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Ithaca Lodge No. 636, Inc.

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OUR MOTTO

"The faults of our brothers we write
upon the sand; their virtues upon the
tablets of love and memory."

DON'T MISS INITIATION DINNER-OCT. 14; QUEEN OF HEARTS EVERY FRIDAY

Exalted Ruler's Message...

Its Fall, and we have continued the positive things going on at the Lodge. A big shout out to **Gary Carlson**, our Lodge grant writer. In record time, our grant application was accepted and approved for the ENF Beacon Grant, which we are using to help the Veterans at the Bath, NY VA. We are donating 100 baskets (filled with home necessities) to Veterans moving into independent housing. Thank you to everyone who helped to arrange the baskets for the Veterans.

Also, THANK YOU to our treasurer, **Judy Wood**, who has grappled with the new financial reporting system and won. We have combined the Club and Lodge accounts into one, so we are officially one entity.

We had a COVID scare at the Lodge, the big takeaway from this is that our systems worked and nobody else became infected. Great job to everyone involved.

We had a great turn out for the September Chicken BBQ. We sold out quickly with no leftovers! Way to go **Tony Joseph** and Crew! Our Friday Night Dinners have had some new and interesting items, and almost every

week has been sold out! I never realized we had so many good cooks! Thank you to **Matt Cicchetti**, **Jack Whitaker**, **Tim Torchia**, **Richie Burke** and **Tim Kessler** for stepping up to the plate. Our Queen of Hearts is over \$19k and growing.

We have had nearly 20 delinquents paid, THANK YOU! We have initiated six new members and at our October 14th meeting we will be initiating (5) more. Let us keep that positive growth going. Additionally, at our October 14th meeting, we will be initiating (3) members from the Elmira Lodge for a total of (8)!

I asked in April to call and check on our single members that are homebound. It does a lot for the spirit to receive a call to see how they are doing. Please, continue our efforts to bring a little sun into someone else's day.

Stay safe and be well. Thank you to everyone who contributes to our success! Watch for new items for sale at the bar (hats, pins, shirts, etc.).

*Fraternally yours,
Patrick Neff, Exalted Ruler*

Our Members On The Mend

At Home

George Feigel

Diane Sweet

Outside Care Facilities:

Ronald Gladstone

Charles Tallman

If you know of a member who is having a medical situation or any other problem and may appreciate a card, call or visit, please let our secretary, **Tim Kessler**, know at 273-3172 or email to secretary@ithacaelks.org.

What's Hot At The Elks Lodge #636

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Friday Food 6-8 PM

Queen Of Hearts 7 PM

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Jeff's Lunch Noon-3 PM

October 4, 11, 18, 25

Jeff's Hotdogs 3-8 PM

October 14

Initiation Dinner 6 PM

Lodge Meeting 7 PM

October 18

Chicken BBQ Noon-Gone

October 28

Board Meeting 6 PM

November 2020 Antler Copy Deadline: Noon, October 22, 2020

Board of Governors Meeting...

Attendees: Pat Neff, Tim Kessler, Tom Morgan, Scott Rougeau, June Gee, Matt Cicchetti

Grand Lodge News: We received a check of \$1500 for COVID relief – board approved to apply to building fund (this was part of a 2.7-million-dollar Local Lodge Relief from Grand Lodge).

District Deputy Visit: The pre-visit will be Saturday, September 26 – arrival scheduled for 11 am – will be meeting with Secretary, Treasurer and chairs of specific committees applicable to our Lodge – Judy and Tim have reviewed requests and will present required documents and presentations for his review.

Membership: Tim attended the webinar on yearly membership billing that is totally automated – Lodge could save 42-50% on processing – membership renewals could be paid online or mailed in with a check. Eliminates postcard mailing - will consider for next year – membership cards will still be mailed directly, and all funds directly deposited into our account NOT a national account.

Budget & Finance:

- Board agreed to a \$100 donation to YMCA of Ithaca & Tompkins County.
- Board agreed to a \$50 donation to Tompkins County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

- Board will review budgets before next Lodge meeting September 9th for approval.

- Ads for the Antler – one renewal pending – two new ads pending.

Mortgage: During the COVID closure we stopped adding additional rental income toward the mortgage – we will resume adding the full rental income to monthly mortgage payment (\$1800/month) – will review and revisit every three months.

Scholarships: Two of three scholarship winners have been sent their \$1,000 – waiting on college enrollment verification for the third.

Calendar Review: Board decided to defer all private parties and large events at this time due to COVID risks involved. Board will also revisit closer to December regarding the Lodge Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Breakfast w/ Santa, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Parties. Elks Memorial Service is a mandatory service and WILL be held on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 PM.

Bar & Kitchen: Pat has not been able to cook Friday Food from August 28th through October 2nd due to staffing at his business. Still looking for volunteers to staff the kitchen on Friday Nights. One of the bar cooler compressors has died and replacement ordered, costing around \$500.

