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December 2017

Exalted Ruler's Message

I would like to begin this month's message by saying thank you. Both Traci and I are overwhelmed with the kind words of encouragement, thoughts and prayers, as our son Deke battles with his cancer. All three of us are extremely proud to be members of #1448.



I also want to thank you for all the hard work everyone has been putting toward the lodge's success. The month of December will be very busy. We will start off with decorating the Lodge for the holidays on December 1, at 6:30 p.m. and finish up the morning of the 2nd.

Our annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. Please come down and pay tribute to the members we have lost this year and show support to their families.

On December 9th we will be holding our Charity Ball. Over the past several years we have been trying different things to boost attendance. This year our very own Dustin Roberts will set up his karaoke machine and we can enjoy an evening of Christmas Carols, songs from all eras and dancing with your children and grandchildren.

December 13th will we hold a Veterans Appreciation dinner so if you are a veteran, please join us. The meal is free, and your spouse or partner is invited to join you. This event is strictly RSVP so please call the lodge at 208-454-1448 with your reservation ASAP or you can contact me at 208-284-0955.

On December 17, we will have our Children's Christmas party and you will find the specifics in an article in this Call. On December 1st we will have our Veterans Tree up and tags will follow shortly, so please participate and grab a tag or two from our Veterans Christmas tree. This is just one small way we can thank our veterans for their service and acknowl-

edge their sacrifices for our great country. As you can see, there is a lot going on at the Lodge this month.

I encourage you all to get involved and get the most out of your Elk's membership. Also, don't forget to join us on January 1st at 10:00 a.m. for complementary Tom and Jerrys. From the bottom of my heart, I wish each and every one of you, and your families, a safe and wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year.

"In this blessed season, let not blind passion darken our counsels. We shall not solve a moral question by dodging it. We can scarcely hope to have a full Christmas if we turn a deaf ear to the suffering of even the least of Christ's little ones." ~Harry Truman Christmas Message 1949~

Fraternally yours
Tom Marmon, Exalted Ruler

The Caldwell Elks Lodge #1448 holds their lodge meetings the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month. The Thursday night Lodge meetings start at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

August Exalted Ruler Award:
Don Bell
December "Elk of the Month"
Award: Chuck Roberts

Email us at: Elks1448@qwestoffice.net

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Memorial Service	TBD
Mother's Day	TBD
National Foundation	Chuck Roberts
National Veterans	Traci Roberts Marmon
New Year's Breakfast	Officer Corps
New Year's Eve	Stephania Tuft
New Year's Tom & Jerry's	Tom Marmon, Mike Rogers Lenny LaTour
Old Timer's Night	TBD
Orientation	Lenny LaTour and Ray Wilson
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Veterans' Day	Archie Stradley
Visitations	Lynn Bittick
Western Night	Chuck Roberts
Youth Activities	Don Bell
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A KARAOKE CHRISTMAS

You are invited to this year's Charity Ball on December 9th at 6:00pm. We are going to change things up a bit this year. We will be having Karaoke in the lodge room.

We will also be serving hors d'oeuvres and the Officers will be pouring champagne for as long as it lasts, and we will have some sparkling cider for the children. We are looking forward to seeing you and hope that you and your family will come and enjoy spending time together.

Bring your children and grandchildren so we can sing Christmas Carols, dance and enjoy a night of Elks fellowship and celebrate the holidays together. We hope to see you all there!

As always the proceeds from this event will go to support the many charities we are involved in throughout the year, including our Scouting program, youth scholarships, Veterans programs, the Elks rehab system and many more.

Any financial support you can contribute whether you attend or not will be greatly appreciated. The cost is \$5.00 per person, \$15.00 for a family of four and \$2.50 for each additional child.

We would appreciate an RSVP, so we can ensure we have enough food, however, we won't turn you away if you forget!!!!

We hope to see all of you at the Charity Ball/Karaoke Christmas but if not, we thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Social hour 6:00 to 7:00

Karaoke starts at 7:00

FIND YOUR HIDDEN MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

Find your hidden membership number anywhere inside the Elk Call and receive one of the following prizes. A Gift Certificate to our restaurant; Two tickets to one of our Elks Functions; or, One of our Elks Shirts.

How it works:

1. Your membership number will be hidden in the Call and will appear in the following format: (####).
2. To Redeem your prize, you must attend one Lodge Meeting during the month your number appears in the Call.
3. Notify the Leading Knight during Good of the Order to draw your prize.
4. Only the member whose number appears in the Call can collect the prize.
5. If the member does not collect their prize by the last meeting of the month the prize will be forfeited.

