



Benevolent and Protective  
Order of Elks of the  
United States of America  
A Fraternal Organization

# KERR KLARION

## Kerrville Elks Lodge #2081

1907 Junction Hwy \* PO Box 294535  
Kerrville, Texas 78029-4535  
830- 895-4554

E-mail: [kvelks@hctc.net](mailto:kvelks@hctc.net)  
Fax: 830- 895-4454



Volume 66  
Number 3  
June 2024

## "Volunteers Make It Happen"

### Meet your new Lodge Treasurer!



Jackie {Grubb} Logan was installed as the new Lodge Treasurer after Geraldine Rodriguez resigned due to work and scheduling conflicts.

Jackie transferred in from Petaluma, CA Lodge # 901 where she had previously served as Lodge Secretary.

A BIG Welcome to Jackie! Thank you for your service!

Welcome to our newest Lodge 2081 member, Ed Strenkowski from Ingram, Texas. Ed was initiated during a special initiation on 18 May. Thank you to many PERs who stepped up to make this happen! Welcome to the 2081



### SW District Sweetheart Round Up



Debbie Cook, Sara Jackson, Norma Wickhauser, and Karen Argence, (along with many others) supported the event selling tickets various jobs through out the day. Thanks to all who made this a very successful day!



Cornhole Tournament winners, LJ Cormier and Joshua Leone donated these beautiful boards back to our Lodge!

### Cook-off Winners were:

- Deviled Eggs— Cormier/ Leone/Moore
- Chili – Jeff Bowman
- Pinto Beans —Brad Rider
- Ribs — Cormier/Leone/Moore
- Anything on the Pit —Kirk Storey



### Flags Up at the VA Hospital

From Memorial Day to the 4th of July, State and National flags line the driveway of the VA Hospital. Dedicated Elks from Kerrville & San Antonio Lodges volunteered their time to place this beautify display. Thanks to all who joined in putting them up.



### VA Volunteer Of the Year!

Elk member, Frank Bertagnolli, was recognized by the Kerrville VA Medical Center as **Volunteer of the Year** for his dedication to their residents during the covid outbreak. This special award is not typically given to one individual!

Congratulations Frank!



# From The ER Podium Notes from Your Secretary



Fellow Elks,

June is upon us already. Feels like summer has arrived. We have had a very successful April and May. June will continue with our fabulous tribute to the American Flags by the Girl Scouts, with Fathers Day falling upon us.

School is out and that means summer travel and vacations. For those that are planning to venture out into the world, I hope you enjoy every minute of it. Be safe and enjoy.

Myself and secretary Kathy Rider will be away from the lodge June 5th thru 8th as we are required to attend the State Convention in Mesquite, TX. The first one to call me after reading this will have a Friday night dinner for 1 in June on me.

The June rummage sale that usually happens will not. We have postponed it until a later date due to scheduling conflicts.

As a reminder, the trash bin behind the lodge is not for public use. Also, an associate member donated \$100 for us to start an electrical fund to upgrade our wiring in the RV park. Some slots had issues with surges that are going on. We will be working on the fund-raising venture soon.

Looking ahead some new and exciting events are in the planning stage such as bring and cook your own steak night with potato bar and possibly starting a Cornhole League. Both projects are "works in progress". Hopefully these events will help us build membership.

Our Gun Raffle has also started and is led by Jeff Bowman. There are sign up sheets on the bar to help us out in selling the tickets at Gibsons beginning June 1st.

Fraternally,

*Mike Adams*

Exalted Ruler



## Notes from Your Secretary

By: Kathy Rider

Membership Statistics as of  
21 May 2024

Current Membership Total: 292  
Candidate: 0  
Delinquent Members: 54

### Proposed for Membership:

Candidates: 0

Proposed for Membership: 0

Balloting: Ed Strenkowski of Ingram was balloted

Initiation: Ed Strenkowski of Ingram

**Committee Chairpersons** are reminded that committee reports are to be submitted to the Lodge Secretary, in writing, immediately after the presentation of this information during Regular Lodge Meetings. This policy is also true for those Members wishing to introduce New Business or Good of the Order items on the floor of the Lodge.)



*Elks Care - Elks Share*

## House Committee Report



The Lounge and Kitchen financials have had a good start for the new Elk year. Having said that, it does appear that the kitchen is doing well mainly due to the Friday night dinners as most of those meal supplies have been donated. After looking at the Wednesday meals, we found we are operating at 58% cost of goods ratio – Not good. This should be no more than 35% ratio. Due to the continual price increases for beef, cheese, buns and other supplies, the price for burgers will be increasing to \$8.00 effective 1 Jun '24; however, we will continue to offer sides and hot dogs at their current prices.

