

# THE ELKS RACK



**3409 Milwaukee Ave. Lubbock, Texas 79407**

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## 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 (Kevin Rains, Johnathan Taylor, Rachel Kingston, and Todd Winans)



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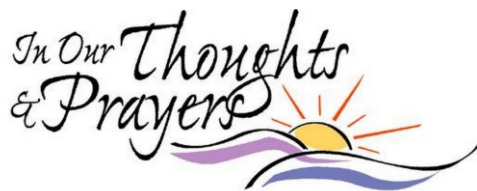
## *Message From Your Exalted Ruler*

As promised, I gave each Chair Officer a training manual. We will read a manual or 2 each month and have discussions and answer questions during our BOD meetings as we read through them. We also had our first ritual practice and will continue to practice at least once a month. I want to thank the officers for dedicating time each month to make sure we do our best to conduct impressive initiation.

Inter-lodge was in Amarillo where they discussed getting back to basics, practicing ritual, having a strong entertainment committee to bring members out, and making improvements to our Lodges if money permits to make it more inviting and updated. We are required to get a signed release form for any pictures of minors posted on our Facebook page and absolutely no pictures with beer, cigarettes, or skilled machines in them. Before you post a picture make sure these rules are followed.

Summer is just around the corner which means the pool will be opening soon! Sharla and her team are doing an excellent job of getting the pool ready and keeping it maintained. Deb and Kathy had a team of people who helped with Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunt. This event was a great success and I want to thank everyone involved. Cody and Crystal hit the ground running with a Texas Hold Em Tournament that not only made money for the entertainment committee but most importantly brought people out to the Lodge who had a good time. Watch the bulletin for dates for the next tournament along with other planned events. Tiffany Graves has graciously accepted the position as Lodge Sweetheart!

Until next month,  
Kevin Rains, ER



### *Sickness and Distress*

*Frank Stiles*

*Tim Parker*

*Jayden Hamlett*

## Note from the Secretary / Editor



Thank you to everyone that has paid their dues! All membership cards have been mailed or left in the Social Quarters.

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.

Pay online at [www.elks.org/payonline](http://www.elks.org/payonline)

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**Current Membership 309**

**Delinquents 98**

## Scholarship News

### *Elks Gifts To Our 2026 Graduating Seniors Available To The Child Or Grandchild Of A Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348 Member*

#### GUIDELINES FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING GIFT RECIPIENTS:

*In order to receive a gift from Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348, the Scholarship committee asks that each graduating high school senior print and submit to the Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348's Scholarship Committee a short (at least 300 words) narrative essay. This printout will be available for Lubbock Elks Lodge members to view.*

#### THE ESSAY MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Your name, a short bio on yourself which includes who your parents or grandparents are within Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348. Member must be a current member and in good standing with Lubbock Lodge #1348.
- The high school you are graduating from. Your community activities, hobbies and if you are involved in any volunteer work. Please include your plans after high school graduation. Include your academic and career goals. Will you be continuing your education? Will you be joining the workforce? Will you be joining the military?

*Submissions MUST arrive at Lubbock Elks Lodge no later than June 1, 2026, no exceptions.*

Lubbock Elks Lodge #1348 • Attn: Lubbock Elks Lodge Scholarship Committee

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### **DON'T WAIT**

*Only Ten \$100 Gifts Will Be Awarded*

*Each gift for the 2026 graduating seniors will be for the sum of \$100*

## Veterans Committee News



During our Veterans committee meeting on April 1st, 2026, our committee discussed and decided on the following items for our May 2026 calendar.

- May 1st Burger Burn at the Lubbock VA Clinic. We will be serving burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, cookies, and water.
- May 6th Veteran Committee meeting 6:00pm.
- May 29th Veteran Committee cooking and hosting trivia.

Please keep in your prayers all the men and woman of our military serving overseas that they may return home safely.

Lee Sandlin  
Veterans Committee Chairman

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



We have started trying to get the chemicals regulated in the pool. So far, it is coming right along. If I can get them balanced before the end of April, we will be able to schedule the city inspection & possibly open the pool earlier than Memorial weekend. Watch the Facebook Elk page for updates. Kevin is working with me to get non-skid paint for the concrete around the pool. We hope to get that painted as soon as the weather permits. Everything seems to be clicking into place. We are looking forward to a beautiful pool again this year! Thanks for all the help and support that I have received from you and the pool committee.

