

BPOE 463 BOZEMAN ELKS BUGLE

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Hello, fellow Elks!

On Wednesday, September 22, we will be conducting a new member initiation ceremony at 7 pm. We are initiating six new members. Our District Deputy, Gerald Penn, will be there too. He used to be the ER of the Dillon Lodge, and he really turned it around. When he started, the lodge was in real difficulty. By the time he finished the lodge was going strong. I encourage you all to come out and support these folks.

The lodge is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, it is open from 4 to 7. On Wednesday, it is open from 5 to 7. Last night, we had one elk from Idaho stop by for a drink. It was a pleasure spending the time with him. I encourage you all to come down and enjoy some time with your friends and families.

With the Delta variant of the COVID virus doing such damage in our county, state and country, I encourage you all to be safe. I encourage you to get vaccinated for your safety and that of your friends and family. I wish you all health, peace and happiness.

A blood drive is being held at the lodge today from 8am to 4 pm. It is definitely a good cause.

The District Deputy Clinic will be held on Saturday, September 25th at 10 am in Great Falls.

On September 30th from 5 to 7 pm, there will be a 1st Choice Estate Planning Training session at the lodge. All are welcome to attend.

On October 16th, the lodge will be hosting the Montana State Officers' Association Convention starting at 9 am, and there will be an open house at 5 pm. DD Gerald Penn and Roger True will be attending.

Susie and Gary Larson recently donated a beautiful rifle that we are raffling to raise some needed funding for the lodge. A special thanks to these two great elks. The tickets are being sold for \$15 for one; \$25 for two; \$50 for four; \$100 for ten. Following are some pictures to illustrate how awesome the rifle is. A special thanks to Susie and Gary. The drawing for a winner will be on Nov 15th.





Also, the following Elks have offered to organize events centered around the following areas. Please let them know if you are interested, and you will be included in the plans and events.

Book Club – Nancy Winget – 406-579-9867

Cribbage – Anna Reali – 925-518-6335

Motorcycling – Gary Larson – 406-600-4729

The ATV Club to which I am a member, the 5 Rivers Trail Riders, works closely with the US Forest Service clearing trails. This Summer because of the dryness and the high potential for fires, the Forest Service cancelled on trail work. If you are interested in joining us, let me know and I will send you an application.

The Senior Center Hiking Group has been inactive this Summer and last due to COVID and the potential for forest fires.

Please check out the web site for our Lodge. Rick Gale is keeping it up to date with all our happenings plus the news from the Grand Lodge and State Association. The BPOE 463 web site is: bozemanelkslodge.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the Elks Lodge!

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