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ER Message John Stevens, PER

Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that each of you and your families had a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We are now entering the final quarter of the Lodge year and still many things left to accomplish on what has been a very busy year. However the biggest single item that is facing the Lodge and each of you as members is the election of Officers for the new Lodge year. Each of the Chairs and Committee Chairpersons have to be elected and/or appointed. The most important is that someone must step up and perform as the Exalted Ruler and the Esteemed Leading Knight. Also we will need two Trustees. These are all essential to allow the Lodge to continue to function. Anyone interested should contact myself or one of the Lodge PERs immediately so that we can assist you in preparing for the coming Lodge year. I have made it very clear that I cannot and will not accept the position of Exalted Ruler again. The last 18 months in this chair has been enough!!! I will continue to be active in the Lodge and perform my duties as a PER providing and guidance and assistance to the Officers that I can. It is up to you the members to step forward and take the reins of **your LODGE!!!**

There is some good news to report! We have finally received the Executive Order from the Grand Exalted Ruler which relieves the Lodge Officially from the direction of a Special Representative. Essentially we have unofficially been away from this since late last spring but now have the Official word. The other good news is that the work on Lake Mead Parkway has now been completed and the access to the Lodge has been enhanced. Gone are the traffic cones and the and all of the lane restrictions. Come on down and enjoy all that the Lodge has to offer.

A big THANK goes out to Karen MeChek for chairing the successful Hoop Shoot and the food baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and finally for shopping for Christmas presents for the foster kids. Great job Karen!!!

Our Annual Parrot Head party will be held on 22 January. Please see the flyer else where in this bulletin. This is are biggest fund raiser of the year and is sponsored by the Lodge PER's. Please circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend. The holidays will be over and it is time for some fun with the Caribbean theme. Tickets are on sale behind the bar for \$20 in advance and they will be \$23 at the door. If you have any items that we can use as raffle items please contact me. Let's all pull together and make this the best party ever.

Our annual Super Bowl party will be on 6 Feb 2011. Again we will have the basket of cheer raffle and opportunities to root for your favorite team. Each is requested to bring some hors d'oeuvre's to snack on during the game. The big screen TV is perfect for viewing the game.

I would like to see more participation at our Friday night dinners and the Breakfasts on the first Sunday of each month. You will not get a better meal anywhere for the price and the Lodge surely can use your support. Further if any would like to prepare their special dinner you are more than welcome I know Bill would like to have some relief in the kitchen!!!

Finally we need more volunteer bartenders. Clint Courtney has been a great help but the two of us should not be the only ones carrying this load. There is nothing difficult about the work and we can provide you with the training and all the support that you will need.

Let's have fun in the Lodge!!

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Dates to Remember:



- 1st **New Years Day - Lodge Closed**
- 2nd Officer Brunch 9:00 AM
- 4th Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM
- 7th Birthday Dinner 6:30 PM
- 11th House Committee 6:00 PM
PER Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15th DD Clinic - Las Vegas Lodge 10:00 AM
- 18th Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21st PER Steak Night 6:30 PM
- 22nd Parrot Head Party 5:00 PM
- 25th Trustees Meeting 5:00 PM
House Committee 6:00 PM
- 29th Cup Pack 304 Pinewood Derby 9:30 AM

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WHO'S WHO IN THE ELKS

Grand Exalted Ruler	Michael F. Smith, GER
Nevada State Sponsor	Jim Grillo, PGER
Nevada South DDGER	Jack Hennigan, DDGER
State President	Gary Ferguson, PDDGER
Nevada South District Leader	Larry O'Laughlin, PSP
Nevada South District Leader	Robert Morwick, PSP

LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

Exalted Ruler	John Stevens, PER	301-4927
Leading Knight	Vacant	Vacant
Loyal Knight	James Matthews (Sandy)	837-9976
Lecturing Knight	Vacant	Vacant
Esquire	Don Bales (Irene)	538-8685
Chaplin	Marty Lange	564-4904
Inner Guard	Vacant	Vacant
Tiler	Bob Mathews, PER	435-9592
Secretary	Bill Wiseman, PER (Mela)	523-2278
Treasurer	Richard Letendre (Sunny)	236-9081

