

# Elketts Corner

The Elkettes held their annual election of officers. Rosanna Gold was elected President, Darlene Bernhardt was elected Treasurer and Kim Bungard was elected Secretary.

Elkette dues are due in September, and are \$15 per year. If you would like to join the Elkettes, please reach out to any officer and they can help you out!

The Ladies will be cooking for roll call on October 23. The menu is smothered pork chops, potatoes au gratin and all the fixings!



Come and check out our kitchen upgrades. Pretty special! Thank you to all the volunteers and the Elkettes for making this happen.



# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Frank Carochi
- 1 Miles Lee Daffron
- 1 John Warner
- 3 Donald Duran
- 3 Ruben Garza
- 4 Steven Martinez
- 5 Michael Cornella
- 9 Barry Steve Hess
- 9 Anthony Shaffer
- 10 Gabriel Rocchio
- 12 James Fatula
- 13 Sidney Dickens
- 13 Joen Elliott
- 13 Janice Swarm
- 15 Roy Button
- 19 Jerry Archer
- 19 Manual Pedigo
- 20 Paul Forsett
- 20 Michael Ulvog
- 23 Rodney Page
- 25 Jimmy Vigil
- 27 LaDonna Webb
- 30 Jeff Huish
- 31 Vicki Becco
- 31 Lenore Bufmack
- 31 Susan Hilderbrand

**BINGO**

**EVERY TUESDAY!**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM**  
**EARLY BIRD AT 6:45**  
**GAME STARTS AT 7:00PM**

Progressive Pot  
 Flaming Balls  
 New Games

Open to the Public

Food Served until 8pm

**Florence Elks**  
 East Front Street, Florence  
 719-784-3892

**Elks**  
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Any member who is having a birthday in the month of SEPTEMBER please come into the club and receive your ... FREE DRINK

## A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Greetings All!

The Annual Pioneer Dance and Coronation was a big hit. The Lodge had a packed house hosting both the dance and the Class of 1975 reunion. Many thanks to all of the volunteers that stepped up to help out.

The new stove and fryer have been installed in the kitchen and it looks great. Stop in and have a look! The game room has been cleaned up and is ready for use. Shuffleboard, Foosball, Darts and a TV (courtesy of the Sunday Poker players) has been hung. In addition, we've been collecting games so we can begin some Friday or Saturday Game Nights.

We initiated two more members this month, Jeff Huish and Jason Hall. If you see them in the Lodge please give them a warm wELKome.

Friday Food Fun is picking up. Be sure to come in and have a \$3 meal on Fridays. There will be one dish meals available (sloppy joes, spaghetti, lasagna, etc.) for \$3. Pick up your plate from the bar and serve and cleanup after yourself. We have volunteer bartenders on Friday and Saturdays. If you are interested in taking the training and doing some limited time behind the bar, please let an officer know.

This month is Roll Call on October 23. The Elkettes will be fixing smothered Pork Chops. Please plan to attend so we can "count your years" as a member. At the end of the month, we will be hosting our Annual Children's Halloween Contest. If you would like to help with that event, please reach out to Tara.

And, the Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner is right around the corner. Sign up sheets will be on the bar. Glenette is beginning to plan the Children's Christmas Stocking party. Please reach out to her if you are interested in participating.. When you see new members, please reach out and introduce yourself. Welcome them into this great organization we belong to.

Hope to see you around the Lodge!



## FREMONT VICTORY QUILTERS

**THE FREMONT VICTORY  
QUILTERS ARE PROUD TO  
MAKE QUILTS FOR VETERANS**

**ALL QUILTS HAVE A PATRIOTIC THEME**

**YOU GET TO PICK A QUILT AS  
A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION  
FOR YOUR SERVICE**



If you would like a quilt please call  
Susan Hildebrand at 719-359-7624



The Fremont Victory Quilters, an auxiliary group of our Lodge, make amazing quilts. Every year they make our Lodge a beautiful quilt. They also make patriotic quilts for Veterans and do a presentation every quarter. If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran, please call Susan Hildebrand at 719-359-7624.

# THIS AND THAT



**INITIATION**  
 Congratulation to Jeff Huish and Jason Hall for becoming two new members of our Lodge. Give them a warm wEL-  
 Kome when you see them. Jeff is pictured with two of our long-time members, Ernie and Jim Ross.



## Sickness and Distress



Elaine Schutte—knee replacement  
 Vic Peterson—Broken Shoulder  
 Michael McCallister—Hospitalized  
 Janet Bernal—Back Issues



Winner of the Club Bingo "Must Go", Karyn Bergman is pictured with Bingo Manager Cory Bungard. Congratulations!

**Volunteers needed to  
 work in the bar.  
 Must be certified to  
 serve alcohol.  
 Leave a message at 719-  
 784-3892.**

## Save the Date

04.25—APPLE DAY PARADE  
 TRAVELING ELKS  
 10.5.25—INITIATION AT NOON  
 10.11-12.25 STATE SOCCER SHOOT  
 10.19.25—SONS OF ITALY  
 FUNDRAISER  
 10.23.25 - DINNER AND ROLL  
 CALL  
 10.31.25—CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN  
 PARTY AND COSTUME CONTEST



Nancy Herrera does an outstanding job of decorating our Lodge.

