably heard the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." Here at the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, we believe it takes a village to keep our veterans safe, housed, and cared for. One tangible way the Elks village cares for veterans in need is through the Welcome Home Kit program.

Welcome Home Kits are designed to help veterans' transition to permanent homes after exiting homelessness. We reimburse Elks Lodges for purchasing kits of household supplies for local veterans. Kits contain a range of essential household supplies, including kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, and cleaning items.

It is a joyous occasion when a veteran finds housing, but it is not the end of the story. Rather, it signifies a new beginning. Many veterans need help getting off to a strong start, and that is where the Elks come in. Veterans frequently enter permanent housing directly from shelters and may have no belongings other than the clothes on their backs. As we all know, a home is more than just four walls and a roof.

Through the Welcome Home Kit program, Elks help veterans around the country feel at home in their new residences.

Many volunteers find fulfillment in continuing to support veterans even after they are settled. Veterans often benefit from help with tasks like budgeting, planning meals, searching for jobs, and communicating with landlords. While these kinds of in-person connections are wonderful, you don't have to wait until after the pandemic to put together your first kit. In fact, kits are of special importance right now. Because many veterans are isolated in their homes, making their living space comfortable is crucial.

Lodges have found creative ways to serve veterans from a distance, including scheduling online order deliveries or arranging for veterans' case managers to pick up orders from the store to take to veterans.

Every veteran has their own story as to how they became homeless. Similarly, every veteran has unique hopes and dreams. A stable home provides security and can be the first step for veterans to achieve bright futures. Thanks to the dedication of Elks far and wide, the Welcome Home Kit program recently surpassed 5,000 total veterans served! With your help, the upcoming year can be our biggest yet.

Together we can do great things.

NOTICE

There will No
Stag/Stagette Supper
at the lodge
for the month of February

PLEASE NOTE

Past Exalted Rulers
will be running the lodge meeting
February 9, 2021 at 7:00pm
As a reminder:
Nominations for the Officer's chairs as well as a 5-year
Trustee position will be accepted at this meeting.
Please plan to attend.



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 Leading Knight..... OPENED
 Loyal Knight.....Kerrie Oreskovich
 Lecturing Knight.....OPENED
 Esquire.....PER Zach Oreskovich
 Chaplain.....PER Aaron Martinez
 Inner Guard.....PER Joe Thompson
 Tiler.....Kent Rothfuss
 Secretary.....PER John Folcik
 Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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President.....Pat DuBois, protem
 First Counselor.....NoElla Snow
 Senior Counselor.....Denise Snow
 Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits
 Secretary.....Janet Schawang
 Treasurer.....Donna Dill
 Conductor.....Pat DuBois
 Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik
 Inner Guard.....Pat Wich

Trustees

NoElla Snow (3yr), Janet Schawang (2yr),
 and Pat DuBois (1yr)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Lodge Meetings:

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
 except July and August (fourth Tuesday only)
 and December (second Tuesday only)
 Lodge Meeting time: 7:00pm November-February.
 8:00pm March-October

February Elk Birthdays

02.....John Garman 13.....Roy De Mars
 02.....Michael C Hardin 19.....Elmer G Murman
 02.....Roger Pitney 24.....Mark A Beck
 06...Elizabeth Chamberlin Hoit 25...Wendall P Maupin
 07.....Theresa Hampton 25.....Elizabeth Wilson
 09.....Rodney Ostrander 26.....Gerald E Buttell
 12.....Richard Bedlan 26.....Dennis Rose
 12.....Denly Jacob Thompson 27.....Jesse Wright
 12.....Randy J Witt 28.....Kyle Gydesen

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in February.
 We invite you and your family to celebrate with us!
 Just present this coupon and a paid-up Membership card.
 \$5.00 will be DEDUCTED from your evening meal ticket
 as well as the ticket of one guest.
 (Any night food is served)

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Membership #: _____

Julie's Message By: ER Julie Rothfuss

Happy February everyone! I am close to being done with my 1st year of being your Exalted Ruler. Due to Covid-19 the State association is asking all ER's to repeat their term this coming year so I will be repeating. I have enjoyed working for our lodge and getting our name out there. Some exciting news for our lodge is that we were name 2020 Outstanding Non-Profit Organization by our Area Chamber of Commerce. We will be awarded this award at the Chamber's Banquet on April 28. We are in the process of taping a short video about our good works and our past history for that evening. Tickets are available for those interested in attending.

