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Exalted Ruler's Message



We held our Local Hoop Shoot on January 28th and had 23 volunteers from our Lodge there to help with this event. All of our 1st Place Winners advanced to the District Hoop Shoot which was held on February 4th. We had 21 volunteers who showed up to helped and everything ran very smoothly. One of our Local First Place Winners, Tanner Audrey who attends Medlin Middle School in Trophy Club, really did well and placed 1st in the 12-13 year-old boy group. He advanced to the State Shoot held in Carrollton on February 25th.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02	Michael Morris	20	Robert Fuller
03	Jeffrey Stout		Gary Thomas
05	Sandra Powell		Rhonda Welker
	Chuck Sutter		Robert Courser
06	Robert Ryan		Kyle McKinley
07	Wesley Franklin		Dianne Boswell
	Edna Beech	23	Russell Clem
08	Joseph King	24	Thomas Dwyer
09	Brian Fuller		Robert Kiefer
10	Gerry Lalima	26	Graeme McLean
	Mary Pat Walter		Mildred Hansen
11	Jack Pedlar		Lynn Pierce
15	Frances Gray	27	Ray Buras
16	Joseph Rodriguez	29	Jami Shackelford
17	Neal Crawford		Jack Stillabower
		30	Charles Reynolds



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SUPPORT YOUR LODGE!

VOLUNTEER!

See Don Horton for more information

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The Sweetheart Dinner-Dance held on February 11th, which was a joint fundraiser for Sweetheart and ENF, was a tremendous success. Sandy & Robert Kiesling, JoAnn & Fred Maddux did a superb job of organizing the event. I know they appreciate all the volunteers who helped make this event so successful. There have been many compliments about the "heart" decorations which brightened up our Lodge walls. Several members requested that we leave them up for the month of February. Some were mushy, some were silly, but it was a lot of fun for our members to decide what to write on their "Valentine."

I believe this has been an award-winning year for new members as we continue to initiate new Elks each month.

My term as ER in winding down but there is still a lot to do before the end of March. I hope the new ER will receive as much help and support from all of our members as I have received during my term.

Sincerely yours,

Don Horton
Exalted Ruler



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

March & April- 2012

Friday	~	March 2	~	Scott Moore
Friday	~	March 9	~	Doug & Ben
Friday	~	March 16	~	Southern Heritage Band
Friday	~	March 23	~	Andy & Wade
Saturday	~	March 24	~	SPECIAL Karaoke Night with Scott
Friday	~	March 30	~	The Classics
Friday	~	April 6	~	Mr. Rock & Roll
Friday	~	April 13	~	Starcast Band
Friday	~	April 20	~	Dixie Rex Band
Friday	~	April 27	~	The Classics

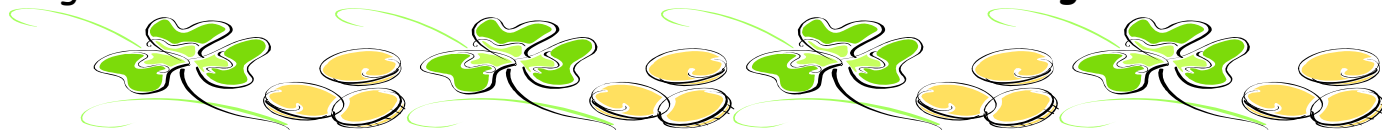
Friday Night Bands: 7:30 p.m. til 11:30 p.m.
Karaoke Every Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Lodge Activities & Entertainment Director:
Edna Beech - 817-269-9911

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

The Officer of the Month for March is Robert Kiesling, who is doing an outstanding job as Lodge Treasurer. He has devoted many, many hours revamping our accounting system and improving our banking relationships. He supported and obtained private donations for the "Fishin' for Freedom" event in which our Lodge participated. In addition to his accounting expertise, he has displayed his culinary expertise with the steaks he cooked for a couple of Sweetheart Fundraisers. He has attended all of our Lodge Meetings as well as several Interlodges.

Congratulations to our Officer of the Month: **Robert Kiesling**



ELK OF THE MONTH

Our Elk of the Month for March has been serving as our Lodge Sweetheart for the past two years. Sandy Kiesling has been very dedicated and this is going to be a Sweetheart award-winning year for our Lodge. She has organized, along with the ENF, two very successful events this year. The Sock Hop and the Valentine Dinner-Dance, along with other raffles and auctions, have been outstanding fundraisers. She has attended all Lodge Meetings since becoming an Elk as well as several Interlodges.

