

HEY!

Hey You!

Yo, the one reading this!

We took some advice and started "Sunday Funday" - so we'll tune in to football, or basketball, or hockey or Nascar, or whatever else—movie afternoons if that's the demand. Plus, we heard that some wanted to play cards—so we've got decks of cards available. Rummy, Bridge, Poker—we've got the cards. You bring the players. Bring some snacks, we'll have some snacks. Working on some other goodies.

New SMOKER added to the Lodge—We got a donation from Dewey Barlow of his Tri-Fuel, Big Horned masterpiece smoking machine. It runs on propane, it runs on pellets and it even has a little pot-belly stove attachment to burn wood. Now, what do we need next—we need a chef to operate it for an evening of smoked meat goodness. If you've been wondering what to do on a Saturday—how about smokin' a butt, or smokin' some ribs, or chicken. It does great pit beef! I've got a ton of great ideas, but I need help. If you're a pit-master lookin' for a pit, we've got the spot.

December is a little busy—I think we all feel that way—so rather than trying to find one more thing to do this month—we'll move it to January. I'm thinking chili cook off. Beef Chili, Pork, Chicken, Hot, Savory—I bet we've got some people that can make some chili. Get your chili ideas bubbling and stay tuned—we'll have something in January to put a little heat in your belly.

NEXT YEARS OFFICERS—yeah—we're coming to the end of the Lodge year and we've got to start looking for officers. We've got some spots that we're going to need to have filled. We need new blood in the Lodge room—we need YOU—to make the difference. Take a seat with us. We don't bite and we do have fun (contrary to popular belief on the fun part, and no, we really don't bite). The Lodge grows best when we all move around. We've got some roles that are easy—attend meetings, that's it. So 2 meetings a month—plus a beer with friends—and make a difference in your community. If you'd like to take a role, call me and let me know how we can work together. Rich Jr—443 521 7742.

New Years Eve Dance—It's coming up—on New Years Eve—**that would be December 31st if you were wondering.** We've got the band Hot Dog Gravy Playing. We've got some plans for a Prime Rib Dinner to go along with it. If you're reading this, then you'll probably see the blasts as well—stay tuned. Dance either 8:30—12:30 or 9—1 (most likely 9—1). Get a table of friends and ring in the New Year. If you want to help, reach out to Rich, Rick Dixon or Kim Harrison. We'll get you into the swing of helping out.

Slots—If you've not been out to the Lodge, we've made a change in the slot room—all the machines and the room are now stating "members only" and "Present membership card to be paid". This is to work to ensure we're meeting the state requirements that our machines are for members only. We still want to see you and your guests play, but we're going to pay the member. This isn't a new rule—just something that we've not posted for a while.

Membership: We could use some help with our delinquent members. We've got about 60 that haven't paid their dues for this year. They have been billed a few times by the billing service. Kendra has reached out to many, but some haven't paid. We're going to put the names on the board at the lodge to try to get more members to reach out. If someone knows that the reason is because of a hardship, please let Rich Jr or Kendra know. It will be kept confidential, but if someone needs help, we don't want to lose a member in need. We need your help to avoid dropping our members—friends and family. In the 11 o'clock toast—"Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken" so lets keep them in the fold.

Finally—the end of the bulletin, but, to try to add a little fun to everyone's day, I've done another word search for the "key December bulletin" words. It's an activity to let you know the activities that we've got going on.—print it out and see if you can find all the great Elks words that are hidden in there. They're all there waiting to be found.