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Henderson/Green Valley Lodge 2802 BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

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ER Message John Stevens, PER

First of all I want wish each member and their family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year as we approach the very busy and festive Holiday sea-

son! May the coming New Year bring you happiness and prosperity!!

GOOD NEWS!!! We have received the Executive Order from the Grand Exalted Ruler releasing us from the supervision of the Special Representative appointed by the previous grand Exalted Ruler. We knew this was coming but it took a while to reach us. Many thanks, to all who helped in removing this cloud from our Lodge. Also the work on Lake Mead Parkway has finally been completed!! The lanes have been striped and the access to the Lodge has been greatly improved. Come on down and see for yourself.

November was another very busy month. The scouts had a successful pancake breakfast and parking lot sale, raising over \$700.00. The annual Veterans dinner was a big success with 15 veterans from the Boulder City Nursing Home in attendance. Bill out did himself with the meal preparation and a thank you to Karen and her gang for the decorations. The response to the annual call for food for the Thanksgiving baskets has been going well and we will need the same response for Christmas. A thank you goes to Karen for taking this on. I will report on the NSEA Mid Term Convention in next month's bulletin.

Coming up December we have Hoop Shoot, Elks Memorial Service on 5 Dec,

Christmas baskets and toys for kids and the annual Christmas Eve get together. Request each member bring and hors d'oeuvre's for the gathering from 5:00 PM until 7:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to share Holiday greetings with each other.

I need YOUR HELP! The Lodge des-7 perately volunteers to step forward and fill several of the Officer and Committee Chairs that have become vacant. Without a full complement of Officers and Committee Chairs it becomes very difficult fulfill all of $||_2$ the requirements that are necessary for us to 2 function as an Elks Lodge. This need extends through the coming Lodge year as we need Officers to continue the good works that have a tradition for Henderson/Green || 3 Valley Lodge 2802. A few officers or individuals cannot do it all and I really am grateful for those who continue to try to do it all.

I very much encourage our members to participate in our Friday night dinners and the monthly breakfast prepared by your Officers. You will not find a better meal anywhere for the price!

On 22 January 2011 we will have our 10th annual Parrot Head Party. The Holidays will be over and it will be time to let your hair down and have some real fun. There will be music, good food, raffles and just plain fun! Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$23 at the door! This is our biggest fund raiser and I sincerely hope we can get a huge crowd out for this event! Please reserve the date on your calendar and plan to join the FUN! Also please note the flyer elsewhere in this month's bulletin.

Let's have fun in the Lodge!!



3rd	Birthday Dinner 6:30 PM
5th	Memorial Service 9:30 AM
7th	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM
11th	Lodge Hoop Shoot 9-12 AM
14th	House Committee 6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM
17th	PER Steak Night 6:30 PM
20th	Deliver Christmas Baskets
21st	No Lodge Meeting
24th	Christmas Eve Gathering
28th	<i>Trustees Meeting 5:00 PM</i> <i>House Committee 6:00 PM</i>
31st	New Years Eve - Lodge Closed
	27th and 31st Lodge Closed also closed New Years Day

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WHO'S WHO IN THE ELKS

Grand Exalted Ruler Nevada State Sponsor Nevada South DDGER State President Nevada South District Leader Nevada South District Leader

Michael F. Smith, GER Jim Grillo, PGER Jack Hennigan, DDGER Gary Ferguson, PDDGER Larry O'Laughlin, PSP Robert Morwick, PSP

LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

Exalted Ruler	John Stevens, PER	301-4927
Leading Knight	Vacant	Vacant
Loyal Knight	James Matthews (Sandy)	837-9976
Lecturing Knight	Vacant	Vacant
Esquire	Don Bales (Irene)	538-8685
Chaplin	Marty Lange	564-4904
Inner Guard	Vacant	Vacant
Tiler	Bob Mathews, PER	435-9592
Secretary	Bill Wiseman, PER (Mela)	523-2278
Treasurer	Richard Letendre (Sunny)	236-9081