Sharla Mathes  
Pool Committee Chairman

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On April 07, 2026, the trustees had their first meeting of the year. The first order of business: Gindy Rains Nominated Lee Sandlin as Trustee Chair, nomination carried unopposed. Lee Sandlin Nominated Gindy Rains as Trustee Secretary, nomination carried unopposed. Below are the topics we discussed and decisions:

1. The A/C unit is not working, the Heating/Air contractor came out and diagnosed the problem as a leak in the copper tube connection caused the compressor to burn up. He gave us an estimate of:
  - a) \$2,816.00 to replace the compressor including labor and freon. This will come with a 1-year warranty on the compressor.
  - b) \$3,099.00 to replace the unit including labor and a 3-year warranty.

After discussion we made the decision to replace the whole unit considering the price difference of \$283.00, we would get a 3-year warranty on the entire unit, not just the compressor. The money to replace the unit came out of the lodge maintenance account.

2. The ice maker that was purchased approximately 5 years ago is not working. Last year we spent approximately \$950.00 on repairs and maintenance. Kevin has been cleaning and has replaced the pump twice. He researched the cost of new units for purchase or to lease. After reviewing the bids and the cost we feel the best decision currently is to lease. Estimate is \$440.00 installation and \$220.00 a month lease payment, this includes cleaning twice a year and any repairs. They will also reimburse us for ice if the machine breaks down until repairs are made. After discussion we decided that this was needed for our lodge operations, and it would be brought up on the floor during our scheduled lodge business meeting for discussion and members to vote. I made a motion on the floor April 14, 2026, to go forward with the leasing of the new ice maker. Motion carried with majority of members voting yes.

3. Our current POS (Point of Sale) system is approximately 17 years old and is due for a software upgrade, the last upgrade cost approximately \$8,000.00. Gindy has been researching new POS systems to purchase or lease. During the Inter-lodge in Amarillo, she discussed with the other lodges what system they currently use. Amarillo uses Sky Tab; this appears to be the best choice and price of all she researched. There is a special lease price until the end of the month. Three free terminals. Lease price is \$20.00 per month for the first year and \$109.00 per month after the first year. After discussion we decided this was needed for our lodge operations and it would be brought up on the floor during our scheduled lodge business meeting for discussion and members to vote. Gindy made a motion on the floor to move forward with the lease of the POS system. Motion carried with the majority of the members voting yes.

Greg Henricks was nominated to fill the open 2-year Trustee position the vote was unopposed and he was Sworn in as our 2-year trustee. This year's Trustees are Lee Sandlin 1-year, Greg Henricks 2-year, David Villalobos Jr. 3-year, Steve Russell 4-year and Gindy Rains 5-year. We are committed to working together as a team to make sure our duties are performed with transparency to the lodge. The trustee meetings are open to all members to attend.

Lee Sandlin  
Trustee Chair

## Lubbock Elks Soccer Shoot



The Elks Soccer Shoot program consists of two different contests that test different level skills at different ages. A "Five Goal Contest" consists of a series of five goals, decreasing in size from 48 inches to 17 inches. The age group that uses the goals in this contest are U-8 for ages 7 years old and younger. **The contest is open to boys and girls who shoot separately.** The U-8 contestants kick from 15 feet from the face of the goal.

The Grid Goal Contest consists of a full-size goal sectioned off so points can be scored when the ball is kicked into certain sections. The age groups that use this goal are U-10, for ages eight and nine, U-12, for ages ten and eleven, and U-14, for ages twelve and thirteen. The contest is open to both boys and girls, and they shoot separately.

Winners at each contest are eligible to advance to the next competition. The levels are Local Lodge, District, State, and Region. Winners at both the State and Region levels will have their scores sent to the national level to determine a National Champion in each of the age and gender groups.

The Elks Soccer Shoot Program is a terrific program for our youth and the future of our country. Lubbock Elks soccer shoot is set for **Saturday June 6, at 10am** at our lodge 3409 Milwaukee Ave. **Join us for this youth competition.**

**Grant Vaughan**  
**Soccer Committee**  
**Texas Elks Mighty Pan West Trustee**  
**806-632-8992**

## Breaking News!!

The Soccer Shoot Committee will be selling raffle tickets for a **Family Swimming Pool membership**. Each ticket is only \$5 per chance! Help support this great youth event! The winning ticket drawing will be on Monday, May 25 poolside. Come be part of the excitement. Contact Kathy Hogan or Grant Vaughan for tickets.

