

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

July 2026



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



Veterans Committee provided a meal at the Lodge to troops of the 551st Engineer Multi-Role Bridging Company “Tridents” stationed at the Roy P. Benavidez National Guard Armory under the command of Captain Thomas Jordan, First Sgt Edward Chlebek and Unit Readiness NCO Sgt. First Class Huynh on June 12. Veterans Chair Anthony Twardowski along with Lodge Members Thomas Wilson, Daniel Juranek, Moose Rodriguez, Margarita Garza, Tim Drapela, Member candidate Jamie Wilson, hosted 80+ troops for the meal of BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Mac & Cheese along with Banana Pudding provided by the KC Council #2490 & Council Members Tim Drapela, Rick Priesmeyer.

VETERANS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

OPEN CALL gathering on the 1st Monday of every month. 16 Veterans gathered for a complimentary meal June 1st and enjoyed the opportunity gather for fellowship. July OPEN Call is scheduled for July 6.






*Elks Lodge #1749
Veterans Committee*

ALL US VETERANS
*Are Cordially invited to attend a
 Veterans Open Call*

Enjoy a Complementary Meal with other Veterans

*1st Monday of the month @ the Elk's Lodge
 3030 HWY 71, El Campo Texas 77437*

*Dominoe &
Card tables!*

*Doors open 5pm
Meal from 5pm - 7pm*

Lodge Bar will be open

*For more info: Anthony 979-332-6045
 anthony.twardowski.jr@outlook.com*

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 261. This is an increase of 10 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



Exalted Ruler's Message

by Tracy Oldag 979-541-9738

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Summer heat is here!

I hope everyone is enjoying the pool and coming out to enjoy Hamburgers by the Pool every Thursday. Please familiarize yourself with the pool rules so that we can keep our pool area safe and looking great!

We had a great turn-out for our Spring Picnic thanks to all who volunteered, purchased raffle & Queen of Hearts tickets and participated in the Domino tournament. There were many lucky winners and the weather held out for everyone to enjoy the pool and slides.

Leading Knight, Andrea Bagwell and I will be attending Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago this month. We are looking forward to representing our lodge and celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary and the Elk's National Memorial 100th anniversary celebration on July 4th.

As always, Veteran's Open Call is the first Monday of the month, July 6th. Tell a Veteran you know or better yet, bring them out!

Please remember to remit your dues if you have not done so already!

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



Sweetheart's Corner

by Cheryl Twardowski • 979-616-6866

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The Elks Sweethearts were so pleased with the wonderful turnout at our Spring Picnic! Thank you to everyone who came out and made it such a great event.

We were also honored that some of our Sweethearts had the opportunity to help serve the meal for the National Guard at the lodge. It was a pleasure to give back and show our appreciation.

We have lots of fun things in the works, so keep an eye out for upcoming Sweetheart events. We can't wait to see you at the next one!



Happy July Birthdays

01	Appling, Floyd E	18	English, Percy
02	Yackel, Craig	19	Dornak, Rudy
04	Hacker, Lonnie	20	Cerny, Tim
05	Pacheco, Catalina	20	Strarup, Gary
09	Molina, Crystal	20	Wilson, Thomas P
11	Harris, Linda	21	Amestoy, Stacy
12	Limmer, Jordan	24	Corn, Terri
13	Bagwell, Andrea	24	Dorotik, Anthony
13	Socha, Celeste	25	Rohan, Clarence
13	Tarver, Melissa	28	Orsak, Mike
15	Ziegenhals, Sherri L	28	Vasquez, Teresa
16	Cerny, Larry	29	Drapela, Billy
18	Bartlett, Bobby	30	Fonseca, Barbara



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

JULY 23

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, 2nd, and 3rd 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





**EL CAMPO
ELKS LODGE**
#1749

SOCCER SHOOT!



AGES 4-15



SATURDAY, JUNE 27
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9AM



FREE ENTRY
FOR BOYS & GIRLS



**FUN FOR ALL
SKILL LEVELS!**



**CONCESSION STAND
AVAILABLE**



LV CHURCH

2605 West Loop,
El Campo, TX 77437



QUESTIONS?

CONTACT SOCCER SHOOT DIRECTOR
979-332-2550

ENF FUNDED DONATIONS

When you remit your dues and add funds as an ENF donation we receive the opportunity to apply for funds to be used in the community.

FREEDOM GRANT - \$1,000 being presented to Everyday Heroes.

GRATITUDE GRANT - \$4,000 being presented to Pilgrim Rest "Labor of Love" food pantry.

You can also become a Fidelity Club Member of the ENF by providing a monthly donation using a credit card or bank debit. We have a couple of Members donating to the ENF in this fashion. This allows the Lodge to access an extra \$500 if we meet a certain level of Fidelity Club donations.

Please consider donation to the ENF through the Lodge to let us assist community needs.

SPRING PICNIC RAFFLE WINNERS

Joe Freeman
Howard Middleton
Kim Courville
Lesley Mienardus
Gordon Sorrel
Ronnie King
Gary Tise
Barbara Fonseca
Melanie Cedillo

Congratulations to the raffle winners

WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE
MEMBERS AND OTHER THAT PURCHASED
RAFFLE TICKETS!

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 who is at the meeting is drawn. They then receive ½ the pot. Come out to a meeting and maybe



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 5

Veterans Open Call

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July 5-8

Elk's National Convention

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July 21

Regular Lodge Meeting

July 23

**42 Domino Tournament
Lodge • 5:30**

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 is back home. Still awaiting transplant news. Best wishes to this Member with his health issues
Gladys Cerny, Grandmother of Members **Garrett & Trot Cerny** passed away May 29.

Mary Jane Wendel, spouse of Member **Chris Wendel**, passed away June 3, 2026

Kay Stovall, Mother-in-Law of Member **Jack Swanson**, passed away June 4, 2026.

Shannon Ritz, Brother of Member **Blake Ritz**, passed away June 12.

Condolences to these Members on their loss.

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

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**



Elks Campo LODGE 1749

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler Tracy Oldag
 Leading Knight Andrea Bagwell
 Loyal Knight ...Efrain "Moose" Rodriguez
 Lecturing Knight Margarita Garza
 Secretary Chris Wendel
 Treasurer Eddie Pool
 Inner Guard Tracy Braden
 Tiler Jamie Appling
 Esquire Jack Swanson
 Chaplain Howard Middleton
 Alternate to Grand Lodge ...Chris Wendel
 Sweetheart Cheryl Twardowski

TRUSTEES

Trustee & BoD Chair Roy Schulz
 1 Year Trustee Joanna Cranek
 2 Year Trustee Roy Schulz
 3 Year Trustee Gary Strarup
 4 Year Trustee Anthony Perez
 5 Year Trustee George 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
 Government Relations Tim Drapela
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 House Committee Tracy Oldag
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 Public Relations Andrea Bagwell
 Scholarships Daniel Ott
 Soccer Shoot® Margarita Garza
 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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 around town at a restaurant or convenience store**



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2026 Upcoming Events

JULY

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

AUGUST

- August 3 - Veterans OPEN House at the Lodge.
- August 6 - HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated - sign up available at the Lodge).
- August 13 - HB by the Pool (volunteer cooks always appreciated - sign up available at the Lodge).
- August 18 - Regular Lodge Meeting.
- August 20 - 42 Dominoes at the Lodge.

July 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CLOSED	Veterans' Open Call 6:00 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
CLOSED	CLOSED	Regular Lodge Meeting 7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	Open 42 Domino Tourney BURGERS BY THE POOL OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
26	27	28	29	30	31	
CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	BURGERS BY THE POOL Place food order at 5 pm OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	