Lodge update 6/15/26

The 2026 – 2027 Elk Fiscal year is under way:

This past week- We installed the remaining officer vacancies- all Officer positions are now filled.

April – Your new board started. Unfortunately, the new Year presented us with many financial Challenges from years past. Some details are provided below and what process has changed:

We are condensing our checking accounts: (Reducing the number from 9 to a more manageable number). This is to align with Grand lodge requirements and to confirm the accuracy of balance and debts due. Our Secretary and Treasurer are the responsible parties to Ledger and reconcile all our accounts- Both are adapting to this requirement (new process for our lodge) The Reconciliation should occur biweekly. Further- they are working to provide to all of us- For each meeting- A full accounting of all our Debts owed, Debts paid, Starting and ending account balances. We have also initiated a Calendar of debts due cycle, an Events cycle. This calendar provides the entire Board visibility of all reoccurring Liabilities (Taxes- Insurance) and all our commitments.

Lodge Posting of our Monthly P&L's will happen again soon.
For Account Clarity: We are currently using three (3) main accounts to make debt payments:
General account
Dues account
Fidelity Account (Investment)

The challenge for 2026 – 2027 is to pay the mountain of debt: $115,000 which was Due in April.

1) Unpaid Property taxes for all Four (4) of our properties- [Taxes were sent to collections.] The $54,000 tax debt with penalty- were negotiated. The lodge is obligated to make $4,404.00 per month for all back taxes. The current year Tax debt remains- ($19,000.00).
2) Unpaid Insurance- $19,000. The Insurance bill was negotiated down to $1,300.00/month.
3) Unpaid Food, Utility and Vendor debts totaled over $23,000.00.

These debts were paid using monies transferred from our Fidelity account.
The lodge is NOW current on our Debts and payments. (**Not including 2026 Taxes**)
Our chimney experienced the Lightning strike. Our insurance Deductible to make these repairs will be an additional $10,000.00 expense.
Lodge Performance: April was a good month. May- we met budget. Sadly- June is falling behind.

Together- We face the challenge of meeting our $31,000.00 Per month budget [$7,800.00/ week] The Summer months are usually- our lowest revenue months.

Building Maintenance/repair through the first four (4) months of 2026- totaled $3,300.00. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Gary Downs and Jeff Bull- their donations of materials and expertise- have contributed greatly to keeping our Maintenance cost Low! If you happen to see either of them- Kindly extend your appreciation as well!

Your board is working to control all costs; limit our spend and using volunteer help where we can. We are developing Work Processes and Procedures to apply controls and are planning for oversite assignments for each of our financial centers. Restaurant, Bar and Kitchen. We have sales for each- Starting in April.

To meet our 2026 – 2027 financial commitments: We have multiple fund-raising items planned or occurring: Big Bingo, Yahtzee, Donation jars, "Buy a brick- Chimney sweep" to help pay the Chimney deductible (All are in process). Other suggestions are rolling in.

Your continued patronage at our Lodge is truly appreciated.
We are working on ways to enhance our members experience by focusing more on our Service promptness, Service politeness and value.
We Acknowledge: "If we don't take care of our customers- someone else will"
We have received some negative commentary on our overall performance:
Most frequent negative commentary: Food ordering appears burdensome and/or cost of items.
Food ordering is NEVER a burden on any of our staff members- your order here at the Lodge is very much appreciated! - If you have bad experience of service - please let an officer know.
Costs- We are addressing higher costs and are navigating the hurdle of our financial commitments and member value.

We exist on members' attendance, members volunteering, member donations- This elected board will work to improve our service offerings- with the hope of retaining your reoccurring patronage.

The board is open to all input, and you should see a suggestion box soon.