Congratulations to our Elk of the Month: **Sandy Kiesling**



SWEETHEART NEWS

From your Lodge Sweetheart - Sandy Kiesling

Our Sweetheart meal in February was cooked by Asa and Becky Smith, thank you so much for taking your time to help out the Sweetheart program. This month Steve Puren and Mark Hinkle are the cooks. I believe Steve is preparing his pot pies. For those of you who have not tasted these, you need to plan on eating Sweetheart meal night which is March 7th. The pies are made from scratch and they are very good.

The ENF and Sweetheart Valentine Dinner/Dance was a tremendous success. We tried to make it as elegant as possible and everyone seemed to have a good time. JoAnn and I cannot say thank you enough to everyone that helped us serve the food and cleared the tables. I cannot forget the cooks that were responsible for the excellent meal we had, THANK YOU FRED MADDUX AND ROBERT KIESLING. We raised approximately \$3300.00 for ENF and the Sweetheart program.

To everyone that has a red pig, please bring in your pigs by the end of March even if they are not completely full. I will need to get all the money counted and turned in by April 10th. You can turn the pigs into the bartender, Sandy or Robert Kiesling, and JoAnn Maddux. Stick a piece of paper with your name on the pig so I will know who it is from.

Remember to feed the pigs when you are in the lodge.

Thanks to everyone for all your help.

Sandy Kiesling
Sweetheart, Grapevine Lodge #2483




**St. Patrick's Day
PER Sweepstakes**

Tickets \$25.00 each

Includes Dinner and Drawing

March 17, 2012 @ 7 p.m.



ELKS HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

(District Chairperson: Don Horton)



Congratulations to Tanner Ardrey who placed 1st Place in our Local Contest and 1st Place in our District Contest in the 12-13 Year Old Boys Division. He also competed in the State Contest. Tanner is currently a student at Medlin Middle School in Trophy Club. We wish him the best of luck for his future participation in the sport of basketball.

THANKS EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THESE EVENTS!
(Some who helped were not at Lodge when picture was taken)



The next Interlodges to be held:

April 14 & 15, 2012: Arlington
 August 11 & 12, 2012: Sweetwater
 January 19 & 20, 2013: Cleburne
 April 13 & 14, 2013: Ft. Worth

**2012-13 LODGE OFFICERS
 (April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013)**

Exalted Ruler	Fred Maddux
Leading Knight	Chuck Reynolds
Loyal Knight	Darold Brumbaugh
Lecturing Knight	Bud Dodge
Secretary	Janet Rose
Treasurer	Sheryl Murphy
Tiler	Donna Brennan
Chaplain	Dickey Carter
Esquire	Steve Hansen
Inner Guard	Maxine Dickerson
5-Year Trustee	George Bynum
4-Year Trustee	Mike Smith
3-Year Trustee	Steve Brennan
2-Year Trustee	Michael Quimbey
1-Year Trustee	Gary Vance



**From the Desk
 of
 Scherry York, N/C
 District Deputy
 Grand Exalted Ruler**

As the end of the Elk 2011-2012 year arrives, I commend each of the outgoing Officers for your loyal commitment to your Lodge and to the Elk Programs. You have been a pleasure to work with and I admire your innovative ideas in leading your Lodges. Your successes are evident in the many projects and goals completed for the good of Elkdom. Show pride in the efforts of your Lodge Members by documenting those events on the All American Lodge Contest form "A", and submit it to me by March 15th. I know we can have 100% participation in our district!

There is still time to produce a plus "1" in membership for this year. Have you called the folks on the delinquent list and let them know that they are a valuable Member? Everyone wants to know that they are important. Give them a chance to know they are missed around the Lodge and their presence can make a difference.

Now is the time for all Committee Chairpersons to finalize your charity reports and submit them to the Lodge Secretary. The good deeds performed in our communities deserve to be documented. This information is a must for the Lodge Secretary to be able to complete their reports to Grand Lodge. Do your part to end the year with a bang!

By now, elections have been completed and I congratulate the new slate of Officers. As the Exalted Ruler-elect of your Lodge - a goal that I'm sure you have worked hard to attain, the goal of directing an exceptional Lodge year is in your hands.

The first and most important item on your agenda should be selecting your Committee Chairmen. You should give much thought to selecting people who will work with you to make your Lodge year a success. Make sure those whom you select are capable of following through in their position, working well with others, and able to stimulate and direct people. They need to have the drive, time and ability to perform the tasks that you give them. Making good choices is extremely important as you lead and strengthen the Lodge.

Finally, always remember that your year should be fun, exciting, enjoyable and, most important, productive for you and your family, your Officers, your Members and your community.

Thank you for demonstrating that

Have a great Elk Day!

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Fraternally Yours,
 Scherry York
 N/C District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
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**Sickness and Distress
 By Dickey Carter**



George Priebe recently was admitted to the hospital with serious pain. After the Doctors found out his prescription for kidney failure had recently been changed, they found the problem. He has since been released and is doing well.

