

# THE ELKS RACK



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## **Elk of the Month Nominations**

Just a reminder! Nominations are due by the 15th of the month. The forms are available on the “Resource Center” bulletin board, in the hallway just past the kitchen. We have so many members that make significant contributions to our Lodge... Let us make sure we recognize them!

Elk of the Month Committee (Kevin Rains, Johnathan Taylor, Rachel Kingston, and Todd Winans)



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## *Message From Your Exalted Ruler*

These first 2 months have been fast and furious. We got the budget finalized and voted on for approval, we had all our annual inspections and have made some much- needed upgrades and maintenance. We now have a new ice machine, new AC unit for the kitchen and new Point of Sales in the Social Quarters. We will be getting a new AC unit for the foyer and continue working on converting all the lights to LEDs.

I want to thank Sharla and her crew for their continued hard work at the pool. The pool looks fantastic, and we passed our inspection thanks to their dedication and hard work.

Thank you to all the committee chairs, committee members and members for starting this year off successfully. For those of you who help behind the scenes keeping the parking lot picked up and yard mowed your efforts do not go unnoticed.

The back storage room is once again clean and organized, PLEASE help us keep it that way!!

I will be attending the State Convention in June and the National Convention in July and will give a report on any new changes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Rains, ER



*Sickness and Distress*  
*Christopher Fletcher*

*"Please Keep our Country and our Military in your prayers."*

## Note from the Secretary / Editor



Thank you to everyone that has paid their dues! All membership cards have been mailed or left in the Social Quarters. Please ask the bartender for your card.

We have 79 Elks that need to rejoin our herd. Please reach out to members that maybe you know that have not renewed.

Pay online at [www.elks.org/payonline](http://www.elks.org/payonline)

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**Current Membership 312**

**Delinquents 79**

## Lodges Need Good Customer Service

By Rick Gathen, Membership Marketing Director

Every Elks understands the things that make a lodge feel welcoming, proud, and energized. It has little to do with money or facilities. It is how Members are treated with warmth and respect. It is how we welcome our new members, retain our longtime Elks, reconnect those drifting away, and remind every member why they chose to belong.

When Lodges fail to practice good customer service, members can gradually drift away because of missed connections, unanswered calls, or unreturned emails. Frequent quest might simply never be invited to join, and members who fall behind on paying dues might never hear from the lodge.

Effective exterior visibility, interior signage and digital displays all tell our story before anyone speaks.

This also applies to a Lodge's digital front door. Websites and social media platforms can answer questions, reduce friction, and make people feel welcome before they ever walk in the front door. When we clearly showcase our community involvement and charitable work in our lodges and online, pride grows, and recruitment follows.

Strong customer service begins with Lodge Leadership. Exalted Rulers and other Elks in leadership positions need to lead with intention, consistency, and pride, and create environments where guests are welcome, Members feel valued, and communities clearly understand who we are and what we stand for.

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## Veterans Committee News



On May 1st we were scheduled to have a Burger Burn at the Lubbock VA Clinic, due to the prediction of bad weather we switched to the back-up plan. We came to the lodge early, cooked 100 hamburgers, 100 hot dogs, packaged them, loaded them into coolers along with the vegetables, cookies, chips, and condiments.

We delivered them, set up tables and served lunch to the Veterans. What a great day!! I am so very proud of the committee members' commitment and dedication to serving our Veterans.

June 1st, 2026, the Veterans committee shopped and delivered snacks to the Lubbock VA Clinic, for the Veterans the clinic serves.

We will have our Veterans Committee Meeting on June 3rd at 6:00pm, all members are welcome to attend.

Flag Day is celebrated annually on June 14th to commemorate the adoption of the United States flag in 1777. It is a day to honor the history, symbolism, and meaning behind the "Stars and Stripes," though it is not an official federal holiday, the Elks Lodge performs an annual Flag Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Sunday June 14, 2026, at 1:00pm.

Please keep our service members that are serving abroad in your prayers to keep them safe so they may return home to their families.

Thank you,  
Lee Sandlin  
Veterans Committee Chairman

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





We passed the city inspection! There was a lot of stress, sweat & hard work put into getting it ready, but it was worth it. I cannot thank Cindy Long, Shanna Moody, Al, Liz, Sadie, Mason, Pat and Gindy enough for their hard work getting the pool ready for the season.

