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Kerrville Elks Lodge #2081

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"Volunteers Make It Happen"

2024—2025 New Officers Installed!



Congratulations!



Installation Team included Arlie Lammers (PDDGER), Harry Thomas (TESA VP), Richard Lowery (SWD Esquire), Barbara Zwald (PER), Brad Rider (PER), Craig Melms (SWD Auditor) and Ron Holm (SWD DDGER)



New members

for March '24:

(above) Caroline Bowman, Heidi McCord, Miguel Guzman, Richard Haughen, Suzanne Camelin, and BJ McCord. (Right)



Sean Gore and Marcella Baudoin.

Welcome to the 2081 family!



Hard working volunteers Jeff Bowman and Brad Rider were recognized in Mar '24 for their dedicated work on improving the lodge and patio area. Thanks again gentlemen!



From The ER Podium Notes from Your Secretary



Fellow Elks,

It is hard to believe a year has gone by. My first thought is to thank P.E.R. Dana Adams for her leadership this past year. Her and her team did a wonderful job, with that, Thank you.

The new year starting out is going to be busy, busy, busy! We have the Total Eclipse on

April 8th. All 7 RV spots are filled. The following week we have New Officer Training in New Braunfels which is always a learning experience. Then on May 4th, Kerrville will be hosting the SW inter-lodge Sweetheart Round Up. Sweethearts from Del Rio, San Angelo, Seguin, Gonzales, New Braunfels and San Antonio and our own Angie Ballesteros will be raising funds for the Kids Camp. It should be very successful and a lot of fun.

MY motto for this year is **"Volunteers Make It Happen"**. WE, as Elks, do an outstanding job with our Charities, Youth, Veterans and Community. Also, with state and national programs. However, I believe we can do so much more to expand our charity work and become more visible in the community. We do all this thru volunteerism. I encourage current membership to volunteer 2 hours a month and you will see a big change in what we can do. Find your niche within all our programs and go with it. Remember, **"water that does not move becomes stagnant, and so does the mind that is not open to change"**. I have a lot planned for this year, but to do that I ask all of you to volunteer when you can. If we do this it will be an exceptionally good year.

We have an Officer position vacant thus far this year, the chair of Leading Knight. If you possess leadership skills and want to be part of an extraordinary team and organization, please contact me or any officer, P.E.R. in the lodge.

Fraternally,

Mike Adams

Exalted Ruler



Notes from Your Secretary

By: Kathy Rider

**Membership Statistics as of
March 23, 2024**

**Current Membership Total: 295
Candidate: 0
Delinquent Members: 0**

Proposed for membership: Caroline Bowman, Suzanne Gamelin, and Billy J 'BJ' and Heidi McCord of Kerrville, TX were Proposed for Initiation by Jeff Bowman, Sean Gore of Center Point, TX was Proposed for Initiation by Brad Rider, and Rick Haugen of Castle Rock, CO was Proposed for Initiation by Dana Adams.

Balloting: Rick Haugen and Caroline Bowman were Balloted for Initiation.

Initiation: Miguel Guzman, Sean Gore, Suzanne Gamelin, Marcella Baudoin, Rick Haugen, Caroline Bowman, and Billy 'BJ' and Heidi McCord were Initiated into Kerrville, TX Elks Lodge.

Hello to everyone, let me introduce myself for those that don't know me. My name is Kathy Rider and I am the wife of Brad Rider, PER who most everyone knows. Even though I am a new member to the Lodge, Brad has been a member for several years and I am familiar with the Elks thanks to Brad's active membership. When not at the lodge I am a Mom of a 29 year old daughter who works in Law Enforcement, I am a dog Mom, and I work in Investigations part time.

I am excited and looking forward to being the Secretary for the Kerrville Lodge this Year. My hope is to streamline the Secretary's Office and make our Exalted Ruler's job easier, as he has many responsibilities and duties. If there is anything anyone needs please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Cheers to a New Elk Year and new faces!

(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

Grand Lodge Annual Award Recipients



Bridget Dale received the ELK OF THE YEAR Award

Mike Adams was named the OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Allen Bate was awarded the Grand Lodge Distinguished Service Award



Sandy Boettcher received the Grand Lodge Distinguished Service Award

Jacob Hayashikawa received the CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Award

Sweetheart Corner:



We have a new SWEETHEART! Angie Ballesteros has stepped up to be your lodge Sweetheart this year! Let's help Angie have a great year – buy tickets when offered, help her promote her raffles, **FEED THOSE PIGS**, etc. Money raised not only helps the Elk's Children's Camp, but portions come back to the lodge to fund the grant. Managed by Pat Kelly, the grant is used to purchase needed equipment and medical devices for our local kids. Kerrville will be hosting the Sweetheart Roundup event on 4 May '24. Mark your calendars and come support all of SW District's Sweethearts.

Thank you and **FEED THE PIGS!**



From Your House Committee



Ending the Lodge year '23-'24, the Bar/Kitchen did extremely well. Do to the numerous "donated" meals, the kitchen performed far better than expected. Thank you to those who helped the kitchen shine!

