

“A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION”



THE BUSY BUCKS



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GOD BLESS AMERICA



Blessed to be an American... Proud to be an Elk!!



PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THINGS ARE SUBJECT TO US BEING OPEN DUE TO COVID!!!!!!

A Huge Congratulations to ALL of the winners at the Chili cook off, it was a bug success for all. A big Thanks to all of the volunteers, cooks, and judges.



And Because of the big success of the chili cook off We as a team with CASI were able to donate \$500 & 539 pounds of food to Irving Cares



This is what Elks do!!



We donated 6 tables and our old flag on the pole with the stand to the West Fork Village Senior Living



Message from The Exalted Ruler

My Fellow Elks.

Another Holiday Season has passed by. As opposed to last year where folks could not see and visit family members due to Covid, things changed this year for the better. This December we were able to enjoy fellowship at the Lodge for the women's Christmas get together, share some tasty Egg Nog on Christmas Eve (thank you Tara for the Egg Nog), and eat lunch together Christmas Day (thank you Christine for working and those who provided side dishes). Other things the Elks did in December included the Memorial Service on the first Sunday, Ned Spencer as Elvis hosting the toy drive, the canned food drive as part of the PER chili cook-off, giving money to Irving Cares, and Santa visiting this year.

It's now onward to 2022. Yes, the Lodge will be closed due to Covid for 1 to 2 weeks. However, our Lodge will be hosting Inter-lodge on Saturday January 22nd and will include a Casino Night. With the planning and insight provided by Sean Bruce and Billy Pence, plus George Wood cooking, this will be a nice get together for everyone. Your Lodge officers will be receiving additional Elk training, and I hope to learn a second trade that evening as a Blackjack dealer if allowed.

Other January events includes Sweetheart bowling on Saturday January 8th at Bowl USA, so get your bowling ball ready and game face on. On Sunday January 9th the Lodge will be hosting a Memorial Service for our departed member Lo Robinson from 4 to 7 pm. On Saturday January 29th the Sweetheart will have a 'Roaring 20's' Valentines Event, so be sure to have your costumes ready and get those reservations in to Tara.

Now for the fun part of the ER letter. For Elk of the Month I have selected someone who is a PER, helps out with events and cooking, oversees several chili cook-offs, attended the Terlingua chili cook-off, and assists in a number of other ways. Congratulations Jennifer Moore!

Respectfully,
Bill Brewer
Exalted Ruler

GOODBYE 2021.....HELLO 2022

2021-2022 Lodge Officers

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Exalted Ruler | Bill Brewer |
| Esteemed Leading Knight | Matt Boyd |
| Esteemed Loyal Knight | Sean Newell |
| Esteemed Lecturing Knight | Elvia "Cookie" Newell |
| Secretary | Audrey Wood |
| Treasurer | Cheryl Howe |
| Esquire | Jennifer Moore, PER |
| Chaplain | Emily Humphrey |
| Inner Guard | James Shepherd |
| Tiler | Mike Moore, PER |
| 1 Year Trustee | Delwyn Black |
| 2 Year Trustee | Greg Kimbrell |
| 3 Year Trustee | Ronnie Cagle |
| 4 Year Trustee | Victor Marks |
| 5 Year Trustee | George Wood |

2021-2022 House Committee

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Walt Atchley- Chairman | Joel Cline | |
| Katie Cobb | Gary Panther | Frank Pieschel |
| Dale Mitchusson | Sharon Neff | |
| Kitchen Manager-Billy Pence | | |
| Greg Kimbrell- Bar Manager | | |



2021-2022 Lodge Sweetheart Tara Mather

2021-2022 Committee Members

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Accident Prevention | All Trustees |
| Americanism | Barry Hohlfelder |
| Auditing | Marsha Rodgers |
| <u>Community Activities</u> | |
| Drug Awareness | Billy Pence |
| ENF | James "Matt" Boyd |
| Government Relations | James Dickens, PER |
| Hoop Shoot | Val Garcia |
| Indoctrination | Matt Boyd |
| Lapsation | |

Lodge Activities

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Lodge Functions | Matt Cummings |
| Membership | John Strickland |
| Memorial Service | Barry Hohlfelder |
| National Veterans Services | Barry Hohlfelder |
| PERs | Billy Pence, PER |
| Public Relations | Sean Bruce PER |
| Relief | All Officers |
| Senior Citizen | Katie Cobb |
| Visitation | Katie Cobb |
| Youth Activities | Jennifer Moore PER |
| Interlodge Chairman | James "Matt" Boyd |

Investigation Committee

Lodge Officers



From the Secretary's Desk

We have
Total Members are 388
Candidates are 12
Delinquents are 54

Hello, our Elk Family Members. Just a reminder that delinquent members will be dropped as of March 20th and you will have 30 days to reinstate without any penalties before you have to reapply. Please check with me if you have moved or changed your number over the last couple of years, so we can keep you up to date on lodge business and events. Help me welcome our newest members Tim Lemke, Jaime Climer, Michael Cress, Kalleda Hardman, Jared West & Tim Stout. Just a reminder that for next year Grand Lodge is increasing their insurance and magazine fees in the amount of \$5 for every member. Regular members will pay \$100.50 and Life Members will pay \$37.50. We are starting to bring in younger members now but we are always on the look out for people that want to help us do what Elks do. Keep bringing in your family and friends to keep our lodge growing.

