

# THE ELKS RACK



3409 Milwaukee Ave. Lubbock, Texas 79407



**The March 2026 Elk of the Month is Lee Sandlin**, once again, we could fill every page of this bulletin with the many ways Lee has impacted Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348. Since we only have a limited amount of small space, I'll do my best to capture just how much his service means to our Lodge and our community. Lee has devoted countless hours to the Lodge, fulfilling five years as a Trustee, followed by a brief break before returning to serve on as a Trustee once again. His leadership, dedication, and steady presence are a true example of what it means to be an Elk. Much of Lee's work has happened quietly and behind the scenes. Often fixing issues before most members ever knew there was a problem. Thanks to his tireless efforts, lodge improvements and upgrades were completed

seamlessly, without disrupting daily operations. Lee also decided the RV park sign needed an upgrade and took it upon himself to upgrade and refresh the signage. Lee also worked to get our front door replaced, again, without any disruption to the lodge. He was also on the committee that ensured our pool renovations were completed properly and in a timely manner. He's worked on our water well, the bathrooms, the pumps, and as we all know he built the Salty Sailor poolside bar. Lee also has no problem picking up a broom or a mop to ensure our lodge hall, dining room or kitchen is cleaned if he sees it needs attention. Lee also ensures our flags and flag poles are taken care of ... and he also makes sure our flags get displayed by the road, both putting them up and taking them down. This is only a fragment of what Lee gets done at the lodge, and every single second he spends doing these things for our lodge is time he volunteers. If the above mentioned wasn't enough, Lee's commitment to the Veterans Committee is nothing short of extraordinary. As a proud Navy Veteran, he has led and supported countless initiatives in support of his fellow veterans, including Welcome Home Kits, leading the committee in serving grab-and-go meals at the VA, VA snack deliveries, Flag Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, the Veterans Angel Tree and Christmas Party, the Honor Flight Radio-a-Thon and keeping the connection going with Ms. Belle. Lee's service doesn't stop there. You'll often find him volunteering at Grace Campus, packing snack bags for Food2Kids, cooking, and helping in the kitchen, we all love when he serves up his famous "Lee Fries", supporting Lodge functions, attending meetings regularly, or simply lending a hand wherever it's needed. Whether he's working, cooking, chatting with members, or enjoying a game of pool, Lee is always present and always serving. Lee Sandlin truly embodies the oath we all took when we became Elks. His dedication, humility, and selfless volunteerism make him someone we can all respect, admire, and strive to emulate. Lee, "thank you" hardly feels sufficient for the countless hours and unwavering commitment you have given to Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348. When you see Lee around the Lodge, please take a moment to thank him for everything he has done to strengthen our Lodge and our community and be sure to congratulate him on being our March 2026 Elk of the Month.

The Elks Rack

A monthly publication of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Lubbock, TX Lodge #1348.

PO Box 16161

Lubbock, Texas 79490-6161

*Message From Your Exalted Ruler***wELKome March!!**

To the Members of Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348,

As I sit down to write this bulletin article, it's hard to believe my time serving as your Exalted Ruler will be coming to a close on March 31. This role has been an honor, a responsibility I never took lightly, and an experience I will always carry with pride.

Serving this Lodge has reminded me what makes the Elks truly special. It's not the titles, the meetings, or even the traditions. It's the people that make up our membership. The volunteers who show up without being asked. The members who give their time and their hearts to this Lodge and to our community. The friendships formed here that go far beyond the walls of our Lodge.

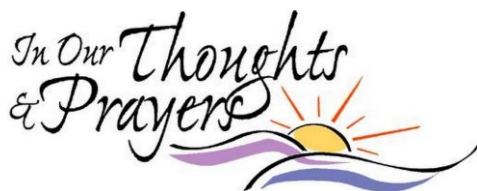
Over the past year, I've watched this Lodge continue to move forward with strength, generosity, and resilience. Together, we supported our programs, served our community, celebrated our traditions, and faced challenges with teamwork and determination. I am deeply grateful to the officers that stood with me, the committee chairs that proudly worked hard to place Elkdom in the spotlight, the volunteers, and every member who stepped up in ways both big and small.

