

Benevolent & Protective order of the Elks

ELK CAMPO *Elks*



El Campo Elk Lodge #1749 A Fraternal Organization



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ELKS - Working Today For A Better Tomorrow

June 2026

ELK'S LODGE #1749
SPRING PICNIC
3030 N. Mechanic, El Campo, TX
June 6, 2026

42 DOMINOES TOURNAMENT
12:00 pm – Registration
1:00 pm – Tournament Starts

\$50 per team (Bring your partner)
♦ No partner? No worries! You will be paired.
♦ Double Elimination Format ♦ Lottery Payout

Contact: Patrick Gwosdz 979-332-7242

FUN FOR EVERYONE!
• Bounce House
• Queen of Hearts
• Newly Renovated Swimming Pool

Food Starting at 11:30 am
\$6 Burger — OR — 2 Hot Dogs

El Campo Elk's Lodge 1749
SPRING RAFFLE DRAWING
Drawing to be held June 6, 2026
\$20 each / 7 for \$100
Need not be present to win

1. \$1,000 Gift Card
2. \$500 Gift Card
3. \$500 Gift Card
4. \$500 Gift Card
5. \$500 Gift Card
6. \$250 Gift Card
7. \$250 Gift Card
8. \$250 Gift Card
9. \$250 Gift Card

All prizes shall be awarded pursuant to federal and state law and all reporting and tax withholding shall be pursuant to federal and state law.
Donations benefit Elk's Scholarship Fund & Lodge projects

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 6

SPRING PICNIC
at the Lodge

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June 18

42 Domino
Tournament
Lodge • 5:30 -?

•

June 20

Flag Day Ceremony
American Legion
- 11 am

HAMBURGERS BY
THE POOL EVERY
THURSDAY



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



CLUBROOM ACTIVITY

Clubroom hours 5 - 7 PM Tuesday thru Thursday

**WE HAVE ACCESS TO HOUSTON
ASTRO GAMES!
COME OUT TO VIEW AND VISIT.**

BLOOD DRIVE

Elks Lodge - El Campo

**Wednesday, June 17
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Elks Lodge**

**FREE \$25 eGIFT CARD
FOR ALL DONORS!**

**Contact Anthony Perez
(979) 332-2785
sponsor code: ELK2**



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Ashlyn, blood recipient

**Share your
donation story**

Connect with us on social media
@commitforlife | #commitforlife

 **Gulf Coast Blood**

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Elks Campo LODGE 1749

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted RulerTracy Oldag
Leading KnightAndrea Bagwell
Loyal Knight ...Efrain "Moose" Rodriguez
Lecturing Knight..... Margarita Garza
SecretaryChris Wendel
TreasurerEddie Pool
Inner GuardTracy Braden
Tiler..... Jamie Appling
EsquireJack Swanson
ChaplainHoward Middleton
Alternate to Grand Lodge...Chris Wendel
Sweetheart.....Cheryl Twardowski

TRUSTEES

Trustee & BoD Chair Roy Schulz
1 Year TrusteeJoanna Cranek
2 Year TrusteeRoy Schulz
3 Year TrusteeGary Strarup
4 Year TrusteeAnthony Perez
5 Year TrusteeGeorge Matthews

COMMITTEE

Accident Prevention..... Roy Schulz
Activities..... Tim Drapela
Americanism Donnie Roddy
Auditing & Accounting..... Tracy Braden
Boy Scouts Liaison Donnie Roddy
Chili Cookoff Anthony Twardowski
Clay Shoot..... Chad Hensley
Elks National Foundation. Chris Wendel
Fajita Cook-off..... Chad Hensley
Flag Day..... Allen Collins
Fraternal Chris Wendel
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Hoop Shoot® Priscilla Young
House Committee Tracy Oldag
Presiding Justice E A Weinheimer Jr.
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Scholarships Daniel Ott
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Standing Relief Tracy Oldag
Trustee Chair Roy Schulz
Veterans Services Anthony Twardowski
Wreaths Across America Roy Schulz

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chris Wendel: Secretary,
Members: Chad Hensley, Tim Drapela,
Randy Fitch and Roy Schulz

BULLETIN STAFF

Donnie Roddy & Chris Wendel

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Secretary's Corner

by Chris Wendel

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Dues statements for UPCOMING 2026-2027 Lodge year are being processed for mailing.

PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES A.S.A.P. WHEN RECEIVED

The Lodge year runs from April 1 to March 31. We started the 2026-2027 Lodge year with a Membership of 260. This is an increase of 9 Members for the 2025-2026 Lodge year. The efforts of the Members (YOU) to recruit new Members is always appreciated.

PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES. THE LODGE NEEDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND DUES.

IF YOU NEED SOME CONSIDERATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR LODGE DUES

PLEASE CONTACT LODGE SECRETARY CHRIS WENDEL TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS - 979-541-9443 OR elcampoelks1749@gmail.com

We do have an option of paying by credit card if you so desire. Give me a call and we can get your dues processed. There is a 5% convenience fee we have to add to recoup fees.

