# BPOE Kingsville Elks Lodge 1926, 1404 S. 6th St., Kingsville TX



Exalted Ruler

Krystal Peterson



Hello to all my fellow Elks,

Where did the summer go... This summer has been a whirlwind because of all the wonderful events we are having at our lodge. Some of these events are: Guest Chef, Prize Bingo, and Sip N Paint along with Lodge meetings and committee meetings.

We initiated a new member last month, please help Toby Matthews feel welcomed.

A weekly Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser has begun on Thursday's in the hall and it has been quite successful. Everyone is welcome to watch or play. Come out on a Thursday evening and join in on the fun!

Also, our lodge has received the District Liquor Wagon Fundraiser tickets. This should be the last year of raising funds for the big outdoor cooker that our district will share with lodges for upcoming fundraisers. I will be making bags with tickets to pass out to our members so we can sell as many as possible before the October 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. We will also need volunteers

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# From the Lodge Sweetheart, Michele Cummins...

Wow!! Time is flying by! September brings us to Homecoming in Ottine and I couldn't be more excited. Having the opportunity to raise funds for the Elks Children's Camp is amazing, but being at the camp and seeing the improvements made from the year before? Absolutely priceless! I can't wait to see their new pool in person when we head that way in just a few weeks. If you've never been to a Homecoming before, you should come join us - even for the day - it's definitely a must experience event.

Your Sweetheart Committee is collecting monetary donations to gather game prizes, as well as build a Lotto Crown to raffle off at our table this year. There's a jar on the bar at the lounge, or you can reach out to one of us. We'll be collecting through the 18th of this month.

The Queen of Hearts pot is growing! We're drawing on the 2nd and 4th Fridays and we've got a new twist for our instant win card, drop by the lounge and check it out.

Hope to see you at Ottine!



### LODGE MEETINGS SCHEDULES

### **LODGE MEETINGS**

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

### **PER ASSOCIATION**

Quarterly on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM. January, April, July, and October.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

## **LOUNGE HOURS**

MONDAY	3 - 9 PM
TUESDAY	3 - 9 PM
WEDNESDAY	3 - 9 PM
THURSDAY	3 - 9 PM
FRIDAY	3 - 9 PM
SATURDAY	3 - 7 PM
SUNDAY	Open at 12pm

# 2024/2025 Officers

Exalted Ruler	Krystal Peterson
Leading Knight	Jesse Battle
Loyal Knight	Ted Figueroa
Lecturing Knight	Duffy Cummins
Secretary	Idotha Battle
Treasurer	Cindi Ray
Tiler	Thomas Morgan
Esquire	Al Lewis
Chaplain	Melissa Woodruff
Inner Guard	Zola Johnson
Presiding Justice	Nathan Fugate

### **Board of Director**

Exalted Ruler	Krystal Peterson
Leading Knight	Jesse Battle
Loyal Knight	Ted Figueroa
Lecturing Knight	Duffy Cummins
5 Year Trustee	Vacant
4 Year Trustee	Lena Core
3 Year Trustee	Jessica "Red" Myers
2 Year Trustee	Sara Robertson
1 Year Trustee	I Dean Craig

Have an announcement, picture, article, etc.?
Submit by the 20th to bpoe1926bulletin@gmail.com

### **COMMITTEES**

J Dean Craig, PER
Sam Fugate, PER
Vacant
Cindi Ray
Tony Deel
Zola Johnson
Carmen Llacuna
Rolando Garza
Ken Moses, PDDGER
Michele Cummins
Duffy Cummins
Krystal Peterson
Sara Robertson, PER
Vacant
Frank Evans
Ken Moses, PDDGER

# **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Please keep your fellow Elks and Elk Family in your thoughts and prayers.

# Chuck Ellis Melissa Woodruff

If you know or hear of an Elk or family member who is ill or has passed away, please notify us by leaving a note with the Lodge Attendant or emailing <a href="mailto:bpoe1926bulletin@gmail.com">bpoe1926bulletin@gmail.com</a>.



