

Lodge Chartered 9/12/1999

### 2021-2022 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Kris Weiland
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Debbie Oskin	2019-2020

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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



## Volume XXII, Issue 8

### AUGUST 2021



Greeting my Sisters and Brothers!

JoAnn and I attended the Grand Lodge

Convention in Tampa Florida! What an amazing event. The opening ceremony was fantastic, the meetings were very interesting, and the fellowship was excellent! You would not believe what it is like to be in a convention center with 6,673 Elks. I cannot find the words to describe it!

Our Grand Lodge Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills is a very interesting person, and it was great to meet him. I did not get much time to talk but he wants to work hard for our organization.

On top of all that we had a hurricane, and the Tampa Bay Lighting won the Stanley Cup in hockey, and we were there during the 4th of July!

I will give a full report on the resolutions and general business of the Grand Lodge Session at our meeting in September.

Things at the Lodge are going well. The committees are continuing their meetings and planning for activities for the rest of the year.

I understand that the Duck Race went very well, and the Capitol Facilities Improvement (Building Expansion) Committee are very happy with the funds that it raised. There is an article in this newsletter on planned meetings to discuss what we want/need to do to meet our growing membership needs. This is a good problem to have but we need your input to help meet our membership growth.

We are still serving lunch on Fridays, Darts on Monday and Bags on Wednesday and Sunday afternoon. Starting in mid-August pre-season football starts. Let the Sunday Fundays begin.

Your volunteer members are key to the Lodge operating. The most visible are the bartenders and the kitchen crew. The others that we do not see are the ones who take care of the rest of things like putting up the flags, keeping the parking lot clean, changing light bulbs, ordering supplies for the bar, kitchen, mailing out the newsletter. Setting up for Lodge meetings, setting up and decorating for events, cleaning up after events. Even just filling the TP in the rest rooms. Next time you see someone doing something, thank them. Even better, give them a hand. Thank you to all who help doing what needs to be done.

In September we have 3 events on one day! The Lodge twenty second anniversary, Tribute to 911, 20-year anniversary and our Nevada State Elks Associa-

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### MESQUITO BYTES

The Official Publication of the Mesquite Nevada Elks Lodge #2811 545 Riverside Road Mesquite Nevada 89027 Club Phone: 702-345-2811 Fax: 702-345-2812 Email: elks2811@gmail.com

Mesquito Bytes is the official publication of B.P.O.E. No. 2811, published monthly. The purpose of the publication is to provide a ready means of communication within the Lodge. Contributions of interesting and pertinent reading material and photographs are welcomed. The deadline for receiving material is the 20th of each month.

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

Grand Lodge Convention Opening, July 3, 2021



Grand Lodge Convention Closing, July 7, 2021



### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



T. Keith Mills

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Serge (Andy) Gagnon had a heart attack.

Robert Hunsaker is ill.

Elmer Johnston is ill.

PER Rick McDonald had total knee replacement, recovering at home.

### With Deepest Sympathy

Susan Reynolds companion, Luce passed away 7/22/2021. Duane Wille passed away.

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

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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**

#### **Proposer** Candidate

Greg Lehnan **David Oakes** Scott Bartlett Steve Webb Irl Stambaugh Janet Hunter Frank Appelhans **David Hewitt** Linda Hangartner Ann Murphy Robert Hilligus Joe Casillas Barbara Perea Mike Reiger Joyce Schooler Steve Webb

### Transfers:

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

All candidates balloted successfully.

Let us remind ourselves of what our cardinal principles of our Order are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

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tion President Danny Wells and First Lady Mary dinner visit.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, be safe, stay cool!

Fraternally,

Kris K. Weiland Exalted Ruler Kweiland.kw@gmail.com





Our lodge gave the Mesquite Animal Shelter a check for \$275.00 from the aluminum cans that Rick Brown took in for the Elks. It is super cool!!



Greetings from the Capital Facility Improvement Committee.

Sisters & Brothers:

As most of you are aware, we are dealing with a wonderful problem at our Lodge. A conservative estimate indicates our membership can reach 700-750 members in 5 years. As membership continues to increase, we are simply outgrowing our present space.

