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Tom Phillips

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# Exalted Ruler's Message

During this unprecedented time of caution and concern relating to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID- 19), our lodge has had to make some difficult decisions regarding events and activities in the coming weeks. The safety of our members, and those in our care, is paramount during this time of uncertainty so we've decided to cancel upcoming events, meetings and programs until further notice..

This is an extremely fluid situation which may change at any moment. Please make sure to review future notices regarding lodge activity in regard to the coronavirus (COVID-19) as direction may need to change.

Greetings to everyone and welcome to a new year in Elkdom. April marks the start of the Elks year and with it comes new officers. I am both humbled and honored that you have chosen me to be your Exalted Ruler. We should be proud as a lodge that we have strong and dedicated officers; we are all thankful we have elected new officers who will be giving of their time and experience to help guide the lodge.

During the past four years as your Esquire, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight and House Chairman, I have learned an immense amount from your officers on how the lodge operates, all the work that is done by our committees and how we can make the lodge welcoming to our members. They have all been both patient with me and inspiring — for that, I thank them. I am confident we will continue to be a strong team and do what is needed so we can all be proud to be members of St. Augustine Lodge #829.

If I had to sum up what I hope this year brings, it would be to strengthen what we give back to our community and to be more present in our beautiful Community. Remember a good Elk is an involved Elk.

Overall, I am extremely confident we are going to have a great year. The positive energy and spirit of cooperation I have seen displayed by so many is truly awesome! I would like to say thank you to all our members for your support and well wishes. I intend on working extremely hard to do the job I was entrusted with. As I sit and write my first message as Exalted Ruler, I find myself excited as to what the new year will bring.

I wish you and your family's peace, blessings and a safe and healthy start to spring.

**Connie Sarnowski**  
Exalter Ruler

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2020-2021

<b>ACCIDENT PREVENTION/SAFETY</b>	DAVE PARK
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	JIM WHALEY
<b>AMERICANISM</b>	TED HORTENSTINE
<b>AUDITING</b>	JUDY REYES
<b>CHARITY</b>	JOE SMITH
<b>DRUG AWARENESS</b>	GRACE ANDREWS
<b>ELAND LIAISON</b>	JUDY REYES
<b>ELKS NATIONAL FUND</b>	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
<b>FRATERNAL</b>	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
<b>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</b>	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
<b>INVESTIGATION</b>	
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	JOHN GEBERT (PER)
<b>ORIENTATION</b>	RANDY COOK (PER)
<b>PARKING</b>	CHRIS LOVE
<b>PER ASSOCIATION LAISION</b>	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	CHERIE STUCKI
<b>RELIEF</b>	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
<b>VETERANS AFFAIRS</b>	GEORGE APRIL (PER)
<b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</b>	IRV STOCKDALE

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

JIM WHALEY	HOUSE CHAIR
ROBBIE MCGEE	MEMBER
CHERIE STUCKY	MEMBER
MINETTA DUNN	MEMBER
JEAN TETTA	MEMBER

## LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021

EXALTED RULER	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	JOE SMITH, JR.
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	RANDY COOK (PER)
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	DR. ERIC COLON
SECRETARY	MICHAEL RATHMANN
TREASURER	KEVIN WALSH
TILER	GRACE ANDREWS
ESQUIRE	
CHAPLAIN	LIBBY JOHNSON
INNER GUARD	JAMES WHALEY
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)

## TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	SARA MCDAVITT (Chair)
TWO YEARS	WILLIAM RODDY
THREE YEARS	LORIN AUSTIN
FOUR YEARS (Temp appt)	RANDY STAY (PER)
FIVE YEARS	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)

## ELKS CLUB INC.

CHAIR	PAT SHIPLEY (PDD)
MEMBER	BOB KERSHNER (PER)
MEMBER	JAMES DEAN (PER)
MEMBER	DAVID LEE (PER)
MEMBER	TED BEAL (PDD)
MEMBER	BARRY MASTERS (PER)

## LODGE ADVISOR

### Notice

The Lodge Social Quarters will remain closed during April, 2020. As of now, there will be no business meeting on April 1st & probably not one on April 15th. If a meeting is scheduled, an eblast will be sent & the Lodge sign updated with the information.

### Dues Renewal

We continue to process renewal payments. Please notify the Secretary (elks829secretary@gmail.com) if you haven't received your new card within two weeks of sending in your payment.

All members delinquent in their 2019/20 dues will be dropped by March 31st. There is a 60 day grace period in which delinquent members can pay their dues and be reinstated.

Please make sure to advise the Secretary's office if your address, phone or email address changes.

### Email Communication

Many members receive the bulletin and other information by email. If you currently receive the printed version of the bulletin, please consider changing to email. It's in color & often comes earlier than the printed version and this email list is used to send out eblasts. Your email address is not shared with anyone outside of the Elks. To request a change email the Secretary (elks829secretary@gmail.com).

## 2019 Annual Award Recipients

### **Officer of the Year- Katherine Hellhoski**

Katherine is tireless in her activity and unselfish interest in helping our lodge, whether cleaning the kitchen, outside bar, opening the lodge early for various groups, helping in any activity that needs her assistance and in some cases being next in charge when other officers are unavailable. She also has taken the time to memorize the 11 O'clock toast.

### **Couple of the Year- Kevin and Cathy Walsh**

Kevin and Cathy donate their energy and time in so many ways to make this lodge what it is, both in charitable efforts, fundraising for Queen of Hearts, purchasing teddy bears for disabled children and many other activities including keeping our finance picture clear for Officers and Trustees in all matters concerning the lodge. Cathy also handled financial issues for the House committee and social quarters and she serves as the Secretary's Cyber Assistant.

### **Elk of the Year-Tom Phillips**

Tom is a quiet, hard worker for the lodge. He co-created the current system we have for Friday dinners including holding meetings, getting teams together and seeing that they are properly certified. Tom has also parked cars, served as an Officer in our lodge and always been willing to assist in any activity that our lodge has asked of him, Tom has always been willing, never complaining and serving as a True Elk.

### **Citizen of the year-Steve Dittman**

Steve has always been willing to help out in anything the community needs whether it be the parking for free events like the Farmers Markets, having a pizza party for his parking crew to show how much he valued them or in any other activity where our lodge is involved, One of the final charges to new members in initiation is : " Strive diligently that the name of Elk as borne by you may be worthy of an American Citizen, One who loves his fellow man" This describes Steve well.

### **Employee of the Year-Mike Rathmann**

Mike has two rolls in our Lodge: one is a member who assists greatly in many efforts that our lodge becomes involved in. He may be cooking hamburgers for Pal day, talking to vendors, arranging for events to contract with our lodge through our trustees, offering excellent advice on subjects that our lodge may have a need to have clarity on, etc. Mike also serves as an employee for our lodge. He is Lodge Secretary and as such wears another hat. He offers his advice to Trustees, and all officers of our Lodge especially the current ER and past ER's to keep us all out of trouble and abide by the Statutes. He collects dues, issues membership cards, arranges for Officer training, National Conventions, receives mail and Lodge funds, and assists with lodge business. As any past ER's will tell you, when we have a District Deputy visit, he has manuals, minutes of meetings and every file needed to make our lodge look great.

**Mike Hughes, PER  
2019/20 Exalted Ruler**

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