Grant Vaughan  
 Soccer Committee  
 Texas Elks Mighty Pan West Trustee  
 806-632-8992





## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MONTHLY LINEUP



**It's time to bring the Lodge back to life and we're not easing into it...**



### **WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY COOK NIGHTS – MAY 6TH & MAY 22ND**

The Entertainment Committee is firing it up in the kitchen!  
Good food, cold drinks, and the kind of midweek atmosphere that reminds you why you're a member.



Show up hungry. Leave happy.



### **FRIDAY, MAY 23RD – POOL PARTY + LIVE MUSIC**

We're turning the Lodge into the place to be. Featuring Southern Whiskey playing LIVE by the pool 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



And while the music's rolling... The Entertainment Committee is throwing down **Cody's Famous Seafood Boil**



Sun, music, seafood, and good people, this is the one you don't want to miss.



### **SATURDAY, MAY 30TH – GAME DAY AT THE LODGE**



**Poker Tournament** kicks off at 2:00 PM



**Monthly Meat Raffle** follows at 5:00 PM

Bring your poker face... and your trucks to haul all the meat you are going to win.

Cody & Crystal Hamlett  
Entertainment Chairmen

## PER Notes

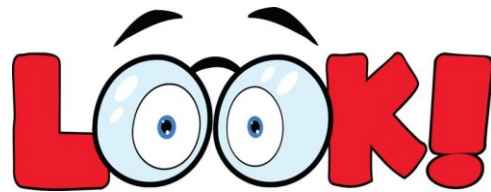
Reminder the PERs are going to be doing a gun raffle for the Pan West District, so be on the lookout for flyers if you would like a chance to win a cool prize!

Congratulations to the new Officers! This lodge is counting on your guidance and leadership to make this year a fantastic year. We know that you all have made a deep commitment to this Lodge and it is so appreciated.

This month's Trivia question: What is the Texas State Major Project? Bonus if you know where it is located ♦♦

Last month's trivia question: How many Chair Officers are there? Can you name them?

Answer: The Four Chair Officers are Exalted Ruler, Lecturing Knight, Leading Knight and Loyal Knight.



### Proposed Members Voting May 12<sup>th</sup>

Linzi Fleming – Andrews, TX - proposed by Gindy Rains – employed at Robbins Nest  
 Christopher Taylor – Lubbock, TX – proposed by William Tucker – employed at Taylor’s Painters  
 Mark Bruington – Tulia, TX – proposed by Kevin Rains – employed at Self



01 Patrice Elmore  
 01 Martha Gallagher  
 05 Curtis Baker  
 05 Thomas Gallagher  
 05 Joel Hulsey  
 05 Cynthia Spray  
 07 Alejandro Ramos  
 12 Douglas Willis

12 Alan Zoller  
 13 Denise Lawrence  
 16 Shanna Moody  
 17 George Torres  
 18 Cody Folkner  
 18 Antonio Lopez  
 19 Jennifer Boller  
 19 Gerald F. Winans

20 Shakina Bell  
 21 Michael Gudel  
 25 Malcolm McKay  
 25 Robert Wentzel  
 26 Lonnie Hamilton  
 29 Jerry Reeves  
 29 William Neal Turner  
 30 Kathy Hogan  
 31 Amy Garner

# May

# 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Voting Set up Burger Burn VA Clinic  Officers Cooking 6:30	Voting City & School Elections  
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		BOD Mtg. 6:00 BOT Mtg  Taco Bar in SQ Deb/Kathy	Veterans Mtg. 6:00  Entertainment Cooking	Lodge Hall Lease 2-6	Soccer Shoot Cooking	Elk Riders Bike Run
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Dining Room Lease 2:00 	Activity Mtg. 6:00 	Elks Mtg 7:00 	QOH - 7:00		Lodge Lease  Bulletin Articles Due	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Bulletin Folding 5:30 Sweetheart Cooking QOH - 7:00		Entertainment Cooking	Lodge Lease 11 - 1:30 Soccer Shoot 10:00 Entertainment Pool Party 4-6pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	New Member Orientation  6:00 Voting Set up	Elks Mtg 7:00  Primary Elections	Soccer Shoot Cooking  QOH - 7:00			Lodge Lease 8:30 am - 11:00 am  Poker Tournament 2:00 Meat Raffle 5:00
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