TRUSTEES FOR 2010-2011

Three Year	Richard DuPont, PER (Ann)	436-5581
Two Year	Jack Waldock	454-3315
One Year	Frank Vining, PER	568-9464

LODGE HONOR ROLL

Year	Elk of the Year	Officer of the Year
2009-2010	Patrick Bleakley	Dona Hoesly
2008-2009	Jack Waldock	Ron Gesell
2007-2008	Joan Wodjenski	Ken Bazar
2006-2007	Delbert Winkle	Bill Wiseman
2005-2006	Marty Lange	Richard Letendre
2004-2005	Clint Courtney	Bill Wiseman
2003-2004	Karen MeChek	Ken Bazar
2002-2003	Barbara Adams	Charlie Hannold
2001-2002	Ann DuPont	Robert Miller
2000-2001	Marty Lange	Jay Ashford
1999-2000	Shirley Gulick	Jean Adams
1998-1999	Jean Allen	John Stevens
1997-1998	Jim Ray	John Stevens

ELK OF THE MONTH

Mar 2011	TBD	Sep 2010	Steve Bazar
Feb 2011	TBD	Aug 2010	Clint Courtney
Jan 2011	TBD	Jul 2010	None Selected
Dec 2010	TBD	Jun 2010	None Selected
Nov 2010	Karen MeChek	May 2010	Evalyn Sherwood
Oct 2010	Karen MeChek	Apr 2010	None Selected

COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2010-2011

Accident Prevention Americanism Auditing Blue Pig (SMP) Bulletin Bowling **Community Activities** Drug Awareness Elks Training **Government Relations** Hides Hoop Shoot Insurance Risk Investigation (Temp) Lapsation (Temp) Lodge Activities Membership (Temp) ENF **Public Relations** Scholarship Scouting Coordinator Veterans Adopt-A-Vet Youth Activities Web Master

Richard DuPont, PER	436-5581
Vacant	Vacant
Evalyn Sherwood	454-4389
Richard Letendre	236-9061
Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
Betty Courtney	433-9306
James Matthews	837-9976
Dan Rivers	563-8663
John Stevens, PER	301-4927
Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
John Stevens, PER	301-4927
Karen MeChek	497-5811
Frank Vining	568-9464
Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
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Karen MeChek	497-5811
Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
Marty Lange	564-4904
James Matthews	837-9976
Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278
Steve Bazar	558-5360
Vacant	Vacant
Vacant	Vacant
Karen MeChek	497-5811
Bill Wiseman, PER	523-2278

PER ASSOCIATION CONTACT

Bill Wiseman, Pres. - 523-2278 John Stevens, Sec - 301-4927

PAST EXALTED RULERS ROLL

2010-2011		1998-1999
2009-2010	John Stevens	1997-1998
2008-2009	Larry Mund	By Affiliation
2007-2008	William Wiseman	By Affiliation
2006-2007	William Wiseman	By Affiliation
2005-2006	Bill Obszanski	By Affiliation
2004-2005	Norma DeLibertis	By Affiliation
2003-2004	Dick DuPont	By Affiliation
2002-2003	John Stevens	By Affiliation
2001-2002	Larry Ucovich	By Affiliation
2000-2001	Faye Ashford	By Affiliation
1999-2000	Thomas Hartnett	By Affiliation

* Deceased







Kevin P. Swift

George Adams* Mike Owens* Bill Young* James Lange* Bud Chaplin* Russell Fortini Don Rogers Frank Vining Frank Opdyke* Bob Mathews Jim Kudenov*





Secretary's Corner Bill Wiseman, PER

As of 30 November we have 213 members with 26 delinquent. For those of you that have not paid your 2010-2011 dues, you are now eight months past due. Remember your dues are part of our budget and are needed to help keep the Lodge

healthy and growing. The lodge has already spent \$18 per capita assessment fees and \$8 for the Bulletin for each of you. That now amounts to over \$1000 of lost income. If you have a problem or an issue with the Lodge, its Officers or its Members that is preventing you from paying your dues, please come talk to us so we may resolve the issues

and get on with the great work of Elkdom. Sponsors look at the list of delinquents if you see an individual on the list you sponsored, please contact the individual and encourage them to bring their dues current.

