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**Exalted
Ruler**

Krystal

Dear Fellow Elks,

As I write my final bulletin article as your Exalted Ruler, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all my officers who have supported and encouraged me throughout my term. Thank you

for standing by my side. I know that commitment is not always easy. I also want to extend a big thank you to my wonderful husband, Terry, for his unwavering help and support. He is a true Elk and the reason I became one.

I would like to welcome our incoming Exalted Ruler, Ted Figueroa. Please show him the same support that you have shown me. Congratulations to all the returning and new offic-

ers for the 2025/2026 year!

It's that time of year again for our annual Fish Fry, and we invite everyone to participate. It will begin on every Friday starting March 7th and run through April 11th. This is one of our biggest fundraisers! I'll be in charge of the cornbread again this year.

What would you enjoy helping with? We need assistance with

PLEASE SEE ER, PG 6

A graphic with a blue background. At the top, it says 'ELKS' in large white letters and 'Reminder to Renew' in yellow. Below this is a photo of a smiling woman in a white 'ELKS VOLUNTEER ROCKSTARS' t-shirt. To her right is a yellow sticky note that says 'ELKS LODGE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT DUE!!'. At the bottom, it says 'Pay your dues today!' and 'Contact your Lodge Secretary' in yellow. The bottom of the graphic has a black bar with the text 'Community • Friendship • Charity' and 'elks.org' in white, along with the Elks logo.

From the Lodge Sweetheart, Michele Cummins

Hello all!

It's has been an amazing year as your Lodge Sweetheart. I've had a wonderful time with our raffles, functions, and fundraisers - I hope you all have as well. I deeply appreciate all the support each of you have shown this year in support of our Children's Camp. I know it's greatly appreciated by them and will help many children over the summer have fun at camp and help with their many needs throughout the year.

Don't forget - we have our Queen of Hearts drawing still

PLEASE SEE SWEETHEART, PG 6

LODGE MEETINGS SCHEDULES

LODGE MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

PER ASSOCIATION

Quarterly on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM.
January, April, July, and October.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

LOUNGE HOURS

MONDAY	3 - 9 PM
TUESDAY	3 - 9 PM
WEDNESDAY	3 - 9 PM
THURSDAY	3 - 9 PM
FRIDAY	3 - 9 PM
SATURDAY	3 - 7 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

2024/2025 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Krystal Peterson
Leading Knight.....Jesse Battle
Loyal Knight.....Ted Figueroa
Lecturing Knight.....Duffy Cummins
Secretary.....Idotha Battle
Treasurer.....Cindi Ray
Tiler.....Thomas Morgan
Esquire.....Al Lewis
Chaplain.....
Inner Guard.....Zola Johnson
Presiding Justice.....Nathan Fugate

Board of Directors

Exalted Ruler.....Krystal Peterson
Leading Knight.....Jesse Battle
Loyal Knight.....Ted Figueroa
Lecturing Knight.....Duffy Cummins
5 Year Trustee.....Roy Medina
4 Year Trustee.....Lena Core
3 Year Trustee.....Jessica "Red" Myers
2 Year Trustee.....Sara Robertson
1 Year Trustee.....J. Dean Craig

Have an announcement,
picture, article, etc?
Submit by the 20th to
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COMMITTEES

<i>Accident Prevention</i>	J Dean Craig, PER
<i>Americanism</i>	Sam Fugate, PER
<i>Auditing</i>	Vacant
<i>Bulletin</i>	Cindi Ray
<i>Cyber Assistant</i>	Tony Deel
<i>Drug Awareness</i>	Zola Johnson
<i>ENF</i>	Carmen Llacuna
<i>Flag Day</i>	Rolando Garza
<i>Hoop Shoot</i>	Ken Moses, PDDGER
<i>House Committee</i>	Michele Cummins
<i>Membership</i>	Duffy Cummins
<i>Memorial Service</i>	Krystal Peterson
<i>PER Association</i>	Sara Robertson, PER
<i>Public Relations</i>	Vacant
<i>Veteran Services</i>	Frank Evans
<i>Youth Activities</i>	Ken Moses, PDDGER

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep your fellow Elks and Elk Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Lena Core

Chuck Ellis

Ray Huffman

Jim Stell

Melissa Woodruff

If you know or hear of an Elk or family member who is ill or has passed away, please notify us by leaving a note with the Lodge Attendant or emailing bpoe1926bulletin@gmail.com.