VENMO IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO PAY YOUR DUES! NO FEES! Pay as a FRIEND @Elks1749

Chris Wendel, Secretary
979-541-9443

Sweetheart's Corner

by Cheryl Twardowski • 979-616-6866
cheryltwardowski@gmail.com



The Elks Sweethearts are excited to see everyone at the Spring Picnic on June 6th! Stay tuned and keep an eye out for more fun and exciting Sweetheart events coming your way!

Sickness & Distress

Members under the weather or have health concerns. Their addresses are included to drop them a line for condolences or well wishes.

Bubba Dornak awaiting scheduling of liver/kidney transplant.

Juana Miranda - Mother of Member **Mary Rodriguez** passed away May 20. Condolences to Mary & the Family of Juana.

Please email or phone if there is a Member or their families on which to report. cfw3662@live.com.

Exalted Ruler's Message

by Tracy Oldag 979-541-9738

tracy.oldag@gmail.com



Summertime is on its way!

The new slide is in, and we've got a HUGE inflatable water slide lined up for the Spring Picnic, June 6th! Hamburgers by the Pool for purchase every Thursday starting June 4th. Please familiarize yourself with the pool rules so that we can keep our pool area safe and looking great!

We had a wonderful turn-out for the Fajita Cook-off thanks to the talented cooks, our Member volunteers and all who came out to judge, supported the silent auction, Queen of Hearts and Party Wagon events. There were several lucky winners and a great time had by all! Thanks for making this event a success!

Along with our spring & summer events we've also got Poker nights, Dominos and always a great time at the lodge. Come out and volunteer to help, participate or just have some drinks in the clubroom and enjoy the great company and televised sporting events (we've got the Astros games)!

As always, Veteran's Open Call is the first Monday of the month, June 1st. Tell a Veteran you know or better yet, bring them out!

Please remember to remit your dues and get those pool cards ready!

It's a great time to be an Elk,
Tracy Oldag ER

Happy June Birthdays

03	Coffman, Troy	18	Fitch, Randy L
04	Kight, Dale	18	Salgado, Elia
05	Martin, Warren L	23	Bustamante, Casey Jo
05	Reyes, Mary Ann	23	Limmer, Vicki
07	Pena, Valerie	23	Marek, Thomas
08	Embesi, Keith M	27	Hensley, Monte
12	Hoelscher, Kenneth	27	Ryan, Clayton
12	Ramey, Tracy	30	Braden, Tracy E.
14	Lara, Desiree		



TEXAS ELKS STATE CONVENTION

REGISTER &
RESERVE YOUR
ROOM TODAY!

HAMPTON INN AND SUITES
MESQUITE CONVENTION CENTER
1700 Rodeo Dr, Mesquite, TX 75149

MESQUITE

Calling all Texas Elks! **JUNE 4-6, 2026**



Elks National Convention

Chicago, Illinois

July 5 - July 8, 2026

Experience a week filled with inspiring events, Grand Lodge sessions, exhibits, and unforgettable celebration honoring a century of service, unity, and Elkdom pride.

The Texas delegation has been assigned to the Palmer House – A Hilton Hotel.

At the 2026 Elks National Convention, a special ceremony will be held to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Elks National Memorial building.

Join us on the morning of **Saturday, July 4** to celebrate this landmark and everything it means to the Order.

**TEXAS ELKS
STATE ASSOCIATION**

ALONG WITH
PATTERSON

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Funding Summer Camp and Special Needs Grants for Kids

~ Drawing ~
GRAND PRIZE
**2026 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 2-DOOR
WITH HARD TOP**
(Winner responsible for all applicable taxes, title, fees and license requirements)

~ To Be Held ~
JUNE 6, 2026
Need not be present to win!

~ Donation ~
TICKETS \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$20
For ticket info, contact:

  

TEXAS ELKS CAMP



MEETING DRAWING

At each meeting, as Members enter the meeting room, they donate \$2 that goes into a drawing pot. We have a can with all the current Members numbers in the can. At the appropriate time during the meeting we draw a number from the can. If that Member is present, they collect the pot. If the Member drawn is not present the pot is not given out. The drawing continues at each meeting. Once the pot reaches \$500, if the 1st number drawn is not present, we continue drawing until a Member at the meeting is drawn. They then receive $\frac{1}{2}$ the pot. Come out to a meeting and maybe your number will be drawn! **We also have a meal prior to each meeting.**

EL CAMPO ELK'S LODGE 1749 VETERANS COMMITTEE



CUSTOM KNIFE RAFFLE

Drawing held once all tickets are sold

TICKETS \$5.00 each
ONLY 500 TICKETS AVAILABLE

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

All proceeds benefit Veterans Committee events and functions

CUSTOM DESIGNED TEXAS THEMED KNIFE 6" Blade

Designed by Bulls Custom Knives, Boling, Texas



Tickets Available:

- Anthony Twardowski 979-332-6045 anthony.twardowski,jr@outlook.com
- Tickets available at the Lodge

42 Elk's Lodge 1749 **Domino Tournament**

JUNE 18

3030 N. Mechanic

\$25.00 entry fee for 5 games & Free meal

Be there by 6:00pm to register. • Tournament begins 6:30 pm

*Prize payout is for
1st and 2nd places*

DOMINOS AND A MEAL

FREE MEAL

FOR ALL PLAYERS

Non-players can
purchase by the plate.

