

Elks Round-Up

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Exalted Ruler

Krystal Peterson

Hello My Elk Family,

May is already upon us and time is moving fast.

We are already kicking off our grant projects and will continue to do the hygiene backpacks for the veterans, as well as contribute to other non-profit organizations, so stay tuned for future details.

I am excited to say that we have one TESA scholarship applicant that will receive a scholarship, and are still waiting for the results of the other 3, we should know soon.



Kingsville
Elks Lodge

PLEASE SEE ER, PG 6



From the Lodge Sweetheart, Michele Cummins...

Hi there! As you may have heard, I'll be your 24-25 Sweetheart. I am so excited! First bit of news, Queen of Hearts. We are kicking it back off, in fact you may have already bought some tickets, and moving our drawings to the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Tickets will still be sold between drawings - that won't be changing. We're taking it up a notch this go around and giving back a little more! So 1/2 the pot is still going to the Queen of Hearts for our member ticket drawn and 1/4 of the pot to any non-member who draws the Queen of Hearts; for those who draw the One-Eyed Jacks, \$10 will be given.



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

Right now, in the lounge, we have a bottle raffle going for a coveted bottle of Blackberry Crown that will be drawn on Bike Night, May 8th. We will also have 2 basket raffles happening - one for Cinco de Mayo (full of Fiesta Fun) to be drawn on May 5th and one for Mother's Day, drawing on May 12th! Stay tuned for more Sweetheart happenings around the lodge!

COMMITTEES

<i>Accident Prevention</i>	J Dean Craig, PER
<i>Americanism</i>	Sam Fugate, PER
<i>Auditing</i>	Vacant
<i>Bulletin</i>	Cindi Ray
<i>Cyber Assistant</i>	Tony Deel
<i>Drug Awareness</i>	Zola Johnson
<i>ENF</i>	Carmen Llacuna
<i>Flag Day</i>	Rolando Garza
<i>Hoop Shoot</i>	Ken Moses, PDDGER
<i>House Committee</i>	Michele Cummins
<i>Membership</i>	James Cummins
<i>Memorial Service</i>	Krystal Peterson
<i>PER Association</i>	Sara Robertson, PER
<i>Veteran Services</i>	Frank Evans
<i>Youth Activities</i>	Ken Moses, PDDGER



- 1 Robert McCreight**
- 1 Brian Whitten**
- 3 James Stell**
- 8 Sylvia Garza**
- 10 Denise Garcia**
- 14 Ned Morris**
- 17 Jose Hernandez**
- 17 Daniel Burt**
- 17 Nancy Ray**
- 18 Jacqueline Schwartz**
- 20 Viola Perez**
- 23 Gordon Byram**
- 24 Emmett Owen**
- 25 Zachary Jean**
- 27 Garland Hoekstra**
- 27 Lance Lutenbacher**
- 31 Lillian Briones**

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 bpoe1926bulletin@gmail.com.



- 16 Luis & Frances Saldivar**
- 24 David & Susan Ivy**



Current Membership: 190

May calendar has events for moms, military, youth

May is a busy month for the Elks. There are several different opportunities to show our communities that “Elks Care—Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.” The Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1–7. This is an excellent time to show our support for the many programs dedicated to our youth such as scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and the Dictionary Project, just to name a few. They demonstrate to our communities the dedication we have for the youth of today and our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow. The second Sunday in May is Mother’s Day, a time to honor mothers and grandmothers. Our mothers spent endless hours teaching and guiding us, shaping who we are. They inspired us, protected us, taught us about devotion to



**Message
from the
Grand
Exalted
Ruler**

**RANDY P
SHOOK**

family, and loved us unconditionally. We give them gifts, take them to dinner, cook them a special dinner, or send them flowers— anything to make them feel as special as they are. To them, Mother’s Day is a day to be surrounded by loving family. Happy Mother’s Day. This is also the month we celebrate Armed Forces Day, on Saturday, May 18.

This is the day to say thank you to all men and women in all branches of the military. These individuals protect and defend this great country of ours. Please show them that Elks Care and appreciate their service to our country. Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to demonstrate patriotism for our great country, exhibit pride in our flag, and show our commitment and appreciation for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. There are many services that honor these deceased military men and women. Please take the time to hold a ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the heroes who served. Finally, remember GER Award for DDs deadline is on the 15th. The Annual Report and Annual Charity Report are due May 1.

Elkdom celebrates major milestone

By Rick Gathen, Membership Marketing Manager

In an era where organizations often struggle to maintain their memberships, it is with great pride and excitement that we announce the Order’s remarkable achievement: three consecutive years of membership growth.

This milestone, reached for the first time in 45 years, stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and collective spirit of everyone involved in the BPOE.

The significance of this accomplishment cannot be overstated. Amidst a landscape of shifting priorities, evolving interests, and competing commitments, the sustained growth of our membership speaks volumes about the enduring relevance and appeal of the Order’s mission and values. It reflects the trust and confidence placed in us by our Members and the wider community alike.

Each year of growth signifies the expansion of our Elks family, the strengthening of our bonds, and the widening of our impact. It is a validation of the efforts invested in fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals from all walks of life find meaning, purpose, and belonging.

Behind this success lies the dedication and hard work of countless

individuals – from our tireless volunteers and dedicated staff to our passionate and engaged Members. It is their commitment to our shared vision and their unwavering belief in the transformative power of community that has propelled us forward, year after year.