TRUSTEES FOR 2010-2011

Three Year	Vacant	Vacant
Two Year	Jack Waldo	454-3315
One Year	Frank Vining, PER	568-9464

LODGE HONOR ROLL

Year	Elk of the Year	Officer of the Year
2009-2010	Patrick Bleakley	Dona Hoesly
2008-2009	Jack Waldo	Ron Gesell
2007-2008	Joan Wodjenski	Ken Bazar
2006-2007	Delbert Winkle	Bill Wiseman
2005-2006	Marty Lange	Richard Letendre
2004-2005	Clint Courtney	Bill Wiseman
2003-2004	Karen MeChek	Ken Bazar
2002-2003	Barbara Adams	Charlie Hannold
2001-2002	Ann DuPont	Robert Miller
2000-2001	Marty Lange	Jay Ashford
1999-2000	Shirley Gulick	Jean Adams
1998-1999	Jean Allen	John Stevens
1997-1998	Jim Ray	John Stevens

ELK OF THE MONTH

Mar 2011	TBD	Sep 2010	Steve Bazar
Feb 2011	TBD	Aug 2010	Clint Courtney
Jan 2011	TBD	Jul 2010	None Selected
Dec 2010	TBD	Jun 2010	None Selected
Nov 2010	Karen MeChek	May 2010	Evalyn Sherwood
Oct 2010	Karen MeChek	Apr 2010	None Selected

COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2010-2011

Accident Prevention	Jack Waldo	454-3315
Americanism	Vacant	Vacant
Auditing	Evalyn Sherwood	454-4389
Blue Pig (SMP)	Richard Letendre	236-9061
Bulletin	Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
Bowling	Betty Courtney	433-9306
Community Activities	James Matthews	837-9976
Drug Awareness	Dan Rivers	563-8663
Elks Training	John Stevens, PER	301-4927
Government Relations	Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
Hides	John Stevens, PER	301-4927
Hoop Shoot	Karen MeChek	497-5811
Insurance Risk	Frank Vining	568-9464
Investigation (Temp)	Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
Lapsation (Temp)	Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
Lodge Activities	Karen MeChek	497-5811
Membership (Temp)	Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
ENF	Marty Lange	564-4904
Public Relations	James Matthews	837-9976
Scholarship	Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
Scouting Coordinator	Steve Bazar	558-5360
Veterans	Vacant	Vacant
Adopt-A-Vet	Vacant	Vacant
Youth Activities	Karen MeChek	497-5811
Web Master	Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278

PER ASSOCIATION CONTACT

Bill Wiseman, Pres. - 523-2278 John Stevens, Sec - 301-4927

PAST EXALTED RULERS ROLL

2010-2011		1998-1999	George Adams*
2009-2010	John Stevens	1997-1998	Mike Owens*
2008-2009	Larry Mund	By Affiliation	Bill Young*
2007-2008	William Wiseman	By Affiliation	James Lange*
2006-2007	William Wiseman	By Affiliation	Bud Chaplin*
2005-2006	Bill Obszanski	By Affiliation	Russell Fortini
2004-2005	Norma DeLibertis	By Affiliation	Don Rogers
2003-2004	Dick DuPont	By Affiliation	Frank Vining
2002-2003	John Stevens	By Affiliation	Frank Opdyke*
2001-2002	Larry Ucovich	By Affiliation	Bob Mathews
2000-2001	Faye Ashford	By Affiliation	Jim Kudenov*
1999-2000	Thomas Hartnett	By Affiliation	Kevin P. Swift

* Deceased



ELKS NATIONAL HOME
 For information, contact:
 Bob Morwick NSEA National
 Home Coordinator





Secretary's Corner
Bill Wiseman, PER

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas!

For those of you on the delinquent list, you will be dropped as of the first meeting in February if your dues are not brought current. We would very much like to see each of you continue on as members of the Elks Lodge. Membership loss can be devastating for an Elks Lodge. It loses revenue and participation for its charitable programs its ability to keep the facilities operational, but I think mostly membership loss causes a Lodge to lose its community image as an organization that is alive and well and the group to join.

