



Lodge Chartered 9/12/1999

2021-2022 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler Kris Weiland
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Treasurer Linda Harris
Tiler Sally Piper
Esquire Bill Oskin, PER
Chaplain Linda Josephson
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*Allen Webb 2000—2001
*Tom Cleminson 2001—2002
Howard Koontz 2002—2003
Ray Reimer 2003—2004
*Charlie Cape 2004—2005
*Mike Wilcox 2005—2006
Lou Martin 2006—2008
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Bill Inman 2009—2010
*Jerry Barton 2010—2011
Bill Heiter 2011—2012
Lou Martin 2012—2013
Charlie Lum Kee 2013—2014
Debbie Oskin 2014—2015
Rick McDonald 2015—2016
Bill Oskin 2016—2017
Harold Straley 2017—2018
Debbie Oskin 2018—2019
Rick McDonald 2019—2020
Jim Garner 2020—2021
*Departed PERs

PER TRANSFERS

Don Coleman Jerry Cole
Howard "Butch" Shraft

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES

Charlie Lum Kee 2016-2017
Lou Martin 2017-2018
Debbie Oskin 2019-2020

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

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LODGE HOURS

Sun 1:00 pm to 6:00pm
Mon - Thurs, Sat 1:00 pm to 6:00pm
Fri 11:00am - 6:00pm



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My sisters and brothers,

I hope you are staying cool!
As we all know it has been hot

and looks like it is here to stay.

This last month has been busy! The Lodge has been involved in several events along with our Lodge meetings, committees have been meeting keeping the Lodge operating and planning for the future. I am very proud of the people that do the hard work.

The annual Flag Day Ceremony was conducted at Mesquite City Hall. The Veterans Center, Mesquite Police and Fire Honor Guards presented colors. The mayor gave a quick overview of our flag. Your Lodge Officers, Mesquite Show Girls and two young ladies visiting from Wyoming presented the Flags of our Country. PER Don Coleman told the story of "Old Glory". If you have not heard it, it is a great story. Member Janet McDonald presented a tribute to our military members and their families. Very touching presentation. We conducted the ceremony in the City Council Chambers. I want to thank PER/Inner Guard Harold Straley for coordinating the presentation and Martine Green who guided us through the process with the City. We had 70 attend the event!

Father's Day Ceremony was held on June 20th, and it was great! We had close to 80 people attend and the Activities Committee did a fabulous job! The food was delicious, and the bar staff had beverages ready for all.

The Duck Race will be held July 3 at Oasis Golf Course with the results announced at the Lodge following the race. This will be a fun event. The same people that held the Derby Day and the Indy 500 Day races are putting on this event. Come in and enjoy.

JoAnn and I are headed to Tampa for the Grand Lodge Convention July 3-7. This will be interesting and full of information that I will bring back and share at our meetings. There are still COVID-19 restrictions in place for attendees, so the convention has been scaled back.

I want to take a moment to thank the volunteers who make the Lodge what it is. Everything that happens is done by the volunteers that put in their time for us, the members. Whether it Darts or Bags, a Ceremony like Flag Day or Father's Day, burgers or just cleaning up the parking lot. The flags outside on Memorial Day and 4th of July are all done by our volunteers. The bartenders are volunteers who take care of your beverage needs. Do not forget the people who make sure we have the supplies ordered

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All communications may be emailed in Microsoft WORD to Yvonne Lum Kee at ylumkee@gmail.com or Charlie Lum Kee at clumkee@gmail.com.

To Our Absent Member

Tom Cleminson
 DOB: 10/04/1930
 Died: 06/12/2021
 Lifetime Member
 1964-2021, 57 years

Eleven O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message: "To Our Absent Members."

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Keep the following members in your prayers

Gary Arnold is progressing through further medical care.
 Gayle Knievel fell and fractured her hip. She is recovering at home.

With Deepest Sympathy

PER Tom Cleminson passed away June 12, 2021.

Please contact Harold Straley at (702) 218-7383 and/or Wendy Kaplan at (702) 345-2811 to report Sickness/Distress.

If by any chance, you hear of anyone that is under sickness and distress we would like to send them a get well card, visit or call them.

There is an erasable board in the lounge towards the back door that can be used to notify the members who is under the weather.

If we have missed anyone who is not doing well, we will keep our fellow Elks in our prayers.

