

## BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

### JULY 2020



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Hello Palmetto Elks 2449 from ER Jim Decker:

Time to let you know what is happening around the lodge. Also, I am hoping you are all feeling well and wearing your masks, keeping your social distancing, and washing your hands. I am sure you have heard that the lodge has been open since the Governor opened the bars and restaurants in the state. We have sent out lodge blasts to inform you all of the dates and times. The lodge is open from 2:00 - 6:00 each day. You are all welcome to stop by for a refreshment. We are trying hard to encourage members and guests to abide by the health departments guidelines for the COVID-19. Just a word of warning, if you are feeling sick, please stay home so you do not contaminate others.

I received this in the Accident Prevention Newsletter and wanted to pass it along:

#### Service of Alcohol

State Accident Prevention Chairs and Lodge Accident Prevention Managers should continuously repeat the message about alcohol. The membership must be reminded of a \$28,000,000 verdict against Lodge Officers and Lodge Members in Pennsylvania. A jury found that a non member was improperly served alcohol while attending an Elks sponsored function.

Lodges have a liquor license and maintain bar facilities to provide the service of alcohol to Lodge Members and their guests. Under no circumstances should lodges view the service of alcohol as a commercial activity for service to the public.

Those serving alcohol should be trained to count the number of drinks provided to a Member or guest. It is strongly recommended that all those involved in the service of alcohol, including volunteers, take a training course.

#### Message of the Grand Exalted Ruler--Robert L Duitsman

This will be my final newsletter message as you Grand Exalted Ruler. Given the ongoing concerns for the health and safety of our Members, together with that of their families and friends, the Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore has been canceled. It is unclear as of the time of this writing what alternative arrangements will be made. Whatever happens, I can assure you that some very good people have been working to develop contingency plans.

History will remember these as extraordinary time in the history of our nation and the world. While many previously felt secure in the belief that the world's problems were always in far off places and there was little for us as Americans to worry about, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed that. Who had heard of social/spatial distancing and the use of face masks in common areas?

We've been experiencing some challenging times, but here as in all throughout our history, the Elks have stood tall and worked through problems. Through creative new means of handling the business in our Lodges and looking after each other as best we can, we have done well and be proud of what we have accomplished together.

It has been deeply moving for both Beth and I to have had the opportunity to travel around our country and meet so many wonderful people, to make new friends, and to learn about the truly remarkable charitable works being done in so many ways. While our travel was cut a bit short (a dozen of our visits were canceled due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions), we saw that Elkdom is clearly shining bright, building on the work and traditions of those who have gone before and moving forward together toward a brighter future. That was the essence of my slogan "Honoring the Past-Embracing the Future" and it is ringing true in Lodges and State Associations all across the nation. There is a lot to be proud of with Elkdom.

This has indeed been the ride of a lifetime, and I take this final opportunity to thank you all for the warmth, caring, and hospitality shown to Beth and me along the way. Elks are a truly special breed of people, and worthy of the title Best People on Earth.

# **GRAND LODGE OF THE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.**

## **RESOLUTION**

We, the undersigned Officers and Trustees of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia, and having its principal place of business at 2750 North Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted by the corporation and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

Therefore, it is resolved:

1. That a pandemic contagion of unknown origin and unpredictable effect has caused the cancellation of the 156<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Convention previously scheduled for July 5 through 8, 2020 in the City of Baltimore, Maryland. Guidelines from the Center of Disease Control as well as state and local governments have advised that the contagion is spread by human contact with as many as forty-five percent of infected individuals displaying no symptoms but still able to pass the disease on to others. Many jurisdictions have restricted group meetings of any kind, travel is regulated and often subject to quarantine.
2. Having in mind the health and welfare of our Members but also mindful of the need to perform such statutory and constitutional duties that ensure the programs, projects, and good works of the Order are able to move forward into the next fraternal year, we, the undersigned, do order and decree:
  - a. That all nominees for Grand Lodge elective offices previously received have been published in the Elks Magazine and no other nominations have been received. Those nominees are hereby declared elected and may be installed by administering the oath of office before any past or present Officer of the Grand Lodge.
  - b. District Deputy Designates shall be appointed by Executive Order of the Grand Exalted Ruler but may be installed by administration of the oath of office before any past or present Grand Lodge Officer.
  - c. The Budget, as approved by the membership in convention last July, 2019, and having been reviewed by the Board of Grand Trustees, will be carried forward to the fraternal year 2020-2021 by transposing the data from the previous year into the 2020-2021 budget. That budget is hereby declared approved as of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 and in full effect at that time.
  - d. The Per-Capita shall be the same as that approved by the membership for the fraternal year 2019-2020 and is approved as of the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2020 for the fraternal year 2020-2021 and in full effect at that time.
  - e. The Legislative Session is postponed until the next meeting with all pending resolutions carried forward to that date.
  - f. Members of the Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Forum, all Commissions, Committees, and other entities of the Grand Lodge shall meet as deemed by the Chairman and file a written report of their activities with the Grand Secretary no later than the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.



