

COCOA ELKS NEWS

FEBRUARY 2008

COCOA ELKS LODGE #1532

Exalted Rulers Message

Fellow Members:

Happy Valentines Day---Don't forget to be someone's special valentine!

I want to thank Lee and Donna, Dave and Nancy, Kay Kelly and everybody who came down and ate dinner---Thank you all! The food was first class all the way.

Lee---Don't forget its Donna's birthday this month---Maybe something from Zale's would be appropriate!

Randy and Kim Hunter---You have helped me through the year more times than I can thank you for. May you and Kim have a wonderful life in the time ahead. The Cocoa Lodge, and all of Elksdom, will truly miss you as the Lodge Secretary. One more time---thanks for helping out E. R. Wayne.

Lee and Donna, ya'll mean a lot to me. Dave and Jackie, the same for you, thanks for all your help.

The fact of the matter is I have had a great time as your E. R., but my run is coming to a close in March.

As E. R. of the Cocoa Elk's, everyone please think of some members, and nominate them to replace the officers from 2007. Time is getting short. Elections are in February and YOU the MEMBERS need to nominate the members that YOU want to see running YOUR LODGE! So come on down and vote for YOUR new officers.

THE E. R.'S APPRECIATION PARTY WILL BE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22ND. It will be an Italian night, with dinner and a few surprises.

I will be presenting awards to some outstanding members that night. The awards are as follows:

Citizen of the Year-----Earl Johnson
Officer of the Year-----Dave McGuinness
Elk of the Year-----Donna Stamatakis

Please come out that night and join me in thanking all that have made my year as your E. R. a success.

Thank you for a GREAT YEAR!

Fraternally,
Wayne R. Wilson Jr., ER

SUPER BOWL PARTY

FEB 3rd

FOOD— FUN — FESTIVITIES

BAR WILL OPEN AT NOON
GAME TIME IS 6:00PM

ALL
FOOTBALL FANATICS
ARE
WELCOME!!!

UPON APPROVAL BY HOUSE COMMITTEE
DRINK SPECIALS MAY BE OFFERED

Open Sundays

*THE LODGE WILL OPEN ON SUNDAY
NOON—until your money runs out*

*NFL TICKET
ALL THE GAMES
CHEER FOR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM
COLD LIBATIONS*

*GUEST BARTENDER
5 TVs, one in HD —YOUR CHOICE OF NFL,
NASCAR, GOLF, BASEBALL, HOME SHOP-
PING NETWORK OR WHATEVER*

EVENTS—February

SUPER BOWL PARTY

ER APPRECIATION PARTY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

QUEEN OF DIAMONDS

ER APPRECIATION PARTY

FEBRUARY 22ND
6-8PM

ITALIAN DINNER

AWARDS
ELK OF THE YEAR
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

ER WAYNE'S APPRECIATION
MAYBE EVEN A ROAST

COCOA ELKS WEBSITE

We're back ON-LINE
Haven't received your bulletin yet! Don't fret!
All the info is on the website
www.cocoaelks.com

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Bar Area will soon be under going renovations, to include replacing the floor, possibly replacing sub-floor joists, fixing the sub-floor plumbing and a new bar itself. We are looking for help in setting up a temporary bar in the pool room or dining room. Ideas are needed and welcome, along with elbow grease from any willing participant. The Bar is in desperate need of TLC, and this project is long over due, so please be patient and understanding during this trying time for the Lodge.

Remember, it's your Lodge!

Cocoa Elks Calendar

FEBRUARY 2008

Highlights!