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 fiscal year, I am proud to share the members who have stepped forward to serve our Lodge. All the following chair officers were nominated unopposed: Kevin Rains has again stepped up to lead us as Exalted Ruler. Rachel Kingston will remain as your Loyal Knight. Todd Winans, who also spearheaded our Lubbock Elks Riders charter, will serve as Lecturing Knight. Gindy Rains, our current 1-Year Trustee, was nominated unopposed as the incoming 5-Year Trustee. Kathy Mullins and Deb Evans will remain as our very hard-working Secretary and Treasurer. At the time of this writing, the Leading Knight chair remains vacant with no nominations. I encourage anyone who has considered stepping into leadership to reflect on the opportunity to serve. Our Lodge grows stronger when members are willing to answer the call.

Thank you for trusting me with the privilege of leading Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348. For those who showed support, I thank you for your encouragement, and even your patience along the way. I am proud of what we've accomplished together. Though my term as Exalted Ruler is coming to an end, my commitment to this Lodge does not. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside you, just in a different role. Thank you for reading and I look forward to seeing you around the Lodge.

Staci Foix, ER

**March symbolizes new beginnings, hope, strength, and perseverance**



*Sickness and Distress*

*Frank Stiles*

*John Cloum*

*Chris Kreb*

### Note from the Secretary / Editor



Thank you to everyone that has paid their dues! New membership cards will be mailed starting March 16<sup>th</sup>. If you want your new card to be left in the Social Quarters, please let me know, if not it will be mailed to the address I have on file.

If you pay with a credit card, please make sure the bartender puts a copy of your receipt with your name on it in my mail slot. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

kemullins0913@gmail.com



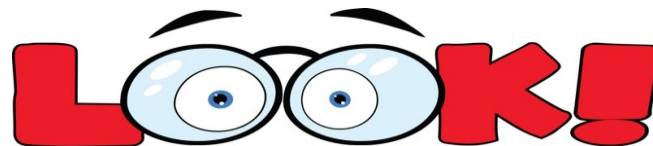
**Current Membership 308**

**Delinquents 0**

### Elk of the Month Nominations

Just a reminder! Nominations are due by the 15th of the month. The forms are available on the "Resource Center" bulletin board, in the hallway just past the kitchen. We have so many members that make significant contributions to our Lodge...Let us make sure we recognize them!

Elk of the Month Committee (Staci Foix, Lloyd Foo, Rachel Kingston, and Johnathan Taylor)



**Voting March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Tim Morgan – proposed by David Villalobos Jr. – Reinstatement  
Jennifer Houston – proposed by William Tucker – employed at Registered Nurse

## Veterans Committee News



**Veteran Committee Meeting will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 in the dining hall.**

As this is the last month of our Elk year, I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Veterans Committee for all their time, donations, and the hard work cooking, shopping, and volunteering to raise money to provide services to the Veterans that have served our country. (And for putting up with me).

We have had a great year.

- \$1,774.71 in snacks for the Lubbock VA Clinic.
- 4 Welcome Kits to assist Homeless Veterans transitioning into housing.
- Provided 3 meals to the Veterans at the VA Clinic.
- Monthly Trivia nights as a fundraiser.
- Veterans Angel Tree
- Veterans Christmas Party
- Assisting San Angelo Lodge with Burger Burns at the Big Spring VA Hospital.
- And most of all for the fun and comradery and being able to celebrate our victories together in the social quarters.

I would like to thank all our Elk Members that purchased a meal, made a monetary donation to Veteran Jars on the bar, purchased a 50/50 raffle ticket, a gift for the Angel Tree or played Trivia. Without all our Elk Brothers and Sisters, we would not be able to provide these services to the men and women that have served our great country!

Lee Sandlin  
Veterans Chairman

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

## Social Quarters News

### REMINDER:

**ALL GREEN BEER CHIPS AND PURPLE BEER CHIPS MUST BE USED BY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> .**

**NEW CHIPS WILL START BEING ISSUED APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> .**

**AFTER APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> GREEN BEER CHIPS AND PURPLE BEER CHIPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR DRINKS.**



## Alright, Alright, Alright!

March marks the final stretch of the fiscal year. There is still lots of time to drop change in the red pigs. Make a simple monetary donation to the Lubbock Elks Sweetheart program or attend and support any events or meals that may pop-up as we race toward our March 31 finish line. Don't forget, if you bring in a full pig, we will present you with a special Sweetheart pin and a certificate.