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For those of you listed on page 4, who have not paid your dues by the end of January, you will be dropped from the roles. After that you will be required to be reinstated. By Statutes you have a thirty day grace period for the reinstatement without the \$25 fee.

On a lighter note the Bulletin has taken on a new look, similar to the Lodge's new web site. The Rant has been added - here is your opportunity to tell membership what you think. Please keep it in good taste!

Youth Activities Karen MeChek, Chairperson

For those of you who missed Cub Scout Pack 304's Thanksgiving dinner., you missed out on a great time. The Pack was represented by over 110 scouts, siblings and parents. As always the food was fantastic and plentiful.





Unfortunately the Lodge was only represented by two members and a guest. ER John Stevens won one of the raffle baskets. The parents showed considerable interest in the Elks Drug Awareness material that was made available to them.

(Info provided by the editor.)



Elks National Foundation Marty Lange, Chairperson

The Lodge is now second place per capita in the state. Many thanks goes out to all the participants whom made this possible. Lets continue the work to make this a banner year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and

a Prosperous New Year. If you are traveling please drive safely. Remember, don't eat to much.



Frank B. Opdyke #534

Born: 26 March 1936 Initiated: 31 March 1981 Exalted Ruler: LV #1468. 1986-87 Passed Away: 19 November 2010

The clock of their last day has stopped. "Tis the hour of eleven" Remember, the faults of our members We write on the sand: Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

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Membership Committee News, Chair Bill Wiseman, PER (Temp)

The following members will be dropped from the rolls effective 31 January for nonpayment of their dues. If this is and oversight please send your dues to the Secretary as soon as possible. If there is a problem or an issue with the Lodge we urge you to come talk to us or send us a note explaining your concerns. We will do what we can to see they are resolved. If you are having financial difficulty please contact us and we will see what we can do to help.

<u>No.</u>	Member	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
315	Bruce Austin	Robert Miller	501	Michael S. Potter	Roy Bell
397	Keith P. Bengtson	Affiliated	346	Garrett T. Rippon	Affiliated
199	Michael J. Beringhele	Affiliated	443	John L Russ IV	Tom Hartnett
627	Janine Cosio	Tony Gallegos	197	John G. Schommer	Affilated
593	Rick L. Jackson	Donald Williams	227	James Tharp	Certificate of Status
243	David Lieberman	Robert Owen	618	Jay Alan Thomas	Tena Bleakley
417	Clifford A. Louaillier	Allan Steward	597	William S. Warner	Affiliated
350	Kenneth Mulcan	Ken Bazar	491	Genevieve L. White	Gene Wiley
183	Robert J. Owen	Affiliated	328	Nuel R. Williams	Affiliated
583	Don W. Parr	George Tom Tadevic	407	Ester Woolford	Shirley Gulick
614	Pat Porter	William Wiseman	408	Andrew J. Woolford	Shirley Gulick

Membership Propositions

Name

Cynthia Rice

Address 355 Larson Lane #60

Profession David 'Mitch' Elder 1467 Harmony Hill Dr. Henderson, NV 89014 Transfer Dimit from Santa Monica, CA #906 Henderson, NV 89044 Professional Educator

Proposer

William Wiseman

Any member having information which would make any of the above ineligible for membership in our Lodge should immediately give such information to Gloria Mason, chairman of the Membership Committee, at (702) 202-2264. *Sponsors are expected to be present when their candidates are being balloted upon.*



Treasurer's Report Richard Letendre

As the Christmas Holiday and the coming New Year approaches we look forward to seeing you at the Lodge. This is great opportunity while you are out shopping to stop by and tell us what you have been up to.

A reminder to everyone if you do not have a Blue Pig at home please come by the lodge and pick one up. If any of you already have Blue Pigs at home, please fatten them up and drop them by the Lodge. Our next official calling of the Blue Pigs will be at the St. Patrick's Day / Hail & Farewell dinner scheduled for 11 March.