SUPER BOWL PARTY

ER PARTY

Singles Dance

Tuesdays

Regular Meeting 1st & 3rd Thursdays

House Committee 4th Thurs

Holding Corp 2nd Thurs

Bingo every Wednesday

Queen Of Diamonds Drawing Every Saturday

**** SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 PRIVATE PARTY Queen of Diamonds 8PM
3 SUPER BOWL PARTY bartender ER -Wayne	4	5 Singles Dance 7:00PM	6 Bingo 6:45 pm Need Caller	7 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	8	9 PRIVATE PARTY Queen of Diamonds 8PM
10 Open 12-? Bartender ER -Wayne	11	12 Singles Dance 7:00PM	13 Bingo 6:45 pm Bonnie	14 Holding Corp 7:30PM	15	16 PRIVATE PARTY Queen of Diamonds 8PM
17 Open 12-? Bartender ER -Wayne	18	19 Singles Dance 7:00PM	20 Bingo 6:45 PM Need Caller	21 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	22 ER APPRECIATION PARTY** Italian Dinner 6:30PM	23 PRIVATE PARTY Queen of Diamonds 8PM
24 Open 12-? Bartender ER -Wayne	25	26 Singles Dance 7:00PM	27 Bingo 6:45 pm Mike Spencer	28 House Committee 7:30PM	29	MAR 1 Queen of Diamonds 8PM
MAR 2 Open 12-? Bartender ER -Wayne	MAR 3	Mar 4 Singles Dance 7:00PM	MAR 5 Bingo 6:45 pm Need Caller	MAR 6 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	MAR 7	MAR 8 Queen of Diamonds 8PM

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Thanks to those of you who have donated to the bulletin boosters. Your generosity goes a long way to helping cover the cost of the bulletin. As the 2008/2009 Elk year rolls upon us, I want to thank everyone for supporting me and helping me get through a busy year as secretary. To those of you who thought I might have been a little overbearing, my sincere apologies as my only excuse is demanding accountability for YOUR elks lodge! Unfortunately, I will not be returning this next Elks year as your secretary. My job and family are most important, so I look forward to at least a year off. If there is anyone willing to be secretary, you have my full support during the transition. Again, thanks to everyone and I look forward to sitting on the other side of the bar for a change!

Randy Hunter PER
Secretary
Cocoa #1532

FUTURE EVENTS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Sickness & Distress

Our prayers are with you and your families.

Member Don Helms in the hospital.

Member Steve Kazmirski in MI rehab

To Our Absent Members....

*Our deepest sympathy to your family and friends.
They will be missed by all.*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Roger Fleming	02/01/1933
William Hardy	02/01/1941
Francis Walton Jr.	02/02/1923
Jon Johnson	02/03/1939
Kyle Wartell	02/06/1985
John Vandergrift	02/08/1925
Lee Hull Jr.	02/11/1928
James Drake	02/14/1922
Anthony Barnini	02/16/1959
Richard Lawson	02/17/1974
Michael Spencer	02/17/1954
Michael Oglesby	02/18/1959
Bill Reichert	02/18/1960
Ron Withrow	02/21/1938
Jerry Jones	02/22/1951
Kathy Frank	02/25/1951
Rick Wilson	02/25/1966
Robert Trosset	02/27/1928
Kenneth Sweet Jr.	02/28/1937

*Can you find this month's eldest member
Congrat's JAMES*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO

WEDNESDAY NIGHT **BINGO**
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(* MUST PLAY ALL GAMES FROM THE 7TH
GAME ON TO QUALIFY FOR THE JACKPOT GAME!
STARTING AROUND 6:30-6:45PM IN THE BAR
AREA.

SHADOW

Well here we go again. Another year gone by. Where did 2007 GO? We lost some of our dear members (some of them had been ill for a while). We've acquired some new members. I believe Blake Poston is the only new parent last year, while Steven Fafard added a third son. Some of us were Grandparents again, some for the first time.

We had some of our friends back from the North, Bill, Raylene and Hap. Our friend Buddy Poston back from the beach (New Grandpa). Joel and Michelle Prine brought some friends by and Dana and Sharon, Cowboy (Ed) and Sandy came by. So great to see ya'll. Alice Mickey is back at bingo and Mary Fletcher is doing great after a bout with pneumonia. Great to have the ladies feeling better.

