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From Your Exalted Ruler

While having a great Christmas and New Year's season, the Lodge has, once again, exceeded all expectations. The highlight was our annual Boys & Girls Club Christmas party. This celebration was made possible because of an ENF grant, and it was the best "Feel Good" event of the year. After reviewing the day of photos, it was tough to determine who had the biggest smiles between the volunteers and the kids. Thank you to everyone who helped that day, and a special thanks to Ted Claus and Dave Magalotti, owner of JETS Pizza. (My new favorite pineapple and sausage), who supplied the lunch for all, and free harmonica and lessons to a select few.

As we enter the final two months of my two-year adventure as your ER, I feel honored to have been selected to help guide Lakeland Lodge 1291. We have had two banner years at the Lodge for membership, community involvement, profitability, Lodge improvements and membership participation.

We have made our Lodge well respected and appreciated in our District as well as the State. We can all be proud of the volunteer leadership our Trustee, House Committee, Bar Manager, Officers, Antler Publisher and members have provided over the past year.

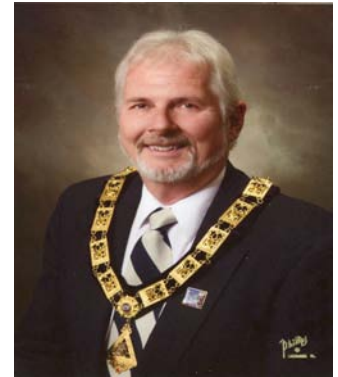
Of course, I could not forget the one who has been involved in every Lodge activity, and every District, State, and National event, that I have had the honor of attending My wife, Sandy.

THANK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As we enter the February and March events at the Lodge you can always count on the House Committee to have a full calendar. Just a highlight: Sandy's SPCA Birthday, Scholarship Golf Tournament, Trustees Reverse Draw, Dinner Dance, Florida State President's visit, as well as our installation of new Officers. Be sure to stay on top of these events by checking out our new and improved Website, as well as our weekly happenings.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone for your help and support during the past two years. I know you will make our new Exalted Ruler, Tom Crider, and his wife, Chris, feel welcome. Your support of them and our new leadership will be another step toward making Lakeland Elks Lodge the best for a long time to come.

Bob Fuschetti



From The Chaplain's Corner

And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

St. Luke 6:31

CREDIT CARDS

We are now accepting debit and credit cards at the bar. You can also use them to pay for other functions at the Lodge.

First New Members of 2014



New Members— L-R Larry Janson, Leo Miller, Janet Nicolella, Frank Sparrow and Leroy Illum

Lodge Meetings

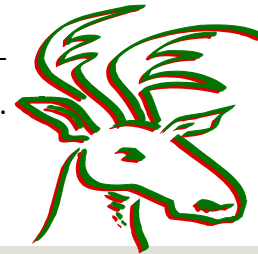
2/4 – Informal dress - nomination of officer—either attend meeting or call Bob Fuschetti

2/18 Formal w/initiation

3/4 Informal dress

3/18 Formal with initiation

All members of Lodge 1291 are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings. If you don't attend, don't complain about what happens at the Lodge.



JOIN THE JAMBALAYA FUN

March 1st we are having a Jambalaya fun day at the Lodge with 5 things associated with Mardi Gras. A little competition between friends. \$5.00 gets you a sample of all 5 favorite dishes and then you can pick the one you like best and get a bowl of your favorite, by placing your ticket in the jar and that will be your vote.

This is becoming popular and we may get more entries before March 1st.

- Jambalaya Cajun Style by Chris Porche (Real Cajun Guy)
- Jambalaya Southern Style by Scott James (Jonesy)
- Jambalaya Yankee Style by JC
- Paste Jambalaya Home Style by Leroy and John (Winter Haven Guys)
- Red Beans & Rice Cajun Style by Andy and April Haynes (Real Cajun Girl)

Mardi Gras theme booths will be set up in hall for enjoyment

Can't git dis kind of vittles at corner store!! Uh weeee

From Your House Committee

I would like to take a moment to thank all the lodge member volunteers that have helped out this past year. Without the help of you folks, none of our past events could have been successful. I also want to express my sincere appreciation to my whole committee from the bottom of my heart for their dedication. This coming year we have already started to get ideas together as to how to make 2014 bigger and better to start this year and help the new officers and committee a good start. I just wanted to tell you about a few items. We are going to start with new wine selections in the bar at the request of many members. The committee has asked Jonesy from Southern Wine and Spirits to help us make sure we get a variety of types and tastes in to satisfy the wine drinkers in the lodge. They will be sold by the glass and also by the bottle. I wish everyone try some of the new wine and if you have a request, please feel free to ask myself or your bartender. Also I want to thank Julie for the fabulous table decorations she has come up with over the last several months. With that in mind, we are attempting to purchase rechargeable candle lights for the lodge table decorations. These will help us not to use burning candles that have to be constantly replaced, and also will be safer to use. This will cost us about \$100.00. If anyone would be so inclined to give a donation towards these lights, there is an envelope behind the bar, to help in the purchase of these. We thank everyone for their support.