Next month you will be receiving your dues notice for the lodge as well as if you are a golfer your dues membership notice in your mail. Please take the time to update your mailing address and phone number as well as your email address before you send your dues back in. With the new point of sale system, it is important to have our members correct information. The Board of Trustees and I are currently looking at discounts and incentives for lodge members. More information and details will be mailed out with your due's notice. In next month's newsletter I hoped to be able to report to all of you the state of the lodge, what we accomplished this year and what my goal is for the future year is.

Finally, I would personally like to thank our grounds keeper Rod Ostrander for moving all the snow after all the snowstorms we had. This was a big undertaking and a cold job to boot.
 Until next time-God Bless!!

From the Desk of the Lodge Secretary ~PER John Folcik ~

It is February and it is the 11th month of the Elk year. We will be accepting nominations for officers at the next Lodge Meeting. We will have a 5-year trustee vacancy. We will be accepting nominations for the Leading, Lecturing and Loyal Knight as well Job description posted in this newsletter.

Several weeks ago, I sent a letter to 11 members who have not paid their dues. These members will be dropped for non- payment at our March 23rd meeting per Grand Lodge Statute.

Life Membership Dues Notice

On May 4th, our bylaws revision was approved by Grand Lodge. One of the revisions was required due to action at the 2019 Grand Lodge Session that required that Life Membership shall be no less than 50 percent of the local dues plus Grand Lodge and State fees.

As such, there will be an adjustment in our life membership dues effective April 1, 2021. There will be no change in the dues structure for standard membership.

Membership/Lapsation Report

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2020:	210
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Increases

Initiated	5
Affiliated:	0
Reinstated:	1
Subtotal:	6

Decreases

Dropped:	2
Transferred Out:	0
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths:	6
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	8
Calculated Membership Total:	208
Average Age:	65.32
Gain/Loss:	-2

Job Description of Lodge Positions Vacant

LEADING KNIGHT

1. Assist the Exalted Ruler. This is your first responsibility, support his/her programs, be cooperative.
2. Preside in the absence of the Exalted Ruler, provided a PER has not be designated. Presiding in the absence of the Exalted Ruler falls in order of rank.
3. Attend all DDGER Clinics unless excused for good cause.
4. Attend District and State Association meetings (Conference and Convention). As second in command the Leading Knight should be as well informed as is the Exalted Ruler.

LOYAL KNIGHT

1. Is the Subordinate Forum Prosecutor.
2. Assist the Exalted Ruler in the performance of his/her duties and officiate for the Exalted Ruler in his/her and the Leading Knight's absence.

LECTURING KNIGHT

1. Greeter at Lodge functions exemplifying a spirit of brother love.
2. Assist the Exalted Ruler in the performance of his/her duties and officiate for the Exalted Ruler in his/her absence, and the Leading Knight's and the Loyal Knight's absence.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. To control the funds, investments and real and personal property of the Lodge, Club and Golf Course .
2. To execute all leases contracts or other papers as approved by the Lodge.
3. Maintain a record of investments made under the direction of the Lodge.
4. Present a segregated budget (With the assistance of the Managers and the Exalted Ruler) to the Lodge not later than its final meeting in April.
6. Establish appropriate controls to ensure expenditures are within budget.
7. Establish an Accident Prevention Program with one Trustee designated as chairperson.
8. The Chairperson for the Board must attend the Clinics of the DDGER for the District unless excused for good cause.
9. The Board must meet at least once every month and keep accurate minutes of each meeting. Currently the Board meets twice a month.



Miriam's Hope CornHole Tournament



When: On Saturday, February 27th, 10A.M.

Where: C3 Hotel and Conference Center

2205 Osborne Drive East in Hastings

Cost: \$40 per team

Miriam's Hope is putting on a cornhole tournament. We are partnering with Hastings Elks #159 to bring you the 1st Annual Miriam's Hope Cornhole Tournament. The tournament will be held in the C3 conference center. It will be a double elimination tournament with cash prizes going to the top 3 winners. There will be a raffle with various prizes and free will donation lunch also provided. There will be a 100 team cap for the tournament with a pay to play in for teams to fill drop outs and no shows in brackets. First 100 teams that sign up and pay entry fee will be placed in brackets, the rest will pay to play at 9am on the 27th. Please call 308-380-7009 to sign up for the tournament. C3 Hotel will be providing discounted rooms for attendees.

All proceeds go to Miriam's Hope Hastings.

Miriam's Hope

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All Covid-19 regulations
will be followed in ac-
cordance with city and
state guidelines



*Come Join us at the Elks Country Club
Wednesday, February 3rd*



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*Enjoy 50 cent Wings and \$1.50 Beers
plus Karaoke*

*We start serving food at 6:00pm
with
Karaoke starting at 8:00pm*

