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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Good morning everyone. Here is hoping you all had a happy and successful 2020. My feeling is that many of us struggled to get through this past year both mentally and physically. However, now it is time to look onward and upward with a better outlook on life and health.

Not to be a stick in the mud, but the lodge is in real financial trouble. The last time I asked for help, we were still able to rent the big room. The time has arrived that the rentals are down to nothing until the spring of the year. I am pleading for you to consider a donation so we can keep the lodge running. Thank you in advance.

We are still in need of officers for next year. We need an ER, Secretary, and a Chaplin. Check with me or any current officer if you are willing to take on a position.

Again, please have a HAPPY NEW YEAR and stay safe.

JIM DECKER

ER



JANUARY ACTIVITIES

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let us all pray that we can return to some kind of normal. I really don't want 2020 to be what we expect our lives to be forever. I miss all of our Members and the sound of laughter and kidding in our Lodge.

As all the other Lodges, in our District, we are also struggling to keep our head above water.

Karaoke is doing well on Monday Nights. We are going to bring back food on Monday. Also a favorite, will be our Philly Steaks, on the third Monday of the month, along with our Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, and Hot Dogs.

Hopefully, we will be playing Bar Poker again on Thursdays.

Last month we had a Saturday Pot Luck, to celebrate the Birthday for the month. We will be doing this again on January 16, 2021. Bring something to share. We will provide the Birthday Cake. It is a nice way to spend a Saturday.

Please remember, you **MUST** wear a mask when entering the Lodge and while you are out of your seat.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, PER

Activities Chairman

January Secretary Letter



Happy New Year to you all. I'm sure you join me in hoping that 2021 is sooooo much better than 2020. I hope soon we won't have to wear face masks and we can hug each other again. And those who want a job can find one.

I'm starting out the new year by being realistic. I know I am 72, and receiving social security, but I've been working as a nurse for a home health agency part time, but every day. It's been really difficult to keep up with the work that needs doing as your secretary. So, I have resigned as secretary of the Palmetto Elks lodge. I will need to keep working as a nurse as long as physically possible.

But it's not fair to the lodge for me to keep trying to do both jobs. Your lodge deserves a totally retired secretary, who has the time to devote her all to the Palmetto Elks lodge. So, as soon as someone says "yes" to the job, I will do my best to train him or her. And I'm sure Judy V. will also help train the new person as needed.

I want to thank you all for being patient with me while trying to learn this secretary job. I know you will be equally supportive of whoever takes over as next year's secretary.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/01	Sharon	Nealy	01/09	Joe	Cochran	01/20	Johnathan	Vandivier
01/01	Carl	Welch	01/12	Robert	Beecherl	01/21	Ronald	Leblanc
01/02	Louis	Annunziato	01/12	Michael	Stewart	01/23	Richard	Klein
01/02	Terrence	Hamlin	01/15	Larry	Riegle	01/25	Larry	Turgeon
01/04	Richard	Marston	01/17	Robert	Huey	01/26	Donald	Fumce
01/04	David	Moore	01/17	Scott	McComas	01/26	Chet	Syjud
01/07	Holly Rae	Munck	01/18	Bernard	Vaanderland	01/30	Alvin	Zimmer
01/07	Angelo	Resendes	01/19	Robert	Gallagher	01/31	Ed	Comell
01/08	Nicholas	Curcio	01/19	Robert	Steidle	01/31	Nadene	Comell

AMERICANISM

Remembering the 41st President and an Important 1st Amendment Right

America's 40th President, Ronald Reagan, observed, "Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged." His successor, our 41st President, George H. W. Bush, as a man of religious faith, shared Reagan's views on this important symbiotic relationship. In 1992, President Bush signed the legislation that established Religious Freedom Day, to be annually observed on January 16, beginning in 1993. It was on January 16, 1786, that the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom was passed, which protected rights of religious conscience in Virginia and eventually influenced the inclusion of the 1st right specified in the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof". During his presidency, George H. W. Bush was not hesitant, in his speeches and proclamations, to refer to the significance of religious freedom and prayer to the founding generation's understanding of liberty, to our nation's history, and to the development of the unique American character.

Craig Conklin, PER

Americanism Chairman

PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2019-2020

To help us in defraying the cost of our bulletin, your Lodge is asking you to become a Bulletin Booster. For a donation of \$10.00 per person, your name will be listed in every Bulletin for a period of one year. Please make your check payable to the lodge and give to the Secretary. Thank you for your support.

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YES, I, (we) pledge a donation of \$10 per person per year to support the publication of our bulletin. Enclosed is my (our) donation in the amount of \$ _____.

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Drug Awareness

Ways to help loved ones battling substance abuse this pandemic holiday season

"The numbers of opioid overdose deaths have been the highest this year. We have seen an increase in the St. Louis region and in the state of Missouri. Author: Justina Coronel (KSDK)

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ST. LOUIS — The holidays can be a stressful time and having a pandemic in the mix could weigh heavy on a lot of people.

For those battling substance abuse or mental illness, a pandemic holiday season could bring even more pressure.

According to the CDC, the most dangerous times of the year for drug- and alcohol-related deaths are December, January, and March.

"The numbers of opioid overdose deaths have been the highest this year.

That is due in part to stronger drugs — like fentanyl — in the supply paired with the problems that come with the pandemic.

"We're facing stressors related to economic stability, housing stability, and some isolation," Armbruster said.

Armbruster said although it seems like the weight of the world is on your shoulders, counseling and intervention can help.

"You can let the individual know that you're there to help and you want to see them succeed," she said.

Trauma therapist Richelle Moore agreed that it's important to approach the conversation with love.

As far as providing services during the pandemic, many organizations are doing it virtually giving you the opportunity to get help from the comfort of your home.

Florida also has its problems with drug abuse, let your Dr. know if you are struggling.

Drug Awareness Chairperson
Dorathay Meade



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Monday 10:00 am —1:00 pm

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WEEKLY LODGE ACTIVITIES

Monday

Serving 5-7 pm

Music 5-8pm

Hamburgers-\$8.00

Cheeseburger-\$9.00

Hot Dog-\$5.00

January 2021

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 Lodge Closed 	2
3	4 Burgers & dogs Karaoke 5-8 With Marie	5	6	7 Bar Poker Begins at discretion of the bartender	8	9
10	11 Burgers & dogs Karaoke 5-8 With Marie	12 Meetings Trustee-4:30 Directors-5:00 General-6:00	13	14 Bar Poker Begins at discretion of the bartender	15	16 Birthday Pot Luck- 2 pm
17	18 Philly Cheese Steak- \$10 Karaoke 5-8	19	20	21 Bar Poker Begins at discretion of the bartender	22	23
24	25 Burgers & dogs Karaoke 5-8 With Marie	26	27	28 Bar Poker Begins at discretion of the bartender	29	30
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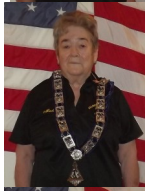
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