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Wii Bowling Tourney!!



**Saturday,
March 26, 2011**

For ADULTS (21 or older) in the Antler Room. Registration at 5 p.m. with "Bowling" to start at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. You can sign-up early at the club. This function is open to all Elk Members and Guests. Please bring a snack to share. The kitchen will not be open.

That evening, we will be giving away a Margaritaville* Margarita Machine. You may purchase tickets from the bartenders for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You need not be present to win. We also will be giving away prizes for Best and Worst Bowlers in each division as well as a 50/50. If you have any questions please contact Randy or Lorie Kennay.



**Tuesday, March 8
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

An all you can eat spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread. The cost if \$5.00 for children 12 years and up and adults. Children 4-11 years is \$3.00 and Children 3 and younger are free. Proceeds benefit Lodge improvements.

News from Elks Page Park Inc.

Spring will be here before you know it but winters seem to be getting longer though.

The board has been busy with meetings. This is the time of year we get all the contracts ready for lease signing. Every month we will remind everyone that in order to renew leases, you will have to attend either the campground meeting April 16, which is on a Saturday, or the farm meeting on May 2 to sign.

We will be opening the building the last weekend in March to do some slight kitchen improvements and adding a bleed off for plumbing. The spring ham shoot will be April 17. There will also be a grill raffle that day at 2 p.m.

The summer is shaping up nicely. There will be a rib fest/bags tournament on June 18, which is open to the public. There will be Live Entertainment from 6 to 11 p.m. Sign up forms will be available soon, so try to roundup a cooking team and/or a bags team. Much more info to follow.

We also will be hosting the World War II Re-enactment again this year on June 24-25. With the battles held on Saturday, like last year, this will be a fun event and will require help. Anyone interested contact Dale Grobe.

The next meeting will be March 7, at the Lodge. This will be our last meeting there. The April meeting will be at the farm reception hall.

Kevin Grobe, President

20/20 Club Update

The date for the spring 20/20 Dinner-Dance and Auction has been changed to Saturday, April 23. Please change the date on your ticket or mark your calendars. Reservations should be made by April 16. A limited number of tickets are still available at the bar or by contacting Lanietta Stiles at 288-1262.



PIZZA FAMILY NIGHT

Saturday, April 9



Volunteers in the kitchen will be cooking up your favorite pizza and PaPa Doc will be rocking the night away. Bring along your singing partner for Karaoke. We will raffle off a pizza oven and a pizza pazazz cooker. Call Ronda 815-288-3557 with any questions.

LOUNGE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday

2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday 2:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 12 or 1 a.m.

Sat. Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Message from the Exalted Ruler



Where did all the time go? I can not believe my two years as exalted ruler are ending this month. My wife, Carrie, and I have truly enjoyed every part of it. We have met so many wonderful people and have learned so much about the Elks organization. We would like to thank everyone associated with the Lodge and for making our two years run so smoothly. I may be stepping down as Exalted Ruler, but I still plan to be a big part of the Elks and will continue to help my fellow officers make improvements to the Elks organization. The one thing I have to say that I won't miss is writing my monthly article. Yes, many of you are saying to yourself, your wife wrote them. This is partly true, I would start them, but she never thought they were long enough so she would add her touches. So, all in all, it was a joint effort. I could not have made it through the last two years without the love and support of my wife and the trust and support from all of my friends, family, and fellow officers. Thank you so much. I have truly enjoyed that last two years.

February was a hard month for the Lodge. We lost one of our fellow PER, Clark Kelly. He was very dedicated to the Lodge and was a great and honorable man. He will be sadly missed.

The Lodge had a Valentine's drawdown. It was a big success. Thanks to all the members and guests who made it out for this great event. Special thanks to Burn and Bush for the wonderful entertainment. Also, a huge thanks goes out to all the officers from the Lodge and Farm who helped in the kitchen and helped run the event.

On Saturday, March 26th the Lodge will have an adult Wii tournament. Grab some friends and come out for this fun filled event. The game room committee is raffling off a margarita machine. This would be a great prize to win before summer time comes.

Once again, I would like to say thank you for a wonderful two years as your Exalted Ruler. I have truly enjoyed every minute of it.

