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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



““LOVE IS A SPRINGTIME PLANT THAT PERFUMES EVERYTHING WITH ITS HOPE, EVEN THE RUINS TO WHICH IT CLINGS.” GUSTAVE FLAUBERT (1821-1880), LETTER TO LOUISE COLET, 1846 OCTOBER 7TH, TRANSLATED BY FRANCIS STEEGMULLER.

WITH VALENTINE'S DAY RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, LOVE IS IN THE AIR. LOVE OF COUNTRY, LOVE OF FELLOW MAN, AND LOVE OF LODGE COME TO MIND. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT COVID-19 PROTOCOLS MUST BE FOLLOWED. A NEW MORE CONTAGIOUS STRAIN HAS ARRIVED AND FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT. AS A REMINDER IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL PLEASE STAY HOME. WHEN AT THE LODGE PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK WHEN NOT SEATED AT YOUR TABLE, WASH YOUR HANDS OR USE HAND SANITIZER.

THANK YOU TO OUR ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION CHAIRPERSON ELLEN VEPREK FOR MAKING SURE OUR LODGE REACHED THE PER CAPITA FOR BOTH GRAND LODGE AND NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT. GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA IS \$4.80 AND NJSEA PRESIDENT PEGGY BERRY PER CAPITA OF \$5.50 WAS SURPASSED BY OUR LODGE. OUR PER CAPITA IS \$8.00; THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS SUCCESS. IN A YEAR LIKE THIS I CANNOT THANK EVERYONE ENOUGH FOR THEIR DONATIONS.

EVERYONE PLEASE CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE, AND HEALTHY. GOD BLESS OUR MILITARY, VETERANS, SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND MEMBERSHIP.

LOVE AND CHEERS

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FEBRUARY ELK OF THE MONTH



ELK OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY IS LINDA GARTZ

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA GARTZ ON BEING FEBRUARY'S ELK OF THE MONTH! LINDA STEPPED UP AND BECAME MY RIGHT-HAND WOMAN WHEN SHE BECAME MY ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT. SHE EXEMPLIFIES ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF NOT JUST AN ELK OR AS AN OFFICER BUT AS A HUMAN BEING. LINDA CAN BE FOUND TO BE HELPING IN EVERY FACET OF THE LODGE. SHE HAS BEEN MY CONTINUED CONFIDANT AND SOUNDING BOARD FOR MANY DECISIONS AND IDEAS. LINDA WAS INSTRUMENTAL AT MAKING THE BIG TOP A GREAT SUCCESS IN THE MONTHS WE WERE OUTSIDE. SHE MADE SURE ALL THE SUPPLIES WERE AVAILABLE FOR USE, COOKED, CLEANED, AND VOICED IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE IT BETTER. LINDA, LIKE JOHN, SPENT MANY HOURS AT THE LODGE PREPARING IT FOR SUCCESS NOT JUST THIS YEAR BUT EVERY YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT LINDA GARTZ!!

In an effort to keep everyone safe the following events have been postponed or cancelled.

AUGUST 29: A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY MAY 1ST. ALREADY PURCHASED TICKETS WILL BE HONORED.





FEBRUARY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8 p.m. <i>Lodge Meeting</i>	3	4	5	6
7 5 p.m. Super Bowl 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16 8 p.m. <i>Lodge Meeting</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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VETERANS NEWS

By: Nancy DeVito

I hope everyone is well. It will be sometime before we can see our veterans. Thank You Stephanie Pandolf for continuing sending them birthday cards to Willow Springs and Menlo Park. Please send prayers for Healing for Stephanie on her recent surgery.

As you all know the passing of John and Ann Kaufman. I miss them dearly, their son John donated blankets, quilts, and clothes for our homeless Veterans. Kristy Thompson from Healthy soles will be picking it all up and bringing it to where they distribute the items.

A huge thanks you go out to Renaissance Women's Club for the donation of a 60' color TV. which I paid it forward to the military at Joint Base for a



scholarship fund raiser.

Right now, we are in the planning stage in support of our Veteran's and military. The way things are with the pandemic we may have to do a raffle of some sort thru the mail. Once we decide on how to raise funds, I will need the help of our membership. PLEASE HELP ME HELP THEM.

God Heal America

Bless

Our Veterans

and

Our Military





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CONVENTION

NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE IF THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD. BUT IF YOU WOULD
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