



Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723

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Exalted Ruler's Message

As August begins the social quarters is reopening! Please everyone be safe and enjoy.

Keeping in mind that our membership is primarily in the demographic that has the greatest risk from the COVID-19 virus, I have asked that the CDC guidelines be included in this month's newsletter. Please take a moment to review them and ensure that you are doing everything you can to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. The virus has impacted us and will continue to impact us for some time. A little inconvenience may mean someone will avoid a serious problem.

We hope soon to be able to resume regular business, maybe August will be the month. We have several new members awaiting orientation and initiation and a long overdue award and installation banquet from last year.

August opens up application for the grants that we hope to use for our new activities with the First Step Shelter. Lets hope that we are on the cusp of our new beginning and not another month of the 'new normal'.

It is hard to remember with everything going on but it is hurricane season, please be ready as your normal plans may not be viable under current conditions. As I write this it looks like we have made our way into a hurricane's cone of uncertainty. Be ready! As always, your lodge brothers and sisters are here for you, please reach out if you need anything.

Hope to see you all soon!

Fraternally yours,
Gary VanOpdorp
Exalted Ruler

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