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FUNDRAISING

2007 Calendars Still Available

It's the New Year. Support the Elks with your purchase of the 2007 "Big Bucks" calendar.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dance Classes & Dances

Fun and Fitness Dance will be teaching dance classes and holding dances in the lodge hall Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting this month. See the article on page 3 for more information.

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Please invite all your friends (and your enemies you'd like to beat) to our *No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament* on January 27, 2007. Your \$50 buy-in gives you a chance at the \$800 first prize.

District Meeting

Midland Elks 1610 will be hosting the winter meeting of the East Central District #4240 on January 14 starting at 12 p.m. noon in the lodge.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Wednesday Burger Nights Continue: Lean Grilled ½-lb Burgers

½-lb Burger & Chips	\$4.95
French Fries	\$1.75
Onion Rings	\$2.00

Every Wednesday, the Elks is the place to be for tasty grilled hamburgers.

We're still counting on your help – sign-up to help cook or serve on burger nights and generate additional income for the lodge. Call Rachel Hollingworth or Don Ovaitt at the club (835-2271) for more information.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Thanks For Your Contributions

Congratulations to all our Member Elks and non-members who donated money for the 2006 Christmas baskets. Because of you, we made Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

On December 22 and 23, we delivered 101 food baskets at a retail value of over \$8,000. We would like to thank those who volunteered their time to package the groceries on Friday, and to those who delivered on Friday and Saturday. Without their volunteer efforts, this undertaking would not have been successful.

Food contributions were provided by: Pepsi Cola, Dean's Dairy, Coca Cola, Meceri Produce Company, Schaeffer Bread, Nash Finch and Better Made Snack Foods.

In addition, we would like to thank the Salvation Army and the Midland Armory for supplying the names of the recipients, Robbie Meyette and Bob Meyette for the use of the Sanford IGA facilities and employees, and Jim Johnson for printing the letters wishing the recipients a happy holiday season. Also, thanks to Cathie and Tom Nemeth for the basket of goodies that was donated and raffled (won by Cathie Bott) as well as member Karen Mann for her expertise in mapping the delivery locations and Boy Scout Troop 767 for their help with the deliveries.

Of course the biggest thanks goes to all our members and friends of our members who donated cash towards the \$8,000 needed to pay for these baskets. Hopefully I did not miss anyone, and if I did, I sincerely apologize. Thanks again for your help and I hope you had a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bob Woods
2006 Christmas Basket Chairman

MESSAGE FROM THE G.E.R.

Resolve for final months of lodge year to be best

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler Arthur H. Frost III

To all District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, officers and members:

Sharon and I want to take the opportunity to extend to you our wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. We hope that 2007 brings the best to you, your family and your lodge.

The New Year marks that there are three months left in the lodges' year. It is a time to review the progress you have made during the past nine months. While it is a time of reflection on our accomplishments, it is also a time of resolution. Exalted Rulers and lodge officers, your year is coming to a close. Be resolved to make these final months the best ones of the year.

You still have time to keep the resolution you made earlier in the year of having a membership gain. It will take a concerted effort on the part of all. Remember quality members are essential to your ability to continue your charitable programs within your community as well as our youth, scholarship and Veterans programs.

Has your lodge reached the Elks National Foundation goal? Have you made a donation to the Elks Memorial Building Trust? It is not too late to plan and hold a fundraiser for these programs.

The next District Deputy GER Clinic is held in January. Remember these clinics are for all Elks, not just the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary and Chairperson of the Trustees. All Elks are invited as it provides an excellent opportunity to learn about our great fraternity and exchange ideas.

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Newsletter

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Handy with tools? We need you!!!

We're looking for volunteers to do the following small maintenance items:

- Anchor bar foot rail
- Bar sink (drain leaks)
- Repair handle on Michelob cooler
- Beer drain (plugged)
- Carpet at end of bar (repair)
- 3-compartment sink (leaks, patch small hole)
- Ceiling (touch-up paint)
- Beer room (cleaning)
- Club tables and chairs (tighten screws)
- Middle freezer door on reach-in in kitchen (repair)
- Display case (mount in lobby)
- Shelving in cooler (straighten)
- Lodge flood lights (fix; note: this is an electrical problem, we have new lights in storage room)

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

eBay the ENF Way!

