

Let's resolve to make this year the best ever

It's the beginning of a new year and here I am putting words on this blank screen.

The Christmas holidays are behind. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Let's make a resolution for the New Year. Let's give up some of our time and talent to keep and make our Lodge a place we all want to come to.

For 2012-2013, we need new officer's and new committee chairpersons. Give an officer position a try even for one year. Try working on a committee for Major Projects, or Elks National Foundation. All positions have responsibilities but the teams they create are unbeatable. It is the feeling of camaraderie that brings out the best in all of us. The rewards are enormous and

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outweigh any problems that come with them. They keep the Lodge going and with a different set of eyes can still remain fresh.

Let's face it, we all need to change the way things are done. What worked 30 years ago may not work today. What we did once a few years back may work again, let's give it a try. Do you have an idea to try? Can you help with the planning of that idea? Can you give an hour of your time each week. If each member gave the Lodge one

hour a week of their time and/or talent, we would have a full lodge and probably be tripping over each other.

We need you to step up....your Lodge needs you to step up. This isn't just my Lodge or the Officer's Lodge, it is the Member's Lodge and you are that member. Stop by the Lodge and talk to an Officer, we would love to talk to you about being an Officer and/or about being a committee member. Remember, many hands make light work. The more who are willing to make this resolution, the less work is required from each of us.

Our Christmas Party was very enjoyable. We had a great time. The House Committee kept the price down so that more members can join us, and you did. Thank you for being there. Our New Year's Eve party is also very reasonably priced. Let's bring in this year with great enthusiasm. If we can do this, we can continue to have more parties, but we need your help to do it. You need to continue to join us for these events.

I know that I mentioned some of the people in last month's bulletin, but every time I see the lit tree in the gazebo, I think of Frank and JoAnn Netzer. Did you know that for our Christmas Party, Louis LeMoyné donated two wooden reindeer for the raffle. What a nice gift.

As I close, please remember monthly Lodge events and attend our dinners on Friday, stop in for a drink and bring a friend. Support your Lodge. We enjoy the company.

Fraternally yours,
Carol A. Sponable,
Exalted Ruler

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Lodge Hours: Sunday — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday through Thursday — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday — 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday — 2 p.m. to midnight.

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