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### Birthdays

6/25 Paul Galameau	PSP 1999-2000
6/28 Donald Fischer	PSP 2000-2001
7/05 Ernest Southworth	PSP 1992-1993
7/09 Jay Amodeo	PSP 2008-2009

### Accounting Program Proposed

After several years of research, product development and negotiation, Grand Lodge is pleased to announce that a standardized accounting program is ready for release. The software will provide the Lodges with a modern accounting solution with many of today's tools.

The annual cost of the software program with offsite backups and protection is approximately \$2.75 per member, covered with an annual assessment, similar to the insurance program. While the cost may appear significant, there is the possibility of relief for the individual lodges from the requirement of the annual audit and associated costs. This includes a complete general ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Payroll, including processing of W-2s.

System elements include SaaS Delivery model, that users can access from anywhere, anytime with only browser an internet access; Role-based dashboards with user specific content enabling real-time access with full drill-down capability customizable by the end user; and a built-in reporting engine delivering a comprehensive list of reports and customizable to create your own tailored, business specific reports.

There will be a vote in Phoenix to change GL Statutes to accept this accounting program.

### Future of Elkdom Proposals

#### Grand Lodge:

Change GL to 'National Lodge'.

Modernize titles:

- GER is National President
- Endorsed Candidate is VP
- Grand Secretary is National Secretary
- Eliminate Grand Treasurer
- Sergeant-at-Arms replaces G.Esq, G.Inner Guard, G.Tiler
- Grand Chaplain is National Ch.
- Grand Trustee is National Tr.

Restructure committees

Activities Committee made from Community, Public Relations, Youth

Fraternal Committee made from Americanism, ENF, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Membership, and Lodge Activities

Auditing & Accounting Committee on Judiciary Ritualistic

Uniform job description for Special Deputy Amend statutes to collect dues annually or semi-annually

Remove all references to Communist party

Allow lodges to issue rewards for sponsors

Place application on GL Website.

Streamline/speed-up membership process

#### DDGER Changes

No longer required to witness initiation.

No longer conduct January clinic.

DD indoctrination done in-state.

Ritual Memorization not required.

#### Subordinate Lodge Changes

Change name to 'Local Lodge'.

Lodge may meet once a month or more.

Local lodge may shorten Open/Closing.

Local lodge may change titles:

- President from Exalted Ruler
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP from E. Leading Knight
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP from E. Loyal Knight
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP from E. Lecturing Knight
- Sergeant-at-Arms from Esquire, Inner Guard and Tiler
- Secretary\* from Lodge Secretary
- Treasurer\* from Lodge Treasurer
- \*may be combined by Lodge By-law
- Chaplain from Lodge Chaplain.
- Trustee remains Trustee.
- Inner Guard & Tiler eliminated.

Allow one community program to be identified as Elk sponsored.

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### In Vain We Call...

None to report

#### Lodge Proposals

The first 3 lodge proposals are to allow lodges to have one meeting a month; the fourth to allow a guest card for active military; the fifth to allow the bar to remain open during meetings.

#### State Proposals

The first would separate the funding of the Elk National Home; the second gives discretion to the state sponsor about the distribution of a defunct lodge's assets.

#### Suggestions Made With No Legislative Change Required

Facilities available for civic groups.

Setup mentoring program for officers.

Setup Activities/Entertainment Committee

Setup Member Welcoming Committee.

Setup Game Room for children

Format for state meetings/conventions to stress training, not reporting

GER to appoint committee of 5 to study ritual and recommend changes in 2012

DDGER gets no business cards.

Eliminate Elks training program.

Eliminate membership benefits program.

GER Acceptance Speech not printed.

Eliminate Spouse entertainment Tues AM

Eliminate PGER area at ER Ball

Eliminate honorable titles for GL officers.

Sunday Opening Session at 4 PM

GL has bank of "Elk Building Plans".

More GL meetings to be electronic.

Accident Prevention Chairmen attend

national seminar every other year

Standard Elks stationery for all.

Create Elk Leadership School on web

Reduce GL Convention by one day.

Eliminate contests except ritual, web site, exhibit, newsletter and All-American

Proposals continued...

Restructure committees

Activities Committee composed of Community Project, Public Relations, Youth, HoopShoot and Drug Awareness

Fraternal Committee composed of

Americanism, ENF, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Membership, Lodge Activities and Veterans Service.

Auditing & Accounting