*Respectfully submitted,
June Gee*

From The Secretary's Corner

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2020-2021, please do so soon. There are still 34 Members with delinquent dues.

Though our Lodge was closed for a period of time due to COVID-19, we still had bills and insurances to pay. Your dues payments will help out greatly with meeting our obligations.

New Applications (Balloting On 10/14/2020)

- Barbara Cicchetti Proposed By Rich Boronkay
- Alexa Cicchetti Proposed By Rich Boronkay
- Kelly Burdick Proposed By Tim Kessler

Planned Initiations (For 10/14/2020)

- Alex J. Marchel Proposed By Helen Kiluk
- Robert J. Travis Proposed By John Perko
- Barbara Cicchetti Proposed By Rich Boronkay
- Alexa Cicchetti Proposed By Rich Boronkay
- Kelly Burdick Proposed By Tim Kessler

Have a Friend Worthy of Elksdom? Get Them an Application & Propose them Today!

DUES NOTICE

Full Years Dues	\$100.00	April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021	\$ _____
Half Years Dues	60.00	April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020	\$ _____
Semi Annual Dues	40.00	October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021	\$ _____
Life Member Dues	50.00	April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021	\$ _____
Note: All the above dues include the "mandatory" Grand Lodge & State Association Fees, Dues and Assessments.			
Building Fund	(\$25.00 suggestion)		\$ _____
National Foundation	\$10.00 per year for 10 years		\$ _____
Major Projects Fund	(\$8.00 minimum)		\$ _____
TOTAL			\$ _____

Note: Our goal this year is to wipe out as much of the expense of the Antler (Approximately \$5,000.00 per year.) To do this we must send as many Antlers as we can by email. If you wish to receive the Antler by email, please send your address with this dues card.

Email Address: _____

Birthdays for the month of OCTOBER

- 03. – Roskelly, Thomas R
- 04. – Benedict, Francis E
Stanton, Charles L
- 06. – Wood, Robert F
- 08. – Foote, Michael C
- 10. – Hutchings, Philip L
Tudi, Patrick A
- 11. – Collins, Dinah
- 12. – Bonanni Jr, Louis
- 13. – Hardesty, Lawrence E
Haviland, Judith M
- 15. – Brindisi, Michael
Cox, Philip L
- 19. – Norman, Jeffrey
- 21. – Lauretti, James A
- 22. – Mulvey, Robert C
- 23. – Gessini, Lawrence J
Leonard, James A
- 25. – Norman, Deborah L
Varricchio, Shane
- 26. – Potenza Jr, Peter F
- 27. – Dorman, J Thomas
- 30. – Wells, Gerald E
- 31. – Chase, Joshua D
Gladstone, Ronald R
Hagin, Robert C

Don't forget to stop in for your Birthday drink on the club!

ENF Emergency Education Grant

Elks National Foundation has an Emergency Education Grant of up to \$5,000 available for a student whose Elk parent has either passed away or has become totally disabled, and the student can show financial need. The Elk must be in good standing for one year prior to passing or becoming disabled.

If you know of a student in this situation, please have them log on to Scholarship@elks.org and apply for this grant of up to \$5,000 depending on need. Any questions, please email secretary@ithacaelks.org attn.: Scholarship Committee Chair.

Three Amazing Scholarships Available

Most Valuable Student Scholarship opened 8/5 and deadline is 11/15/20. If you know of anyone who excels in Academics, Leadership and Community Service AND has Financial need, please have them apply. There are 500 scholarships awarded annually, no affiliation with the Elks necessary. If you know someone that is a child or grandchild of an Elk in good standing.

New York State Elks Scholarships, the student must apply for the MVS above and then complete the cover application for NY State to apply, Deadline is 11/15.

Legacy Awards for children or grandchildren of dues paying Elks. Applications for MVS and Legacy must be completed on-line at ENF.Elks.org/scholarships. For the NYS cover app, you can go to the NYSelks.org site. Remember you can only accept one of these scholarships, but you get to pick the best one. For more information you can email scholarships@ithacaelks.org and we will be happy to email more info. As we have mentioned last month, the Emergency Education Grant is also available.

Up-To-Date Building Information

Up-to-date information regarding our Lodge is distributed via mass email transmissions. Be sure that you are signed up to receive the Lodge emails like the monthly calendar emails. You can sign up on our website at: www.ithacaelks.org, or by emailing info@ithacaelks.org

DICTIONARY PROJECT

We have reached our 2020/2021 Dictionary Goal! Help us start saving for next year's 3rd Graders! Mark the Amount you wish to give:

\$72.00 Buys 24 Student Dictionaries. Please consider a Gift to the Tompkins County 3rd graders

Mark the Amount you wish to give:

____ \$40 ____ \$80 ____ \$120 ____ \$ Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

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