Perhaps it's not too late for the members listed. If we all make an effort to give them a reason to remain members and get involved in our programs, just maybe they will remit their dues and stay with us. I urge you to take it upon

yourself to save these good members before it's too late. Your Lodge dues statements for 2011-2012 will be mailed out the last week of January and as you will see there are some optional donations for your consideration. I hope you will consider these donations and send what you can do to help these charities. Please get them back to the Secretary as soon as possible.

The biggest contributions you can make towards the betterment of the Lodge is to step-up and take a position as an officer and/or committee chair and come to the Lodge and participate. As we begin another new year, perhaps we could each make a new commitment to renew our efforts to be a part of the solution and not part of the problem and to stay focused on the goals of the Lodge and of Elksdom. Remember this is your Lodge and we all must participate to keep it growing and stable.

I wish each and everyone of a very prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.



Community Activities
Karen MeChek

Our Christmas Basket Program was a great success this year. Thanks to all of you who made donations of either food or money. We were able to provide food baskets to eight families in need. The eight families consisted of thirteen adults and eighteen children. We were also able to provide gifts to seven foster children through the Foster Care Program.

Unfortunately due to lack of volunteer resources we were unable to hold our annual Kids Christmas Party.

Thanks to Marty Lange and her "gang", they provided gifts to six mentally and/or physically challenged "adults" from The Salvation Army Adult Care Program.



Sickness and Distress
Vacant, Lecturing Knight

Ron Girard still has the catheter in place due to issues with his bladder resulting from the surgery. Louis Goudy is going through rehab for the bypass surgery. If this does not work they may have to perform a heart transplant. This was one of the options at the time of the bypass surgery. Keep them in your prayers.

Please contact the Lodge at 565-9959 when you hear of anyone who is ill or having surgery. (Info provided by the editor.)



Elks & Scouting



Our Cub Scout Pack is doing great. The next big event will be the Pinewood Derby scheduled for 29 January. The Blue & Gold Banquet to be held 26 February to celebrate the Birthday of Scouting in America. This will be to recognize the adult leaders and the Lodge for all their work with the Scouting youth. I hope to see more Lodge Members at these Scout functions. It is imperative that we show our support for these young boys - remember they are the future of this great country.

(Info provided by the editor.)



Elks National Foundation
Marty Lange, Chairperson

January brings a new years and leaves only three more months in Lodge year 2010-2011. As a whole with economy being what it has been our Lodge is doing well. We are now in second place in the state. We could use your help in maintaining that position. Please make a donation to ENF, remember this all goes to help support our National and State Programs. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

I thank those of who gave up their time and braved the cold to ring the bell for The Salvation Army.



**Membership Committee News,
Chair Bill Wiseman, PER (Temp)**

The following members will be dropped from the rolls, for nonpayment of dues, at the 1 February meeting by vote of the Members present. By GL Statutes you have a thirty day grace period to apply for reinstatement without paying the \$25.00 reinstatement fee. Please bring your dues current, your Membership and participation in the Lodge is important to us. If you are having financial difficulty please contact us and we will see what we can do to help with your dues.

No.	Member	Sponsor	No.	Member	Sponsor
315	Bruce Austin	Robert Miller	501	Michael S. Potter	Roy Bell
397	Keith P. Bengtson	Affiliated	346	Garrett T. Rippon	Affiliated
199	Michael J. Beringhele	Affiliated	443	John L Russ IV	Tom Hartnett
627	Janine Cosio	Tony Gallegos	197	John G. Schommer	Affiliated
593	Rick L. Jackson	Donald Williams	227	James Tharp	Certificate of Status
243	David Lieberman	Robert Owen	618	Jay Alan Thomas	Tena Bleakley
417	Clifford A. Louaillier	Allan Steward	597	William S. Warner	Affiliated
350	Kenneth Mulcan	Ken Bazar	491	Genevieve L. White	Gene Wiley
183	Robert J. Owen	Affiliated	328	Nuel R. Williams	Affiliated
583	Don W. Parr	George Tom Tadevic	407	Ester Woolford	Shirley Gulick
614	Pat Porter	William Wiseman	408	Andrew J. Woolford	Shirley Gulick

Membership Propositions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Profession</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
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We are waiting a number of applications from the Henderson Fire Department.

