



Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723
*United We Stand * One Nation Under God*

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Exalted Ruler's Message



First and foremost I would like to remind everyone that we will have nominations and election for new officers at the February meetings.

February is often recognized as the month of LOVE. So, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the things I LOVE about our organization and our lodge.



I LOVE:

- That we started out as a group of actors and entertainers creating an informal social drinking group known as the "Jolly Corks" to circumvent New York Blue Laws and in 1868 choose to become a group that was identified by the Elk. The Elk was chosen as the emblem of the Order because of "a number of attributes that were deemed typical of those to be cultivated by members of the fraternity" (fleet of foot, graceful in movement, quick and keen of perception, strong and valiant in defense of its own)."
- That we inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.



I LOVE:

- That we follow the Elks charity and patriotism with our service to our veterans with their birthday party each month, our Flag Day, Memorial Day Service and so much more.
- That we have helped our Seniors with Meals on Wheels.
- That we have Scholarships, hoop shoots, sponsor ball leagues, help the Miracle League with our students and youth. To have Teen Nights so the youth have a safe place to go and have fun.
- To hear the laughter in the lodge and people having a great time together.
- To see what kind of crazy ideas we can come up with to raise funds for charities and the operations of the lodge.
- Our Youth camp in Umatilla.
- That we have an opportunity to make a difference.

***Thanks to Dee and Jerry Peterson, Frank and Elaine Kuczkowski for decorating the lodge for our New Years Eve around the World. We had a great turn out, plenty of food and lots of fun!
 Thanks to Mary Edgar for an outstanding job with the 20/20 program! The Pirate Themed Party was a blast!***



SHARE THE LOVE! Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, February 24th from 2-4 PM. Come join the fun and bring a guest! We will have information about our organization to share with your guest along with the ice cream and toppings! Children are welcomed!

**Fraternally,
 Linda Lee
 Exalted Ruler**

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