As we start a new Elk year, we are already starting with a lack of cooks and teams willing to do the Friday Night Dinner tradition. Regular cooks are getting burnt out! We need your help!! If you like to cook or are willing to help a lead cook, please let someone on the House Committee know. I certainly realize we all have busy lives; however, at this point, we have limited Friday Night Dinners planned. Keep a look out as things will hopefully change as volunteers come forward.

We are also seeking Wednesday night counter help. Currently have an opening for Lodge Activities Chairperson and members to be on the activities committee. I urge members to get involved and volunteer when you can, every little bit helps to make our lodge even more successful.

Next House Committee meeting will April 11th at 5:30pm.
Activities Committee meeting @6:30pm

Public Relations

Dana Adams will be the Public Relations Chair for '24-'25 year. As the Lodge has had this position open for quite some time, we hope to increase our exposure to the community this year. If you have an event, photos, see an article about the Elks in the paper, please send that on to Dana (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!

In addition, Tammy Moore manages our public and private Lodge Facebook pages. Post your Elks related activities/photos on the public page – Tammy will pull it over to the private page as she sees fit.

Also, take a look at our Lodge page on Elks.org. If you see areas for improvement, please let Dana or Allen Bates (website manager) know.

Lastly, our final piece of the public relations puzzle is the MyElks app. Check it out, provide feedback and inputs as well.



"ELKS ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN...NEVER FORSAKEN"



Sickness and Distress

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

Members: Bob Goodpasture, Ann Krieger, George Stutz, James Rivers, James Cadman, Carlos Roberts, Arlie Lammers, Anthony Cluck, MarySue Douville, Dylan Gutz, Debbie Cook, and Terry Harp.

Non-Members: Robert, Ed Jackson's stepson, Dennis Mead's Wife Coni, and Betty Young's husband William

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 Gary Ramsey passed away on March 17th, at the age of 82. Brother Herbert was an ELK Member for 2 years.

Please keep Gary's family in your thoughts and prayers.

To remember Brother Gary, a "Vacant Chair Ceremony" will be held during our Regular Lodge Meeting on Thursday, April 4th, 2024.

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2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 8	Monday	Total Solar Eclipse
Apr 13-14	Sat-Sun	New Officer Training Clinic
May 3-5	Fri-Sun	Veteran's Retreat
May 4	Saturday	SWD Sweetheart Round Up
Jun 5-8	Wed-Sat	TESA Conference (Mesquite)
Jun 30 - Jul 3		GL Convention (Austin)



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



April Important Events:

April 2	Elks VA Bingo	2:00 PM
April 4	Lodge Business Meeting	7:00 PM
April 8	Solar Eclipse	1:54 PM
April 9	VA Flags Up	9:00 AM
April 11	House Committee Mtg	5:30 PM
April 11	Orientation Night	7:00 PM
April 13-14	DDGER Officer Tng Clinic	
April 15	VA Flags Down	9:00 AM
April 18	Lodge Initiation Meeting	7:00 PM
April 19	New Member Social Hour	5:30 PM
April 23	Membership Committee	11:00 AM
April 25	PER Association Meeting	6:30 PM



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.

April

- 01 Gore, Sean
- 03 Harris, Larry R
- 04 Koch, James C
- 05 Bates, Allen D
- 06 Syfan, Frank E
- 07 Fraley, Marisol
- 10 Brigham, Josephine
- 11 Henderson, David
- 11 Smalley, Joni Kay
- 13 Jones, Dennis A
- 15 Adams, Dana M
- 16 Dixon, Ken



Birthdays

- 17 Gutz, De Lynn
- 19 Moore, Edward
- 20 Rosinbaum, Randal
- 21 Green, Howard J
- 21 Guidry, Lori
- 22 Cook, Debbora E
- 22 Dale, Bridget E
- 25 Stickney, Kenneth
- 26 Wagner, Douglas M
- 27 Ward, Brian K
- 28 Loesberg, William
- 29 Fraley, Fred

Did you know? Did you know, as a member of Lodge #2081, 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

- 30-01 Diane Hartjen
- 03-08 Frank Bertagnolli
- 03-15 Ken Schilling
- 03-22 Michelle McGougan



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



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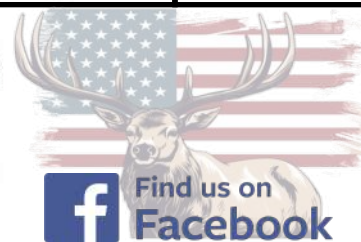
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Monday – Friday
 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Jason Waller
 carquestofkerrville@gmail.com



Members—Kerrville Elks Public– Kerrville Elks Lodge 2081



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 events, calendar,
 menus, news, receive
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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 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

APRIL 5TH

Cook Team:
Bridget & Others

\$13

Spaghetti



APRIL 12TH

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NO MEAL AT THIS TIME

APRIL 19TH

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NO MEAL AT THIS TIME

APRIL 26TH

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NO MEAL AT THIS TIME

Due to lack of volunteers to prepare meals, at this time, we have no further meals planned for April. Keep a look out though as we are hopeful to get a few more meals planned.

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—Geraldine Rodriquez (830) 377-0240
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
Tammy Moore, Graphics (361)296-4038

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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

Community & Youth Activities Programs:

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 – Chairperson (575) 636-9339

Tracy Ward

Bridget Dale

Debbie Cook

Sharon Kenly

Jeff Bowman

Kathy Nesbitt

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