Any member having information which would make any of the above ineligible for membership in our Lodge should immediately give such information to Bill Wiseman, chairman of the Membership Committee, at (702) 523-2278.

Sponsors are expected to be present when their candidates are being balloted upon.



**Treasurer's Report
Richard Letendre**



Don't forget to feed that little Blue Pig in 2011. If you already have a one at home, and it has been well feed, drop it by the Lodge. If you do not have a one at home please come by the Lodge and pick one up. Our next calling of the Blue Pigs will be at the St. Patrick's Day / Hail & Farewell dinner scheduled for 11 March.

The holidays are over. The new year is here and your Lodge is in desperate need of volunteers to help with all the programs scheduled for 2011. Please contact the Lodge if you can spare the time and are interested in helping make **your Lodge** a better place for all of us.

From my family to yours we wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



**Trustee's Report
Jack Waldo, Chairman**



If you are driving on Lake Mead Parkway near the Lodge at night you will notice the lighting on the Flag and the Lodge sign have now been changed making both much more visible. This has taken considerable effort from Bill Wiseman to convince St. Charles Tower to fix the lighting problem. They found out Bill was not going to give up. St. Charles Tower has also set an account to get new flags as needed through the local office.

It is not too early to begin thinking about the budget for the coming Lodge year. In February the Trustees will begin the process and must have your projections for all of the Lodge and Club functions that will occur through the entire Lodge year. Come provide us with your needed input. Your thoughts and suggestions will greatly assist us in this endeavor. We meet at 5:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All members are invited to attend.



New year means paying attention to calendar

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

As we wind down from the Holiday Season and enter the New Year, I want to challenge each of you to make this the best year your Lodge has ever experienced. There are three months left in the Lodge year and it is very important that you compare your accomplishments with your goals.

I hope you are on track to surpass your goals. If you have not reached the goals, it is crucial that you not accept anything less than attaining them. There is adequate time to meet the Elks National Foundation's \$4.50 minimum per capita, a positive gain in Lodge membership and the many other objectives that you wish to attain.

You and your Lodge Members need to respond, make some plans on how to get to where



Message from The Grand Exalted Ruler

Hon. Michael
F. Smith

you want to be and go to work. Do not let complacency rule you or the Lodge.

With challenging times, both economic and social, come a great opportunity for those willing to seize the moment. While we can read or watch many negative issues surrounding our lives, we can also feel the warmth and satisfaction of all of the good deeds of our Order.

Share the good works with others. Many people in your community would welcome the opportunity to be a part of a progressive, positive and "passionate" organization if approached. It is way past time that we let people know who we are and they can participate. I would encourage you to ask.

As we initiate new Members I would ask that you get them involved very early, but not as Chairman or as an Officer immediately. Groom the Member into your Lodge. As you visit your Lodge and sit at the same table with the same people each visit...look around and shake some hands, pat some backs in your Lodge.

Some of the feedback I am getting from new Members is that they do not feel welcome.

Now is time to "Promote Elks Passion." Seize the opportunity!

PER Association News Bill Wiseman, President

First let me once again invite one and all to the tenth annual **Parrot Head Party** on 22 January 2011!!! This is the fun event of the year with all the proceeds going to **CHARITY!** The entertainment will be provided by LUKE. "Lake Mead's answer to Jimmy Buffet". Luke is more than "just a Cheeseburger in Paradise". Remember this is a chance to **Party with a Purpose - what could be better?** Come join us for a great time of fun and camaraderie. Remember this is our largest charity fund raiser for the Scouts, ENF, and the State Major Project (SMP). Please contact PER John Stevens or PER Bill Wiseman if you can help.

We will be serving "cheeseburgers in paradise", fries, chicken, shrimp and Andouille sausage gumbo, wings, coleslaw, chips & dip and what ever else we think of. Casual is the dress for the day. Prepaid tickets are at the bar for \$20 and will be available at the door for \$23. Let us know

you are coming to support this worthwhile event!