Applications for Membership

Candidate

Greg Lehnan
 Scott Bartlett
 Irl Stambaugh
 Frank Appelhans
 Linda Hangartner
 Robert Hilligus
 Barbara Perea
 Joyce Schooler

Proposer

David Oakes
 Steve Webb
 Janet Hunter
 David Hewitt
 Ann Murphy
 Joe Casillas
 Mike Reiger
 Steve Webb

Transfers:

Ken Lester from Rapid City, South Dakota Lodge #1187
 Doyle Cantrell from Page, AZ Lodge #2498

All candidates balloted successfully.





Mesquite Elks #2811 will hold a Duck Race at the Oasis Golf Course at 11:00 a.m. on July 3rd. People can meet at the snack shack to watch their duck at the finish line. Prizes for the race will be announced at the Mesquite Elks Lodge following the race. Ducks will be sold for \$10.00 each and proceeds will go to the Building Expansion Fund. Come out and enjoy the fun with your fellow Elks.

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and on hand to serve you your favorite beverage or serve up the burger or fish sandwich. THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Congratulations to our Lodge Secretary Terry! Murray and Terry were married at the Lodge on June 19, 2021. When you see them, wish them well.

THERE ARE NO BUSINESS OR INITIATION MEETINGS IN JULY. We received dispensation for the business meeting (first Thursday), and we do not have an initiation meeting (third Thursday) this month per our bylaws.

Take care, be safe, stay cool. Enjoy the summer.

Fraternally,

Kris K. Weiland
Exalted Ruler
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~Cheers from the bar,

Oh, my goodness.... we made it through a very tough year, and here we are! I think that we can all breathe a little bit, that there is finally a light to guide us through this pandemic. Thank you one and all for hanging in there with us, and because of you, we are here Mesquite #2811 Strong! To our awesome members, officers, and VOLUNTEER bartenders....my hat is tipped to you.... 🎩 So excited for a great Elks year!

A new addition and long time coming.... we finally have an ATM machine in the lodge. It is working great (from personal experience lol) and want to give a thank you to Elk brother Frank for help in making it happen.... we appreciate it so much!!

We are slowly trying to maybe add some hours IF it deems necessary....and I really appreciate Greg, Scott, Wendy, Judi, and Kevin for helping us muddle through figuring out our new "norm". With that being said, I would really like to see the dart group back on Monday nights the way it used to be.... I need some help in getting everyone back on board with making it happen. We now have a committee to oversee darts and bags. This will help to keep everything running smoothly and consistently. Let us start having fun again!

Along with adjusting some of the hours, I do want to let our members know that "happy hour" at the bar will now run from 4:00-5:00. Watch for drink specials to be posted on our board. With ever increasing costs and now delivery fees added on top, we will try to hold off price increases as long as we can. If any members would like to give input or suggestions, let me know! Football season will soon be upon us, and we will be adding some hours back in. It has also been suggested that we bring the Sunday Bloody Mary bar back. This could happen if we can get some volunteers to help out.

Please do not forget, if you are sponsoring a new member, that the proposer (or a member in good standing) **HAS** to buy the drinks for that person until they actually go through their initiation meeting. This is a Grand Lodge rule, and I would appreciate your understanding.

~Peace and Health,

Kathy

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 🐞 To all the ladies out there, spouse of an elk or an elk, I am trying to see if you ladies want to form a Ladies of the Elks club. 🐞
 🐞 We can do wonderful things together, raise money for the Elks or/and charities. My name is Joanne Buress and my email is 🐞
 🐞 ronjo3144@gmail.com. Please email me if interested. I have 🐞
 🐞 discussed this with the Exalted Ruler, and he is all for it. 🐞
 🐞 Please come and join me. Thank you. 🐞
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News from the Activities Committee

The Activities Committee is happy to report that the opening Chamber Breakfast was a great success, as well as the Youth Appreciation Luncheon. Thanks goes out to the following volunteers: Linda Harris, Penny Prapotnik, Glen & Deby Burton, Don & Wendy Lauer, Bill & Debbie Oskin, Janet Hunter, Marie Rasmussen, Eddie Lopez, Monte Dibble, Harold Straley, Brandy Templeton, Greg Sulla, and Wendy Kaplan. Please forgive if we have missed anyone.