Knight's Corner

From the Station of Justice

Giving, this is the season for giving. That's true but you already know that, so you don't need a reminder from me. Besides, this lodge and its great members give year-round. Christmas is the season for giving, we do that. I want to concentrate this article on something else. How about families and fun.

The winter brings the cold weather and since some of you members or member's families are younger you could always go out and go sledding, skiing, snowmobiling, you know the things that all the younger generations do without the worry of breaking a hip! I've just had back surgery so I'm not venturing out to enjoy those winter sports.

Heck I'm not even up to walking on the snow! But what we can do this year with our families is to come down to the lodge and enjoy the Charity Ball/Karaoke Christmas and/or attend the Children's Christmas party. While I may not be as spry after surgery, I am still looking forward to embarrassing my grandkids by dancing the night away at the Charity Ball.

What better gift can a grandparent give to their grandchildren but the memories (sometimes burned in their brains and retinas forever) of their grandma and grandpa out dancing!!!! The thought of it delights me.

What also delights me is the thought of having my family over and enjoying the simple things. A board game, some popcorn, a movie??? This time of year, giving of your time to your family, building memories, laughing together, that's important.

Happiness can be found in the heart of your family, make some memories, spend some quality time, be goofy, teach the children something important. Teach them something stupid, teach them to laugh and to love. Teach them about family and loyalty.

This is a good month to give, let the giving start with your heart and your time.

Fraternally yours,
Lenny LaTour,
Esteemed Loyal Knight

From the Station of Brotherly Love

Well we certainly have a busy month ahead of us. I won't bore you all by repeating all of the functions going on this month. I would, but the Editor

of the Call has threatened me against doing such a thing. I will simply say, with all of the functions going on over the next few months, it is the perfect time to get involved.

If you have some spare time or a pet project, come down and lend a helping hand. This is your lodge, come enjoy all that it has to offer. The more involved you get, the more you get out of your membership.

Faternally yours,
Don Bell,
Lecturing Knight

From the Station of Charity

WOW, its December and Christmas is just around the corner! The holidays are a special time of year when friends and families come together, and the sights and sounds of Christmas are all around us.

Some would say it is the time for giving. But with Elks, giving doesn't have a season, it's something we do all year long. It's why we became Elks. We should stop and reflect on what we have accomplished this past year as a lodge, and feel blessed to be a part of such a great organization.

As we look ahead to the new year, I would like to encourage our new members to become active in the lodge. Come and participate in our events, lend a helping hand whenever you are able, and enjoy Elks' fellowship. That is when you really get the most out of your membership. I guarantee you will make some close friendships and be glad that you joined our lodge. If you're a longtime member and haven't been to a lodge meeting for a while, I would invite you to come to a meeting and find out what we've been up to and what's coming up.

In closing I would like to thank you all for making 2017 a memorable year, and wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

"The Christmas holidays have this high value: That they remind forgettors of the forgotten, and repair damaged relationships".

Mark Twain

Mike Rogers
Esteemed Leading Knight

Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Mary Jane Raymond

POTATO KIELBASA SKILLET

1 lb. Red potatoes, cubed
3 Tbsp. Water
¾ lb. Kielbasa cut in slices
½ cup chopped onion
1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
2 Tbsp. Brown Sugar
2 Tbsp. Cider Vinegar
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
½ tsp dried Thyme
¼ tsp. Pepper
4 cups fresh Baby Spinach
5 bacon strips, cooked & crumbled

Place potatoes & water in a microwave-safe dish. Cover & microwave on high for 4 minutes or until tender; drain.

In a large skillet, saute kielbasa & onion in oil until onion is tender. Add potatoes; saute 3-5 minutes longer or until kielbasa & potatoes are lightly browned.

Combine the brown sugar, vinegar, mustard, thyme and pepper; stir into skillet. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered for 2-3 minutes or until heated through. Add spinach & bacon; cook & stir until spinach is wilted.

News from the Kitchen

Things are really cooking here at the lodge. Literally and figuratively. This month we have mixed club on December 14th and December 28th.

We have Paint Nite scheduled this month on a Saturday at 3:00 p.m., therefore the kitchen will be open for appetizers from 3:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16th.

Since New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, we will not be having a New Year's Eve party, however we will be open on Monday, January 1st from 10:00 a.m. until around 1:00 p.m. if you want to enjoy a cocktail.

The Officers will be serving their Tom and Jerry's but the bar will also be open. The officers will also be serving lunch and the cost is \$8.00 per person.

With 2017 coming to a close, I would like to thank the staff here at the lodge. They are a loyal, hardworking group of people and I appreciate their dedication. Please join me in thanking them for all they do.