I know I'm repeating myself from previous issues, but it is never incorrect to be talking about next years officers and committees. February will be here sooner than you may think. If any of you have a desire to become an officer, a committee chair or a committee member please contact any of the PER Association members. You will find it is not that difficult and the PERs are here to help you alleviate your concerns and misgivings.

Remember the 3rd Friday of each month is our PER Steak Dinner. Best steak in town cooked to perfection, by you. Please call ahead and reserve your steak. We want insure we have enough for everyone but at the same time we don't want to waste any by having to throw them out.

PER meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All PERs affiliated with Henderson/Green Valley Elks Lodge are urged to attend. We greatly need your assistance and expertise.



HOUSE COMMITTEE

We have stopped the huge losses the bar was experiencing by the use of our volunteer bartenders and our cost of sales is now well within the standards specified by the Grand Lodge. However we have encountered some maintenance issues with the drains and the walk in cooler that have stretched the maintenance and repair side of the budget. As mentioned in the Exalted Ruler's message we

need additional volunteer bartenders to allow the Lodge to remain open at the current hours.

The kitchen continues to operate in the black; however more participation by the members would greatly improve the positive numbers and increase the bottom line for this profit center. The meals we serve can not be matched anywhere for the price and quality.

John Stevens, PER
Exalted Ruler, Chairman

10th Annual Parrot Head Party

Henderson/Green Valley Elks Lodge #2802

631 East Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson, NV 89015

Tel: 702.565.9959 – Email: elks2802@coxlvmail.com



LET'S PARTY!

Saturday, January 22nd, 2011

5:30pm until last drink is served.

**** Menu ****

Cheeseburgers, fries, chicken wings, chips, salsa, and of course chicken, shrimp and Andouille sausage gumbo will be the fare of the day.



Tickets \$20 advance purchase or \$23 at the door.

“Lake Mead’s answer to Jimmy Buffett”


























ENTERTAINMENT BY
LUKE

Luke is more than “just a Cheeseburger in Paradise!”

Party with a Purpose - what could be better?

All proceeds will go to CHARITY

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lodge Closed 
2 Officers Brunch 9-11 AM 	3 Indoctrination 5:00 PM 	4 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation 	5 RSVP Fri. Dinner	6 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM 	7 Dinner 6:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner, Bill Wiseman 	
		11 HC Meeting 6:00 PER Meeting 7:00	12 RSVP Fri. Dinner	13 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM 	14 Dinner 6:30 PM Ham & Beans Dinner, Bill Wiseman 	15 DD South Clinic - Las Vegas 10:00 AM 
	17 Martin L. Kings Birthday  	18 Lodge Meeting 7:30 	19 RSVP Fri. Dinner	20 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM 	21 Dinner 6:30 PM PER Steak Night 	22 Parrot Head Party 5:30 PM 
		25 Trustees Mt'g. 5:00 HC Meeting 6:00	26 RSVP Fri. Dinner	27 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM 	28 Dinner 6:30 PM Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Bill Wiseman 	29 Pack 304 --- 9:30 AM 

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31 Indoctrination 5:00 PM 	1 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation PER Night 	2 RSVP Fri. Dinner	3 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM 	4 Dinner 6:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner, Bill Wiseman 	5 State Hoop Shoot Hawthorne 
6 Officers Brunch 9-11 AM Supper Bowl XLV Party 5 PM 	7  	8 HC Meeting 6:00 PER Meeting 7:00	9 RSVP Fri. Dinner	10 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM 	11 Dinner 6:30 PM 	12 Lincoln's Birthday  
	14 Valentine's Day  	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30 	16 RSVP Fri. Dinner	17 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM 	18 Dinner 6:30 PM PER Steak Night 	
	21 President's Day  	22 Trustees Mt'g. 5:00 HC Meeting 6:00 Washington's Birthday 	23 RSVP Fri. Dinner	24 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM 	25 Dinner 6:30 PM 	26 Cub Pack 304 Blue and Gold 5:00 PM 
						



PHOTO GALLERY





2010-2011 SCHEDULED EVENTS

The following is a list of Functions/Events scheduled for lodge year 2010-2011. We need your participation and help to make this a successful year for our lodge. We can always use help with decorating, cooking, cleanup, ticket sales, etc. Of course your attendance is always appreciated, this shows your true appreciate for all the hard work that goes into these events by the volunteers.