We continue to struggle with our finances due to lack of participation by you our Members. Remember your Lodge needs your participation to succeed!

Trustee's Report Jack Waldock, Chairman





The Trustees continue to

spend most of its time on the financial condition of the Lodge. We are coping with the problem by, for example, adjusting our budget to current levels and then keeping track of the results. The members

approved these adjustments during last month's meetings. Please remember the Trustees don't implement these changes, you do. It takes your effort to support the Lodge in any possible way, and the Trustees monitor these results.

On a more happier not, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The Trustees meet at 5:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All members are invited to attend. Come provide us with your needed input.

Use our good works to boost membership

Message from

Exalted Ruler

Hon. Michael

F. Smith

The Grand

All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

As we enter the holiday season we need to also be aware that we are well into our Elks year and that we are accountable for attaining the goals. I ask each of you to set some specific objectives to improve our Order. I ask that you commit to "**Be Proud...Be Loud...and Be Visible**" in your community and state. We need to come out of our cocoon and let our communities know who we are and what we provide in Veteran Services, Scholarships, Youth Activities and community services. Please make a resolution, and keep it, to let people know of our good works beyond our Lodge walls.

Many Lodges have holiday programs such as feeding those in need, hosting police or

fire/rescue personnel, etc. I would hope we can start maximizing our good works by asking quality people to participate with us and encourage them to become a part of our great Order. As you plan your good works, be aware that the people involved might want to be a part of doing good for others. As you invite your local media to cover your activities, consider sharing what other projects your Lodge and our Order are involved in and ask if they might be interested in being a part of us. Ask the people who serve your community to become a part of your Lodge. *Promote Elks Passion*....(put some PEP in your step) with a purpose and let's turn this membership trend into a positive. Many people *Care* and many people *Share*. Why not ask them to be a part of our world?

Sandra and I send our very best to all of you in this joyful season. We have had the pleasure of making many new friends as we travel this great country, and we look forward to meeting many more. May God watch over you and your loved ones, our military and their families and all of those in need, both now and forever. Happy holidays and be safe!

PER Association News Bill Wiseman, President

PER meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All PERs affiliated with Henderson/Green Valley Elks Lodge are urged to attend. We need your assistance and expertise.

I know I'm repeating myself from the previous issue, but it is never incorrect to be talking about next years officers and committees. February will be here sooner than you may think. If any of you have a desire to become an officer, a committee chair or a committee member please contact any of the PER Association members. Now is a golden opportunity to work with the present officers and committees to see what it is all about. This will permit you to become more confortable with the duties of these positions and hopefully encourage you to become more in-

volved in the coming year. You will find it is not that difficult and the PERs are here to help you alleviate your concerns and misgivings.

Remember the 3rd Friday of each month is our PER Steak Dinner. Best steak in town cooked to perfection, by you. Please call ahead and reserve your steak. We want insure we have enough for everyone but at the same time we don't want to waste any by having to throw them out.

Our next project is the 10th annual **Parrot Head Party** scheduled for 22 January. Entertainment will be provided by LUKE. "Lake Mead's answer to Jimmy Buffet". Luke is

more than "just a Cheeseburger in Paradise". Remember, **Party with a Purpose what could be better?** All the proceeds go to **CHARITY**! Come join us for a great time of fun and camaraderie.



HOUSE COMMITTEE

We have turned around the large losses we were experiencing in the bar with our volunteer bartenders and close management of our assets. We still have maintenance issues as we had to again spend money on the walk-in cooler even though some of the repairs were covered by warranty. This will take a big chunk out of our repair and Maintenance budget.

We still need more volunteer bar tenders as the two of us cannot continue to do it all. We will train you as it is easy and really a chance to meet other members and con-

tribute to your Lodge!

The Lodge was closed during the Thanksgiving weekend and will be closed 25 through 27 December and 31 through 3 January 2011.

The kitchen continues to make money and operate on a profit though the number of attendees at our meals has been less than expected. We would like to see more of you come to these meals as they have been great and a chance to meet and talk with fellow Lodge members.