Moreover, our achievement of three consecutive years of growth serves as an inspiration and a source of encouragement for the future. It demonstrates that even in the face of challenges and uncertainties, progress is not only possible but achievable through perseverance, innovation, and collaboration.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us also reflect on the journey that brought us here and the lessons we have learned along the way. Let us acknowledge the importance of adaptability, resilience, and a willingness to embrace change. And let us renew our commitment to serving our Members and our community with passion and integrity, and empathy.

We are filled with optimism and excitement for what the future holds. With the momentum of three consecutive years of growth, we stand ready to embark on new initiatives, pursue new opportunities, and continue making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

I congratulate everyone throughout the Order on this remarkable achievement. Together, we have demonstrated the power of unity, the strength of purpose, and the resilience of the human spirit. Let us carry forward this momentum with pride and determination as we chart the course for a future filled with promise and possibility.

ER, FROM PG 1

Memorial Day is quickly approaching, we will be serving a yummy meal to the local veterans, so we will need some Elk volunteerism to greet, serve, and clean up. I look forward to seeing all of you around the Lodge and am very excited for this year's future.

It is because of our members and their involvement in our lodge that makes us strong. Thank you for all you do. In closing, I would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers, passed and present. I hope to see everyone around the Lodge and one for our annual Mother's Day service.

Fraternally yours,
Krystal Peterson E.R.



Elks Care – Elks Share

KINGSVILLE ELKS

GUEST CHEFS DUFFY & MICHELE

EGG ROLL IN A BOWL W/
CRISPY WONTON CHIPS



Thursday,
May 2nd

1404 S 6th Street - 361-592-4444
call ahead for to go orders

Tater Tot
Casserole
Guest Chef: Kirstie
May 16th



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Guest Chef Rolando

Wacky Wraps with Chips
Thursday, May 9th



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HOUSE RULES:

- 14. All properties of the Lounge and Lodge will remain on the premises UNLESS permission for removal is first granted by the Board of Directors of the Lodge. Members will be charged for property lost or destroyed by them or their guests.
- 15. Section 16.041, Statutes of the Order, authorizes action to be taken to disenfranchise a member from the Lounge for violation of House Rules. It is the duty of the House Committee to initiate such action upon observance of any willful violation of those rules. It shall be considered "conduct unbecoming an Elk" for a member to park in a Lodge handicapped parking space without prominent display on the member's vehicle, of a bona fide handicapped parking permit. It shall be incumbent upon a member hosting guests, who have vehicles parked at the Lodge, to ensure that said guests also respect the purpose of the parking spaces. It shall likewise be considered "conduct unbecoming an Elk" for any member to utilize a handicapped parking permit for parking at this Lodge under false pretenses. "Conduct unbecoming an Elk" is further defined in the Statutes of the Order.
- 16. The Lounge is authorized to sell and serve alcoholic beverages under permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and is therefore mandated to comply with the statutes, rules, and regulations of the Commission. Nothing herein published, or presumed due to omission should be construed to take precedence over TABC Regulations, and should conflicts arise, the TABC regulations shall prevail.

I AM AN ELK: WHAT I SEE HERE, WHAT I HEAR HERE, STAYS HERE, WHEN I LEAVE HERE



Pre-register and acquire badges for convention

Pre-registration for the Austin Grand Lodge Convention is available at elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm through June 26. The online pre-registration fee is \$50 for all Members, while the on-site registration fee will be \$60. A current credit card for PayPal will be needed. There is no fee for a non-Elk spouse or guest.

On-site registration will open on Friday, June 28, from noon to 4 p.m. When you arrive at the Austin Convention Center, go to the designated pre-registration line in the Registration area. You will need your e-mail confirmation and current membership card to receive credentials (and voting credentials, if qualified) for you and your spouse or guest. A registration badge will be required to enter the exhibit hall and all business sessions.

All non-Elk guests, including widows and widowers of Elks, must register at the Guest Registration Station at the convention center to obtain registration badges. Guests need a badge to enter the exhibit hall, see the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, or attend any other events where they are permitted. Be advised exhibits and vendors will not open until 8:00 a.m. Saturday.

Grand Lodge registration and its required fee are not included in any State Association's "package" arrangement.



Do more for veterans with boosted Welcome Home Kit

By Mary K. Morgan, Commission Director

When a veteran becomes housed it is a joyous occasion, but it is not the end of the story. Rather, it signifies a new beginning.

Many veterans need help getting off to a strong start, and that is where the Elks come in. Veterans frequently enter permanent housing directly from shelters and may have no belongings other than the clothes on their backs. As we all know, a home is more than just four walls and a roof.

Through the Welcome Home Kit program, Elks help veterans around the

country feel at home in their new residences.

And soon, Lodges will be able to do even more for veterans exiting homelessness. Starting April 1, Lodges will be able to apply for up to \$400 per kit, an increase from \$300 per kit last year. Also, Lodges can still apply for up to \$600 for each kit that includes a bed. These extra funds can mean a big difference for veterans and their families.

Every veteran has their own story as to how they became homeless. Similarly, every veteran has unique hopes and dreams. A stable home provides security and can be the first step for veterans to

achieve bright futures.

Thanks to the dedication of Elks far and wide, the Welcome Home Kit program recently surpassed 12,000 total veterans served with this program! All Lodges are eligible to participate, and with your help, the upcoming year can be our biggest yet.

Visit elks.org/vets/WelcomeHome.cfm for details on how your Lodge can get started.

