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El Campo Elk Lodge #1749 A Fraternal Organization



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ELKS - Working Today For A Better Tomorrow

July 2024



Elk Flag Day Ceremony Held Sat., June 14

The 2024 Flag Day Ceremony was held center stage during the Ricebelt Antique Tractor Pull, Saturday, June 14. The Flag ceremony is held to help honor and enlighten Americans about the progression of the American flags.

"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

ENF FUNDED DONATIONS

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) provides funds to Lodges through the Community Investment Program (CIP) to assist community needs. We were able to assist community non-profits and organizations through these funds.



**Elks Campo
LODGE 1749**

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler Patrick Gwosdz
 Leading Knight Connie Lisembee
 Loyal Knight Efrain Rodriguez
 Lecturing Knight..... Vicki Limmer
 Chaplain Howard Middleton
 Esquire Theresa Dutcher
 Inner Guard Anthony Perez
 Secretary Chris Wendel
 Treasurer Eddie Pool
 Tiler..... Jamie Appling
 Alternate to Grand Lodge...Chris Wendel
 Sweetheart..... Vicki Limmer

TRUSTEES

Trustee & BoD Chair.....Roy Schulz
 1 Year Trustee Randy Fitch
 2 Year Trustee George Matthews
 3 Year Trustee Michael Kasper
 4 Year Trustee Roy Schulz
 5 Year Trustee Tracy Oldag

COMMITTEE

Accident Prevention... George Matthews
 Activities Tim Drapela
 Americanism Donnie Roddy
 Auditing & Account..... Tracy E. Braden
 Chili Cookoff Chad Hensley
 Clay Shoot..... Chad Hensley
 Community Activities Roy Schulz
 Drug Awareness Stacy Amestoy
 Elk National Foundation...Chris Wendel
 Fajita Cook-Off Eugene Bustamante
 Flag Day..... Allen Collins
 Fraternal Committee Chris Wendel
 Government Relations Tim Drapela
 Hoop Shoot George Matthews
 House Committee Tim Drapela
 Lodge Bulletin Chris Wendel
 Membership Chris Wendel
 PER Association Donnie Roddy
 Public Relations Gary Tupa
 Standing Relief Donnie Roddy
 Swimming Pool..... Tommy Morton
 Youth Activities George Matthews

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chris Wendel: Secretary,
 Members: Chad Hensley, Tim Drapela,
 Randy Fitch and Roy Schulz

BULLETIN STAFF

Donnie Roddy & Chris Wendel

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Beacon Grant
 – We received a \$4,000 Beacon Grant to support Helping Hands Ministry with a \$1,500 donation along with a \$2,500 donation to the Shattered Dreams project that was conducted at the ECHS.

Spotlight Grant -
 We received a \$2,000

Spotlight Grant that we used to donate to Manna Meals to assist in their program of meals.

Gratitude Grant - We received a \$2,500 to provide needed school items to El Campo Middle School and Northside Middle School.

That's \$8,500 in ENF funds received by the El campo Lodge to assist the community.

When you remit your dues and add funds as an ENF donation we receive the opportunity to apply for funds to be used in the community.

You can also become a Fidelity Club Member of the ENF by providing a monthly donation using a credit card or bank debit. We have a couple of Members donating to the ENF in this fashion. This allows the Lodge to access and extra \$500 if we meet a certain level of Fidelity Club donations.

Please consider donation to the ENF through the Lodge to let us assist community needs.

Sickness & Distress

Members under the weather or have health concerns. Their addresses are included to drop them a line for condolences or well wishes.

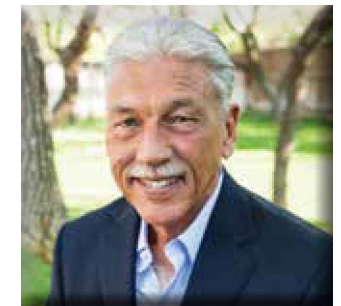
Efrain "Moose" Rodriguez is undergoing health issues.

Anthony Perez undergoing health issues.

Ann Strarup undergoing rotator cuff issues

Best wishes to these Members with their health issues

Please email or phone if there is a Member or their families on which to report. cfw3662@live.com.