Gerry King

Exalted Ruler, 2010 - 2011

Installation of New Officers

The installation of new officers will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at the Lodge. The installation of officers will start promptly at 6:00 p.m., with dinner to follow. If you are interested in attending the installation of new officers, please sign up with Ronda Hicks at the Lodge. The Lodge encourages you to come meet the new officers.

Thanks,
Your future ER, Bill Bushman

Secretary's Corner

Proposed For Membership

Candidate *Proposed by*
Lane R. Mansen Ruth Post

Lodge of Sorrow

In vain we call:

James L. Kessel, Born Dec. 5, 1933 – Died Jan. 14, 2011,
Initiated May 24, 1993

Ronald L. Marlow, Born Nov. 19, 1935 - Died Jan. 18, 2011,
Initiated September 26, 1993

Kenneth "Pat" Farley, Born Nov. 2, 1931 - Died Jan. 28, 2011,
Initiated November 7, 1966

Ira "Clark" Kelly, Born Nov. 3, 1939 - Died Jan. 31, 2011,
Initiated September 12, 1988

Kenneth C. Chubb, Born Jan 17, 1924 - Died Feb. 1, 2011,
Initiated December 5, 1983

Ladies Auxiliary Member

Norma Miller, Died Jan 23, 2011

They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known them shall know them no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

These are the latest new members to the Life Member List: Edward Bally, Ronald Odenthal, Charles Turner, and Gerald J. Farley

During the month of March, I will be in the office more hours in the evenings and on Saturdays. Stop in, say hello, and pick up your new membership card. The cards for our widows who have received cards in the past have been sent. If you have not received yours, please contact me. As I prepare to close the 2010-2011 Lodge Year and get ready for 2011-2012 Lodge Year I am so proud of Dixon Lodge #779. We aren't going to have a gain in membership this year, but we do have a full slate of officers who will be hosting many of the events we have had in the past as well as trying new events to draw our members to the Lodge. Many improvements for the Lodge are being organized for this year, check them out and maybe you can lend a hand. If you have an idea for an event or an improvement you'd like to see at the Lodge, please attend a House Committee meeting or give your suggestion to an officer.

Thank you to all who supported the "Early Bird" dues program. I will announce the winners in the April Jolly Cork.

**Bowling State entries for
March 26 & 27 in DeKalb
are due now.**



Illinois Veteran's Home, LaSalle: Marian Bickett, Director of Volunteer Services accepts the socks from Jay Wolfe, PDDGER, of Dixon Elks Lodge #779.

IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS: The end of January, the Illinois Elks Association met in Springfield for our mid-winter state meeting. Each lodge was asked to bring assigned articles to pack 700 boxes that will be sent to our troops in the middle-east. Dixon Elks Lodge #779 was to provide socks. The boxes were packed and sent. We had an additional 12 cases left, so the decision was made to take them to LaSalle and Quincy. Three cases (216 pairs) were dropped off at the Illinois Veterans Nursing Care Facility in LaSalle. Eight cases (576 pairs) were then taken to the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL. The twelfth case was given to our local chapter of the American Red Cross.



Illinois Veteran's Home, Quincy: (L-R): Earlene Wolfe, Auxiliary President and Jay Wolfe, PDDGER, present Linda Schmitt, Volunteer Coordinator, with a whole lot of socks.



**Meals Served in the Antler Room
Every Friday**

from 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Three Different Choices with Soup or Salad



Laurin Williamson, PER, and his wife Ruth, Auxiliary member, enjoy the night out at the Valentine's Party held in February.

Dixon Elks Auxiliary

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The Auxiliary and the Unity Hospice recently held a blood drive at the Lodge. We want to thank all who worked, provided treats, and especially those who donated blood.

The next meeting is at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 7, at the Lodge. We always welcome anyone interested in joining.

Ruth Williamson, Publicity Committee

Saturday Meals

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Order from the menu in
the Antler Lounge**



POLAR PLUNGE



Dixon Elks Lodge #779 is teaming up with Unity Hospice of Northern IL, for the 2011 Polar Plunge in Rockford. This event is on **March 5, 2011**, with registration starting at 10:30 and "plunging" starts at Noon.