03	J Dean Craig
03	Arturo Gomez III
04	T L Haiston III
08	<b>Billy Catchings</b>
08	<b>Kerri Mathews</b>
08	<b>Mitchell Shelton</b>
13	Norma McDaniel
16	Ramiro Barrera III
16	<b>Deborah Lewis</b>
20	William Tiffee III
22	Carla Alley
24	Lena Core
25	<b>Carlton Steen</b>
27	<b>Leah Chambliss</b>
28	Marietta Murchison
30	John Davis



29 Terry & Kay Ann Lawson



Current Membership: 181 Be a Round-Up Sponsor. Have your ad or be a named sponsor in the bulletin! Ads are a mere \$50 a year or \$5 for a onetime message.











\*\*\*\*\* From the House **Committee** 



I can't believe it's already September and football season is happening! And that means Sunday Funday is back in full effect at the lodge! Starting September 8th, come on down and join us for all the

games starting at noon. Our volunteers are ready to sling some drinks and we may even sleeves.

This month, every Thursday, we have Cornhole Tournaments happening in the hall check out the flyer for times and details. Then we've got our monthly Car & Bike Night happening. All that on TOP of some pretty amazing Guest Chef meals being brought your way! We are still looking to

add to our guest chef roster, so if you want to show off your signature meal - let the House have a few foodie tricks up our Committee know, we'd love to get you on the schedule!

See you around the lodge!

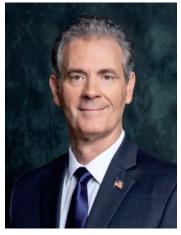


## September reminders: GER class, notices, awards

With summer coming to an end, now is our opportunity to offer events that give our Members things to do and places to gather. Offer dinners once or twice a week and plan activities that your membership can support and join. Start using these events to promote your Lodge for prospective Members as well as for contacting delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism Week is September 9-15. You still have time to download a proclamation for National Patriotism Week and have your city's mayor sign it if you were unable to do so last month.

Exalted Rulers, remember the



Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October. Let us make it a good one to continue showing "Elkdom's Heart for America." If you have not done so, visit elks.org. Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Then take advantage of the many forms and certificates you can use

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

Douglas A. Schiefer to recognize program participants and volunteers. Also, make sure to reach out to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary.

Lodge Secretaries, begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices. If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on elks.org (Membership Toolkit, Lodge billing) or contact your area membership chair. The cost savings to your Lodge will be significant. Further, once the notices have been sent, have your Membership and Lapsation Committee contact these indi-

PLEASE SEE **GER**, PG 7

Homecoming Weekend at our Elks Children's Camp is fast approaching!

Your Sweetheart Committee is collecting donations for game prizes and to purchase lotto tickets for a Lotto Crown Raffle to be done at Ottine!

Homecoming is September 20-22nd.

We will be collecting donations
through Wednesday, September
18th.



### ER, FROM PG 1

to go with Terry and I to assist at the golf tournament. Feel free to contact me for more details.

Last, but not least, the ENF Committee is having a sock drive. The donated socks will go in hygiene backpacks donated to homeless veterans in our area. A donation box will be placed in the lounge. If we work together, we can accomplish a lot more.

Many great events are coming in future months and with the help of all our great members, these events will be just as successful as ever. I want to personally thank those who come to the

lodge to enjoy our great Guest Chef meals. Please feel free to invite your family and friends down and show them what it means to be an Elk Member and what our Lodge does. They may want to join our great Elks Lodge too.

Thank you all for the support so far this year. I am honored to be your Exalted Ruler.

Fraternally yours, Krystal Peterson E.R.



# Ells Care — Ells Share

### KITCHEN ETIQUETTE:

All guest chefs and members that use the kitchen will be asked to make sure that all dishes are rinsed with a food trap in the sink prior to washing them. This is to ensure that our pipes do not get clogged with food residue. We are also asking that after dishes have been washed and put in the drainer that all sinks are drained properly, and they are scrubbed clean and rinsed. Those that utilize the fryers, grills, stove top, and the flat top will need to empty and clean the grease traps (flat top) - wipe down/clean up and boil overs, as well as ensure that any oil that has splattered around the fryers has been cleaned up at the end of the night. If oil has gotten on the floor, it will be required to mop the floor with degreaser, and ensure that the mats are free of oils. Floor will also need to be swept and free of all food debris prior to closing your chef night down. All prep surfaces need to be wiped down using Clorox spray.