02 Terry Peterson
03 Fred Hamilton III
04 Juan Delgado
05 Jerry Bogener
07 Duffy Cummins
11 Jim Baugus
16 Ronnie Brown
16 Frank Evans
17 Mary Black
17 Roberto Garza Sr.
17 Joseph Harris
18 Chester Prejean Jr
21 Bobby Curbow Jr
23 Mandy Rodriguez
24 Billy Yaklin



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171**

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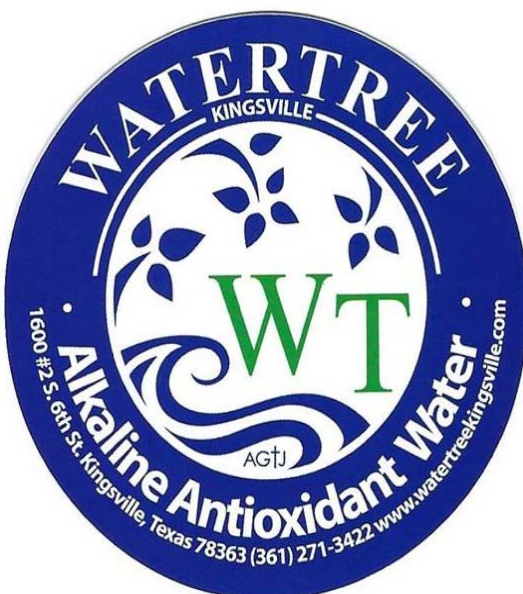


*Happy Saint
Patrick's Day*

from

J. Dean & Michelle

Craig



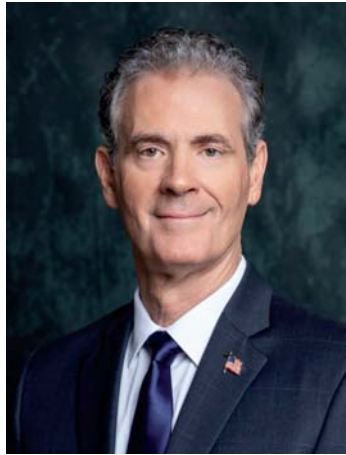
THANK YOU!

Deadlines, programs, training wrap up Lodge year

The Elks Lodge year is coming to a close but now is not the time to sit back and relax. You still have the opportunity to complete some unfinished projects and finish strong.

All of the various programs and awards for your Lodge and Members are due this month. Take the chance to review Elks programs on elks.org to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members. One great program is the Contest "A" – All American Lodge Contest. Although you may believe your Lodge does not qualify for this award, you should still submit the application to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements next year to continue showing "Elkdom's Heart for America."

This is also the deadline for all year-long contributions to Elks National



**Message
from the
Grand
Exalted
Ruler**

**Douglas
A.
Schiefer**

Foundation. I know your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$5.00 per Member goal. There are also many ENF awards and certificates for your Lodge and Members. These should be applied for and given out. ENF provides money to your State Association, as well as funding many grant programs for your community activities. The most common recommendation from your Grand Lodge Area Audi-

tor is for Lodges to better use the ENF grants to help improve operations. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

Best wishes to all our new Lodge Officers who are going to be committed to governing the many practices and traditions that are fundamental to making our Lodges the best they can be. I hope that the transition will be smooth because it's important that the experienced Officers mentor and help the new Officers to make the Lodge year a success.

Please take time to have a training program within the Lodge or

PLEASE SEE GER, PG 7



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Fish Fry Friday!
Starting 7 March

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ER, FROM PG 1

cooking, cleaning, serving, and preparing and cupping tartar sauce, among other tasks. If you would like to help your fellow members or have any questions, please contact our house committee chair, Michele, or just show up, and we can put you to work.

We will be holding an award ceremony for our Elk of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Officer of the Year. I will also be distributing several appreciation awards to our members, as I could not have achieved any of this without their support. Dinner will be served in the lounge, so please stay tuned for more details!