This is held at Olsen Lake in Rockford. If anyone is interested in joining the "Angels & Antlers" Team, you may register on line at www.soill.org. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Kennay at lkennay@unityhospice.com.

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-2-

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Bob Edlund
Thomas Humphrey
Dean Loescher
Gregory Lutyens
Charles Werner

-3-

Phillip Cornwall
Robert Smith

-4-

Lorie Kennay
James Wickert

-6-

Thomas Burkardt
Forrest Grobe
Michael Jensen
Al Salembier
Ted Sulouff

Andrew Warcaba
John Wohrley

-7-

Allen Hendryx
Gerald Murphy
Phyllis Murphy

-8-

John Campbell
Doug North
Steven Rendelman

-9-

Sylvester Glazek
Gregory Haack
Brenda Liggett
Donald Reglin

-10-

John Lendman
Marvin Speer
Joseph Stevens

-11-

Sam Beattie
Colleen Dalke
Chris Karlson

-12-

Traci Davila
Thomas Gascoigne
David Johnson
Steve Keegan
Edwin North

-13-

Robert Bell
Roger Cannon
Dianna Thompson

-14-

John Davila
John Liston
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Richard Frueh

-16-

Albert Halstenberg
Allen Stephenson

-17-

Douglas Carlson
Walter Lohse
Edward Van Weelden

-18-

Thomas Balsler
Thomas Buckingham
Fred Charleston
Jeffery Lovett

-19-

Kevin Grossman

-20-

Daniel Brechon
Thomas Halla

-21-

Paul Bach
Jeremy Castle
Gene Medlar

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David Deets
Hiram Ludwig
Kenneth Reglin
Larry Schauff
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Michael Smith

-23-

David Bally
Karla Boyungs

-24-

Charles Crabtree
Ruth Leffelman
Dennis Morrison
Mike Mortell
Ronald Odenthal

-25-

Frank Faivre
Mike Flaherty
Donna Hinrichs

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Christin Lindenmeyer
Daniel Reed
David White

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Ashley McCrary
Thomas Mekeel
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Lodge Closed 6	Daily Drawing 8pm 7 Auxiliary Mtg. 6pm at Lodge Farm Meeting 7pm at Lodge	\$1.50 Beers 8 Daily Drawing 8pm All You Can Eat Family Night	Lightning 6 9 Euchre 7 Daily Drawing 8pm	Daily Drawing 8pm 10	Daily Drawing 8pm 11 Dinner 5:00-8:00 Prime Rib Fish Stuffed Pork Chop	Bar Opens 12 10:30 am Lunch 10:30a-3pm Daily Drawing 4&8pm
Lodge Closed 13	Daily Drawing 8pm 14 Trustees 6:15pm Lodge Mtg 7:30pm	\$1.50 Beers 15 Daily Drawing 8pm	Lightning 6 16 Euchre 7 Daily Drawing 8pm	Daily Drawing 8pm 17	Daily Drawing 8pm 18 Dinner 5:00-8:00 Swiss Steak Fried Chicken Baked Cod	Bar Opens 19 10:30 am Lunch 10:30a-3pm Daily Drawing 4&8pm
Lodge Closed 20	Daily Drawing 8pm 21	\$1.50 Beers 22 Daily Drawing 8pm	Lightning 6 23 Euchre 7 Daily Drawing 8pm	Daily Drawing 8pm 24	Daily Drawing 8pm 25 Dinner 5:00-8:00 Prime Rib Maui-Maui Pork Fritter	Bar Opens 26 10:30 am Lunch 10:30a-3pm Daily Drawing 4&8pm Wii Bowling Tourney
Lodge Closed 27	Daily Drawing 8pm 28 Trustees 6:15pm Lodge Mtg 7:30pm	\$1.50 Beers 29 Daily Drawing 8pm	30 Birthday Party 6pm	Daily Drawing 8pm 31	Coming in April 2 - Installation of Officers 9 - Pizza Family Night 17 - Ham Shoot at Farm 23 - 20/20 Dinner-Dance	

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