



Nevada Elks Lodge No. 564

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Officers for the 2023-2024 lodge year are: Jeff Bond (Exalted Ruler), 5088 Blake Salkil (Lecturing Knight), Karen Gordon (Loyal Knight), Troy Denney (Leading Knight), Mike Bessey (Esquire), Stacy Bond (Chaplain), Linda Spencer (Secretary), Pat Renwick (Treasurer), Dennis Bowling (Trustee), Kyle Bond (Trustee), Klay Beisly (Trustee), Colby Beisly (Tiler) and Mark Mendenhall (Inner Guard).

FROM OUR EXALTED RULER

Before I get into our extremely busy December schedule, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who made our annual Thanksgiving dinner and auction a huge success, proving once again that Elk's care 5639 and Elk's share. All right, listen up we're rolling into a very busy December month. Friday, December 1st will be our annual bartender's appreciation dinner this year. We are also going to combine our Christmas dinner and have it all at the same time. We will be bringing back a culinary delight, Richard and Jennifer Webb, will be smoking and cooking tri-tips and all the trimmings for our 3485 wonderful bartenders and Christmas guest. We will also roll right around on Sunday, December 3rd at 1 PM and we will be having our widow's memorial service. Please attend as lunch will be served. On Sunday, December 10th prior to the Kansas City Chiefs/Buffalo Bills football game Keith Byram, and Craig Gundy have volunteered their services, and will be cooking fish and mountain oysters. Troy Denny has already posted dates and times that he will be needing volunteers and help with putting together and delivering the Elks Christmas baskets.

We will be working on closing out 2023 with the Kansas City Chiefs and Cincinnati Bengals football game and New Year's Eve party. This is in the works and will be posting updates as we draw near. In closing, I want to thank everyone that has helped volunteered or showed up 2952 to do all the worthy projects that we did this year. Many of them happen in the fall of the year and I understand how schedules get tight, but I do appreciate everyone's time and effort. Elk's care and Elk's share. Thank you.

Jeff Bond
Exalted Ruler

Putting an end to the year 2023, delivery of Christmas baskets will be happening on December 23, 2023. The week of December 18th-22nd, we will be getting them set up and packed. 5289 The presents are to be purchased on Saturday the 16th and wrapped the week of the 18th. Brianna Jenkins oversees this event of the baskets. We are going to request families to come to the lodge and pick up baskets and presents if they can, but we will deliver a limited number of baskets. We will do this because the numbers helping deliver, have been down, and delivering on the 23rd could pose a smaller number of people that can help. Please come out and help with the baskets - Elks Care Elks Share! Watch our Facebook page for updates. If you want to help, contact me or call the lodge.

Troy Denney
Leading Knight

I can't say THANK YOU enough to everyone who helped make this year's Thanksgiving Auction great! Without your donations and bids, pulling off

this event wouldn't have been possible. Raising just under \$30,000 is truly 5157 amazing! Richard and Jenifer Webb cooked a fabulous meal and several Elk members helped with cooking, carving and kitchen duties. Mike Bessey squeezed in making the dressing between play practice. Thank you to those who brought desserts to complete the meal. Cole Abele always shares his auctioneering skills and keeps the night moving. I especially want to say thank you to my girl crew who put up with my crankiness and basically did whatever task 5156 I asked them to do. We prove time and time again that Elks Care, Elks Share. Because of all of you, a lot of families in Vernon County are going to have a good Christmas! Thank you!
 Karen Gordon
 Loyal Knight

Greetings to all! Thank you to everyone who helped and attended our veterans' events last month. It was a busy November. A big thank you to all of my committee members and our helpers. You are awesome and I appreciate you so 5015 much. The veterans Friday night feed will be chili and soup on the 9th. Please continue to come out and support us. Our deer hide program is in full swing. If you are interested in helping with the salting and stacking of the hides, please let us know. Wishing everyone happy holidays.
 The veterans committee

The lodge will have a New Year's Eve party on December the 31st. The Versatile Band from Joplin, Missouri will be playing New Year's Eve at the lodge. It will be free to all members and guest. We will have finger foods and appetizers and a champagne toast at midnight. Hope to see you New Year's Eve at the Elks Lodge.
 Entertainment Chairman - Spotty

Did you know that our base amount for the Gratitude Grant is \$2000? If we meet \$4.80 per donor, that is an automatic grant, no restrictions. However, if we meet 15% donations from our total membership, we get another \$500! Plus, 4813 if we have 5% of our prior year's donors who give more than once per year, we get another \$500! Please consider going to www.elks.org on your cell phone, scroll down to the red banner that says Donate to Elks National Foundation and donate today! Thank you!

JUST A REMINDER: The Lodge still has "Challenge Coins" for sale. They are available at a price of \$10.00 for Veterans and \$15.00 for non-Veterans.

In an effort to cut back on expenses, I would like you to send your e-mail address to bpoe564@yahoo.com so that the 4325 monthly newsletters can be e-mailed to you, instead of receiving it by mail. This will save on printing, cost of mailing and time, (with the requirements of the postal service). If you are already getting it by e-mail, you do not need to send your e-mail address. Thank you in advance for helping your lodge with expenses. Linda Spencer/Secretary

When you pay your dues, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure the Secretary has your current address.
 Thank you! We still have 83 delinquent members for the 2023-2024 lodge year. The DUES were due by April 1st. Please pay your dues next time you are in the lodge. THANK YOU!
 Linda Spencer

If you need to send an e-mail to the lodge, please use the bpoe564@yahoo.com address. I only use the Gmail account to send out newsletters.
 Thanks. Linda Spencer

TUESDAY LUNCH MEALS

- Dec. 5th - Call lodge or check FB page
- Dec. 12th - Call lodge or check FB page
- Dec. 19th - Call lodge or check FB page
- Dec. 26th - Call lodge or check FB page

FRIDAY NIGHT FEEDS

- Dec. 1st - Christmas/Bartender's dinner
- Dec. 8th - Chili - Veterans Committee
- Dec. 15th - Call lodge or check FB page
- Dec. 22nd - Call lodge or check FB page
- Dec. 29th - Call lodge or check FB page

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Total Membership	817
Lifetime Members	105
Delinquent Members	83
Candidates for Initiation	20

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR TRASH IN THE CAN RECYCLE CONTAINER LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS.