Sincerely,
Audrey Wood
Irving Elks Lodge #2334 Secretary
Secitx2334@yahoo.com

COMMUNICATIONS

We communicate in many different ways now days, either by mail, text, email or fa-
cebook. If you would like to receive notifi-
cations by email or text please be sure to
call the Lodge with your information. You
can request to be added to our facebook
page at Irving Elks #2334 Texas. We try to
keep all members informed.

Veterans Service Report



We are still not allowed to go to the VA Hospital due to COVID. Once things are allowed, we will start making plans. We are still looking into putting some gift bags together to take out there at some future date.

We were approved for a Freedom Grant in April. We will be doing the same thing we did last year, only we will do it this month— care packages for the troops. We are planning a mid-January time to get together to box up the care packages, so stay tuned for further information.

Contributions for the year through November are \$3600.00 to veterans causes. Thanks to all who have helped out this year.

Fraternally,
Barry Hohlfelder

To Our Absent Members

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Joyce Gregory
Freddie Cotton
Don Barker
Alex Guzman Jr

All of those sick with Covid

Thoughts and Prayers to All who are battling illness, on the mend or who have had loss in their lives...God Bless You

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

MONTHLY ENTERTAINMENT

BANDS

Friday January 14- "Sweatin Bullets"

\$5 Cover

Friday January 21- "Dixie Rex"

\$5 Cover

Friday January 28- "Billy Keeble"

JAM SESSION EVERY SUNDAY@4

Attention Veterans!!!!

If you are a Veteran & we don't have a picture of you in our wall unit, please email us a Copy at elks2334newsletter@gmail.com or bring a picture by the Lodge & we will scan it in. **Again Thank You for Your Service!**

"HOOP SHOOTS"

As so many things were affected by COVID, Schools & our Hoop Shoots program were amongst them. It is almost time for Hoop Shoots & we are awaiting response from the schools to see if we will be moving forward with it this year. Please look for more information to come.



JANUARY 2022



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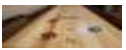
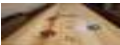
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| | | | | | ♪ | January 1 |
| 2 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm Shuffleboard @ 3:30  | 3 House Com. Mtg @6:30 pm Membership @6:30 | 4 Lodge Mtg 7:30 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 5 Stew by House Committee \$8.50 Queen of Hearts | 6 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 7 Open Menu | 8 Sweetheart Bowling 1 PM Lo Robinson Memorial 4-7 |
| 9  | 10 | 11 BOD Meeting "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 12 Shepherds Pie by Billy Pence \$8.50 Queen of Hearts | 13 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 14 Open Menu ♪ "Sweatin Bullets" \$5 Cover | 15 Member Rental 1-4 pm |
| 16 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm Shuffleboard @ 3:30  | 17 House Com. Mtg @6:30 pm Membership @6:30 | 18 Lodge Mtg 7:30 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 19 BBQ by Steve Thomas & Matt \$15 Queen of Hearts | 20 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm PER Mtg @ 7 | 21 Open Menu ♪ "Dixie Rex" \$5 Cover | 22 Interlodge |
| 23 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm Shuffleboard @ 3:30  | 24 | 25 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 26 ENF Dinne Queen of Hearts | 27 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 28 Open Menu "Billy Keeble" | 29 Sweetheart Roaring 20's Gala |
| 30 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm Shuffleboard @ 3:30  | 31 | February 1 Lodge Mtg 7:30 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 2 Queen of Hearts | 3 "Happy Hour" 4-8pm | 4 Open Menu ♪ | 5 |

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS & IDEAS FOR THE KITCHEN SEE SHARON & COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



01 Donald Barker
 03 Royce Hines
 04 Loyd Pearson
 04 Kelli Pieschel

05 Michael Garvin
 06 Glenn Talley
 08 Kevin Smith
 09 Vickie Clem
 10 Lewis Elam
 10 Kelley Holley
 12 Joe McPeters
 13 Robert Sheely
 13 Jim Taylor
 15 Teena Friedel
 15 Stephanie Hamilton
 17 Devin McGuinness
 17 John Randle
 18 James Allen

18 Mark Welschmeyer
 19 Donna Jobe
 19 Melvin Mann
 23 Gloria Bryan
 24 Melissa Holbrook
 25 Barry Carter
 25 Ronnie Giles
 25 Joseph Tracey
 28 Benny Griffin
 29 Jim Rie
 29 James Willis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Come to the Lodge on your Birthday for a FREE BEVERAGE!!!