"On life's journey faith is nourishment, virtuous deeds are a shelter, wisdom is the light by day and right mindfulness is the protection by night. If a man lives a pure life, nothing can destroy him." ~Buddha~

Treat yourselves well this Holiday season, you deserve it.

Traci and Staff

Annual Children's Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party for the children and grandchildren of Elks members will be Sunday, December 17th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For those of you unfamiliar with this event, please bring a gift for each child you bring to the party.

Make sure that gift is wrapped with the first and last name of the child clearly marked on the package. Santa will arrive and hand out the gifts to each child. We want to ensure that no child is left 6863 out so please, it is important that you provide a gift for the children you bring.

If you can, or are willing, feel free to bring an extra unwrapped gift and those will be distributed to children in need. We will have cookies and punch, a visit from Santa and a fun project for the kids. Santa arrives at 2:00 p.m. sharp, so don't be late!

If you have any questions, please contact any officer of the Lodge.



Call Deadline

The January 2018 Call deadline for articles will be Monday, December 27th, 2017 at 5:00PM. You can also send them via email to elks@copycatcopies.net.

Thank you,
Traci Roberts Marmon

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	27	28	29	30	1 Dinner	2
3 Memorial Service 11:00 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8 Dinner	9 CHARITY BALL
10	11	12 House Committee/ Trustee Mtg./ Home Association Mtg @ 6:30PM	13 Veterans Appreciation Dinner	14 Lodge Meeting Mixed Club	15 Dinner	16 Wii Games 2pm Paint Nite 3pm
17 Children's Xmas Party 1:30pm	18	19	20	21	22 Dinner	23
24/31 Facility Closed CHRISTMAS EVE	25 Facility Closed CHRISTMAS	26	27 Orientation	28 Lodge Meeting Initiation Mixed Club	29 Dinner	30

Daily Lunches: 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM • Friday Night Dinners: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

Calling all Veterans and their spouses. We will be holding an appreciation dinner on December 13, 2017, starting at 6:30 p.m.

We will be serving a traditional turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. There is no cost to attend, it is just a small token of our appreciation for your great service. Please bring your spouse or partner.

We will be presenting certificates from the Elks Veterans Service Commission. Please join us for a free meal with good company and let us show our appreciation for your service.

You must RSVP no later than December 6, 2017. You can RSVP by calling Tom Marmon at 208-284-0955 or by contacting the Lodge at 208-454-1448.

A big THANK YOU to all who have served

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Since New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday, we will not be having a New Year's Eve party. However, on January 1, 2017, the officer's will be serving free Tom & Jerry's while they last.

If Tom and Jerry's aren't in your wheelhouse, the bar will be open, and you can purchase the beverage of your choice. We will also be serving lunch from 11:00 to 12:30.

The menu will consist of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad and a dinner roll for the low, low price of \$8.00 per person.

We will be closing the bar when our members have finished enjoying their lunch.

Please ring in 2018 with friends and family here at the lodge.

Veterans Christmas Tree Project

Season's Greetings from the Lodge Officers! For the last several years (over a decade) we have provided what we call a Veterans' Christmas Tree. For those of you who are new to the Lodge, here is how it works. We contact the Veterans Home and have their full-time residents put together a "wish list" for us. We will be placing the Veterans Tree in the Lobby of the Lodge and it is decorated with American Flags and the Wish List tags. Each tag will have an item from the wish list and the name of the Veteran who will receive the gift.

Since its inception, this project has been a huge success, and with everyone's help and participation, this year will be even better! There are two ways in which you can participate:

(1) You can stop by the Lodge, select any tag(s) and have fun shopping. Wrap and return your gift with the original tag taped to the outside of the package so we can assure that every resident receives a gift. (We have a master list for cross-reference to ensure no one goes without a gift).

(2) If you are unable to get out and shop, you can have your Lodge Officers do the shopping for you. Simply select any tag(s) and place it, and the money, in an envelope marked "Christmas Tree Project" and have one of the Elks' staff put the envelope in the office. If you mail in your donation, make your check payable to Caldwell Elks Lodge and reference Veterans Christmas Tree Project. Ben Schneider and Russell George, both veterans and officers have volunteered to help with the shopping and we (I'm guessing "we means me") will wrap the gift(s) for you.

Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with their helpers will distribute the presents to our Veterans. If you participate in our Veterans Tree Project, and we hope you will, please have your gift(s) back to the Lodge and safely under the tree no later than Saturday, December 17th so we can get them to the Veterans Home before Christmas.

If you have any questions, please contact any of your Lodge Officers. We thank you in advance for your participation in this Project and look forward to another successful year.