## Opportunity to Volunteer

Are you wanting to help the lodge  
but not sure how?

**BINGO** is in need of helpers. We need ticket sales, callers, food runners. One Tuesday a month would be great. We feed you dinner and it's a great opportunity to help the lodge and meet some really great people. If you are interested just let Cory Bungard know.



## ROLL CALL

**THURSDAY, October 23** is our Annual Roll Call meeting. The Elkettes will be preparing smothered pork chops with Roseanna at the helm, followed by the Lodge meeting and member's years as an Elk will be tallied.

A Halloween-themed poster for a children's party and costume contest. The text reads: "FLORENCE ELKS LODGE 611 HALLOWEEN CHILDREN'S PARTY AND FREE COSTUME CONTEST WIN PRIZES FOR SCARIEST, FUNNIEST, CUTEST COSTUME FRIDAY OCTOBER 31 AFTER TRUNK OR TREAT". The poster features illustrations of a bat, a skull, and two skeletons. A central image shows a framed picture of a moon over a landscape. At the bottom, it says "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" and "131 EAST FRONT FLORENCE" next to a circular logo with an elk head.

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## WHAT IS ENF?

Elks National Foundation was started in 1928 by the then National Elks President John F Malley. It was started because Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind."

Today ENF contributes to many charitable causes. Grants and scholarships are dispersed to lodges across the United States. This year \$18 million is allocated to the Community Investment Program which gives lodges the opportunity to apply for grants.

The ability to apply for grants is based upon our local members helping to meet the per capita donation requirements. **The goal this year is to donate \$5.15 per member to ENF.** Meeting these goals has given our lodge the opportunity to apply for grants over many years.

Since 2020 Florence Elks 611 has used the Community Investment Program grants to put \$39,200 directly back into our community. We have used this money to serve our veterans by helping newly homed veterans buy home goods. We invite the elderly and disabled to come to our lodge every year for Christmas in July. We have helped Girl Scouts earn their Gold Awards while also giving back to our local Humane Society.

Our members' contributions allowed us to support food banks and first responders during the pandemic using CIP grant funds. The list goes on and on. Last year our lodge donated \$11.64 per member to ENF. With 331 members during the last Elk year that means we donated \$3,852.84. We received \$10,000.00 back in grants for charitable projects in our community.

Meeting our per capita goals also qualifies us to receive a \$1000.00 scholarship from Colorado State Elks Association.

While a lot of this charitable work may seem to go on in the background of what we do, it is important for our members to know that their donations and dues are paying back to our community in a huge way!

## Elks National Foundation Scholarship Applications Open

By PATRICK ROELOFS ENF Communications Coordinator Support systems can be hard to gain, especially ones that understand the challenges of transitioning to college. With scholarships from the Elks National Foundation, students receive more than financial aid; they receive an invitation to join a strong, supportive community: the #ElksFamily.

“It’s been great building my #ElksFamily,” said Emma Qiao, a 2025 Top 20 Most Valuable Student scholar sponsored by Clear Lake (Kemah), TX Lodge No. 2322. “Even though we all live in different areas, at the end of the day, we’re all Elks scholars, and we can always come back to this community.”

Ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are open to high school seniors who will be pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis, in a United States college or university. Five hundred four-year scholarships will be awarded to the highest-rated applicants in the 2026 competition.

No relation to the Elks is needed to much to me and my family,” said Kaylee Kollross, a 2025 Legacy Awards recipient sponsored by Marshfield, WI Lodge No. apply for the MVS scholarship, but once someone is an Elks scholar, they are part of the #ElksFamily for life. “I never realized how beneficial the Elks are, what they do for people, and what their principles are,” said Ricky Lazaro, a 2025 Top 20 Most Valuable Student scholar sponsored by San Antonio, TX Lodge No. 216. “It’s something that I think is really revolutionary, and I plan on being a part of it in the future.”

For Legacy Awards winners, the Elks have always been part of the family. Awarded to children or grandchildren of Elks, this \$1,000-per-year scholarship requires recipients to serve with an Elks Lodge three times over the four years they receive the scholarship. “Receiving a Legacy Award means so 665. “As the granddaughter of an Elks Member, I’ve seen firsthand some of the values the Order stands for—community, charity, integrity, and knowledge—and I am proud to carry those values forward in my own educational journey.”

As they enter the next stages of their life, the class of 2026 Elks scholars will feel a range of emotions; with their new #ElksFamily, they will never feel alone. Applications for the 2026 Most Valuable Student scholarship and Legacy Awards are now open! If you know any high school seniors, encourage them to apply. In 2025-26, the Elks National Foundation will award \$5 million in college scholarships, ensuring a bright future for our nation’s youth.

As important members of the Elks family, Elks scholars receive many social and service opportunities with the Elks and one another. For more information about our scholarship programs and ways Lodges can get involved with Elks scholars, visit [elks.org/scholars](http://elks.org/scholars).

***This is an excellent opportunity for your children and grandchildren. Kim Bungard is our Scholarship Chair and she can help you. Her contact information is [kimberlybungard@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlybungard@gmail.com) or 719-225-3486.***



