



The Elks Brief

Denison Lodge 238

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May Edition

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Downtown Lodge

903-465-9610

301 W Gandy St. Denison, Texas 75020

Lakesite Social Quarters and RV Campground

903-786-2487

298 Elks Blvd. Pottsboro, Texas 75076



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

A Word from Kerri Weatherly

New Elk Year, New Energy at the Lodge

A new Elk year brings new officers, fresh ideas, and plenty of excitement around the lodge, with several projects and plans already in the works—stay tuned for what's ahead. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Social Quarters for darts, karaoke, and other events, and if you have an idea for a new activity, game, or project, don't keep it to yourself—send it to Kerri at kerri_weatherly@yahoo.com.

We will continue holding meetings at the downtown location. For those concerned about cost, please note that the building is fully paid off, and utilities must be maintained regardless of use. The Board of Directors is also exploring options to refresh the first floor to make it more appealing as a reception or event venue, helping generate additional income for the lodge. At the lake site, we are currently seeking bids to resurface or repair the roads—if you know someone in that line of work, please have them reach out as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

- Spring Fling – May 16–17 at Texas Elks Camp on Texoma (418 Stanton Way, Pottsboro)
- Cooking crew spots are still available for the BBQ cook-off. Guided fishing trips are also available Sunday for \$200 per spot, with fish cleaned and bagged afterward. Contact Sandi Creswell to reserve your spot.
- North District Picnic – May 30 at TECOT
- This year features a new format with cornhole tournaments, games, a spirit/cake walk, food, and music. Each lodge will contribute to the event.
- State Convention – Mesquite
- Headquarters hotel: Hilton at the Mesquite Rodeo Grounds. The Secretary and ER are required to attend Friday and part of Saturday, but all members are encouraged to attend—even if just for part of the time. Highlights include training sessions, the State Sweetheart and Elk of the Year announcements, and the Jeep raffle at Saturday's banquet.

We encourage everyone to get involved, attend events, and connect with fellow Elks from across the state. Be present and be a participant!

Kerri L. Weatherly

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A Word from the Exalted Ruler

As Exalted Ruler, I want to sincerely thank everyone who attended the Interlodge in Frisco this past weekend. As we continue learning new ways to manage and strengthen our lodge, we know there will be challenges and occasional missteps, but our focus remains on improving every single day. Your support of the Social Quarters and involvement in volunteer activities make that progress possible.

Looking ahead, we have big goals. Next year, I would love to see our Sweetheart represent the district, which means we must raise over \$40,000. This is an ambitious goal, but it is absolutely within reach.

We achieve this by staying grounded in our four core principles: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. By living these values in everything we do, we will continue to grow, improve, and thrive together.

Fraternally Yours,
Jamey Lenard
(903) 821-1831

A Word from the Secretary

Welcome to May! With summer approaching, we look forward to a strong season of fellowship, and it's especially encouraging to see new members joining us and getting involved. We invite you to attend the upcoming house meeting and share your ideas, as your input plays an important role in shaping the months ahead and ensuring a successful and enjoyable summer for all.

A very special thank you to Larry Wilford and his wife Janna for their outstanding work in building our new office space adjacent to the Lakesite social quarters. We also extend sincere thanks to all members who provided supplies, tools, and support as they worked tirelessly to complete this project in a short time.

Be sure to note the North District Picnic at TECOT at the end of May—it's a great opportunity to gather and enjoy one of our district's standout events. Congratulations as well to Wayne Brown on last month's good fortune. Thank you all for your continued support!

Fraternally,
Jennifer Skitt
(469) 704-7503





2026-2027 SWEETHEART Tabitha Lenard

Hello Elk Family,

Let's give a warm welcome back to Tabitha Lenard as the Denison Elks #238 Sweetheart for 2026–2027! Tabitha returns with a strong passion for supporting children with special needs and those in foster care, while continuing to raise vital funds for the Texas Elks Camp in Ottine, TX. Throughout the year, you'll have plenty of chances to get involved—look for raffles, monthly sweetheart dinners, and fun pop-up events announced on Facebook, all helping send more kids to camp.

At Interlodge this past Saturday, April 25, 2026, our district proudly reported an incredible **\$157,707.42** raised in Sweetheart funds—a powerful testament to what we can accomplish together.

We're thrilled to have Tabitha back and grateful for the continued support from our amazing Elk family. Let's keep the momentum going!