Special contributors are Kevin, Chris Morton, and Tom Wells for rolling the Skid-Proof paint around the pool and in the restrooms. Lee is keeping the lawn mowed & it is looking good. Malcom Chancy has edged the front and the pool area. Steve has fixed all the plumbing issues that have come into focus.

Vicky Thompson repainted the Elk Signs hanging on the concession building...what an improvement! I also want to acknowledge Pat, Gloria, Shanna, Vicky, Cindy, and Cody for their donations of lounge chairs, pool equipment, paint, flowers, and light fixture in the girl's restroom.

I am still looking for someone to help in the mornings with the chemicals and assisting the concession workers if they need help. If you have the time and want to help, get with me.... I won't be hard to find. Entertainment has scheduled June 27th for another fun afternoon at the pool. I am looking forward to another great year in the sun!

Sharla Mathes  
Pool Chairman



## Lubbock Elks Soccer Shoot

Lubbock Soccer Shoot to be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. The children's ages to participate are U8, U10, U12 and U14. Boys and girls will compete separately. Each participant will receive a participation certificate. The boys and girls that win 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be awarded a medallion. First place winners will advance to District in Amarillo on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

This event is open to the public. For more information contact Kathy Hogan at [khogan74@me.com](mailto:khogan74@me.com)

Kathy Hogan  
Soccer Shoot Committee Chairman



## Outdoor Bar Committee Article

The flat-top grill the outdoor bar committee donated to the lodge was delivered, set up and seasoned. Please familiarize yourself with the cleaning and shut down after use.

Summertime is here again; our committee is planning on completing some maintenance on the bar exterior and will be planning some fun events this summer to raise money to keep the bar updated and enjoyable.

Thank you,  
Lee Sandlin  
Outdoor Bar Chairman

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

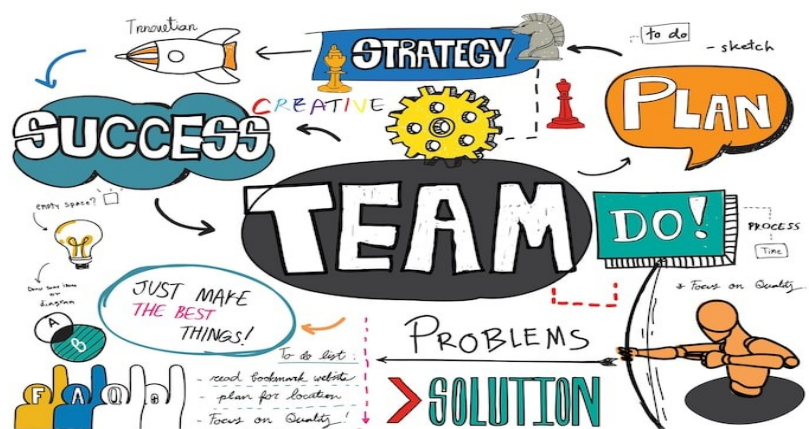
## The Trustee Committee Met on May 05, 2026

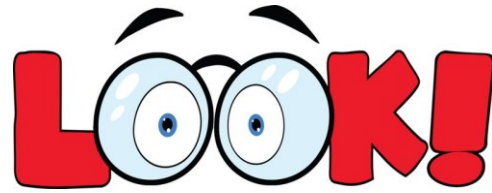
### Business Discussed and Decisions

1. **Light in the walk-in cooler.** (The ballast was removed and converted to a 110-volt LED light fixture).
2. **Storage room and outside storage clean-up.** (Roll-off was delivered on 05/07/2026, clean up was completed on 05/09/2026). Thank you to everyone that participated as this was a huge undertaking. Please make sure to keep the storage area in order.
3. **Ice Maker** (New ice maker was leased and installed on 05/08/2026).
4. **Point of Sales** (POS system was leased and installed on 05/11/2026 and is up and running). The system is new to our bartenders so please be patient during the learning curve.
5. **Fire Alarm Inspection** (Inspection was completed on 05/14/2026, we passed the yearly required inspection).
6. **Back-flow Preventer Inspection** (Yearly inspection was completed on 05/15/2026).
7. **Pool Inspection** (Yearly pool inspection was completed on 05/15/2026, inspection passed, and the pool can be opened). \*Note\* The inspector informed us of changes in the 2026-year laws. The lodge being a non-profit organization we are no longer required to have an inspection for the Social Quarters or Kitchen.
8. **Fire Extinguisher Inspection** (Yearly inspection was completed on 05/15/2026).

