

ROCHESTER ELKS 2120 – SEPTEMBER 2015

Labor Day is upon us and the night air is starting to cool down. It's a time that some start closing their lake homes and heading south, but before that happens lets fire up the barbeque and enjoy our family and friends for the Labor Day weekend on September 6th our open Sunday. Bring a dish and weather permitting we will be cooking burgers and dogs outside on the grill from 3-4.

Thank you to everyone that worked so hard to get the golf course open after the horrific storm. I have been working with the insurance adjuster and things are progressing well.

The \$10,000 drawing was a huge success. Thank you everyone for your support. Thank you to all the volunteers for all that you did in the weeks leading up to the event we could not have done it without you.

The Lodge recently hosted the District Deputy meeting with an excellent attendance. Everyone loved the views of the Lake, the golf course and the food. Thank you to the Connie Walters for the cookies and blueberry coffee cake, Joyce Baillieul for the delicious potato salad and Angel, Dina and Cindy who helped pull it all together.

We have a lot of events planned for the upcoming months and in order for them to be successful I need your help. Thanks again for this opportunity. Hope to see you there!

Cindy

Messages from the GER

Orientation is key to membership and retention

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler RONALD L. HICKS

The strength and vitality of any organization largely depends on its ability to maintain and increase membership, and in that regard, I expect us to soon begin reversing the decline in membership that we have been experiencing since the 1980s. However, membership is like anything else; you cannot keep doing the same old thing and expect to get better results. What is your Lodge really doing to address membership? Do you have an active Membership Committee, or do you simply pay lip service to membership, and hope that people will knock on your door for an application?


Every Lodge should have an "active" Membership Committee that reviews and becomes familiar with the Grand Lodge Membership Manual that offers many great ideas for attracting new Members, reinstatements and Stray Elks. It should be a committee that meets at least monthly to set goals, publicize membership classes, discuss incentives, review delinquents, develop collection strategies and find ways to take advantage of social media and the Lodge website.

Even the Lodges that seem to do a good job with recruiting new Members often have difficulty with retention. This may be because we fail the new Member at orientation by not doing enough to assist them in getting quickly involved at the Lodge and actually "experience" Elkdom. Orientation should be considered the "First Step in Member Retention," and I urge every Lodge to adopt an "Orientation Process." This process begins with the application for membership, and does not end until after an informative orientation, an impressive initiation, and, most importantly, not until we get the new Member quickly involved in his or her very first Lodge activity.

Seek a commitment from the candidate at orientation to get quickly involved in an upcoming event, and establish a follow-up program, thereby assisting the new Member to "jump-start" his or her career in Elkdom. This will give each new Member a reason to return to the Lodge, get comfortable with their surroundings, meet active Members, experience the sense of accomplishment that comes from participation, and provide a real sense of belonging and contributing to "their" Lodge. In short, it creates a better opportunity to become a true and faithful Member – one who will be more inclined to life membership in the Order, and less likely to become dissatisfied and drop out.

I hope that each of you will join with me this year to help strengthen the compelling message that "Elks Care – Elks Share" by promoting "Elks Pride and Community Focus" in your Lodge and by working to increase your membership numbers.

Follow our travels on Facebook and at [www.virginiaelks.org/GER Ron Hicks Blog.htm](http://www.virginiaelks.org/GER_Ron_Hicks_Blog.htm)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	31 CLOSED	1 Open 12-8	2 Open 12-8	3 Open 12-8	4 OPEN - DINING DRAWING 9 PM	5 Open 12-9
6 MONTHLY DRAWING 4 PM	7 	8 Open 12-8	9 Open 12-8	10 Open 12-8	11 OPEN - DINING TEXAS HOLD'EM 6 PM DRAWING 9 PM Open 12-11	12 Scholarship Golf Tournament Open 12-9
13 Open 12-8	14 CLOSED	15 Ben's \$2.00 Tacos 6-8 Open 12-8	16 Open 12-8	17 Compassionate Health Care Auction MONEY DUE for \$1,000 Drawing	18 OPEN - DINING TEXAS HOLD'EM 6 pm DRAWING 9 PM	19 Battle of the Bars Golf Tournament RHS 05 Class Reunion
20 Open 12-8	21 LODGE MEETING 7 PM CLOSED	22 Open 12-8	23 Open 12-8	24 MONTHLY \$1,000 DRAWING AT 7 PM Open 12-8	25 OPEN - DINING DRAWING 9 PM Open 12-11	26 Paddle for Paddles Regatta Registration 9 a.m. Race 1 p.m.
27 Open 12-8	28 CLOSED	29 Open 12-8	30 Open 12-8	1 Open 12-8	2 OPEN - DINING DRAWING 9 PM Open 12-11	3 Beer Tasting Sentimental Journey 7-10
4 Open 12-8	5 LODGE MEETING 7 PM CLOSED	<h1>September 2015</h1>			CONTACT US: Lodge 223-3704 Website: http://www.elks2120.com Grand Lodge www.elks.org	

Message from the Secretary....