You can buy and sell precious treasures on eBay, and help the Foundation at the same time. You can sell an item on eBay and donate from 10 percent to 100 percent of the final sale price to help improve your community.

How Does It Work?

MissionFish, a nonprofit organization specializing in online charitable auctions, developed Giving Works for eBay. Although items will be posted through MissionFish, they will appear with all other listings on eBay. Giving Works items are marked with a charity ribbon icon so buyers know they are supporting a good cause. Buyers tend to trust charity sellers more, and these items often sell for more than non-charity listings. In addition, Giving Works items appear in three categories for the price of one: the category you select, the eBay Giving Works category, and on the MissionFish nonprofit homepage.

Here's how you get started:

1. Visit www.MissionFish.org or use the link on the ENF homepage.
2. Register.
3. Choose an item to sell.
4. Write a title and description for your item.
5. List your item through MissionFish and indicate that it will benefit the Elks National Foundation. Choose how much of the proceeds (between 10 and 100 percent) you want to donate.
6. Complete your transaction—MissionFish collects your donation and passes it on.
7. You'll receive credit for the donation.

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Propositions and Voting

The following individuals' propositions for membership were approved at the December 19 lodge meeting:

Scott Becker
Mike Johnson
Darrin Graves

Applications for membership have been received from:

Doug Hoppe
John Cole
Cheryl Anger

FUN AND FITNESS DANCE NEWS

Regular Monthly Dances for January

Wednesdays:

Dancing from 7:30 to 10:00 on January 10, 17, 24, 31.

Fridays:

Dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 on January 5 and 26.

Admission prices: \$8 for Elks, \$10 for Guests, \$5 for currently enrolled students of the Fun And Fitness School of Dance.

Complementary light refreshments or purchase soft drinks and/or a meal in the lounge.

For more info: call 989.284.5266, email: Info@FunAndFitnessDanceYahoo.com, or visit us on the web: FunAndFitnessDanceYahoo.com.

FUN AND FITNESS SCHOOL OF DANCE: CLASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Classes start the week of January 8. All courses are 4 weeks long. To register, or for a complete description of each class, call 989.284.5266, email: Info@FunAndFitnessDanceYahoo.com, or visit us on the web: FunAndFitnessDanceYahoo.com.

Mondays – January 8, 15, 22, 29		Wednesdays – January 10, 17, 24, 31	
4:30 – 5:25	Cha Cha 101	4:30 – 5:25	Waltz 101
5:30 – 6:25	Rumba 101	5:30 – 6:25	East Coast Swing 101
6:30 – 7:25	Intro to Ballroom Dance	6:30 – 7:25	Intro to Ballroom Dance
7:30 – 8:25	East Coast Swing 101	7:30 – 10:00	Practice at the Dance
8:30 – 9:25	Waltz 101		

Cost, to be paid by the first night of class:

- Intro to Ballroom Dance: \$25 for Elks Members; \$30 for Others
- All other courses: \$40 for Elks members; \$50 for Others
- All course include a student handbook with detailed diagrams and a practice CD.

ELKS SCHEDULE – JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Lodge Meeting 8 p.m.	3 Burger Night	4 Euchre 1 p.m.	5 Fish & Prime Rib Dance 7:30-10	6
7	8 Dance Classes	9	10 Burger Night Dance Classes Dance 7:30-10	11 Euchre 1 p.m.	12 Fish & Prime Rib Dance 7:30-10	13
14 East Central District Meeting 12 p.m.	15 Dance Classes	16 Lodge Meeting 8 p.m.	17 Burger Night Dance Classes Dance 7:30-10	18 Euchre 1 p.m.	19 Fish & Prime Rib Dance 7:30-10	20
21	22 Dance Classes	23	24 Burger Night Dance Classes Dance 7:30-10	25 Euchre 1 p.m.	26 Fish & Prime Rib Dance 7:30-10	27 Texas Hold'em State Hoop Shoot Finals (Dow High)
28	29 Dance Classes	30	31 Burger Night Dance Classes Dance 7:30-10	Key: ☐ Open daily, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m., except as noted ■ Closed		