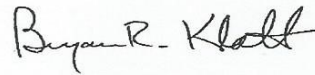
- g. The Grand Exalted Ruler upon installation shall have the authority to make such appointments as required by the Statutes which said appointees shall be deemed ratified pending any review as described below, may be installed by the same procedure as Officers and shall take their respective office/appointment on July 8, 2020.
3. The above extraordinary actions are taken only in extremis and without a vote of the membership available due to meeting restrictions. For that reason, the Grand Secretary is directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to each voting entity of the Grand Lodge along with a form upon which those entities can express their objections to these measures. That form must be received by the Grand Secretary no later than July 8, 2020. Should the objections, timely received, reach the two-thirds measure of qualified voting entities, the Grand Exalted Ruler shall, as soon as practicable, order a special meeting of the Grand Lodge at a place and time recommended by the Convention Commission at which meeting the above provisions may be reviewed.
4. Unless and until such special meeting, this Resolution and the Orders contained therein, shall be deemed final.

The indulgence of our Members is appreciated as we endeavor to chart a path forward in extraordinary circumstances. These measures are clearly temporary. We look forward to resumption of normal fraternal activity as soon as conditions allow.

Fraternally,



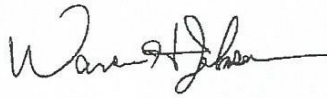
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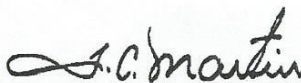
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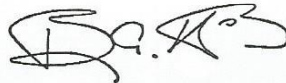
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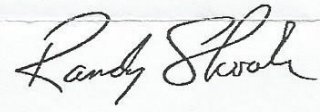
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## ***JULY ACTIVITIES***

It is so good to be putting together a newsletter article again. It has been a while.

We are open again. The Lounge has been changed a bit so that we might do social distancing for everyone's safety.

Starting on Friday, July 3rd, Leo will be offering a new dice game. It is called Left, Right, Center. So grab some quarters and come on over. The game will start at 2:30, as long as there are six players. More can play, but we need at least six to start.

Karaoke will start on Monday, July 6th. It will run from 3:00-6:00. We are going to start it every other Monday to start. Marie has been kind enough to get us back running. She will be working for tips only. You may bring your own food or order a pizza to be delivered.

Thursdays, are still doing well with Bar Poker. We are open every day from 2:00-6:00, so when we have six people, we can start the game. If you come over late, you can always join the next round.

Saturdays, is our Pot Luck day. It has been great fun and the food is wonderful. We start eating at 3:00. Please remember, our kitchen is closed for the summer. That means the only way to heat something is to bring it hot or use the microwave. Next Saturday, July 4th we are going to have a picnic theme. Bring the meat of your choice, and the bun, and something to do with a picnic. Already, we have corn on the cob, baked beans, potato salad, and a Mediterranean Salad.

Sundays, we have been serving hamburgers and cheeseburgers with French fries. We start at 3:00.

Please remember, we are open from 2:00-6:00 every day. We need to practice social distancing. We have hand sanitizer available. I am asking anyone who doesn't feel well to STAY HOME! This is for your safety and the safety of all of our other members. We can all get together if we stay safe together.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney PER

Activities Chairman



Hi to all!

I was officially elected to be your secretary on April 1. As you all know, we were closed at that time, and before, and after, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. So it was a strange beginning. And Judy V., who has been your secretary for at least 17 years, has been in lockdown. So training has been a bit strange. Seems like every day I find something else I should have been doing. But Judy has been very gracious in accepting my calls and walking me through what I need to do by phone. We are open now every day from 2 - 6 pm. And sometimes, Sandy and Jim cook hamburgers &/or hotdogs. So come on by and visit with your fellow Elks. But don't forget your masks, and wash your hands or use the alcohol based hand cleaner at the bar. Also, please keep 6 feet or more from others. We have found that if you talk loudly, everyone can hear you. I do have one request. We have 315 members. But 66 of you have not paid your dues. We still have bills to pay every month, but very little income. We still need to pay for electricity, water, sewer, insurance, and so on. The regular member dues are \$81.50. The life members dues are \$38.75. \$20.00 of that goes to the Grand Lodge, and \$3.00 to the State. And we have already paid those fees for each of our members. You can pay with a credit card by phone or in person, check, or cash between 2 and 6 pm any day. Please help us keep our lodge open by paying your dues. If you're not sure if you've paid yet, look at your card. If it's blue, you're overdue. If it's yellow, you're current. And of course, we always accept donations if you have some extra cash after paying your bills. Thank you all for being patient with me. I'm still learning every day.