Gary Thomas recently went back under the knife for some corrective circulation procedures. He is now at home recovering and doing well.

Dennis Roberts was rushed to the hospital for a very high heart rate. He is now back home and doing well.

Kay Woodward's cancer returned and she recently had additional surgery for a specimen. She is now home and doing well, her specimen is still at pathology.

LODGE OFFICERS -- 2011 - 2012		
Exalted Ruler	Don Horton	817-488-8230
Leading Knight	Jim Hosler	817-456-1029
Loyal Knight	Mike Murphy	817-849-1996
Lecturing Knight	Darold Brumbaugh	940-395-4758
Secretary	Janet Rose	817-481-8960
Treasurer	Robert Kiesling	817-307-0888
Tiler	Bud Dodge	817-456-0787
Chaplain	Dickey Carter	817-228-4177
Esquire	Steve Hansen	972-317-5463
Inner Guard	Maxine Dickerson	817-488-7985
5-Year Trustee	Mike Smith	817-379-1015
4-Year Trustee	Richard Benson	817-528-6930
3-Year Trustee	Michael Quimbey	214-755-2525
2-Year Trustee	Gary Vance	817-521-8257
1-Year Trustee	Dan Urban	817-442-9988

PAST EXALTED RULERS		
72-73 Gail Farnham	92-93 Les Reagan	
73-74 Bob Meyer (d)	93-94 George Bynum	
74-75 Carl Bright	94-95 Jack Lewis	
75-76 Bill Haire (d)	95-96 Jack Lewis	
76-77 Fred Lyon (d)	96-97 Roy James	
77-78 J. B. Darwin (d)	97-98 Roy James	
78-79 Bill Bowen	98-99 Ed Talley	
79-80 John Parish	99-00 John Gallatin (d)	
80-81 Harold Chamblee	00-01 Gail Bynum	
81-82 Jack Lewis	01-02 Ron Wood (d)	
82-83 Jack Lewis	02-03 Pete Meyers	
83-84 Don Johnson	03-04 Pete Meyers	
84-85 Jack Lewis	04-05 Dwayne Zinn	
85-86 Mike Clark	05-06 Dickey Carter	
86-87 Horace Jones	06-07 George Bynum	
87-88 Horace Jones	07-08 Dickey Carter	
88-89 Jim Eklund	08-09 Asa Smith	
89-90 Bob Ormerod (d)	09-10 JoAnn Maddux	
90-91 Horace Jones	10-11 David Spence	
91-92 Les Reagan	10-11 Don Horton	

Former Northwest Metro Lodge #2810		
PAST EXALTED RULERS		
99-00 David Haney	03-04 Jim Gay	
00-01 Tom Roberts	04-05 Gary Racine	
01-02 Roger Mundell	05-06 Gary Racine	
02-03 Mark Culbert		

OFFICER of the Year (2010-11): Dan Urban
ELK of the Year (2010-11): Greg Vance

LODGE COMMITTEES -- 2011 - 2012		
Accident Prevention	Michael Quimbey	214-755-2525
Activities of Lodge, Chair	Edna Beech	817-269-9911
"	JoAnn Maddux	817-360-0345
"	Judy Molder	817-421-2398
Americanism	Bud Dodge	817-456-0787
Auditing, Chair	Rick Maddux	817-996-4934
Boy Scout Troop #2483	Mike Murphy	817-849-1996
Community Service	Don Horton	817-488-8230
Corn Cooker	Doug Pyle	972-317-7863
Drug Awareness	Open	~
Elks Memorial Day	Don Horton	817-488-8230
ENF (Elks National Foundation)	Fred Maddux	817-480-2765
Entertainment, Chair	Edna Beech	817-269-9911
"	Judy Molder	817-421-2398
Flag Day	Bud Dodge	817-456-0787
Golf Association	Ed Talley	817-545-9708
Government Relations	Ed Talley	817-545-9708
Hoop Shoot	Don Horton	817-488-8230
Hospitality	Lodge Members	~
House Committee Chair	Scott Trepinski	214-298-6362
House Committee Bar Manager	Norma Beerhalter	817-481-3280
House Committee Secretary	Steve Brennan	817-832-5916
House Committee	Fred Maddux	817-480-2765
House Committee	Mike Dabney	817-675-1200
House Committee	Mahealani Trepinski	214-336-5425
House Committee	Dennis Roberts	214-802-1557
House Committee-Non Voting	Kay Woodward	817-881-8220
House Committee-Non Voting	Jim Hosler	817-456-1029
Investigation/Indoctrination	Mike Murphy	817-849-1996
Kitchen Manager	Hap Reber	817-781-4881
Lapsation	Janet Rose	817-481-8960
Membership	Mike Murphy	817-849-1996
Members Meal Night	Betty Talley	817-545-9708
Newsletter (Elkline)	Lynn Pierce	214-587-0244
Photographer	Carol Ann Watkins	972-849-7646
Public Relations	Ed Talley	817-545-9708
Rental of Lodge	Eileen Macali	817-488-8404
Scholarships	Bruce Wall	972-254-8035
Sweetheart	Sandy Kiesling	817-577-4763
Veterans Service	Darold Brumbaugh	940-395-4758
Visitation/Sickness/Distress	Dickey Carter	817-228-4177
Youth Activities	Asa Smith	972-539-1457