In 2019, ER Rick commissioned an ad hoc committee to research possible off-sight solutions to our congestion situation. Properties that were toured included the original clubhouse at Falcon Ridge, the building adjacent to the Wolf Creek clubhouse, the market building on Mesquite Blvd., and the clinic building on Hafen Ave. While each property had its share of pluses, there were also issues, mostly including re-modeling costs. The committee basically recommended that constructing our own building would better suit our future needs.

Our current situation is not unprecedented. Recall that we chartered in the small building on Sandhill, then moved to the house at our current location, then expanded that property as well. Each decision to expand was predicated by the same circumstances we are presently experiencing. Thanks to our Founding Sisters and Brothers, each decision set us up to deal with continued growth. Here we are, deja vu all over again. (Thanks, Yogi Berra!)

In late 2020, ER Jim commissioned another temporary committee to research options for expansion. ER Kris extended the committee for his term. We have been meeting regularly and have developed some base recommendations for new construction. We also have many more questions than answers. The bottom line is, we need input from the entire membership to give us the direction to proceed.

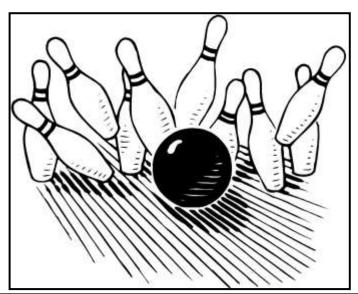
To that end, mark your calendars for a "Town Hall" meeting at 10:00 am on October 16, 2021, at the Lodge. We will present thoughts and ideas developed to this point and solicit information from the membership as well. A follow-up session will be held at the Lodge at 10:00 am November 6, 2021.

Our committee can be contacted at: elksexpansion2811@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Greg Sula & Dennis Baylor Co-chairs





# BUILDING EXPANSION FUND RAISER!!!

Come join us for a great cause!

WHEN: AUGUST 14th

WHERE: VIRGIN RIVER

**CASINO** 

TIME: 11:00 A.M. START

COST: \$30.00 person (draw

for partners)

Includes bowling, prizes, and after bowling festivities, food, and entertainment at the Lodge.

Sign up Sheet at the Bar, Sign up by Thursday, August 12, 2021

### Elks Retired Law Enforcement Officers

If you are a retired law enforcement officer; please contact lodge member Mark Guertin at Marshal6100@gmail.com for more information.



# **Darts Update**

First of all I would like to thank everyone that showed an interest in darts 101. We had two classes in the month of July that turned out to be a successful turn out.

If there's enough people interested in another class I would gladly do another class in September or October.

Starting in the month of August darts will be starting at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you on Monday nights.

Fraternally,

Wade Bevans



## **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:

Check us out on

### **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.



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- 1) Who is our Grand Lodge Exalted Ruler for 2021-2011 year?
- 2) What state is our new Grand Lodge Exalted Ruler from?













Entertainment back at the Lodge after the Duck Race. Everyone that participated had a good time and went back to the Lodge for food, prizes and camaraderie.

~Cheers from the bar,

Things are certainly staying busy at our lodge! It makes me proud to be a member when I see what great things are happening. Hope you got to attend the first annual Duck Derby!

It was a huge success and we had so much fun! This was a fund raiser for our building expansion fund, and a huge success. So many people made this possible and my monthly shoutout goes to them! Monty &Teri Dibble, Teri & Ed Foust, Charlie Foust, Linda Josephson, May Woosley, Brandy Templeton, Jen Henson (aka Tater Salad ⓐ) Teddy and Luann for entertaining us, our amazing team of bartenders, Wendy Kaplan, Judi Kvachuk, Greg Sula, and especially Kevin Schulz for keeping up with a huge crowd at the bar! Everyone that brought food, bought a duck, and supported us at the lodge afterwards, I thank you!!! 🌣 💸

Good things are happening in the background, and we have some incredibly positive things in the future. It has all made possible by you, our members, for supporting the lodge!

Next fundraiser is a bowling tournament on August 14th... see details here in the newsletter or stop by and ask a bartender for details and sign up.

One more shout out and thank you from me goes to Wade Bevans.... thank you so much for forming a bags/ dart committee to organize these two weekly events.... it is awesome what a difference it has already made!!! Great job!

I cannot believe that next month starts our football season!! I cannot imagine being busier than what we are in our little space, but all I can say is, let us embrace it and enjoy it!