As our time serving as your Lubbock Sweethearts ends, we want to take a moment to sincerely thank the members of our Lodge for your incredible support.

The Sweetheart program represents Elkdom at its very best. Through your generosity and continued support, we are able to raise funds that directly benefit special needs children across Texas ... providing much-needed medical and mobility equipment that can truly change their lives. Because of the TESA Sweetheart State Supported Project, children who might not otherwise have the opportunity are also able to attend summer camp at no cost to their families, giving them a chance to experience friendship, independence, and joy in a safe and supportive environment. The impact of this program is felt by the children and families who receive help, hope, and opportunities through our efforts. Your commitment ensures that these children are supported with compassion and care.

Every fundraiser attended, every donation given, and every moment of encouragement offered to us has made a real difference. We are deeply proud of what we all have accomplished together as members of the #1348. The strength of the Sweetheart Program within our Lodge is a direct reflection of you all - members who believe in service, who show up when it matters, and who give selflessly to improve the lives of others. Your dedication embodies the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity that define who we are as Elks.

Thank you for believing in this project, for supporting your #1348 Sweethearts, and for helping to ensure that special needs children receive the equipment, experiences, and care they deserve. It has been an honor to witness the generosity of our lodge and the impact we know it will make with these children.

We encourage you to join us in supporting the incoming Sweetheart in this next fiscal year as you have supported us.

Let's all support the next Sweetheart (or Sweethearts) to ensure the #1348 remains diligent in this cause. It takes a village, and our village is one of the best.

We are humble and grateful, simple as that.  
 JoeMike Foix & Sabina Cantu  
 2025-2026 Sweethearts



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members.

As we approach a new Lodge year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect and share a few thoughts with our membership.

With the new year comes transition, including changes among our officers and leadership. These changes are part of keeping our Lodge active, engaged, and moving forward. I encourage all members to continue showing the same support and encouragement to those stepping into new roles. Our officers and volunteers give their time and effort for the good of the Lodge, and that support makes all the difference.

Our Lodge is strongest when our members stay involved — attending events, lending a hand, and supporting one another. Each of you plays an important part in what makes this organization special, and your continued participation helps ensure our success.

Thank you for everything you do to make this Lodge what it is today. Keep up the great work, continue supporting one another, and I truly believe the coming year will be a fantastic one for us all.

Trustee Chair,  
Joe Mike Foix



Just a friendly reminder went placing items in the storage room please make sure that items are placed in the rightful area. Make sure that the walkway isn't blocked. Especially the exit door. Also keep any items away from the electric panels and telephone area. Thank you for your help in keeping our lodge safe.

Dave Villalobos, Jr.  
Safety Trustee

## Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>

### Beans and Cornbread cook-off

Come show off your best pot of beans and pan of cornbread!

\$5 fee for each entry. There will be a 60/20/20 % payout for both categories.

60% for 1st Place.

20% for 2nd Place.

20% for the lodge committee or charity of the 1st Place winners choice.

All entries must be turned in at the Lodge kitchen by 2PM on the day of the competition.

There will be a blind judging at 2:30. Anyone willing to be a judge will donate \$5 per category and will need to be on time.

After the judging the remaining beans and cornbread will be available for sale to members.

The entry fees, judging fees and sales will all go towards the prize payout.

Looking forward to some good food and lots of fun!

If this is a success, I plan to do other food competitions every 2 or 3 months.

See you at the Lodge.

Greg Henricks



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



02 Scott Hill  
 03 Joanna Roden  
 04 Duane Preskey  
 05 Korey Anthony  
 06 Tasia Rains  
 06 Karen Wells  
 08 George Ellis  
 09 Travis Anthony  
 09 Christina Bowersox 1  
 10 Danielle Martinez

11 Lanita Jasper  
 13 Dewayne Hart  
 13 Lamar Hayes  
 14 Henry Mendoza  
 15 Lathisha Griffin  
 15 Kevin Rains  
 15 Steven Rains  
 17 Rachel Kingston  
 18 Jack Chapman  
 18 Gindy Rains