We are also happy to announce the Father's Day Brunch was a bona fide "homerun". We had a terrific menu of three delicious casseroles, fruit, and mini cinnamon rolls along with a free drink to get the festivities going. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this gathering a success: Marie Rasmussen, Janet Hunter, Penny Prapotnik, Sharon Blackmore, Sandy Hicks, Don & Wendy Lauer, Rosealee Lee and Monte Dibble, Harold Straley, Wendy Kaplan, and Sharon Bevans. Thanks for all your hard work! 100 hungry Elks were in attendance.

The eagerly anticipated Ackerman Family Spaghetti Dinner is planned for Saturday, July 31. Tickets are \$12 each and available at the bar from Wednesday July 14 through Thursday July 29th. Cocktails At 5:00, dinner at 6:00.

And while this may seem like a long time away, mark your calendars now for a full course Cod Fish Dinner on Saturday August 21st. Cocktail hour will start at 4:00, dinner will be served at 5:00. We are hoping to schedule a live band but will have great music, nonetheless. Put on your dancing shoes! Tickets are \$17.00 each. PROCEEDS FROM THIS DINNER EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND. Please come and join in the fun and help our Lodge expand at the same time.

GOD BLESS and be safe as you enjoy the summer months ahead.

Deby Burton
(801) 791-1900



Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting, another good turnout.



Veterans Day with the lodge officers at the Veterans Memorial Park, with a very good turnout.

Birthday Drink Coupon

This coupon entitles this month's birthday Elk to a free drink of your choice. Cut this out and fill it out and give to the bartender on duty.

PRINT YOUR NAME _____

DATE: _____

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FACEBOOK

at **Elks Lodge #2811**

Mesquite, NV

for the most up to date news
of

Events and happenings at the
Lodge.

REMINDER

If by any chance you have heard that a member is not receiving his or her monthly newsletter, you need to inform them to call the Lodge Secretary at (702) 345-2811 with a current mailing address, phone no. and/or email address. If you want to receive your newsletters via EMAIL, stop by the Lodge and fill out the form. They come in color and save the Lodge postage.



BUSINESS CARD ADS

If anyone knows of a business person who would like to advertise in the monthly newsletter, please contact Yvonne Lum Kee (808) 284-3468 or Terry Rothenberger (702) 345-2811.

Please support the people who support us with their ads.

03 Judy Banks
03 John Spruce
03 Vern Tischler
04 Jan Hernan
06 Sally Piper
07 Sandra Dillon
08 Dominic Oliveto
08 Kim Roberts
08 James Tomasello
09 Melissa McPherson
10 Vicki Hall
11 Debra Berra
11 Robert Cratsenburg
11 Sharon Turano
13 Edwin Schauer
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15 Sandi Sorenson
16 Myrl Adams
16 Jack Foster
16 Kenneth Heath
16 Louis Martin
20 Stephen Pearce
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21 Mary Shober
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22 Shelly Piper-Martin
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24 John Thomas
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Elks Dues Notices, 2nd Mailing

It has come to my attention that many members who have paid their dues and have received their cards have received a second statement. If you have your card, please ignore the statement. If you have concerns, please call Terry at the office 702-345-2811. The statements are prepared and mailed from a contracted agency. Thank you for your understanding.

Fraternally,

Terry Rothenberger
Secretary



Scott Bartlett, Kenneth Holder, Robert Hilligus, Greg Lehnen, Kenneth May, Dawn Pecoraro, Barbara Perea, and Irl Stambaugh were initiated as members on June 17, 2021



- 1) Flag Day was established at Grand Lodge Convention as a required ceremony for local Lodges in what year?
- 2) Where can a member find the "House Rules" of our Lodge?



Darts 101 and Refresher

I would like to welcome all our new members to Mesquite Elks Lodge #2811. As some of you know we play darts on Mondays at 4pm. I have been asked by the ER, Kris Weiland to hold a class for people that have never played and a refresher for the ones that have dabbled/played the game. On July 29th at 4pm, I will be going over the rules and the components of the darts and the dartboard itself. Please feel free to come down any Monday before hand and I will answer any questions that you might have.

Hope to see you on the 29th!

Fraternally,
Wade Bevans





The above recipients are from Virgin Valley High School. They all received \$1,000 each. Congratulations!

