

Lodge Re-opening.

My fellow Elks the board and officers have been working diligently to come up with a plan to re-open the lodge in a safe way due to the Covid-19 virus. The following guidelines for opening where put together by Roger Cope our Leading Knight and John Vanzant our Lecturing Knight who have been tasked with getting the lodge open. The guidelines set forth are a combination of Federal CDC guidelines and State Health Department guidlines. The Exalted Ruler as well as the entire board are asking that every member who wishes to come to the lodge follow them, unfortunately at this time there will be no exceptions if you do not want to or cannot follow these guidelines we ask that you wait until we can operate under normal circumstances. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and welcome back!

We have been working hard during our shut down to put together a plan on reopening. Our current date of reopening is Thursday, August 13th from 5pm-10pm.

Our preliminary days and hours of operation are as follows: Thursday-Saturday 5pm-10pm

Due to COVID-19, we have updated our sanitizing and disinfecting procedures to be CDC compliant.

- *Tables and chairs will be disinfected at each turnover.
- *Bathrooms and door handles will be disinfected hourly.
- *Entire lodge will be disinfected each night after closing.

In addition, we have had to install new rules and regulations to keep our members safe.

The following rules will apply until further notice:

- *Masks are required for entry, walking around, and while not actively eating and drinking.
- *Use of hand sanitizer is required for entry.
- *Gloves will not be allowed at entry. If you wish you wear gloves, you must have a new pair to put on after entry.
- *You will be greeted by an officer at the front door. (Back gate will not be accessible for entry or exit).
- *20/21 Membership cards will be verified. If you do not have your renewed membership card, you will be denied entry. Cards will be mailed if payment is received by 8/7. If payment is received after 8/7, your card will be available at check in. Payments for membership will not be accepted at the door.
- *Temperature will be taken via a noncontact thermometer.
- *Per CDC, State, and Local guidelines food must be purchased prior to ordering an alcoholic beverage.
- *You must be seated at a table for bar/food service. There is absolutely no ordering from, standing, or sitting at the bar.
- *Only 40 members/spouses will be allowed in the lodge at a time. No guests or children are permitted at this time.
- *Queen of Hearts and Bingo are still on hold. Pull Tabs, Pool, Darts, and Shuffle board are also unavailable at this time.
- *Take out meals will not be offered.

Please know that we are doing everything possible to keep our members safe. This is a fluid situation and changes will be made as deemed necessary.

We look forward to seeing you and getting back to being the best lodge around! Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Cecil Broderick Exalted Ruler

Roger Cope Leading Knight

John Vanzant Lecturing Knight