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Brad's Message by Brad Norton, Exalted Ruler

Happy St Patrick's Day! I want to invite everyone out to the lodge on March 15th for our third annual Casino Night and let the Irish in you celebrate with a fun evening of entertainment while participating in this great fundraiser.

I'd like to recognize some people for their contributions in February. First, thanks to Rich Freeman, Anita Storehalder, Joe and Carol Thompson, Dick Hansen, and first-timer Ginger Grothen for hosting another successful and greatly appreciated Sandwich Day at the VA on 11 Feb. It's people like you, participating in events like this, that greatly enhances the Elk's visibility and image in and around our community and throughout the state.

A big Thank You goes out to Dick and Nancy Freeling, Duane and Jackie Norris, and Selena Longoria for a great Valentine's Day Dinner Party. The food was awesome! I must once again give Dean Poppe a huge THANK YOU for providing the music entertainment during the celebration. This was also Dick and Nancy's 44th Wedding Anniversary; Congratulations!

I want to thank the VFW for donating their "Casino Night" equipment to the Elks and to Don Runcie for volunteering to store these items. I also want to thank Dick Freeling, Dick Hansen, Jim Horsham, Dale Grothen, and Don Runcie who helped move this equipment. Finally, I want to thank my Officers and Joe Thompson for their part in the Elks Funeral Service we conducted for Royce Haines at the lodge on 12 Feb; I received numerous compliments from family members and friends alike.

They say the job isn't finished 'til the paperwork's done! As our lodge year draws to a close this month, we need to finalize our charitable contribution reports and our budget numbers for next year. I'm requesting that all committee chairpersons submit your budget requests and charitable numbers to Butch Lyons or myself by 10 March so we can finalize next year's budget. Butch has a copy of what information is needed.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege serving as your Exalted Ruler this year. I want to thank each and every one of you for your confidence in me and your support and contributions to the programs and events we hosted. I sincerely ask everyone to give the same outstanding support to our new Exalted Ruler, Rich Freeman, this coming year as we continue our fine works in and around the community!

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Jan and Bill Mooney are ready to enjoy the Valentine's Day Dinner at the Elks. Sixty- Lodge Members and the public filled the Club for the Prime Rib Dinner and Dance, with 62 excellent meals served.

Notes From the Secretary by Butch Lyons

I wish to thank the membership on the rapid response of Dues payments. All dues are due by April 1. Elk membership cards will be mailed as soon as possible. I intend on mailing "Widow's" cards on March 30.

**Golfing Members - please note that there will be a Red golf ball and tee stamped on your card identifies you as a golfing member. Please carry your card and display it when you check in for golf. We will be having many new golfing members, and also several new employees. It is will speed things up if you can simply show them your card so they know immediately you are a golf member.

Also, the golf sign-in sheet for golf has a place for your membership number. Please enter your number when signing in. By the way, your card number and your membership number are the same.

Exalted Ruler-elect, Rich Freeman, is working on his committee appointments for the up coming year and needs everyone's help. If you have accepted one of the appointments THANK YOU. If you have not been asked but are interested in any particular program, please volunteer, we will put you to work.

Lapsation (members being dropped for non payment of dues) is now at 19 members, while this is a low number it sill represents as budget shortfall of \$3,000.00 . We will not know the final total until March 31st.

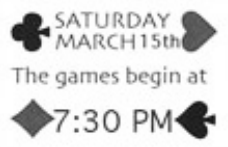
Finally, I would like to extend my personal apologies to the family of Marge Lippstreu for misspelling her name in last month's newsletter.



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NIGHT
AT THE ELKS



Casino Night 2014!

Casino games...fun...and a great time for everyone!

Nacho Bar at 6pm, \$7 per person (Nacho Bar limited to the first 50 people)

\$15 for your first "Funny Money" packet. Additional packets \$10

(for game play and auctions.)
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL ELKS 159 SCHOLARSHIP FUND!