

I would like to start by saying thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your new ER. For those of you who don't know me I served in the Air Force for 6 years after graduating New Castle Chrysler High. I have been a member for almost 11 years. My wife Denise and I have two children in their 20's and a 2-year-old grandson. Now that our children are grown, we have the time to be more involved with helping the lodge and community. I look forward to continuing and hopefully growing the ELKs involvement in our community.

We have already been blessed by the assistance of Chris Wilkey. He is currently working on six grants for us that would have a large impact on our community. We can achieve many wonderful things if we work together. I know that I will have the support of a strong group of PER's and past officers. I would like to challenge every member to become a little more involved. I understand that our schedules can get full of our children's activities, so I don't expect anyone to be involved with everything. We have many charities that need volunteers to assist. I would love to see more members attend our lodge meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month (except the summer months), as this is the best way to have your voice heard. If time does not permit you to volunteer, then at least try to join us for dinner and attend some or all our benefit dances/events. These are wonderful times to get to know your fellow ELKs and help us raise funds for charity. Together we can truly make a difference.

We all know that this virus has had a major impact on our daily lives. If you are fortunate enough to have abundance in this time, then I beg of you to think of the ones that do not. I can't wait until we can all come back together at the club, lodge and bingo. We will make it through this together.

Now more than ever we need to live by the motto "ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE". Thank you.

Brent Crabtree

Exalted Ruler