Game Activities: Texas Hold'em - Sheryl Murphy 31 - Michelle Isbell Darts - Hazel King



SECRETARY'S CORNER



By Janet Rose

Please give a warm welcome to our newest member, Richard Hughes. Also congratulations to our newly elected Life Members: Sidney Webb, Elbridge Christison and Joseph Rodriguez.

Candidates newly elected, waiting initiation:

- Robert Ullman
- Richard Necessary
- Pasquale Petrozza
- Donald Carlton
- Patrick Turner
- Anna Vance

Proposed for membership, investigated, waiting balloting:

- Bobby Cate
- Suzie Cate
- Kevin Kiesling
- Terri Kiesling

Proposed for membership, waiting investigation:

- Debbie Hammond
- Tana Dugan

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Members as of April 1, 2011: 343

- Initiated: 44
- Affiliated/transferred in: 8
- Reinstated: 4

Total added: 56

- Dropped for nonpayment: 21
- Transferred out: 7
- Absolute demits: 5
- Members deceased: 4

Total dropped: 37

Net: +19

Membership as of February 21, 2012: 362

Delinquent members: 6

Dues notices for this next fiscal year have been sent out and big "Thank you" to all who have already sent them in! I am getting your new cards to you as fast as I can but a word of caution: Keep your red card to use until the key lock is changed after April 1, 2012.

Our Mission

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that **ELKS CARE** and **ELKS SHARE**.



Hello all,

March will bring changes for our lodges, with new Officers, and Committee Chair people. Let me encourage you to come to the April Inter-lodge as that is the place to learn about your newly elected position. Or if you have held the position before, you could learn some new ideas. I learn something every time I am at a meeting or an Inter-lodge.

Continue to work on your delinquent list. A call is a good way to find out if someone is sick or cannot afford to pay their dues. Bring that to your relief committee and get some help for them. We cannot afford to lose one Elk.

Invite your new members to the District Events and tell them about the Inter-lodges, State Convention, National Convention and all Inter-lodges. Don't assume they know because it takes a helping hand to teach our new members.

See you at Arlington Inter-lodge,

JoAnn Maddux
JoAnn Maddux, VP
North Central District



DONATE LIFE AMERICA

It is a new year and a great time to consider organ donation. As of January 2012, there were 112,657 patients waiting for organ, eye or tissue donation in the United States, 1,800 of them children. Donate Life American has launched a new initiative for 2012 to register 20 million new organ donors in 2012. For more information, go to DonateLifeAmerica.org.

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Grapevine Elks Lodge 2483 Calendar - March 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Karaoke 	2 BAND Scott Moore 	3
4 CLOSED	5	6 DARTS 	7 Sweetheart Meal 	8 Karaoke 	9 BAND Doug & Ben 	10
11 CLOSED Day Light Savings Begins 	12 Lodge Meeting	13 DARTS Hse Comm 6:30pm 	14 ENF Meal	15 Karaoke 	16 BAND Southern Heritage 	17 St. Patrick's Day PER Sweepstakes Dinner & Drawing 7pm
18 CLOSED	19 AMBUCS	20 DARTS First Day of Spring Trustee Mtg 6:30pm 	21 Members Meal Mahealani Trepinski Hawaiian Dinner Chicken Teriyaki	22 Karaoke 	23 BAND Andy & Wade 	24 SPECIAL Karaoke Night with Scott
25 CLOSED	26 Lodge Meeting	27 DARTS 	28 Casserole Nite Chili Contest Members bring side dishes & desserts	29 Karaoke 	30 BAND The Classics 	31 Officer Installation Dinner-Dance

Lodge Phone 817-329-3557

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March Moodiness

Grapevine Elks Lodge Presents
2012 Invitational Chili Tournament

"THE SPICY SIXTEEN"*



Simple Rules:

1. Fully Cooked
2. At the Lodge by 6:30pm
3. Keep your Chili in the Pot.



Wednesday
Night, March 28th

* More Entries will be added as needed