We had some changes to our building, windows, glass doors, painted walls. This year lets ask our friends and families to join us at a steak night, or steak shoot, bingo or just stop by to see our lodge and the improvements, made so far. Tell them what's to come, work on the bar floor, washer and dryer hookup, hopefully a new roof etc. more things to come. We really are trying to update our lodge.

We have a busy month coming up every Saturday is filled with private parties. I was told since the lodge is getting brighter and more modern they wanted their events here. That's encouraging. Bring them on. Hurray for us.

Thank You Dave and Jackie, Donna and Lee and Gladys Miller for taking the trees and all the Christmas decorations down. We do appreciate all your help.

Folks don't forget your honeys on Valentines Day.
That's all Folks
The Shadow.

BAR HOURS

Regular Bar Hours

MON.,TUES.,WED. 3-10PM
THURS.,FRI.,SAT 3-11PM

Bartenders will have some flexibility at closing time,
not before closing time.

Special Events times will be posted in the bulletin.

ELKS Rights and Responsibilities

The obligation which is assumed by every member of the Order, as an essential part of his/her initiation, involves certain duties which are necessarily implied, as well as those which are formally expressed.

By that obligation, so assumed, he/she becomes a member of the Order of Elks, not merely a member of his/her own Lodge. The rights and privileges thereby conferred upon him/her include the right to attend the meetings of any club house maintained by such other Lodge, in accordance with its rules and regulations relating thereto. And he/she is as much amenable to the Statutes of the Order as he/she is to the By-laws of his/her own Lodge.

He/She is entitled to participate in the deliberations of his/her own Lodge; and it is his/her duty to attend its meetings for that purpose, with proper regard for other duties which may also rest upon him/her. He/She shares the responsibility for its acts; and he/she should, by his/her vote in Lodge sessions and by the appropriate exercise of his/her influence, endeavor to have those acts reflect his/her own views. But he/she should, with good grace, yield to the majority will, when it has been duly registered.

The charitable and benevolent activities of his/her Lodge frequently require the personal attention of members other than its officers. Each member should readily respond to any official call upon him/her for any fraternal service that may be within his/her reasonable capacity to render.

It is only by the continued display of such a spirit of fraternal co-operation that his/her Lodge can maintain itself as the instrumentality of community service it is designed to be. And it is only by generously putting his/her individual service into his/her Fraternal Association that he/she will secure for himself/herself in greatest measure the satisfaction and happiness which should attend membership in the Order.

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BULLETIN BOOSTER APPLICATION

Renewal

New

NAME _____

Member/Wife Name

Send to Lodge #1532

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ELKS ATTEMPTING TO JOIN THE 21ST CENTURY

To: Lodge Secretaries

Subject: Chicago Lodge Membership System

This is a follow up report on CLMS (Chicago Lodge Membership System), our soon to be national membership tracking program.

Our staff in Chicago has been working diligently over the past several months on CLMS. In October we started conducting a beta test with our Lodges in Alaska and Washington. The results of the beta test were so favorable that we have added additional Lodges from across the country to the beta test.

If our testing and conversions to CLMS continues to run as smoothly as it has we will meet our projected April 1, 2008 release date. At that time Lodges using Yuma 6 will be able to upgrade to CLMS by downloading a free update. All other Lodges will have the ability to log on and complete a free download to input their membership information into CLMS.

I want to thank all the Lodges and individuals who stood up and accepted the challenges with making this new program a reality.

As a reminder, the CLMS program will be a provided service from Chicago when it becomes operational. Through 2/29/2008, Lodges using Yuma 6 or earlier may contact Yuma Software directly for support and upgrade assistance to Yuma 6. Remember, only Lodges using Yuma 6 will be provided with an upgrade path to CLMS, so take action now to update earlier versions of Yuma to Yuma 6.

We will continue to keep you updated with our progress as we move forward in this exciting new program for all the Lodges. Lodge Secretaries may contact me at trueelk@msn.com should they have any questions.

Fraternally,

Roger R. True, PGER

Chairman, Information Technology Subcommittee

ERA

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