Elks Care, Elks Share

A Word from the Veteran's Services Chair

Mike and Bekah Berg will be cooking up hamburgers and fries this Memorial Day. Plates are \$8, and veterans eat free. All proceeds will go directly toward supporting our Veterans programs planned for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Come out, enjoy a great meal, and help us give back to those who have served!



A Word from the Board

As we head into the summer season, we look forward to seeing the campground and beach area filled with members, families, and friends. The flagpole has been repaired, and a new flag light has been purchased and is pending installation. Minor repairs are also planned for the rope fence and dock area. Volunteers willing to help keep the beach raked and looking its best are always appreciated.

The air compressor on the Social Quarters septic system has failed, and replacement parts are on order. The system remains operational in the meantime, though at reduced efficiency.

We are also pleased to share that the new office is complete, and the Secretary and Treasurer have been moved into the new space, improving organization and day-to-day operations.

As always, this lodge runs on the strength of its members and volunteers. Our mission of charity, goodwill, and service to veterans and children continues because of those willing to step forward and help. The more we support one another, the stronger we become—there's only one path to success, and that's together.

Fraternally yours,
Board of Directors

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

28 Elks Blvd: 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath double wide mobile home with lake view. 1900sq ft. New roof, HVAC and flooring. Home sits on 1 & ½ lot with a 20 x 20 shop and carport. \$200k

Contact Bronson McMahan at 972-639-6015

Lot 19: Sale includes carport, travel trailer, working septic, 250G propane tank-electric connected. \$35k

Contact Dennis Haliburton at (903) 815-3085

Lot 33A: Cleared lot with septic. \$28k

Contact Matthew Allen at (816) 204-6909

Exalted Ruler

Jamey Lenard

Esteemed Leading Knight

Michael Taylor

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Tabitha Lenard

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Veronica Buntun

Secretary

Jennifer Skitt

Treasurer

Chris Brown

Esquire

Gene Handeland

Tiler

Open

Inner Guard

Cory Taylor

5-Yr Trustee

Mike Mutchler

4-Yr Trustee

Larry Wilford

3-Yr Trustee

Carlos Murillo

2-Yr Trustee

Rick Berube

1-Yr Trustee

Dale Lenard

Chaplain

Daniel Rich

Auditing & Accounting:

Open

Activities Committee

Ashley Augustine

Community Projects

Subcommittee

Open

Youth Activities Subcommittee

Jim Magellas

Larry & Jana Wilford

Steve Hejny

Hoop Shoot Subcommittee

Rick Berube

Stacie Hargrove

Drug Awareness

Subcommittee

Open

Fraternal Committee

Open

Americanism Subcommittee

Susan Filtrante

Elks National Foundation

Subcommittee

Open

Flag Day Subcommittee

Open

Elks Memorial Day

Subcommittee

Open

Membership Committee

Nikki Brown (Chair)

Jamey Lenard

Jennifer Skitt

Chris Brown

Susan Filtrante

Veterans Services

Subcommittee

Michael & Rebekah Berg

Accident Prevention

Subcommittee

Open

PER Association

Gene Handeland

Standing Relief Subcommittee

Open

Public Relations

Open

Ritualistic Subcommittee

Jack Duncan

Soccer Shoot Subcommittee

Open

Government Relations

Subcommittee

Open

State Major Project

Subcommittee

Open

Bulletin Editor

Chris Brown

Scholarship Committee

Stacie Hargrove

House Committee

Mike Mutchler

Sweetheart

Tabitha Lenard

Interlodge Chairman

Open

Grant Coordinator

Veronica Buntun

Proposed for Membership

Anthony Young
Quinn Zachary Knight
Robert Weis

Welcome New Members

Jacqueline Barnes
Luann Chaffin

Lodge of Sorrow

Peter Knox passed on 4/14/26 2 year member 78 years old

01 Veronica Buntan
01 Kimberly Graham
01 Janet Templeton
02 Charles Giles
03 Michael Berg
03 Christopher Brown
04 James Thorpe
05 David Bolin
05 Ronnie Cathey
05 Edward Musser
06 Galen Blasing
06 Horace Groff

May Birthdays

06 Deborah Harden
06 Michael Lassiter
06 Lisa Phea
07 Eddie Fisher
09 Ronald Cooper
11 Louise Kennedy
11 Heather Stringfellow
12 Deana Steele
13 Robert Havener
13 William Slatton
13 William Wilha
15 Karin Lema

18 Jean Podborny
19 Gerald Swanson
20 Michael Hall
20 James Moore
21 Wanda Perkins
23 Stephen Eades
23 Martha Stanley
24 Eugene Handeland
25 Michael Mentler
26 Wayne Monroe
29 James Megellas
30 Jennifer Jones