Warmest Regards

Traci Roberts Marmon, P.E.R., National Veterans Service Chairman

PER Dinner

Please join us for our Annual PER Prime Rib Dinner. This year the dinner will be held on Saturday, January 13th and we will serve the usual wonderful prime rib and accouterments.

Dinner starts at 5:30pm and dancing will start at 7:30. Join us with your friends and family and enjoy all the evening has to offer. Remember, without your participation, whether it is selling tickets, volunteering your time or buying tickets and attending, this function cannot be a success.

Please participate so this lodge can continue to do the great things we do for the community. Tickets are available for \$25 per person and can be purchased at the bar, from officers or from the usual ticket sellers. Call 208-454-1448 and reserve your tickets now. Keep in mind that we have sold out for this function before and had to turn people away so get your tickets early.

Annual Memorial Service

Please join us Sunday, December 3rd for our Annual Memorial Service here at the Lodge. This is the time when we remember our dear departed members and pay tribute to those Elks who played an important part in this lodge and within our community.

The ceremony starts at 11:00 a.m. Please join us as we honor our departed members. This is a great way to support the families who have lost loved ones and it is an important reminder to all Elks how important it is to remember our departed members.

Western Night Round Up

We had a great turnout for our Annual Western Night and everyone seemed to enjoy the food, decorations, music and company! We had some great cooks and plenty of help. There are far too many people to name but you all know who they are.

They are our backbone and we appreciate all of their hard work. It is hard to beat great food, good company and wonderful friendships. Good job everyone! Without the ticket sellers, the attendees, the cooks, cleaners and organizers and chief bottle washers, we couldn't put on such wonderful functions.

Thanks everyone for another successful event! Your participation is ALWAYS appreciated.

Western Night Committee

December Birthdays

01	Chadd, Ross D	11	Freeman, Loren H	20	Barnum, Jm Mike	26	Eisenbarth, F Lee
01	Farwell, Paul H	11	Prow, Larry	20	Goodell, James H	26	Mills, C Devon
01	Flahiff, Leonard	11	White, Kenneth	20	Hopkins, Kendall M	26	Paynter, Philip C
01	Marmon, Deke	12	Beskoon, Larry Paul	21	Heck, David R	26	Wixom, Tyler
02	Araquistain, Paul A	12	Pearson, John W	21	Huter, Norman A	27	Harris, Robert E
02	Lemmon, Larry	13	Gipson, David	21	Nielsen, Timothy L	27	Vaughn, Richard
02	Mann, Douglas Lee	13	Isom, Mike	21	Simons, Robert L	28	Yankovich, Zoran B
03	Lodge, Edward	14	Brown, Lynn A	22	Mitchell, Lawrence H	29	Baum, Jerry R
04	Isaguirre, Rufo	15	Speers, Wes	23	Anawalt, Douglas	29	Watson, John R
04	Osborn, Wm Dennis	16	Herdt, Gary	23	Givens, Jimmie H	30	Taylor, James
05	Baxter, Gene R	16	Sprague, Jerry F	23	Zatica, Stan	31	Caddy, Charlie
05	Hammons, Wally	17	Caldeira, Allen J	24	Scott, Michael E	31	Perryman, Terry D
09	Eisenbarth, Roger D	17	Lobb, Jack	24	Shiple, William	31	Zuercher, Roy G
09	Hutchinson, Keith	18	Sweet, Lida Rae	25	Metzer, Kenneth L		
09	Snell, John	18	Tucker, Paul E				
09	Talley, Harry E	19	Bergstrom, Lisa				
10	Talbot, G Alton	19	Clarke, James B				
10	Welch, Clint J	19	Shore, James W				

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Picture of the Month



Mike Rogers, Larry Mitchell and Karen Smith at your service during this year's Western Night Dinner.

SAVE THE DATE

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|---------|------------------------------|
| Dec 1-2 | Decorating the Lodge |
| Dec 3 | Memorial Service 11:00 am. |
| Dec 9 | Charity Ball |
| Dec 13 | Veterans Appreciation Dinner |
| Dec 14 | Mixed Club |
| Dec 16 | Paint Nite @ 3:00 p.m. |
| Dec 16 | Wii Games |
| Dec 17 | Children's Christmas Party |
| Dec 25 | Closed |
| Dec 28 | Mixed Club |
| Jan 1 | Tom & Jerry's 10:00 am. |
| Jan 1 | New Year's Lunch 11:30am |
| Jan 11 | Mixed Club |
| Jan 12 | Paint Nite |
| Jan 13 | PER Dinner |
| Jan 25 | Mixed Club |
| Jan 27 | Wii Games |

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