Mark Daniels
Chairman



Boys & Girls Club Christmas Party a Big

Success

Our annual Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party was held on December 21st and thanks to so many generous and kind hearted volunteers it was a big success. The grant money the Lodge received from National made this event possible.

The day started out with a visit from Lakeland Fire Department, the firemen explained the workings of the truck and allowed each child to go through the truck and check everything out.

Just as the Firemen were finishing up one of the officers from the Polk County Sheriff's K-9 unit showed up with his K-9 Luuk. The children were allowed to pet Luuk and were shown all the equipment that is used in his training. They were even allowed to crawl through the back seat of the patrol car where Luuk spends his time. Never in my life have I seen children so thrilled to crawl through a back seat over and over again. Thankfully Office Steve had finished his presentation when the horse showed up (All attention quickly went in that direction)

The children enjoyed making crafts, playing games, bouncing on the bounce houses and riding the horse. Smiles were everywhere to be found and not just on the children's faces but on everyone who was there to help make this a Christmas to remember for all. Pizza and some very creating Char reindeer cupcakes, and punch were served for lunch. Then out of nowhere there arose such a clatter and Santa showed up with all the gifts for some very excited children. One of the surprising things was that these kids were just as excited to get socks as they were toys.

Personally I can't remember the last time I was so proud of our Lodge and our members. It was a great reminder of what Elksdom stands for each and every day.

A very special thank you to Dave Magalotti (Jets Pizza) for donating the pizzas for the children and volunteers. Not having that expense made it possible to buy more gifts for the children.

Also, thank you to Shannon Benzel for donating the money given in memory of her mother – Charlotte Morgan Walters – to cover the cost of the horse. Your mom would have been very proud.

The giving tree was amazing in itself. We completely filled the truck. There were so many crafts, games, footballs, even a ping pong table and a foosball table. These are things that all the children of the club can enjoy together throughout the year.

To everyone involved – job well done, you should be very proud. I know I am.

Sandy Fuschetti

State President Visit Agenda

State President, Brian Burns, and his wife, Mary Kay Burns, will visit Lodge 1291 March 21-22, 2014. ALL members of Lodge 1291 are urged to attend and support this function.

Friday, March 21, 2014

Welcome by Lakeland Lodge Members: Courtyard by Marriott – 4:00 pm

Hospitality Room - 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Social Hour – Plant City Lodge – 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

\$10.00—Barbecue chicken

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Brunch – Lakeland Lodge – 10:00 a.m. - \$8.00 prepaid tickets only

Social Hour – 5:30 p.m.

President's Dinner – 6:30 p.m. followed by program - \$12.00 prepaid tickets only



Committee Chairpersons

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The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans and their families and friends with qualified and caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hot line, on line chat or text. They can call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, chat on line or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Support for the deaf and hard of hearing individ-

THANK YOU

Thank you, BOB FUSCHETTI,
for 2 years of dedicated
service as our Exalted
Ruler

And to
Sandy

Who faithfully stood by you
and gave of herself to our
Lodge 1291

Your combined efforts will not
be forgotten



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**Daylight
Savings
Time Begins**

March 9th.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR TRUSTEES DO?

HERE IS YOUR ANSWER.

The Trustees have been working hard to keep the financials of the Lodge stable; we have input many changes since April 1st (beginning of fiscal year).

- LP gas line to the patio out back for the smokers
- New TV (donated by a member) for behind the bar
- Remodel the current men's and women's bathrooms
- Install a new ADA bathroom near the kitchen area
- Miscellaneous maintenance in the kitchen and Lodge hall
- New bar stool tops and swivels (20) are on order and awaiting arrival
- Replacement of the ceiling fans in the Lodge
- Trying to find a good deal on a steam table for kitchen use
- Changed the old keg cooler over to a refrigerated box holding up to 16 sheet pans
- Updating some of our light fixtures in the Lodge

As you can see we are working hard for the Lodge.

We are currently working on a reverse raffle that will provide us some much needed cash for the projects above. You can see any Trustee to get a ticket or Bob Fuschetti (ER); they are going fast. We have approximately 70% sold as this is written.

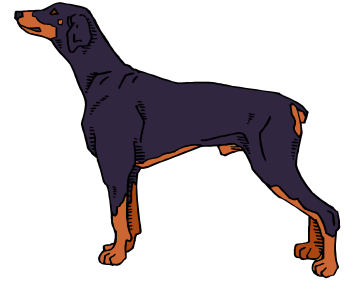
As always we continue to support the Lodge as members and spend a great deal of time at the Lodge.