Member Resource Links

[Elks National Fund](#)

[TESA Newsletter](#)

[Grand Lodge Newsletter \(login required\)](#)

[Pay Membership Dues Online](#)

Lakesite Social Quarters (SQ)

May 2026

(903) 786-2487

Hours: Sun-Wed 6p-10p | Thu 6p-11p | Fri 6p-12a | Sat 6p-1a

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	JUNE 4 - 6 Texas State Convention <i>mark your calendars!</i>				1 LRC Game 7pm	2
3	4	5 House Meeting Lakesite 6pm Welcome to All	6	7 Darts 7pm	8 Shuffleboard Tournament 7pm LRC Game 7pm	9 Mother's Day Lasagna Dinner 6pm by Wayne
10	11	12 BOD Meeting Lakesite 6pm Welcome to All	13 SQ CLOSED Lodge Meeting Downtown 7:00pm	14 Darts 7pm	15 Spring Fling @ TECOT LRC Game 7pm	16 Spring Fling @ TECOT
17 Spring Fling @ TECOT	18	19	20	21 Darts 7pm	22 Shuffleboard Tournament 7pm LRC Game 7pm	23 Cart Wash! 11am @ SQ Sweetheart Dinner 6pm Burgers & Fries
24	25 Memorial Day Dinner \$8 Burgers & Fries Vets Eat FREE	26	27 SQ CLOSED Lodge Meeting Downtown 7:00pm	28 Darts 7pm	29 LRC Game 7pm	30 North District Picnic @ TECOT

HOW TO REACH US

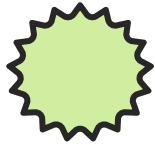
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FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING ELSE
DENSION.LODGE238@GMAIL.COM



MORE INFO: 

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May 9th
6pm

3rd Annual

SPRING FLING

TEXAS ELKS CAMP ON TEXOMA

MAY 15th THRU 17th!

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TOURNAMENT!



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COOK-OFF!



HIKING/
RELAXING!

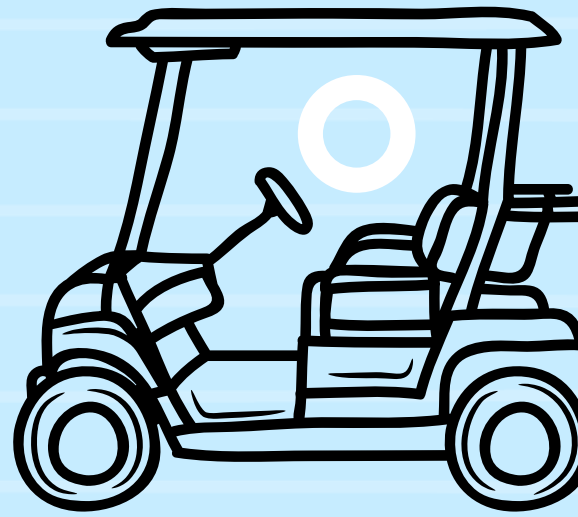


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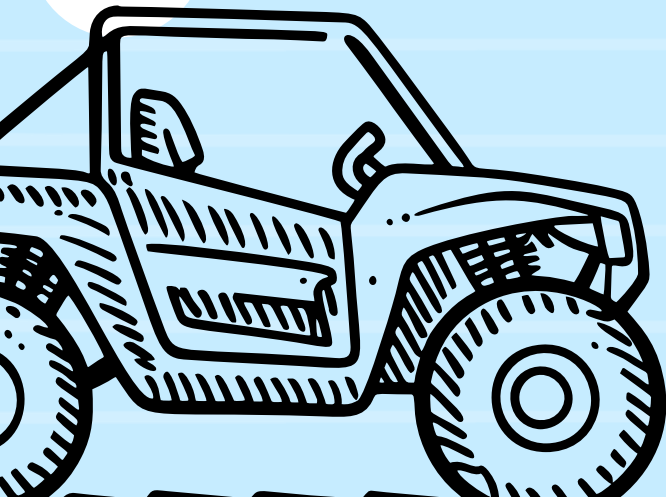


\$10 CART WASH

MAY 23 @ 11:00AM

Hosted by Denison Elk Lodge Sweetheart

at the Lakesite Campground



**BENEFITS
SWEETHEART**

DENISON LODGE #238

SWEETHEART DINNER PARTY



MAY 23
6-8 PM

VISIT US AT
LAKESITE
SOCIAL
QUARTERS