19 Daniel Aguirre  
 19 Josue Gutierrez  
 19 Robert Ward  
 21 Sharla Mathes  
 22 Nick Briseno  
 22 Tommy Stanford Jr.  
 23 Bobby Judah  
 25 Greg Henricks  
 28 Zach Frost  
 30 Brian Collison  
 31 Darrell Bufe

# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Voting set up at lodge.	Voting at Lodge BOD Meeting 6:00 BOT Meeting 6:30	Veterans Mtg. 6:00  Kathy M Cooking QOH - 7:00		Christy Cooking	Lodge Lease 2-6
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Dining Room Lease 2:00		Elks Mtg 7:00  Elk Riders 6:30	QOH - 7:00	Ladies Paint Night- 6:00 (KK)  Pool Tournament 6:00 (Lee)		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
March Madness Begins 	Activity Mtg. 6:00 	Irish Potluck Bring an Irish Dish 	Staci Cooking  QOH - 7:00		Officers Cooking	Beans & Cornbread Cook-Off (Greg H.)  Horse Races 2:37
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	New Member Orientation 6:15	Elks Mtg 7:00 	Bulletin Folding 5:30  QOH - 7:00		Trivia Night 7:00  Veterans Committee Cooking	
29	30	31				
New Officer Installation 2:00  Lodge Awards 2:30						

**2025 LODGE COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS**  
Per Section 13.020

STANDING RELIEF COMMITTEE  
AUDITING & ACCOUNTING  
COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE  
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION  
LODGE ACTIVITIES  
AMERICANISM  
FLAG DAY  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
ELKS MEMORIAL DAY  
VETERANS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC RELATIONS  
MEMBERSHIP  
INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE  
INDOCTRINATION  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
DRUG AWARENESS  
HOOP SHOOT  
PER ASSOCIATION  
ACCIDENT PREVENTION  
DISCRIMINATION & HARASSMENT  
RITUAL COACH  
MEDIATOR  
POOL/CONCESSION COMMITTEE  
BULLETIN  
GROUNDS & LANDSCAPING / RV PARK  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
KITCHEN  
SWEETHEART  
FACEBOOK ADMIN  
CYBER ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

LODGE OFFICERS  
SABINA CANTU  
VACANT  
DEB EVANS  
KATHY MULLINS  
LODGE OFFICERS  
LODGE OFFICERS  
KAREN WELL  
LODGE OFFICERS  
LEE SANDLIN  
VACANT  
LLOYD FOO  
DONNA PETTIT  
KEVIN RAINS  
SHANNA MOODY  
KATHY MULLINS  
GRANT VAUGHAN  
KEVIN RAINS  
DAVID VILLALOBOS JR.  
VACANT  
VACANT  
JOHN YOHN  
KALIE PRUIETT  
KATHY MULLINS  
CODY FOLKNER  
KAREN WELLS  
CHRISTY GONZALES  
JOE MIKE FOIX  
D. GALLAGHER/T. MCGRAW/K. MULLINS/S. FOIX  
STACI FOIX

**LODGE OFFICERS 2025**

\*RELIEF sec 13.010

*EXALTED RULER	STACI FOIX	325-330-3844
*LEADING KNIGHT	LLOYD FOO	862-202-5826
*LOYAL KNIGHT	RACHEL KINGSTON	832-330-4031
*LECTURING KNIGHT	JOHNATHAN TAYLOR	806-831-3769
*SECRETARY	KATHY MULLINS	806-438-5748
*TREASURER	DEBORAH EVANS	903-714-9575
INNER GUARD	KIM PEARCE	
TILER	JERRY SMITH	
ESQUIRE	CODY FOLKNER	
CHAPLAIN	TODD WINANS	

**TRUSTEES**

1 YEAR TRUSTEE	GINDY RAINS	806- 790-3906
2 YEAR TRUSTEE	LEE SANDLIN	806- 632-8067
3 YEAR TRUSTEE	JOE MIKE FOIX	254-485-6848
4 YEAR TRUSTEE	DAVID VILLALOBOS JR	806-543-8099
5 YEAR TRUSTEE	STEVE RUSSELL	806-559-4959
DISTRICT DEPUTY	MICHAEL MORRISON	mcmz28@yahoo.com

LODGE TELEPHONE 806 792-4821