We had great events in May - SW District Sweetheart Roundup, Mother's Day and (last minute) Membership appreciation meal. In June, we will be having Flag Day Ritual on 14 Jun at 5 pm followed by Lodge sponsored Hot dogs and goodies. This is a tradition to thank the Girl Scout Troop for their participation.

Friday night meals are continuing to be a challenge in getting cook teams/menus together. Thank you to Bridget for always stepping up and others who are filling in dates as well. If you are a member of a committee and would like to raise monies for your committee, ie: Sweetheart, Veterans, Youth Activities, etc., please let Dana Adams know if you would like to sponsor a Friday night meal as a fundraiser for your committee. It is a good way to bring extra income to your area of interest.

Friendly reminder—No outside food or beverages may be brought into lodge without prior approval from Club management. Next meeting is 13 Jun at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend!



## Flag Day Ritual Ceremony

To honor our Nations Flag, and educate the public and youth, the Lodge will be holding a Public Flag Day Ritual in the Lodge Room starting at 5 pm. The Lodge will offer Hot Dogs and goodies following the ritual. This beautiful ceremony is held by each Elks Lodge every year on 14 Jun. Please join us and bring friends, family, kids and grandkids!



## Sweetheart Corner:

A Big thank you to all of those who contributed items, bought tickets and helped sell tickets for the basket and game during the Sweetheart Roundup. The basket /game brought in over \$500—the lucky winner was Ron Holm!

Thank you to those who have already been turning in their filled pigs! Keep 'em coning! Pigs are available in the Lounge if you need one.

My next basket will be a Father's Day basket to be drawn on 14 Jun '24. The basket and tickets for purchase will be available soon!

Thank you and **FEED THE PIGS!**



# "ELKS ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN...NEVER FORSAKEN"



## Sickness and Distress

Please keep our members and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

**Members:** Daniel Thompson, Ann Krieger, James Cadman, Terry Harp, Arlie Lammers, DeLynn Gutz, Anthony Cluck, Allen Bates, BJ McChord, and Sara Jackson

**Non-Members:** Mike Worth (Terry Schultz's brother), Vern Setchel (relative of Brian Ward), Maria Stickney (wife of Ken Stickney)

For those Lodge Members who are battling health issues or are in distress and do not wish to draw attention to their struggles, we want YOU to know that....

*"You are in our thoughts and prayers"*

## TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS.....

.... In vain we call. He has passed Into the Light, which is beyond the Valley of the Shadow of Death. The Places that have known him shall know him no more; but his Virtues are written upon the Tablets of Love and Memory...

*It is my Sad Duty to announce that Katheryn Ann LeSturgeon passed away on May 18th, 2024 at the age of 65.*

*Sister Kathy was an ELK Member for 7 years.*

*Please keep Kathy's family in your thoughts and prayers.*

*To remember Sister Kathy, a "Vacant Chair Ceremony" will be held during our Regular Lodge Meeting*

*on Thursday, June 6th, 2024.*

**"ELKS ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN...NEVER FORSAKEN"**

## 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 5-8	Wed-Sat	TESA Conference (Mesquite)
Jun 14	Friday	Flag Day Celebration
Jun 16	Sunday	Father's Day
Jun 30 - Jul 3	Sun-Wed	GL Convention (Austin)
Jul 4	Thursday	Independence Day
Jul 8	Monday	VA Flags down

## Book Exchange Program

Did you know we have a book exchange program? Check out the novels and books you can borrow and read. You can also donate your previous read books to help build our little library!



## June Important Events:

Jun 4	Elks VA Bingo	2:00 PM
Jun 6	Lodge Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Jun 6	Board of Directors	8:00 PM
Jun 13	House Committee Mtg	5:30 PM
Jun 13	Orientation Night	7:00 PM
Jun 14	Flag Day Ritual	5:00 PM
Jun 16	Father's Day	
Jun 20	Lodge Initiation Meeting	7:00 PM
Jun 21	New Member Social Hour	5:30 PM
Jun 25	Membership Committee	11:00 AM



## Suggestion Box

Your Lodge Officers need your suggestions for new activities, changes, concerns and improvements!

Place your suggestions in the Suggestion Box located in the Club Room. Paper & pens are available at the box.