For more info call Patrick
at 979-332-7242





Elk Flag Day Ceremony Set for Sunday, June 20

The annual Flag Day Ceremony will be observed on Sunday, June 20 at the American Legion grounds and will begin at 11:00 am before the Ricebelt Antique Tractor Pull parade of tractors. The Flag ceremony is held to help honor and enlighten Americans about the progression of the American flags.

Fajita Cookoff CATEGORY WINNERS

3RD	GUACAMOLE	Sots & Pots	1
2ND	GUACAMOLE	Boo's Crew #1	2
1ST	GUACAMOLE	Boo's Crew #1	3
3RD	SALSA	Last Minute Cookers	1
2ND	SALSA	Getting Fooly Cookers	2
1ST	SALSA	Sots & Pots	3
3RD	BEANS	Energy Construction	1
2ND	BEANS	Boo's Crew #2	2
1ST	BEANS	Sots & Pots	3
3RD	BEEF FAJITAS	Sots & Pots	1
2ND	BEEF FAJITAS	Boo's Crew #1	2
1ST	BEEF FAJITAS	Energy Construction	3
3RD	MARGARITAS	Getting Fooly Cookers	1
2ND	MARGARITAS	Spicy Lives Matter	2
1ST	MARGARITAS	Spicy Lives Matter	3
3RD	KIDS' COOK	Spicy Lives Matter	
2ND	KIDS' COOK	Last Minute Cookers	
1ST	KIDS' COOK	Energy Construction	
OVERALL WINNER		Sots & Pots	

team	points
Sots & Pots	1st 8
Boo's Crew #1	2nd 7
Last Minute Cookers	1
Getting Fooly Cookers	3
Energy Construction	4
Boo's Crew #2	2
Spicy Lives Matter	3rd 5

Thanks to our Monthly Newsletter Sponsors

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 Wendel's proudly support EC Lodge.

Helping Hands Ministry of El Campo

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We also have a meal prior to each meeting.



Summer 2026 Sessions

Texas Elks Camp sessions are specific to campers' ages. Please pay careful attention to the ages noted for each camp session when making plans and applying for camp. *Session 3 will end on Thursday, July 2, and Session 4 will begin on Monday, July 6.

Session 1: June 14 - June 19,
Ages 14 - 17

Session 2: June 21 - June 26,
Ages 11 - 13

Session 3: June 28 - July 2,
Ages 7 - 10 *

Session 4: July 6 - July 10,
Ages 7 - 10 *

Session 5: July 12 - July 17,
Ages 11 - 13

Session 6: July 19 - July 24,
Ages 14 - 17

Session 7: July 26 - July 31,
Ages 18 - 21



VETERANS OPEN CALL

Veterans Open Call is a monthly gathering hosted by the Lodge Veterans Committee dedicated to bringing Veterans together for camaraderie, fellowship, and support. It is held **the first Monday every month at 6PM**. This event is a safe and welcoming space for Veterans to reconnect with fellow service members and share their experiences over a complimentary meal.

The goal is to foster a sense of community

among local Veterans without any pressure or obligation to join the Elks organization. This initiative aligns with the Elks mission to support Veterans and create opportunities for engagement and connection.

The Elks pledge that *“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”*

Anthony Twardowski, Jr.

2026 Upcoming Events

JUNE

- June 1 - Veterans OPEN House at the Lodge.
- June 2 - Regular Lodge Meeting.
- June 4 - HB by the Pool BEGINS.
- June 6 - *SPRING PICNIC*
- June 11 - HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated).
- June 16 - Regular Lodge Meeting.
- June 18 - 42 Dominoes at the Lodge. & HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated).
- June 20 - Everyday Heroes Tractor Pull for Veterans - FLAG DAY CEREMONY to be conducted.
- June 21 - FATHER'S DAY.
- June 25 - HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated)

JULY

- July 6 - Veterans OPEN CALL at the Lodge.
- July 9 - HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated).
- July 16 - HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated).
- July 21 - Regular Lodge Meeting.
- July 23 - 42 Dominoes at the Lodge. & HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated).
- July 30 - HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated).

Spring
Picnic w/
Raffle

JUNE 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Veterans' Open Call 6:00 pm	2 Regular Lodge Meeting 7 pm	3 CLOSED	4 BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm	5 TEXAS ELK'S STATE CONVENTION CLOSED	6 Lodge Spring Picnic w/ Raffle
7 CLOSED	8	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm	12 CLOSED	13
14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 Regular Lodge Meeting 7 pm	17 OPEN 5-7 pm	18 Open 42 Dominoes Journey BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm	19 CLOSED	20 Everyday Heroes Tractor Pull & FLAG DAY Ceremony Legion • 11 AM
21	22 CLOSED	23 OPEN 5-7 pm	24 OPEN 5-7 pm	25 BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm	26 CLOSED	27
28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
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