Health and happiness always~

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Kathy

### NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We, as a Committee, hope this finds you all staying cool and enjoying the lazy days of summer. July was a pretty quiet month, unless you are a darts and/or bags fan. Inasmuch as I am writing this on July 20th, and the Ackerman Family Spaghetti Dinner is still 11 days away, I have to imagine this Dinner will be a tremendous success. Profound thanks will be extended to all who were instrumental in making this dinner a success in the next newsletter!

On Saturday, August 21st, a Rib Dinner with all the fixin's will be held to benefit the coffers of the Building Expansion Fund. The Activity Committee has decided to switch things up a bit: Happy Hour will be from 4 pm to 5 pm; Dinner will be served at 5 pm; and Entertainment will follow dinner. The cost for this dinner is \$17 per person. Tickets will be available on Monday, August 2nd. Be sure to get yours before they are gone.

The next Activities Committee meeting will be held at the Lodge on Tuesday, August 10th, at 2:00 pm. As summer winds down, activities at the Lodge will begin to gear-up, so please accept our invitation to join us to investigate the activities you would like to be involved with.

God Bless.

Deby Burton 801.791.1900

# Wé Will Never Forget 9/11 Tribute 5:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 11



Followed by Mesquite Elks
Lodge #2811 Birthday Dinner
Welcoming NSEA President
Dan Wells and First Lady Mary



Cocktails 4:00 pm 9/11 Tribute 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm

Admission is free for all members and 1 guest. Tickets are required and can be obtained from the Bar starting Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

# AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cornhole Toss 2:00 pm	Darts 5:00 pm	3	Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm	<b>5</b> No Elks Bus Mtg	Bldg Expansion/ Capitol Facilities Mtg, 9:30 am Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish Sandwich, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	7
8 Cornhole Toss 2:00 pm	<b>9</b> Darts 5:00 pm	Membership Comm Mtg 1:00 pm Activities Comm Mtg 2:00 pm House Comm Mtg, 3:30 pm BOD Mtg 5:00 pm	<b>11</b> Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm	<b>12</b> Orientation Mtg 5:00 pm	Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish Sandwich, Chick- en Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	DD Clinic Ely Lodge, 11:00 am Mesquite Elks Bowling Tourna- ment, 11:00 am Virgin Valley Casino \$30 pp
Cornhole Toss 2:00 pm	16 Darts 5:00 pm	17	18 Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm	DAV Van Drivers Mtg 3:00 PM Elks Initiation Mtg 6:00 pm	Bldg Expansion/ Capitol Facilities Mtg, 9:30 am Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish Sandwich, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am 1:00 pm Articles Due for September 2021 Newsletter	Bldg Expansion Fund Raising Rib Dinner Happy Hour 4:00 to 5:00 pm Dinner 5:00 pm with Entertainment to follow \$17 pp Tickets at the Bar
<b>22</b> Cornhole Toss 2:00 pm	<b>23</b> Darts 5:00 pm	24	Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm	<b>26</b> PER Meeting 4:00 pm	Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish Sandwich, Chick- en Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	28
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# Message from the GER - T. Keith Mills

## Elks keep moving forward and Meeting the Challenge

Wow, what a fantastic opportunity to serve our great Order. I would like to first thank my wonderful wife, Amy. Without her love, support, and commitment this experience would not be possible. We both are very grateful to have been chosen to take this incredible journey. I would also like to thank my other family members. Knowing they are helping take care of our personal obligations at home during this time is a huge help to both of us.

My theme this year is "Meeting the Challenge." This past year was like no other in the history of our Order. With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, I want to congratulate local Boards of Directors and members for their efforts in continuing Lodge operations and remaining active in their community. Thank you for taking and showing pride in our Order. Not only could we not meet regularly, but we all experienced a crash course in virtual meetings.

Summer is still upon us, but fall is closing in. Now is the time to begin planning Lodge fall activities. For example, begin working on a school supply program, or start one if one is not available in your community. This is an opportunity to engage with your schools, help children who need it by providing critical school supplies, and lay the groundwork for other Elks youth programs (e.g., Hoop Shoot, scholarships, drug awareness).