# June Birthdays!



**Debra Bond**  
**Marvin Gast**  
**Roda Kenly**  
**Dennis Mead**  
**Mac Anderson**  
**Gloria Sayers**  
**Karen Argence**  
**John Bencken**

**Linda Mauer**  
**Dean Reynolds**  
**Barbara Webber**  
**Barbara Zwald**  
**Billy Bluemel**  
**Keneth Stafford**  
**Doris Williams**  
**Arlie Lammers**

**Kenneth Doll**  
**Jason Waller**  
**Billy Johnson**  
**Thomas Johnson**  
**Roy Alspaugh**

**Did you know?** Did you know, you are offered a complimentary Birthday drink? The drink may be a well liquor, beer, glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage and is good during the month of your birthday!

## Crying Towel!

**For Friday Night Membership Drawing**

- 4/06 **Susanne Gamelin**
- 5/03 **Gene Blanchard**
- 5/10 **Joseph Simmons**
- 5/17 **Pat Wollington**
- 5/24 **Randy McClay**



Members must sign-up at the Friday night dinner for \$1  
**BECOME A \$\$ WINNER**  
 (Must be present at the drawing to win!!!)

**For Kerr Klarion advertising possibilities contact Lodge Secretary Kathy Rider at (830) 895-4554**



**HEAVY DUTY TRUCK**

2620 Junction Hwy.  
 Kerrville, Texas 78028  
 (830) 367-5712

**CARQUEST AUTO PARTS  
 KERRVILLE**

Monday – Friday  
 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**TRAILER PARTS  
 Dupont Paints**

**Jason Waller**  
 carquestofkerrville@gmail.com

## Public Relations

If you have an event, photos, see an article about the Elks in the paper, please send that on to Dana ([dmadams66@msn.com](mailto:dmadams66@msn.com)). She will be submitting Lodge information to the local papers, Texas Elks State Assoc Newsletter as well as the Elks National Magazine as appropriate. We do a lot here in Kerrville and it is time to let the rest of Elkdome know it!

Also as a reminder, information and pictures, dates to be included in the Klarion each month should be submitted by the 21st of each month. Please submit your items, events, etc to [Klari-on2081@gmail.com](mailto:Klari-on2081@gmail.com). It takes all types of information to complete a good newsletter, so help out by submitting your photos, etc.



Members—Kerrville Elks      Public— Kerrville Elks Lodge 2081

**Every MEMBER Matters**

"To do unto others as we would they should do unto us"

Check out our Lodge on the free - **MY Elks App** - Scan the QR code or download the app to join.

See up-to-date events, calendar, menus, news, receive notifications and reminders!

**DOWNLOAD OUR NEW MOBILE APP**

Scan to Download

STAY CONNECTED  
GET INVOLVED

POWERED BY GIGANTKILLER.COM

**VETERAN**

Veterans Yoga Project      Mindful Resilience

**Yoga**

**EVERY MONDAY**  
 KERRVILLE ELKS LODGE 2081  
 1907 JUNCTION HWY  
 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM

**FREE ★ FOR ★ VETERANS**

Yoga Therapist Rick Trzcinski  
**830.257.8696 or ricktr@kvc.com**

159th Elks Grand Lodge Convention  
**AUSTIN TX**

LET'S MAKE THIS CONVENTION THE BEST YET!  
**June 30 - July 3, 2024**  
 VISIT [TEXASELKS.ORG](http://TEXASELKS.ORG) AND SIGN UP TODAY!

Austin Convention Center, 500 E Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas, United States, 78701

**400-500 TX VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

- ✓ Choose the Role(s) you are interested in and the days and times that you will be available to work.
- ✓ You will be contacted via email closer to the Convention to confirm assignments and scheduled times.
- ✓ Meet Elks from around the country! Work for a bit then stay and play.



SCAN ME TO SIGN UP!

Volunteers (Elks and Spouses) that work a minimum of one shift will be exempted from paying registration fees for this convention. Except DD Designates, Ritual Teams & current Elks.



**2024 Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Texas' own Austin in July!** In preparation for this huge event, **Texas Elks State Association (TESA)** is currently looking for numerous volunteers. Many opportunities, between now and July, are available for you to help Texas show the nation of Elks how to put on a great convention. See a Lodge officer if you need guidance on how to volunteer for this event or scan below. **Volunteers will have their Grand Lodge Convention registration fees waived. Attend this great event for free!**



# Friday Dinner Menu



**JUNE 7TH**

**\$13**

**Taco Salad**

(Bridget and Ashley)



**JUNE 14TH**

**Free**

**Hot Dogs & Chips**

(after Flag Day Ceremony)



**JUNE 21ST**

**-**

**NO MEAL AT THIS TIME—Watch My Elks App for updates**

**JUNE 28TH**

**\$13**

**Chicken Fried Steak**



Due to lack of volunteers to prepare meals, at this time, we have no further meals planned for May. Please check [MyElks app](#) for updated meals through the month.