Lastly, thank you once again for the honor and privilege of serving as the Exalted Ruler of Kingsville Lodge #1926.

Fraternally yours,
Krystal Peterson E.R.



Please Support your Lodge

Whether it's cooking, cleaning
selling tickets,
coming to a dinner or a event,
or sending a donation.....
We Thank you for supporting the Good
we do for
our Youth, our Veterans and our community.
Thank you So Very Much



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- A pin and pin attachments
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- Access to sneak peeks about ENF news
- An invite to a special open-house breakfast at the Elks National Convention



Your gift can also help your Lodge earn Gratitude Grant bonuses!

SWEETHEART, FROM PG 1

going! Drawings are held on Friday nights at 8pm with two tickets being pulled each week - don't miss out on your chance to win, all while supporting an amazing cause.

Plus - Jeep tickets! Don't miss out on the chance to grab up a brand new Jeep! We've had 3 winners come out of our lodge in years past, and trust me, it's a fun experience. Tickets are \$10 a piece or 3 for \$20! Grab a member of the Sweetheart Squad or ask your bartender for tickets!

See you soon!



GER, FROM PG 5

district like the Elks Kollege of Knowledge that educates and trains new Officers to do their job. Mentoring new Officers can make a smooth, prepared transition.

New Exalted Rulers you must list your committee appointments and give the list to the Lodge Secretary. Secretaries, please give this information to your District Deputy for the Lodge directory.

This information then should be entered into CLMS2.

What would we do without our Secretaries who keep everything in order? Thank you for your service. I know it's a busy time for you as you are preparing the year-end reports.

Leaders of the Lodge, it is time to solidify your budget for the upcoming year and make any adjustments that are needed. This is also a time to evaluate what needs to be fixed. Any successful endeavor takes teamwork.

March is the time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. One thing we all know how to do well is to have fun and fellowship with our Members in Elksdom.

Thank you for your service. God bless you all, God bless our troops, and God bless America!



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Final push can achieve historic 'Soar with Four' goal

By Rick Gathen, Membership Marketing Manager

For the first time in nearly 50 years, the Order stands on the brink of an extraordinary achievement: four consecutive years of membership growth.

This milestone is within reach, but it will take focused action and commitment to make it a reality.

Action is essential for Lodges with candidates. Lodges must act swiftly to initiate candidates before March 31. Time is critical to ensure every prospective member is welcomed and fully engaged.

Retention is the foundation of growth. Membership growth is not just about new Members—it's about keeping the ones we already have.

Persistent outreach, proactive communication, and proven strategies are essential to bringing back at-risk Members. Reducing delinquencies strengthens our foundation and ensures every Member feels valued and connected.

Beyond the numbers: Building a legacy. This effort goes beyond hitting targets—it's about creating stronger communities, fostering meaningful connections, and leaving a lasting impact. With collective action, clear communication, and unwavering focus, we can end this year on a high note and pave the way for an extraordinary 2025.

Let's unite with purpose, seize this moment, and make history together. The time is now—let's Soar with Four!

PER 50/50 Winners!!!!



**It pays to go to
the Lodge!!**
Krystal Peterson, ER,
won the pot on
Super Bowl Sunday
and
Margie Yaklin got a
special treat on
Valentine's Day!
Congratulations,
Ladies!!



Elks Care — Elks Share

From the House Com- mittee



Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all! Thank you to everyone who came out and attended our Food Handlers course in February. We had a great turnout and a successful Taco Tuesday.

It's Public Fish Fry time! That being said, we are looking for volunteers to help out. Our Public Fish Fry starts March 7th and ends April 11th. We will need help serving, boxing, carrying out - really all the things! If you'd like to volunteer, please let myself or one of our House Committee members know.

We don't have any Guest Chef nights planned this month - with the busy prep schedule each week, most of our guest chef volunteers will be focusing on making sure our Fish Fry is a successful one.

As our Elk year is coming to an end, I

want to take a moment to thank everyone for the support they've given the House Committee and myself over the last year. Whether you offered up a kind word, suggestion for activities, or came out and supported during our many guest chef nights or special activities - you have my heartfelt thanks.

**See you
around
the
lodge!**