PER John Stevens, ER, Chairman ChronELKle



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5 Memorial Service & Breakfast to Follow 9-11 AM	6 Indoctrination 5:00 PM	7 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation	8 RSVP Fri. Dinner	9 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM	10 Dinner 6:30 PM Swiss Steak Dinner, Bill Wiseman	11 Drake St. Boys & Girls Club 9:00 AM
12 Closed	13 Closed	14 HC Meeting 6:00 PER Meeting 7:00	15 RSVP Fri. Dinner	16 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM	17 Dinner 6:30 PM PER Steak Night	18
19 Closed	20 Closed	21 No Lodge Meeting	22 RSVP Fri. Dinner	23 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM	24 Annual Christmas Eve Gathering 5PM Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre's!	25 Lodge Closed Merry Christmas
26 Closed	27	28 Trustees Mt'g. 5:00 HC Meeting 6:00	29 RSVP Fri. Dinner	30 Thirsty Thursday 5-8 PM	31	
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2010-2011 SCHEDULED EVENTS

The following is a list of Functions/Events scheduled for lodge year 2010-2011. We need your participation and help to make this a successful year for our lodge. We can always use help with decorating, cooking, cleanup, ticket sales, etc. Of course your attendance is always appreciated, this shows your true appreciate for all the hard work that goes into these events by the volunteers.

DD Clinic	7 Apr
State Convention @ Boulder City	5-19 Apr
Youth Appreciation Week	2-8 May
Youth Appreciation Dinner	None
Mother's Day (Mandatory)	9 May
Flag Day (14 Jun) (Mandatory)	11 Jun
Father's Day	
Grand Lodge Convention	4-8 Jul
Cub Scout Rain Gutter Regatta	17 Jul
DD Clinic (10:00 AM)	14 Aug
DDGER Visit	7 Sep
Patriot Week	5-11 Sep
Flag Retirement Ceremony	11 Sep
ENF Silent Auction (ENF Fund Raiser)	1 Oct
Pig Roast (Blue Pig Fund Raiser)	16 Oct
Stray Elks	TBD Oct

Annual Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner

The Lodge was honored to host our annual Veterans Thanksgiving dinner. Sixteen Veterans from the Boulder City Veterans Home were treated to a full Thanksgiving dinner including roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, candied yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, and of course plenty of pumpkin and apple pie. Every effort was made to insure each table was shared by both veterans and Members. Each Veteran received lap blanket. Many



State President's Visit	22 Oct
Halloween Party (31 Oct)	
Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner	
Mid-Term Convention	18-21 Nov
Thanksgiving Baskets	22 Nov
Hoop Shoot	
Elks Memorial Service (Mandatory)	5 Dec
Decorate for Christmas	9-11 Dec
Kids Christmas Party	Cancelled
Christmas Baskets	20 Dec
Christmas Eve Gathering	24 Dec
New Years Eve Party	Cancelled
Parrot Head Party (Multi Fund Raiser)	22 Jan
DD Clinic (10:00 AM)	15 Jan
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	29 Jan
Lodge PER Night	1 Feb
Super Bowl XLV Party	6 Feb
Valentines Dance (Charity Fund Raiser)	12 Feb
Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner	TBD Feb
Old Timers Night	11 Mar
St. Patrick's Day / Hail & Farewell	11 Mar
Cub Scout Space Derby	TBD Mar

These dates may change as the year goes on.



thanks goes to all the help provided by the Members to make this a very successful event. A special thanks goes to Dave Smith, Dan Rivers, Don Bales, Clint Courtney, Karen MeChek and her crew and the kitchen crew for a fantastic meal. The Veterans enjoyed themselves and all said they eat to much. One lady even asked for the recipes.

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Bulletin Blips by Bill Wiseman, Editor

Would you like to be a bulletin benefactor? As a benefactor you would make a donation of \$10.00 per year which would be used to help offset the cost of the bulletin. If you are interested, please send payment to the Lodge and mark the outside of the envelope "For Bulletin Benefactors".

