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Exalted Ruler's Message



This is my last message for the Elk year, with our new slate of officers coming in on April 1st. However, I've decided to continue on and serve another year and the lodge has accepted me. Also returning will be Al Judd as Leading Knight. Kevin Clouatre will be moving up to Loyal Knight and Deb Nordgren coming in as Lecturing Knight, Angelo Cretello, PDDGER will be taking over as Treasurer. Jeannette Artymovitch, Secretary, Mack Higgins, Esquire, Michelle Greci, Chaplain, Art Rauch, Inner Guard, and Lou Greci, PER, Tiler will all be returning to fill their positions. Frank Tamberelli will be coming in as the Five-Year Trustee.

Many committee chairmanships and positions are open for the coming year. Please consider giving some time for your lodge and your community in the upcoming year. Without our volunteers, our programs nothing runs!

I want to thank all our officers and board for the outstanding work they did over the last year! And some special thank you's for those who are finishing up this year. Thank you to Don Clark, PER for coming in and filling the Loyal Knight position when Monica had to head west. Thank you to outgoing 1- year trustee, Danny Mowbray for his great stewardship of the Emergency Fiscal Committee, his sage advice on the board, and his continued expertise and handling of our bylaws. And finally, thank you to Alicia VanOpdorp, now completing her second two year run as treasurer. She handled the books when we faced some of our biggest challenges last summer and was always ready with options for the board to get us through. Also thank you to her for putting up with her husband and being patient with him and allowing him to continue his work and serve as Exalted Ruler for a second term.

Installation of officers will be on March 29th starting with cocktails at 3, with installation at 4 and dinner (Sonny's again this year!) and entertainment (Not sure yet) at 5ish. Hope to see everyone there.

Time for a little bragging. The first Family Feud showdown between Edgewater/NSB and Port Orange ended up with the trophy coming to Port Orange. We had an amazing time. They did a great job putting it together! Looking forward to defending our trophy and hosting the next showdown. Early indications are that the Deland Lodge would like to play as well, should be a great time. Keep your eyes open for a date.

While I'm bragging...Your Exalted Ruler has a two month winning streak in our Texas Hold'em tournament after breaking Kevin Clouatre's two month streak. Will you be the one to end this domination? Come on and join us as we raise money for youth sports. Every second Monday of the month at 6pm. Late entries welcome up to the 5th round.

Saturday nights are hopping, joining Shuffleboard on Mondays, Bar Bingo on Wednesdays, and Dinner and Dancing on Friday nights in our regular schedule. If you've not stopping by then you are missing out on the fun! Come on down.

And check out what's going on with the lodge Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/POELKS2723/>. Give us a like while you are there!

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Fraternally yours,
Gary VanOpdorp
Exalted Ruler



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