The Trustees work hard to make sure our lodge is maintained and running smoothly for our members to enjoy. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me or any of the Trustees.

Thank you,  
Lee Sandlin  
Trustee Chairman





**Proposed Members  
Voting June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Joe Garcia – proposed by Kevin Rains – Lubbock, TX – Employed at Frenship ISD  
 Brad Pierce – proposed by Kevin Rains – Lubbock, TX – Employed at Frenship ISD  
 Beau Ella Preston – proposed by Kim Pearce – Maren, KS – Employed at N/A  
 Bobby Reyes – proposed by Danielle Martinez – Lubbock, TX – Employed at First Christian Church

*June Birthdays*

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 01 Leroy Cruz         | 19 Gerald T. Winans        |
| 03 Amy Chapman        | 21 Carolyn Allen           |
| 04 Pam Gilbert        | 21 Donna Coomer            |
| 06 David Briggs       | 23 Jerry Jones             |
| 06 Kim Pearce         | 23 Celina Villarreal-McKee |
| 06 Armando Perez      | 24 James Johnson           |
| 06 Linda Young        | 25 Kalie Pruiett           |
| 09 Delbert Varnell    | 25 Sherry Wall             |
| 11 Buddy Joe Bennett  | 26 Manuel Gonzales         |
| 13 Rieta Starnes      | 27 Justin Sartor           |
| 13 Ann Warren         | 28 Jennifer Gonzales       |
| 14 Raymond Gamboa Jr. | 28 Randal Rogers           |
| 15 Jason Norby        | 29 Anna Schmid             |
| 16 Austin Webb        | 30 Michael House           |
| 18 Vicky Thompson     | 30 Trace Moore             |



# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		BOD Mtg. 6:00  BOT Mtg To follow BOD Mtg.	Veterans Mtg. 6:00   QOH - 7:00		State Convention June 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	  Soccer Shoot 10:00 am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		  Elks Mtg 7:00 Elk Riders Mtg. 6:30	  7:00 Soccer Shoot Cooking (Kathy Hogan)		Sweetheart Cooking  	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day Ceremony 1:00  	Activity Mtg. 6:00  	Bulletin Articles Due  Committee Chairs need to submit an article	Drug Awareness Cooking (Kathy M) Build your own Nachos QOH - 7:00			Lodge Lease Burgers by the Pool (PERs)  2:00 Poker Tournament
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
  Dining Room Lease 2:00	  6:00	Elks Mtg 7:00  	Bulletin Folding 5:30  ENF Cooking (Deb) Ham & Cheese Sliders		Soccer Shoot Cooking (Kathy Hogan)	DJ Poolside 2-4  Meat Raffle 5:00
28	29	30				
PER Meeting 1:00				250th Anniversary America Celebration July 4 <sup>th</sup> More information to come		

**2026 LODGE COMMITTEE**

Per Section 13.020

STANDING RELIEF COMMITTEE  
 AUDITING & ACCOUNTING  
 COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE  
 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION  
 LODGE ACTIVITIES  
 AMERICANISM  
 FLAG DAY  
 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
 ELKS MEMORIAL DAY  
 VETERANS COMMITTEE  
 PUBLIC RELATIONS  
 MEMBERSHIP  
 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE  
 INDOCTRINATION  
 YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
 DRUG AWARENESS  
 HOOP SHOOT  
 SOCCER SHOOT  
 PER ASSOCIATION  
 ACCIDENT PREVENTION  
 DISCRIMINATION & HARASSMENT  
 RITUAL COACH  
 MEDIATOR  
 POOL/CONCESSION COMMITTEE  
 BULLETIN  
 GROUNDS & LANDSCAPING  
 RV PARK  
 SCHOLARSHIPS  
 KITCHEN  
 SWEETHEART  
 FACEBOOK ADMIN  
 CYBER ASSISTANT COMMITTEE  
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