Thanks for your continued support for the coming months and when you see us at the Lodge, say "Hello".

Your Faithful 5,

JC Dave, Hank, Justin & Jason

"It's Party Time again "



You are invited to attend Sandy Fuschetti's Annual Birthday Party SPCA Benefit

February 8, 2014 - Lakeland Elks Lodge 1291

It's tough to believe it's been a year already (Man I'm getting old) I would love to have you join me in celebrating another birthday and help support an organization that has been very near and dear to my heart for many years.

5:30 - Meet and greet some of the SPCA animals that are up for adoption and their care givers

6:00 - Human food will be served

6:30 - Let's get this party going with dance music by Garry Malone

For those of you who may not be familiar with this event. The best birthday gift I could ever ask for is to have friends join me in helping to support our local SPCA. So instead of gifts for me I only ask that everyone bring one of the following:

1. Cash donations - To help with medical needs, food and general care of the animals
(Please make checks payable to the SPCA)
2. 10 lbs of Puppy or dog food (for their bellies)
3. 10 lbs of Kitten or cat food (for their bellies)
4. Peanut butter for the Kongs (for their entertainment and enrichment)

Thousands of animals pass through the doors of the SPCA shelter every year. They operate solely on donations from caring people like you. They receive no government funding and are not affiliated with the ASPCA. So any help we can give is so very much appreciated.

I do have one other request. Please call the lodge 644-4332 or my cell 944-2903 for reservations. So I can make sure to have plenty of food for my human friends as well please have your reservations in by Thursday February 6.

Hope to see ya there,

Sandy





2014 Lakeland Elks Scholarship Golf Outing



Once again we are hosting the John Necessary Memorial Golf Tournament as the primary fund raiser for our Lodge 1291 Scholarship Fund for area high school seniors. The Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Huntington Hills golf course. The format will be a 4-person scramble with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. The cost is \$55.00 which includes Green Fees, Cart, and Prime Rib Dinner at the Lodge. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Registration forms will be available at the bar in the lodge.



Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.00. Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board posted at the lodge.



Non-golfers are welcome to support the Lodge's Scholarship Program by making a donation to the Lodge Secretary and designating it for the Scholarship Fund. Non-golfers may attend the Prime Rib Dinner. Cost is \$20.00.



Thank you for your anticipated support.



Dave Norwine, Golf Outing Coordinator 419-276-2849



We have 28 slots available for this year's event. The first 28 teams to return both a registration form & payment will secure a slot in the field.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/2 Superbowl party—bring a appetizer
- 2/8 Sandy's SPCA party
- 2/15 Scholarship Golf Tournament & Dinner
- 2/22 Fashion Show Luncheon
- 2/22 Trustees Reverse Draw
- 3/1 Jambalaya cookoff
- 3/8 Trivia with Rosanne
- 3/15 Installation of Officers & Dinner
- 3/16 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 3/21-22 State President's Visit—see calendar for details
- 3/31 Scholarship Dinner




Lodge Boosters

In Memory Of:


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| Jibby Harris | Roy Harris |
| Phyllis May | Peter May |
| Joanne Copperman | Larry Coppeman, |
| Leonard Powell | Lady Marian |
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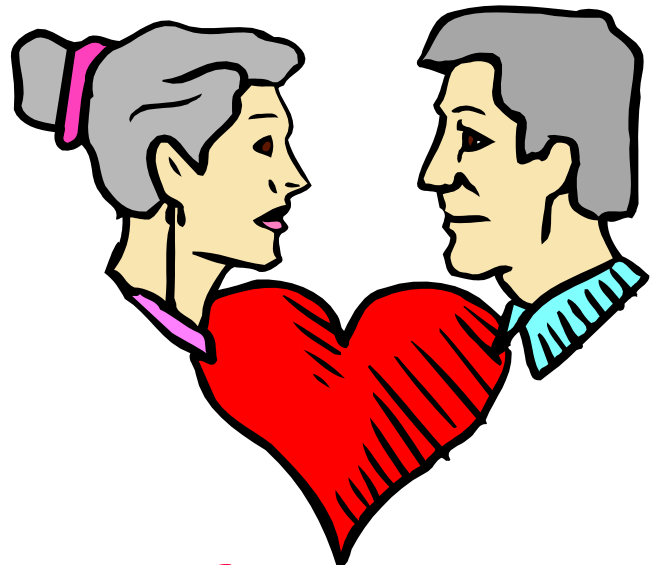
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Tina Schmidt—

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Past Exalted Ruler 1990-1991



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Daisy Libbert	2000-2001
Allan Leonard	2001-2002
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Rebecca Daniel	2004-2005
Steve Masterton	2005-2006
Ted Martzloff	207-2008
Garry Malone	2008-2009
Hank Schaus	2009-2010
Rod Hamlet	2010-2011
Jacque Moore	2011-2012
Bob Fuschetti	2012-

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