Bulletin Benefactors

Bill & Mela Wiseman Dick & Ann DuPont Richard & Sunny Letendre James D. Smith Llewelyn Stoddard Dave C. Smith Ben & Bernie Olson Don Koppenhaver Delbert & Vera Winkle Jack Waldock Ron Girard Bob Mathews Dennis Jarworski John Stevens John E. Barnes If I have neglected to add a Benefactor, please let me know.

Are you interested in advertising in our Bulletin? Call for rates and information. Our Bulletin reaches approximately 250 to 275 people directly.

If there are any changes or suggestions you like to add to the bulletin, please contact Bill Wiseman. All input is welcome.

To submit news, place it in the bulletin mail box in the conference room or send an Email to bill.wiseman@earthlink.net. News must be submitted by the 15th of the month and be within one month of the event. All reasonable input is welcome.

The bulletin is now posted, in color, to our new web site: <u>http://www.elks2802.org</u>

State information can be found on the state web site: <u>http://www.nsea-elks.org</u>



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*** Help Wanted ***

Veterans and Adopt-A-Vet Chairpersons needed: We are looking for someone to fill these very important positions. The Veterans Program is very important part of our Order. You will be interfacing with the local Veterans Organizations and the Boulder City Veterans Home. We need someone willing to help get us involved in the "Stand Downs" held twice a year in Las Vegas. We desperately need the same program in Henderson to help our homeless veterans.

Membership Chairperson needed: We are looking for someone to fill this position. This involves working with New Member Recruitment, Investigation and Lapsation.

Drug Awareness Chairperson needed: We are looking for someone to fill this very important position. The Drug Awareness Program is very important part of our Order. You will be interfacing with the local Schools and Lodge Youth Programs.

Committee Members needed: We are looking for interested members to participate on all committees for Lodge year 2010-2011.

Three Year Trustee needed: We need a 3-Year Trustee to fill the position that will be vacated by Dick DuPont due his relocation to Pahrump.

Part Time Bartenders needed: Hours 1-9 PM Tuesday through Friday and 12-6 PM Saturday. Remember we have only volunteer bartenders at this time, if we can not get help we will have to greatly reduce the hours we are open. We have already had to close on Saturdays as a result of no one volunteering. This is not a difficult task ... how difficult can it be to open a beer or add a squirt of mix to a shot of booze.

Friday Night Dinners: We are always looking for help with Friday Night Dinners. If you have a favorite meal you would like to share with the membership, please come volunteer to prepare it for the Lodge.

Recipe of the Month

Greek Traditional Turkey with Chestnut and Pine Nut Stuffing



Ingredients

1cup chestnuts 2/3 cup butter

1/4 cup orange juice1/4 cup tangerine juice2/3 cup lemon juice

- 10 pound whole turkey
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup uncooked instant rice
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 1/4 cup Raisins (optional)
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Preparation

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees F
- Make a small incision on side of each chestnut, and place in a skillet over medium heat. Cook, stirring often until toasted. Remove from heat, peel, and chop.
- Melt 2/3 cup butter in a saucepan, and mix in the orange juice, tangerine juice, and lemon juice. Rub the turkey inside and out with the mixture, reserving some for basting. Season turkey with salt and pepper.
- In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the ground beef, ground pork, and onion until beef and pork are evenly browned and onion is tender. Drain greas. Mix in rice. Stir in the chestnuts, pine nuts, raisins, 1/3 cup butter, broth, and brandy. Season with 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Continue cooking until all liquid has been absorbed. Stuff all turkey cavities with the mixture, and tie in place with kitchen twine.
- Place turkey on a rack in a roasting pan, and loosely cover breast and thighs with aluminum foil. Pour about 1/4 inch water into the bottom of the pan. Maintain this level of water throughout cook time. Roast turkey in the preheated oven 3 to 4 hours, brushing occasionally with remaining butter and juice mixture. Increase oven temperature to 400 degrees F during final hour of roasting, and remove foil. Cook turkey to a minimum internal temperature of 180 degrees F.

Serves 12

