



COCOA ELKS NEWS

January 2012

84 Years in Service to ELKDOM



COCOA ELKS LODGE #1532

ESTABLISHED IN 1927

Exalted Ruler's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like to thank all the members who worked and participated on the numerous functions in December which was a very successful month. It was wonderful to see everyone that showed up to the eggnog party, it reminded me of the old days when the lodge would be filled with lots of members and their guests routinely. Wouldn't it be great to have large gatherings like that more often? It was a great night and it was so good to see everyone. Earnings from the \$1000 drawing will be going to the front porch renovation. Look for work to start soon!



Thank you Dave McGuiness and Mike Schodlbauer and all those who helped organizing the hoop shoot. There were twenty children who participated at Edgewood Jr./Sr. High. The winners in each age group will move on to the district competition held in Sebastian this month. Good luck to all the participants!

Thank you to Santa who made his appearance for the children's Christmas party. He brought presents and smiles to all the children. My appreciation to all of Santa's helpers for their assistance with the food and games.

January will bring a new year and several functions. The *Ride for Life* on January 15th which is a motorcycle poker run for Charity. If you love to ride, please mark your calendar and join us for a journey which will end at our Lodge with food and entertainment for all. This is open to anyone who wants to participate.

Don't forget to come down to Steak Night on the 22nd, the steaks have been great, let's have a good turnout.

Welcome back Cornholers on Thursday nights. We're so very glad you've returned!!

We are initiating four new members which will bring our membership closer to our goal for the year. Everyone bring a new member and let's try to surpass the goal of 34 new Elks. If anyone knows a member that has not paid their dues because of financial difficulties please let them know that they can contact me personally to discuss options for help to renew their membership. I would much rather have members participating rather than not due to hardship. We are all brothers and sisters and we should help each other in times of need.

We have a new year coming up April 1st and we are in need of several Officers. Most urgent is the Secretary position for the 2012/2013 year that begins in April 2012. If you are interested in serving I would love to hear from you. The Secretary position is one of the most important chairs in the Lodge which we can't operate without. Nominations will be starting soon for all chairs. Please consider taking a lead role and help to support all our charitable endeavors.

Thank you again to everyone for all your help and support. We need more members and more participation with all the upcoming events. With your help we can make this a GREAT year.

Fraternally yours,
Russell Bailey

Every Friday is TGIF SUPORT YOUR LODGE

Every Tuesday—6 PM Singles Dance

Dec 31st—New Year Eve Party!

Jan 15th— Ride for Life, poker run

Jan 22nd —Steak Night

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Join us on ...



**New Year's Eve
Pot Luck and
Champagne
toast at Midnight!**

**Come share your fa-
vorite dish and ring
in the
new year with your
Elk Brothers
& Sisters!**

**TGIF
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EVERY Friday
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Per Person**

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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>December 31</i> New Year's Eve Pot Luck
1	2 <i>Dart League</i>	3	4 CLOSED	5 <i>Regular Meeting</i> 7:30PM	6 TGIF	7
8	9 <i>Dart League</i>	10 <i>Singles Dance</i> 6:00 PM	11 CLOSED	12 <i>House Committee</i> 7:00PM	13 TGIF	14
15 <i>Ride for Life</i> <i>Poker Run</i>	16 <i>Dart League</i>	17 <i>Singles Dance</i> 6:00 PM	18 CLOSED	19 <i>Regular Meeting</i> 7:30PM	20 TGIF	21
22	23 <i>Dart League</i>	24 <i>Singles Dance</i> 6:00 PM	25 CLOSED	26	27 TGIF	28
29	30	31 <i>Singles Dance</i> 6:00 PM	Feb 1 CLOSED	Feb 2	Feb 3 TGIF	Feb 4

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Hello all,

It's the end of the calendar year and coming up quickly will be the start of a new fiscal year for us in Elksdom. I will be ordering new membership cards soon and that means membership dues should start flooding in.

Membership dues paid before April 1, 2012, will be served a free spaghetti dinner in May 2012.

2012 !

Has a nice ring to it doesn't it?!
As the Elks delve, in 2012!

Ken

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

At this writing there is nothing posted on the Lodge board.

To Our Absent Members....

Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2	GREG BEUER BILL CHUMLEY
3	KIM HUNTER
4	DONNIE WALDEN
5	DALE COX EARL JOHNSON RICK WEINERT
10	RANDY HUNTER
11	ROGER GREEK
12	JANSON DAVIS
13	MICHAEL FAFARD
14	TAMMY SUE LIEN
16	CHARLES NORWOOD CAROL TRENT
18	BRIAN LAVIGNE
19	ROBERT WOHN JR
20	DONNA STAMATAKIS
21	JEREMY BLACK THOMAS NEWBERN JAMES STORMS NANCY WALKER-SEEMER
27	TERRY STOWE
28	MARY BUTLER
29	STEPHEN HANKINS SALLY LAPORTE JOHN TROXEL

*Happy
Birthday
To All!*



SPORTS SUNDAYS

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Lodge Membership

We have several new members that will be sworn in this month come to the meeting and welcome them.

Bring a neighbor, friend or acquaintance to a Cocoa Elks event and help your Lodge grow again.

If you are a widow and would like to become a member with full voting rights give Russell a call. Spouses, you are also eligible for membership, become involved.

Our Lodge is what our membership makes it.

* HOOP SHOOT was *
* conducted on December *
* 10th at Edgewood Jr/Sr *
* High school. *

* A big thanks to Dr. Ken *
* Winn, Principal at Edgewood *
* for allowing us to use their *
* facilities again this year. *

Grand Lodge ER Message

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
Hon. David R. Carr

**To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers,
Officers and Members:**

No organization, no matter how large or small, can survive without members. This is why membership has often been referred to as the "Lifeblood of our Order."

The Order of Elks experienced tremendous membership gains during its first 110 years, resulting in Lodges being chartered in towns and cities nationwide. This gain was the result of "word of mouth" as there was little news media in those early days. Our membership grew until March 1980, when we had 1,649,267 Members. Ever since that date, however, membership has steadily declined. With fewer Members and rising costs, many Lodges have faced serious financial difficulties. Some Lodges have ceased to exist or have had to merge with other Lodges.

In a majority of Lodges, the average member age is in the low to upper 60s. These Members once enjoyed the camaraderie at the Lodge and participating in Elks golf and bowling leagues. Today, many of these Members who were once very active seldom leave their homes except to go to the doctor or drug store. They no longer pay golf or bowling league fees because they are no longer able to play golf or bowl. Why should they

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If you ring the bell
to enter the Lodge... It will cost
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go toward the Lodge's Annual
donation to
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THE SHADOW

Well it's the end of another year, and all is well. Money is a little tighter; we have lost some dear friends and made some new ones in 2011.

Let us make the New Year an even better one. Let's get new members and ask our old ones to renew their membership, we need everyone.

We had a great Egg Nog Party. The food everyone brought was a great array of eats and they were wonderful. The entertainment we had was super and what a great crowd. It was so good to see some of our members whom have been in hiding.

We would like to thank Beth Scarbough, Carol Trent, Pat Edwards, Teresa Bailey, Donna Stamatakis and Carol Poole for decorating the three Lodge trees, and doing the table decorations. Also Rick and Beverly Shotwell helped with the evenings festivities.

Our Santa was Frank Maziz for the children's party Mike and Mary Schodlbauer, Teresa and Russell Bailey, and Carol Poole handled the Children's Christmas Party. Many Thanks, to all of you.

Hope to see you at the Steak Dinner the last Saturday of the month, January 22, 2012.

Happy New Year!

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pay Lodge dues when they can no longer frequent the Lodge? And many of our newer and younger Members have work and family commitments that prohibit their frequenting their Lodge.

The Lodge bulletin is the primary link between Member and Lodge. Unfortunately, too many bulletins are focused on the Member who can frequent the Lodge. Since we all know that "A photo speaks a thousand words", I urge every bulletin editor to ensure that there is a photo of a child holding up a dictionary or Elks Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot trophy he or she just received, or a photo of a veteran, victim of disaster, or person with a disability who is being assisted by the Elks Lodge. By doing so, you will help to make those Members who are unable to frequent the Lodge proud to be Elks.

As I have said on many occasions, "Elkdom is in the Hearts and Souls of our Members." Reach out to those Members who cannot frequent the Lodge and share with them the good works that your Lodge is doing.

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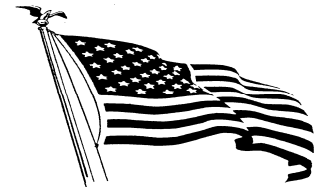
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Committee Chairpersons

- Auditing----- Earl Johnson
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- Michael Schodlbauer (Chair)
- Dave Pemberton
- Dave McGuinness
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- Donna Stamatakis
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- Chris Fafard



Don't miss the action...
TGIF Each Friday—6 PM
Dec 31st—New Year's Party—Pot Luck—No Charge
Jan 15th—Ride for Life Poker Run