**Past Exalted Ruler
 Duane Scheumack, Jr.**
 July 17, 1948 ~ June 14, 2024

Initiated - 12/13/1984
 ER year - 1987-1988
 DDGER - 1993-1994



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Secretary's Corner

by Chris Wendel

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Dues statements have been sent out in 2024-2025 Lodge year.

PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES A.S.A.P. THE LODGE NEEDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP & DUES.

The Lodge year runs from April 1 to March 31. We started the 2024-2025 Lodge year with a Membership of 252 - This is a gain of 3 Members. The efforts of the Members (YOU) to recruit new Members is always appreciated.

IF YOU NEED SOME CONSIDERATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR LODGE DUES PLEASE CONTACT LODGE SECRETARY CHRIS WENDEL TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS - 979-541-9443 or elcampoelks1749@gmail.com

We do have an option of paying by credit card if you so desire. Give me a call and we can get your dues processed. There is a 5% convenience fee we have to add to recoup fees.

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NEW MEMBERS

New Members initiated into the Elks June 4

Jessica Santos proposed by Connie Lisembee
Thomas Wilson proposed by Anthony Twardowski

Proposal Read at June 18 meeting.

Rey Lucio proposed by Connie Lisembee

Happy July Birthdays

01	Appling, Floyd E	19	Dornak, Rudy
04	Hacker, Lonnie	20	Cerny, Tim
06	Rubio, Jamie Ann	20	Strarup, Gary
09	Garza, Anna Maria	20	Wilson, Thomas P
09	Molina, Crystal	21	Amestoy, Stacy
12	Drapela, John	24	Dorotik, Anthony
12	Limmer, Jordan	25	Rohan, Clarence
15	Ziegenhals, Sherri L	26	Lenderman, Amber
16	Cerny, Larry	28	Orsak, Mike
18	Bartlett, Bobby	28	Vasquez, Teresa
18	English, Percy	29	Drapela, Billy

Exalted Rulers's Message

by Patrick Gwosdz • 979-332-7242

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Happy Fourth of July to all Elk members and their families.

I hope everyone enjoys the holiday, stays safe and remembers the holiday represents freedom.

Thank you to all our country's men and women currently serving in the armed forces and to our veterans protecting our rights and freedom.

In June, our Lodge held the 1st Annual Spring Picnic and Raffle. Many members and guests enjoyed playing in a 42 domino tournament, hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch and a raffle drawing.

Thank you to all that came out to support and please share ideas to make the event better next year.

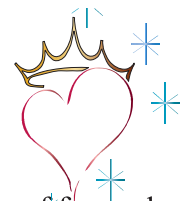
Keep enjoying your summer, making memories and celebrating with friends and family.

Patrick

Sweetheart's Corner

by Vicki Limmer • 979-578-2546

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Splash Day was a success, had loads of fun and the Sweethearts almost sold out of all our sweet treats. Sweethearts will continue to sell popsicles in the lodge throughout the summer.

We still have some Jalapeno's Enchilada plate tickets available, \$13 and Don't Forget . . . you can start using them in July!

We are very excited about writing our Sweetheart cookbook! Ann Ott is heading up this project and we are full steam ahead. Keep those recipes coming! Find your favorite recipe and e-mail it to: avinson.kpc@gmail.com OR vickilimmer@gmail.com. No pictures will be accepted. Recipe must be typed and a suggested category would be appreciated. Please include your name and have those recipes in by August 1st.

Summer is slow, but we are investigating many activities including cake/cookie decorating, floral arrangements, hat bar, wine tasting, mosaics, permanent jewelry, all sorts of brainstorming ideas. Send your idea in and we'll try to make it happen. Until then, see you at the Lodge.



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2024 Upcoming Events

JULY

- July 4 - NO HAMBURGERS BY THE POOL - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- July 11 - Hamburgers by the Pool - \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs with chips and water.
- July 16 - Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM.
- July 18 - Hamburgers by the Pool - \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs with chips and water.
- July 25 - Hamburgers by the Pool - \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs with chips and water.

AUGUST

- Aug. 1 - Hamburgers by the Pool - \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs with chips and water.
- Aug. 8 - Hamburgers by the Pool - \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs with chips and water.
- Aug.15 - LAST Hamburgers by the Pool - \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs with chips and water.
- Aug. 20 - Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM.



July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	 CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CLOSED	CLOSED	Regular Lodge Meeting 7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm		CLOSED
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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