DD Clinic	7 Apr
State Convention @ Boulder City	5-19 Apr
Youth Appreciation Week	2-8 May
Youth Appreciation Dinner	None
Mother's Day (<i>Mandatory</i>)	9 May
Flag Day (14 Jun) (<i>Mandatory</i>).....	11 Jun
Father's Day	20 Jun
Grand Lodge Convention	4-8 Jul
Cub Scout Rain Gutter Regatta	17 Jul
DD Clinic (10:00 AM)	14 Aug
DDGER Visit	7 Sep
Patriot Week	5-11 Sep
Flag Retirement Ceremony.....	11 Sep
ENF Silent Auction (<i>ENF Fund Raiser</i>)	1 Oct
Pig Roast (<i>Blue Pig Fund Raiser</i>)	16 Oct
Stray Elks	TBD Oct

State President's Visit	22 Oct
Halloween Party (31 Oct)	Cancelled
Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner	12 Nov
Mid-Term Convention	18-21 Nov
Thanksgiving Baskets.....	22 Nov
Hoop Shoot	11 Dec
Elks Memorial Service (<i>Mandatory</i>)	5 Dec
Decorate for Christmas	9-11 Dec
Kids Christmas Party	Cancelled
Christmas Baskets	20 Dec
Christmas Eve Gathering	24 Dec
New Years Eve Party	Cancelled
Parrot Head Party (<i>Multi Fund Raiser</i>)	22 Jan
DD Clinic (10:00 AM)	15 Jan
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	29 Jan
Lodge PER Night	1 Feb
Super Bowl XLV Party	6 Feb
Valentines Dance (<i>Charity Fund Raiser</i>)	12 Feb
Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner	26 Feb
Old Timers Night	11 Mar
St. Patrick's Day / Hail & Farewell	11 Mar
Cub Scout Space Derby	TBD Mar

These dates may change as the year goes on.

Homeless vets need help more than ever

by Roger R. True, PGER, Commission Secretary

As we begin the New Year, it is appropriate that we dedicate ourselves to our Elk commitment: *"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*

One group of Veterans who need our help more than ever before in our history, are our homeless Veterans. They come from all walks of life and have a wide range in age. They were in Vietnam, Granada, Iraq and other locations, too numerous to name; but they all have one thing in common, they are all Veterans who have served and protected this great nation. You can see them walking the streets, and

sleeping on benches. They are dirty, unshaven and wearing tattered clothes. Our homeless Veterans are now estimated to be 200,000 in number. However it is also reported that as many as 500,000 Veterans are homeless at some time during the year.

There are several ways that your Lodge can provide assistance to our homeless Veterans. Our Adopt-A-Vet Program would be a great way to get started and get involved; or contact your local area Veterans support groups. You may also get in touch with the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans at www.nchv.org.

It doesn't matter how we help our Veterans, just as long as we do help them. Get involved, get active and don't forget our real American heroes.

Hoop Shoot Committee Chair, Karen MeChek

Our annual Hoop Shoot was held 11 December at the Drake St. Boys and Girls Club. We had thirteen participants with five going to the next level. Thanks goes out Karen MeChek and her crew for an outstanding job with the shoot. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sodas and snacks were provided by the Lodge to the participants and volunteers.

The following Boys and Girls will move on to District Shoot scheduled for 15 January at Boulder City:

Age:	Boys:	Girls:
8-9	Austin Breaux	Camari McCarroll
10-11	Roburto Dela Rosa	Dayjanae McCarroll
12-13	Anthony Dade, Jr.	Elide Dela Rosa

We wish them all the best of luck at the District Shoot!

**Bulletin Blips by
Bill Wiseman, Editor**

Would you like to be a bulletin benefactor? As a benefactor you would make a donation of \$10.00 per year which would be used to help offset the cost of the bulletin. If you are interested, please send payment to the Lodge and mark the outside of the envelope "For Bulletin Benefactors".

