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am up-
to-date



Founding Members
Ed Norton & Ralph Kramden

Raccoon Club



Norton, tonight any member who hasn't paid dues will be turned upside down and have the money shaken from their pockets.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE RACCOONS

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

5:30 pm — 7:00 pm

Nickels Gaming Parlour

2100 N. Last Chance Gulch

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Messages from The Grand Poo-Pah

Our meeting tonight will center on the Thanksgiving holiday. Raccoon members have much to be thank full for during this season, we have a place to meet and enjoy each others company. Susie has a great themed evening set for us.

On December 7th, our Poker room is hosting a large pot poker game. The tournament buy-in is \$500 of which \$20 is entry fees used to pay the dealers and to provide a meal for the players. Nearly \$20,000 is at stake and at this time all 40 seats are full. The poker room is keeping a stand-by list in case someone does not show who has reserved their seat.

Did you notice that the gun displays are not up in the casino? They were re-

moved in order to access the windows and repair the neon signs which were not working. It's a temporary condition as we work to get everything ready for the Christmas season. Nickels will be decorated in the Christmas spirit, including our performing Santa Clause collection, shortly after this coming Thursday.

Thanksgiving is this Thursday. The casino will be open as there are many of our customers who don't have family in Helena and they come to Nickels. Other patrons on holidays, might get tired of all the relatives at their house and want a break. Something special is planned at 3 pm---It's a secret!!!

Have fun tonight!!

50-50 GOES LESS FOR MORE

Our Christmas Family Fund is now at \$85. We have a lead on a family that we may "adopt" for the Christmas season, so let's keep getting those 50-50 pots high!!

After taking a percentage of the pot for our Family Fund, our 50-50 drawing awards 100% of the remaining money back to the members who participate — and non-members are sure welcome to buy a ticket. The more money raised the better. **Whatever amount is raised, Nickels will match it.**

Help a family in need this season.

MAMA RACCOON SEZ

Please check with me about Dues. You must be current to participate in all the activities!! Raccoon hats/stoles or raccoon t-shirts are a MUST at meetings. New T-Shirts are coming soon!

My family and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!! Enjoy the holiday!

Susie Proul

Happy Birthday
Dave Petek

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2013

A BRIEF RACCOON HISTORY LESSON

Nickels Royal Order of the Raccoon club arose as an off-shoot from "The Honey-mooners" — a recurring TV skit within the Jackie Gleason Show during the early 1950s and later as its own TV show. It starred Jackie Gleason as Ralph Kramdem — a Brooklyn Bus Driver, and Art Carney as Edward "Ed" Lillywhite Norton — a City Sewer Worker. Along with their ever-tolerant wives played by Audrey Meadows as Alice Kramden and Joyce Randolph as Thelma "Trixie" Norton, the characters expressed universal themes of love and compassion in the midst of marital dilemmas and conflicts with neighbors, employers and In-Laws.



Ralph and Ed had endless get-rich-quick schemes that taught many of



Blues Brothers, Elwood and Jake , aka Mike & Tammy visited with the Grand Poo-Pah at the last meeting.

us to think big and learn problem solving -- all while having fun.

Brooklyn lacked wild game such as Elk and Moose, but it did (and still does) have its urban critters including raccoons. So it was only natural to have a Royal Order of the Raccoons Club. Clearly Ralph and Ed were Founding Members.

Incidentally, the 1960s TV cartoon series "The Flintstones" was based on "The Honey-mooners" and included story lines featuring the "Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes" Lodge.

Nickels Raccoon Club embraces the positive values of The Honey-mooners, and our members reflect them through the Community Spirit of our meetings.

Since inception, Nickels Raccoon Club has had six banquets -- so our age must be six. All of the banquets are hosted by the Moose Lodge on Montana avenue out in the valley. Banquets are held each May for PAID UP MEMBERS. The dues are \$25 per year and the clubs annual banquet with prime rib and free drinking costs more that night than the dues. It is a real bargain and fun to boot!



Raccoon Club



THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE RACCOONS Nickels Chapter

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(Effective September 23, 2013)

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