L to R: Ethan Woods, Academic scholarship, Orlando Sandavol, Vocational scholarship, Jaden Tan, Academic scholarship, and Jyll Okelberry, Scholarship chair.



Josue Ochoa from Moapa High School, received a \$1,000 Vocational scholarship. Congratulations!



At our Youth Appreciation BBQ we had about 35 people. It was a great time. We drew tickets for some Drug Awareness prizes and had a good time. We had many volunteers who came to help. I am immensely proud of our Lodge. Great people who do great things for our community.



Youth Appreciation BBQ, VVLL Girls team on the left and family and friends on the right. Congratulations to them!!



Flag Day, June 14, 2021 at Mesquite City Hall



Father's Day Brunch, June 20, 2021



Our Father's Day Brunch was a success. Hooray!! We had approximately 70-80 members and guests. The brunch was very good and everyone had a good time comradery with other members on their tables.

The members that showed up to volunteer to help prepare the dishes, setup and clean up is tremendous, the lodge cannot do without them. Kudos to them!!

In the bylaws book.



Membership Matters—A Lot

By Rick Gathen
GL Membership and
Public Relations



EVERY MEMBER of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is important in improving the quality of life in our local Elks communities, and, in turn, improving the Elks communities as a whole. We pledge never to forget our veterans. Our programs help special-needs children and help our nation's youth with scholarships and drug prevention programs. We offer countless opportunities for social activities and new friendships. We are the premier charitable and patriotic organization in the United States.

With nearly 800,000 members working toward this great goal, no wonder the Elks are referred to as the **Best People On Earth**.

Your membership in the Elks matters to millions of deserving Americans. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks would not be the organization it is today without your membership. There is a tangible and emotional benefit we all receive in return for the dues we pay.

Please remember—We all matter just by paying our annual dues!

Thank you to each member of the Elks

Look at your Elks membership as a means
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for a better future for your community.

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JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Scheduled Burger Teams for July July 02 - Foust's Team July 09 - Burton's Team July 16 - Straley's Team July 23 - Bunnel's Team July 30 - Robinson's Team			2021 Grand Lodge Convention Tampa, FL July 4 - 7, 2021	1 No Elks Bus Mtg	2 Bldg Expansion/ Capitol Facilities Mtg, 9:30 am Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish Sandwich, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	3 Rubber Duck Race, Oasis Golf Club, Meet at Snack Shack, 11:00 am \$10.00 for a Rubber Duck
4 4th of July Cornhole Toss 2:00 pm 	5 Darts 4:00 pm 	6 Activities Comm Mtg 2:00 pm House Comm Mtg, 3:30 pm BOD Mtg, 5:00 pm	7 Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm 	8 No Orientation Mtg	9 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish Sandwich, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	10
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18 Cornhole Toss 2:00 pm	19 Darts 4:00 pm 	20 Articles Due for August 2021 Newsletter	21 Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm 	22 PER Meeting 4:00 pm	23 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish Sandwich, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	24
25 Cornhole Toss 2:00 pm 	26 Darts 4:00 pm	27	28 Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm 	29 Darts 101 and Refresher 4:00 pm	30 Bldg Expansion/ Capitol Facilities Mtg, 9:30 am Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish Sandwich, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	31 Ackerman Family Spaghetti Dinner \$12 pp, tickets will be at the bar Cocktails 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm



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Youth (Hoop/Soccer Shoot)Scott Nassetta
Scholarships Jyll Okelberry
Drug Awareness Greg Sula
FraternalBill Oskin, PER
AmericanismBill Oskin, PER

ENF..... Kathy Devore
State Major Debi Olmstead
NEMPI..... Kris Weiland
Flag DayHarold Straley, PER
Elks MemorialJim Garner, PER
Membership Lola Pointer
Lodge Activities Deby Burton
Veterans' ServicesHarold Straley, PER
Accident Prevention.....Glen Burton

PER Association Jim Garner PER
Standing Relief.....Kris Weiland
Lapsation..... Terry Taylor
House CommitteeNeil Watkins
Vets Vans Service..... Sam Latendresse
Government RelationsMartine Greene
Presiding Justice.....Debbie Oskin, PER
Mediator.....Bill Oskin, PER

Slogan of Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R. Ryan:

“Creating Momentum For The Future of Elkdom ”