Bulletin Benefactors

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| Bill & Mela Wiseman | Delbert & Vera Winkle |
| Dick & Ann DuPont | Jack Waldoek |
| Richard & Sunny Letendre | Ron Girard |
| James D. Smith | Bob Mathews |
| Llewelyn Stoddard | Don Koppenhaver |
| Dave C. Smith | John Stevens |
| Ben & Bernie Olson | John E. Barnes |

If I have neglected to add a Benefactor, please let me

know.

Are you interested in advertising in our Bulletin? Call for rates and information. Our Bulletin reaches approximately 250 to 275 people directly.

If there are any changes or suggestions you like to add to the bulletin, please contact Bill Wiseman, PER. All input is welcome.

To submit news, place it in the bulletin mail box located in the conference room or send it by Email to bill.wiseman@earthlink.net. News must be submitted by the 15th of the month and be within one month of the event. All reasonable input is welcome.

The bulletin is now posted, in color, to our new web site:

<http://www.elks2802.org>

State information can be found on the state web site:

<http://www.nsea-elks.org>

 <h2 style="color: green;">Club News</h2> <p><i>Club Hours: Tuesday - Friday 1 - 9 pm</i></p> 		
 <p>Parrot Head Party 22 January 2011</p> 	 <p>Thirsty Thursday <i>All well drinks, Domestic Beer, & wine \$1.75, Soda \$1.00</i> 5 pm to 8 pm</p>	 <p>Shake of the Day</p> <p>Play "Shake of the Day" once a day. (2 shakes for \$1.00) Five of a kind wins the 70% of the pot with 30% going to the charity fund. Four of a kind wins a free drink. Three of a kind wins a free roll. The pot is now at \$100. Come in and try your luck!</p>
 <p>cocktails at 5:30 pm Luke and Company will provide the music starting at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Tickets on sale at the bar! <i>come have a great time</i></p>	 <p>Super Bowl Party 6 Feb 2011 at 5:00 PM</p> <p>FOOTBALL POOL \$5 PER SQUARE \$100 SECOND QUARTER \$100 THIRD QUARTER \$300 FOR THE FINAL</p>	<p>Monthly Brunch - \$5.00</p> <p>1st Sunday of every month 9 AM to 11 AM. Cooked by our Officers. Eggs Benedict, Eggs cooked to order, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns, Toast, Juice & Coffee.</p>
<p>Birthday Dinner</p> <p><i>Join us the first Friday of each month for a spaghetti dinner. Present your invitation to receive a complimentary dinner.</i></p>	<p>Basket of Cheer Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5</p> <p>You are not required to be present to win. The Basket of Cheer goes to the winner and the cash goes to pay for the drinks, starting at the beginning of the second quarter and goes to the game end or when we run out of money. Any monies left over will be donated to the Standing Relief</p>	
<p>We need full or part time volunteer bartenders for all shifts Tuesday through Friday.</p>		

*** Help Wanted ***

Esteemed Leading Knight needed: We are looking for someone to fill this very important position. You will be responsible for the Youth Activities Committee and the Committees reporting to you. Also you will be responsible for setting on the Standing Relief Committee and the Governing Body (House Committee). This position will require you to attend two Lodge meeting and two House Committee meetings each month. You will also step in for the Exalted Ruler in his absence.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight needed: We are looking for someone to fill this very important position. You will be responsible for the Community Service Committee and the Committees reporting to you. Also you will be responsible for Sickness and Distress as well as setting on the Standing Relief Committee and the Governing Body (House Committee). This position will require you to attend two Lodge meeting and two House Committee meetings each month.

Three Year Trustee needed: We need a 3-Year Trustee to fill the position that will be vacated by Dick DuPont due his relocation to Pahrump.

Veterans and Adopt-A-Vet Chairpersons needed: We are looking for someone to fill these very important positions. The Veterans Program is very import important part of our Order. You will be interfacing with the local Veterans Organizations and the Boulder City Veterans Home. We need someone willing to help get us involved in the "Stand Downs" held twice a year in Las Vegas. We desperately need the same program in Henderson to help our homeless veterans.

Membership Chairperson needed: We are looking for someone to fill this position. This involves working with New Member Recruitment, Investigation and Lapsation.