Fraternally,

Doris C (Kitty) Flournoy Secretary  
BPOE 2449

### ***JULY BIRTHDAYS***

07/03	Terrance	Osvold	07/13	James	Frank Sr.	07/21	David	Enos
07/05	Frank	Grasso	07/14	James	Bretherick	07/21	Alicia	Saboy
07/05	Susan	Jelke	07/14	Anthony	Horman	07/23	Ed	Benedict
07/06	Doris	Long	07/14	Russell	Ingraham	07/23	Gordie	Raymond
07/06	Thor	Olsen	07/14	Louise	Keney	07/25	Judy	Ballenger
07/06	Steven	Olson	07/15	Annette	Whitner	07/26	Fred	Rickner
07/09	Cherie	Klepek	07/16	Clarence	Krebs	07/26	John	St. Laurent
07/12	Robert	Burnside	07/18	Lois	Chaney	07/28	William	Goebel
						07/30	Gerard	Szczygiel

# Americanism

We just finished having our annual Flag Day Ceremony on June 14. If you haven't seen it you should make a special effort to attend next year. It is very moving as well as instructional. In light of the unrest occurring throughout our country, I have a few comments to make.

First Americanism. Americanism is the love of our country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, the willingness to defend it against all enemies, and undivided allegiance to the flag. Our flag is the symbol of our unity and strength and our national anthem are the words to that symbol and strength.

Protesting by kneeling to our flag and our national anthem is disrespectful to all of us who love it. It is not how you garner support for your cause. Even if the cause is just, which it is. Further, violence and rioting are the antipathy of what type of actions should be taken. Two wrongs have never made a right.

Elks are taught brotherly love and respect for all regardless of creed, national origin or racial genetics. I believe in this with all my heart, and I strive to treat everyone, whether an Elk or not, as I would treat my family. We have a great deal of diversity in our Lodge. And that is how it should be. But they are members and friends first. Not black friends, Hispanic friends, Jewish friends, gay friends or whatever. They are my friends because they strive to the ideals of Elkdom, not because of heritage or creed. If we take these ideals to all we meet, perhaps we can help to make meaningful change.

Submitted by

Craig Conklin, PER

## PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2018-2019

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.

Gordon Raymond	Judy Hepler	Mary Walraven	Tom Smilouski
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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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Had enough isolation already? So have the Vets up at Bay Pines. Visitor restrictions to the hospital, vet housing, and nursing home there have not yet been lifted. What Elks can do in the meantime is bring our donated items for Bay Pines to the lodge. We will make a trip up there when the green light is given. It would be great to have a large amount of goods available at the moment that time arrives. I challenge our members to be more than generous this time. There is no question our Lodge has been a welcome participant in the Bay Pines volunteer & donation program. They are always amazed at what we bring to them every few months. Let's blow them away with our generosity this time!

America will be celebrating its independence on July 4th and there will (hopefully) be ceremonies held to remember our fight for freedom, and to also pay tribute to ALL veterans of ALL wars. We all should make every effort to attend at least one of these ceremonies. Or maybe just visit a cemetery and stop and say a prayer near those graves marked with American flags. It would mean a lot to those you have never known, but who fought for you and for all of us.

It's a big deal, really. Even just thanking a veteran for his or her service means so much to them — to know that we appreciate and respect what they did for us. Take the time and make a real difference in a veteran's life. And then go to your July 4th party and enjoy the hot dogs & hamburgers on the grill, the potato salad, the baked beans, and the cake with the American flag drawn on top.

Happy 4th of July,  
Jim Hoey

# Palmetto Pride



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Weekly Lodge Activities

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours

Monday 10:00 am —1:00 pm

Also available by appointment

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## LODGE OPENED DAILY 2:00-6:00 PM

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

SUNDAY- 3:00-6:00pm

Hamburger/FF & pickles-\$8.00

Cheeseburger/FF & pickles-\$9.00

Every Friday

2:30 -5:00 pm

DICE GAME

## July 2020

**Sun**

**Mon**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

			1 Open 2-6pm	2 Open 2-6 Bar Poker starts at discretion of the bartender	3 Open 2-6pm  DICE Game 2:30-5	4 Open 2-6 Potluck at 3 
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## 2020-2021 Officers



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Steve	McColm	SP4	US Army
Scott	McComas		US Army
Len	Meade	SP5	US Army
Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army
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Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
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Richard	Marston		US Coast Guard



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Al	Cetrone	A1C	US Air Force
Richard	Dirschell	2nd Class	US Air Force
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Thomas	Gafner	A3C	US Air Force
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