Cardboard will no longer be permitted to be placed on the floor or used under the small fryer. We have moved to using oil absorbing pads. These will need to be removed from the floor and tossed at the end of your guest chef night.

Outside of our Annual Public Fish Fry - we are no longer collecting/storing Walmart/Heb bags for to go orders. We are asking that if you have a favorite spice you use while cooking, that you don't leave it behind at the end of the night. There were so many seasonings that had to be tossed, that we will only be keeping the basics on hand going forward. The bottom shelves of the main prep table will be kept clear of boxes, products, and pantry products - the storing of any items kept there will be in plastic totes.

I'm sure I've missed a few key points - but please know we are intent on keeping the kitchen clean and have plans to schedule deep cleanings 2-3 times a year. As always - we welcome volunteers.

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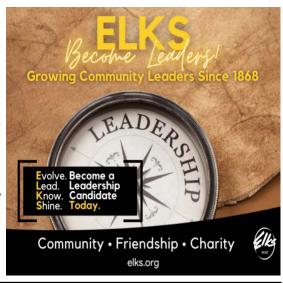
viduals. You would be surprised what a little personal contact can accomplish.

The Elks Legacy scholarships also open this month. Legacy Awards are available to children and grand-children of Elks' Members. Check online for eligibility requirements. It's also time to start planning your local Hoop Shoot contest. If your Lodge participates in this program, thank you. If it has been awhile since your Lodge has participated, now is a good time to start. If you

need help, contact your district Hoop Shoot director for assistance.

Finally, this is the time to submit your Lodge website for judging to receive the Grand Lodge 5-Star Award. State Association websites can also be submitted for judging as well. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community.

Remember "Elks Care – Elks Share" by showing "Elkdom's Heart for America." God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.





### **New Member Initiation**

August 6, 2024

**wELKome** to our new Elk member,

**Toby Mathews** 

pictured with Lodge Officers.

### Membership drive builds strong Lodges

By Rick Gathen, Membership Marketing Manager

In honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer, candidates initiated during the months of September and October will be specially recognized. These candidates will be recorded separately in the November 1st Mid-Year Membership Report on line 21. This initiative aims to honor both the GER and the new candidates with gold frames.

### **Creating a Welcoming Atmosphere**

Membership retention begins with fostering a welcoming atmosphere in the Lodge. Here are some key steps to ensure new Members feel valued and engaged:

**Reach Out:** Make a point to personally welcome new Members. Let them know their presence is appreciated and that they are a vital part of the Lodge.

**Encourage Involvement:** Inform new Members about various volunteer opportunities. Encourage them to get involved in activities that strengthen the Lodge and support the community.

Promote Engagement: Highlight the benefits of volunteering and how it can deepen their connection to the Elks. Active participation often leads to a stronger sense of belonging and commitment.

By actively engaging new Members and providing opportunities for involvement, we not only honor our GER but also build a stronger, more cohesive Lodge and community.

Together, we add Members. Together, we grow. Let's Soar with 4, in 2024!

# Volunteers Make It Happen!



Thanks to all who donated School Supplies! There were distributed at the Back to School event held at Gillett Middle School by Krystal Peterson.



Pulled pork plates donated to the Kingsville Police Dept by ENF Chair, Carmen Llacuna.



# 5 REASONS to join the ENF FIDELITY CLUB

The Fidelity Club recognizes donors who make an automatic, monthly gift to the Elks National Foundation through their credit card or bank account. Join the club today! Learn more at secure.elks.org/FidelityClub.

### **CONVENIENCE**

It takes less than five minutes to sign up, and then you can forget about it!

### FLEXIBILITY

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Members get exclusive stickers, pins, and invites to an event at the Elks Convention!

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