Drug Awareness Chairperson needed: We are looking for someone to fill this very important position. The Drug Awareness Program is very import important part of our Order. You will be interfacing with the local Schools and Lodge Youth Programs.

Committee Members needed: We are looking for interested members to participate on all committees for Lodge year 2010-2011.

Part Time Bartenders needed: Hours 1-9 PM Tuesday through Friday and 12-6 PM Saturday. Remember we have only volunteer bartenders at this time, if we can not get help we will have to greatly reduce the hours we are open. We have already had to close on Saturdays as a result of no one volunteering. This is not a difficult task ... how difficult can it be to open a beer or add a squirt of mix to a shot of booze.

Friday Night Dinners: We are always looking for help with Friday Night Dinners.

Americanism and the American Dream

by Charles R. Campbell, GL Committee Member

The holidays are behind us, and we sincerely hope that all are enjoying the New Year. January represents a new beginning for us just like July 4, 1776, represented a new start for the people looking for escape from repression and the hope of new freedoms and prosperity in the young United States. Our forefathers were pursuing their "American Dream," and we continue that pursuit.

America has always been the "New World" for millions of people who had a dream, the "American Dream". They hoped to have a good life: to have enough to survive and prosper, to have a home where children could be raised and, most importantly, to feel free and protected. This "American Dream" has become reality for many people.

The existence of "Americanism" reflects the special attitude toward the position of the United States in the world. People see the USA as the ideal they are striving for and consider our values to be model-values. "Americanism" was born as the desire to be like "the strongest country in the world". Though some Americans underestimate the influence of their lifestyle on the rest of the world, they cannot neglect the fact that they give the direction for the lifestyle of people from at least the neighbor countries.

Americanism is not just a word taken from American-English slang. It is the evidence of the exceptionality of our nation. America with its populations knows that its lifestyle is qualitatively different from other countries. This qualitative difference contains a lot of factors inside: the history of the United States, the credo of the nation, the political and economic structures and many others.

Americanism can be seen when people try to copy the way we speak, walk, dress, love and think. As each American is considered an honorary guest and welcomed in most countries worldwide, people of other nations dream of having the same possibilities and easier life. Nevertheless, people do not understand that the life of the American people is not easy. Personal freedom, one of the key characteristics of "Americanism," has already inspired many people to rearrange their life in an American way or even try to emigrate to the United States of America.

"Americanism" explains why people outside North America tend to emphasize the opportunities that the American way of life gives and the substitution of any other dreams by the "American Dream". So many things have been said about "Americanism" and therefore about the "American Dream"; so many people have struggled to prove that it does not only exist but can also be achieved. So many people worked hard and devoted their lives to "Americanism". America truly is a great country but it is very important to remember that its citizens do not live in a dream but try hard every day to make it come true if not for themselves, then for their children and grandchildren.

In closing, let us be thankful that we live in this great country while we pursue our "American Dream." Remember in our prayers, those who defend our country and especially those who sacrifice so much so that we can enjoy the freedom our "American Dream" brings us. God bless America!

God bless our troops!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

James D. Smith	1	Ralph W. Smith	13
Bill Obszanski, PER	3	Dayton D. Holt	18
Francis J. Mahoney	5	Michael S. Potter	19
David Howard	6	Susan L. Crandall	20
Kenneth E. Brown	7	Nuel R. Williams	21
Bill I. Gliko	7	Bill Wiseman, PER	24
Sharon M. Ramis	7	Kenneth E. Bazar	25
Paul Kaminski	9	John C. Stevens, PER	25
Joan Wodjenski	10	Richard DuPont, PER	26
Fred W. Anderson	11	William R. Carnes	28
Thomas E. Rowland	12	Nicholas Humphreys	30

CRYING TOWEL

7 Dec. - \$70; Dave Betley #256 Not Present
21 Dec. - No Meeting Scheduled

50/50 Drawing

7 Dec. 2010, \$25 Holiday Fund, \$25 Susan Crandall
21 Dec. 2010, No Meeting Scheduled

Elk of the Month

November - Karen MeChek
December - Non Selected