From The Sweetheart Corner:

Hello all,

I hope everyone had a great holiday. As many of you know I was positive for COVID so I apologize for my absence during this time. Thank you all for the calls and texts to check on me during the crazy time. I am feeling okay!

January is a big month for the Sweetheart we have lots going on.

First, on Jan. 8th we are having our Bowlerama.

Also, **Jan. 29th A Roaring 20's Gala** Find your favorite Flapper Dress ladies, and guys get out your Fedora and Tommy Guns. We are going to have a Prohibition Era good time. John Gray will be cooking Prime Rib paired with the perfect sides dishes. All the proceeds will go to the Texas Elks Childrens Services. More details will be posted at the lodge.

Don't forget if your Red Pig is full you can bring it in to the lodge anytime and we can give you another one. We are getting so close to our goal.



Thank you again for all your support,
 Your Sweetheart
 Tara Mather
 469-223-7752
 Taramather1974@gmail.com



Trustee/BOD

Old Business

Previous meetings minutes approved.

New Business

Motion approved to buy a 4 tap beer dispenser

Motion approved to donate 6 old tables and our American flag to West Fork Village retirement community

Motion approved to buy 6 new tables

Motion approved to buy a new American flag, pole, and base

Next BoD Meeting is 1/11/22 at 7:00 pm

Senior Bingo

I had a discussion with the House Committee and Bill Brewer and everyone is in agreement that the Senior Bingo will delay starting until April 2022. There were a lot of factors that were considered in this decision, and we have decided to err on Caution on the startup. Some of the factors considered were that the numbers of Covid cases are on the rise, the new variant that now is in Texas, the winter months are here, we don't want to be a super spreader location, and most importantly we don't want the Seniors or the volunteers to get sick.

Thank you,
Katie Cobb

Membership

Merry Christmas to all who celebrate Christ's birth. Happy holidays for the other wonderful celebrations that bring families together this time of the year. I hope it is an enjoyable and uplifting time for all.

We had a pretty good year membership wise. We are poised to keep our membership steady even with all the change that Covid has put upon us.

For everyone that has brought a new member in, you have played a key role in helping keep lodge 2334 strong and growing. For all that have reached out to a member that we haven't seen I awhile thank you for doing so. Making sure our lost members know we are missing them is vital to keeping them active in the lodge. We need to keep all the members that can no longer participate in lodge activities, no matter the reason, in our thoughts and prayers. We still have until April to bring in new members and bring back some of the 54 that we haven't seen since Covid struck.

A special thanks to Audrey Wood, Matt Boyd and Ed Salazar for all of the work they have done for membership.

Thank You
John Stricklin

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**ELKS CARE
ELKS SHARE
B.P.O.E.**

Lodge Hours (Subject to Change)

Monday - Thursday 3:00pm - 10:00pm

Friday 3:00pm - Midnight

Saturday 12:00pm - 9:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm - 8:00pm

(unless 5 or more Members present)

On Function Nights, Lodge will close at the conclusion of the event.

Kitchen Hours

Wednesday-Friday Nights Dinner

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Food available during bar hours

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the North District**

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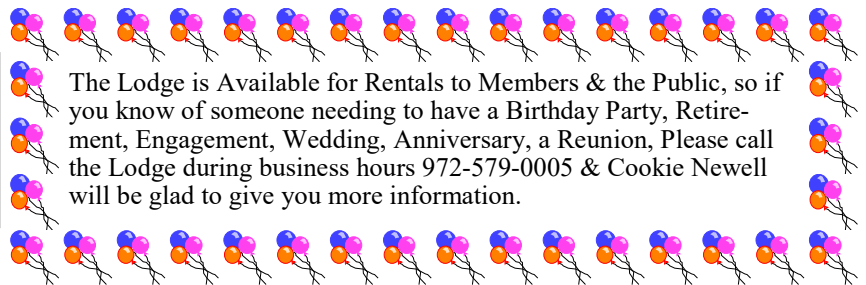
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REMINDER: Guests MUST be signed in by an Elk Member. In addition, the guest MUST leave when the Member leaves. All members should use their cards.

Texas Elks website -

texaselk.org

BPOE Grand Lodge - **elks.org**



The Lodge is Available for Rentals to Members & the Public, so if you know of someone needing to have a Birthday Party, Retirement, Engagement, Wedding, Anniversary, a Reunion, Please call the Lodge during business hours 972-579-0005 & Cookie Newell will be glad to give you more information.



From the Bulletin Editor:

I NEED EMAIL ADDRESSES!!!

If you are picking up your bulletin at the lodge & would like it emailed please send me an updated email address. There are a lot of events that go on throughout each month that are blasted out via e-mail and if you are not on the list, you won't be up-to-date!

Thank you to those who are receiving the Bulletin via email and saving postage!