This year, my goal for Elks National Foundation will remain at \$4.80 per Member. I know this goal is easily obtainable since we have more than doubled this number for many years now. The stronger your Lodge, the greater benefit to your community. With the various grants from the Elks National Foundation, we can readily add to existing Community Service Projects. Today, our communities need us more than ever. There are always projects that could use our help to strengthen the charitable works we do. For some ENF Grants, your Lodge just needs to apply. Others are competitive. However, ENF personnel are there to assist you with these proposals.

The Elks Most Valuable Student applications are now open and online. Create a little explanation sheet or download one from elks.org. Then call your high school counselors to inform them of our program and where they can direct their seniors for the eligibility requirements and application. Follow up that call with a small letter. Remember we also have the Student/Teenager Month and Year Program. This is one way for your Lodge to recognize high school students for their work and volunteerism. Look into this program within the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Program Manual.

Finally, this week, visit Elks.org. Under the Fraternal Committee, print off the "Patriotism Week Proclamation." Have your city mayor sign it to proclaim September 6-12, 2021 as National Patriotism Week in your town. Then, use this opportunity to encourage new Members to join our great Order.

Thoughts from Debbie Oskin, PER: Just a reminder that we as Elks members should refrain from discussing Lodge business and finances around the bar and other socializing areas and situations. This may sound like a stuffy outdated idea but there is good reasoning behind it. People often only hear bits and pieces of conversation in noisy rooms, and we all know how easily words can be misunderstood and taken out of context. I've seen friendships destroyed, people seriously hurt and unnecessary trouble created for Lodges due to a few misunderstood or carelessly spoken words. As officers we especially need to be careful where and how we discuss our business because sometimes even a joke from the lips of an officer can be taken seriously or seriously misconstrued. We're here to make friends, look out for one another and do good in our community. Part of our mission is to have the best time possible while achieving our goals. Let's try to keep in mind that Lodge Business is best confined to Lodge Meetings or as someone I knew used to say, "Your opinion isn't worth a dime at the bar, but it may be priceless in a Lodge meeting."

# Member News

### The history of Patriotism Week

By William J. Lindsey

Committee Member

A battle over the Pledge of Allegiance led to the creation of a week-long commemoration of patriotism.

In the late 1970s, 16-year-old Lori Cox of Scottsdale, AZ led a fight to re-institute the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at her high school. She met quite a bit of resistance but won a short-lived struggle with the local school board to recite the Pledge daily on a volunteer basis. However, after five months, the decision was rescinded due to pressure on the school board from disgruntled students and teachers. The Pledge was limited to a voluntary once-a-week event.

Cox pushed to have a state law to allow the recitation of the Pledge. She wrote to the President and 100 other leaders across the nation to support her idea that would expand to involve all Americans. She then wrote to every congressman and senator in the United States to recognize National Patriotism Week. Part of what she said was "we will be a better people because of pride, and by transmitting those attributes to one another."

Because of Ms. Cox's efforts, the week commencing with the third Monday in February 1981 would be known as "National Patriotism Week." It requested the President to issue a proclamation that called on Americans to recognize the week with appropriate celebrations and observances.

In December 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared a resolution calling for the observance of the week, calling upon all primary and secondary schools to adopt a curriculum which should include such elements as the Pledge of Allegiance; the national anthem; national symbols, seals and mottos; and national monuments, heroes, and accomplishments. He also requested each federal agency recognize that week. President Reagan would also make official proclamations for National Patriotism Week.

At the 1982 Grand Lodge Convention, the Elks enthusiastically endorsed a resolution calling for a National Patriotism Week, citing Lori Cox's influence.

Patriot Day was made an American national observance in 2002 by President Bush in memory of those killed in the September 11 attacks. President Obama rededicated it in 2009 as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. This day is not a national holiday but the national flag is flown at half-mast on all US government buildings. National Patriotism Week was moved from the third week in February to the second week in September in 2008.

So what is Patriotism? It is commonly defined as the love of and attachment to one's own country. It also encompasses devotion and robust support for the nation. Patriotism promotes peace and harmony.

How do we promote or demonstrate Patriotism? This can be as simple as holding a moment of silence for our departed or the heroes of our nation. It can be a complex event such as a flag waving parade and speeches. Simply flying our nation's flag, holding a ceremony, or standing during the playing of our national anthem are other examples of patriotism. There is no limit except for your imagination



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# Slogan of Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills:

"Meeting the Challenge"