**Elks Care - Elks Share**



# Lodge Contact Information LODGE YEAR 2024-2025



## OFFICERS and APPOINTEES

Exalted Ruler—Mike Adams (830) 955-6716  
 Leading Knight—Vacant  
 Loyal Knight—Sara Jackson (210) 710-5700  
 Lecturing Knight—Tracy Ward (360) 682-8447  
 Secretary—Kathy Rider (912) 536-1760  
 Treasurer—Jackie (Grubb) Logan (707) 484-2165  
 Chaplain—Mac Anderson (830) 459-3366  
 Esquire—Ashley Caliendo (830) 343-6006  
 Inner Guard—Bill Morgenstern (505) 850-8188  
 Tiler—Wayne Argence (504) 382-2615  
 Three Year Trustee—Terry Schultz (832) 689-4548  
 Two Year Trustee—Brian Ward (830) 377-7592  
 One Year Trustee—Ron Ballard (505) 259-1075

## LODGE OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 9 AM – 12 NOON

Phone/FAX: (830) 895-4554/(830) 895-4454

## HALL RENTALS

Contact the Lodge (830) 895-4554

Friday Dinner Reservations (830) 895-4554

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ron Ballard - President

## KLARION NEWSLETTER

Dana Adams - Editor

Article Submission Email: Klarion2081@gmail.com

FACEBOOK/GRAPHICS Tammy Moore(361) 296-4038

## WEBMASTER (Elks.org)

Allen Bates – (830) 792-6708 David.Allen@ktc.com

## MY ELKS APP ADMIN

Dana Adams– (575)-636-9339

## LODGE COMMITTEES & CHAIRPERSONS

**Auditing & Accounting Committee – Barbara Zwald**

**Activities Committees:** Tracy Ward

Public Relations Program – Dana Adams

Youth Activities – Sean Gore

Scholarship Program – Sara Jackson

Drug Awareness Program – Terry Schultz

Hoop Shoot Program – Sean Gore/Mac Anderson

Special Grant Program – Pat Kelly

Community Activities – Mac Anderson

**Fraternal Committees:** Sara Jackson

Americanism Program – Deborah Stamm

Elks National Foundation – Ron Holm

Lodge Activities Committee – “Vacant”

Ritualistic Program – Tracy Ward

Membership Committee – Barbara Zwald

Veterans Committee – Frank Bertagnolli

Sweetheart Program— Angie Ballesteros

Standing Relief Committee – Mike Adams, ER

Accident Prevention Program – Sara Jackson

Board of Directors – Ron Ballard

## LODGE MAINTENANCE

Jeff Bowman | Marvin Morrow | Doug Wagner

## PAST EXALTED RULER ASSOCIATION

President – Dana Adams, PER

Secretary – Barbara Zwald, PER

**Kirk Storey, Past Grand Esquire**  
(1999-2000) (2000-2001)

**Arlie Lammers, PDDGER**  
(2001-2002) (2002-2003)

**Barry Shaw, PER**  
(2008-2009)

**George Moore, PER**  
(2015-2016)

**Ron Holm, PER**  
(2015-2016)

**Doug Wagner, PER**  
(2016-2017)

**Barbara Zwald, PER**  
(2019-2020)

**Brad Rider, PER**  
(2020-2021)

**Brian Ward, PER**  
(2021-2022) (2022-2023)

**Dana Adams, PER**  
(2023-2024)

## Southwest District Officers

Ron Holm, DDGER, 830-496-2149

Harry Thomas, Vice Pres, 325-374-5129

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Dana Adams (Chairman) 575-636-9339

Tracy Ward

Bridget Dale

Debbie Cook

Jeff Bowman

Kathy Nesbitt

Mike Adams

**Kerrville Elks Lodge #2081  
PO Box 294535  
Kerrville, Texas 78029-4535**

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

**“FRIENDLIEST LODGE IN  
TEXAS”**

**Kerr Klarion Newsletter  
Dated Material**

**JUNE 2024**



**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
Of the United States of America**

**Forwarding Requested**

---

**Elks Care - Elks Share**