September is here. Baseball season is winding down and football is starting up. If you are a registered member with www.elks.org, you can participate in the Elks Football Challenge. Each week you can pick the teams that you think will win and you'll be playing against Elks from all over. There were only three of us that participated from Elks 2120 last year. I had the lead all season and lost it right at the end! I would love to see more participation and smack talk this year. The web site for the Football Challenge is: <http://www.elks.org/football/>.

If you are not registered with www.elks.org all you need to do is go to the site and click on the register tab in the top right corner.

Once you are registered, you will have access to the members only section which in addition to the Football Challenge, has other member benefits that includes Licensed Vendors where you can order Elks items, a message board, and you can even invite a friend to apply for membership in the Elks on-line!

We currently have 513 members and 39 of those members are delinquent. We have 21 candidates waiting for initiation. I will be sending out past due statements the first of the week and will very much appreciate you paying your dues as soon as you can. If there is a problem with you paying your dues, please contact me and we will work something out.

As always, if you have questions or concerns you can contact me at 574-223-3519 or Paula@psgarcia.com

Paula Garcia



Now hiring for the following positions:

Bartender

Waitress

Cook

Dishwasher

Stop into the lodge
and fill out an
application.

2120 ELK OFFICERS 2015-2016

Exalted Ruler.....Cindy Harlow
Leading Knight.....TBA
Loyal Knight.....Jayne Smiley
Lecturing Knight.....Linda Scott
Secretary.....Paula Garcia
Treasurer.....David Harlow
Esquire.....Mark Smiley
Tiler.....David Garver
Chaplain.....Connie Walters
Inner Guard.....Richard D Pike II
Trustee (1 year) Jim Scott
Trustee (2 year)Joyce Harmon
Trustee (3 year)Gwen Herrick
Trustee (4 year)Sandy Eck
Trustee (5 year).....Jimmie Walters

BEN'S HANDMADE \$2.00 TACO'S

Fresh handmade taco shells hand pressed and fried to perfection.

Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month
6-8

2506 Country Club Drive South, Rochester, IN

Brought to you by a Team of Volunteers!
Sign up to help today!

PHONE: 574-223-3704

- \$2 Tacos
- \$2 Nachos
- \$5 Deal-2 Tacos and Nachos
- \$5 Loaded Nachos

Hope to see you there!

DRAWINGS

Weekly:
Friday's at 9 pm

Monthly:
1st Sunday at 4 pm

Monthly \$1,000 Drawing:
4th Thursday at 7 PM

Happy
Birthday,
dear friend!



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September Birthdays

- 02 Lori Pilachowski
- 02 Jerry Wert
- 03 Kelley Lease
- 04 Rick Banush
- 05 Brad Kelly
- 05 David O Miller
- 06 Landon Barts
- 07 Ronald R Powell
- 08 Paula S Garcia
- 08 Lisa Reffett
- 10 Judy Cornell
- 10 Pamela Craft
- 10 Barbara McGee
- 10 Stephen Williams
- 12 Edwaed J Richardson
- 13 Francis Hendrickson
- 13 Timothy Kneller
- 14 Jack Brack
- 14 Rod Kerr
- 14 Mike Ward
- 15 Barbara Whitcraft
- 16 Robert L Bozzo
- 16 Eugene D Deeds
- 16 Jon D Good
- 16 Kevin L Hinderlider
- 16 Greg Huber
- 16 Alan B Terrell
- 17 Marvin Davis
- 19 Devon R Rensberger
- 19 Gary Washburn
- 20 Jerry I Baker
- 21 Brett Hizer
- 21 Thomas J La Follette Sr,
- 21 Robert E Wolf
- 23 Greg Lernihan,
- 23 David W Wentzel
- 24 Max L BordenL
- 24 Thomas Sawyer
- 25 Donald J Burkett
- 25 James Chase
- 26 Tyler A Drane
- 26 James O Perdue
- 26 Beth Washburn
- 27 Larry L Murhling,
- 29 Patrick J McHale
- 30 Don Cameron
- 30 Kim Clay
- 30 Tamara D Holloway
- 30 Monte M Pickens
- 30 Ryan Townsend

SUMMER GOLF RATES EFFECTIVE MAY 1ST

WALKING

Member		Non-Member
\$5	9-holes	\$9
\$9	18-holes	\$13

CART

Member		Non-Member
\$10	9-holes	\$14
\$18	18-holes	\$22

CART ONLY

Member	
\$5	9-holes
\$10	18-holes

SPECIAL

**MONDAY ALL DAY &
FRIDAY NITE
TWSOME
AFTER 4 PM
\$15**

KIDS UNDER 12 - \$5

ELK'S LODGE HOURS SUMMER HOURS



DINING ROOM

Friday.....5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

BAR



Monday.....CLOSED
 Tuesday.....12 to 8 PM
 Wednesday12 to 8 PM
 Thursday.....12 to 8 PM
 Friday.....12 to 11PM
 Saturday.....12 to 9 PM
 Sunday.....12 to 8 PM

Let the Fun Begin



**LIVE GAME FRIDAY'S
AT 6 PM**

**CONTACT GWEN HERRICK FOR QUESTIONS AT
574-721-6133**