



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Green Bay Lodge 259

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The ELKS CALL - March 2026

What we have been up to:

- ENF Grants
 - Spotlight, Gratitude and Freedom Grants are completed and approved by Grand Lodge
 - Beacon grant has been completed and is awaiting approval
 - In April we will be applying for the 2026-2027 grants.

- Lodge and our community
 - On March 28th from 8-11am we will be holding our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, we should have a good sized number of people attending and a lot of Elks coming to help. We will be setting up tables, putting up the photo backdrop and filling plastic eggs with candy on Friday evening at 5pm if anyone would like to help out.
 - On April 2nd at 9-12pm we will be delivering Easter Cards to Milo Huempfner Center. If anyone would like to join me, please let me know.
 - May 2nd will be the Spring conference in Appleton. Our Enrique Camarena contest winners will be honored at the conference. If you would like to attend the conference, please reach out to the lodge at gbelks259@gmail.com and I will get you the information you need to attend.

- Scholarships
 - We had 2 people apply for the Tech School scholarship. Our lodge gets one scholarship and I have reached out to another lodge who agreed to send in one of our applicants so that they both will earn this \$2000 scholarship.

- Membership
 - We have had interest from several people about joining the lodge. We will be having an open house on Wednesday, April 8th from 5-7 so people can come visit the lodge and find out what we are all about. Soup for Vets is from 4-6pm, so this would give people a chance to check out that program. We can set up tables for different events we hold (Veteran programs, scholarships, drug awareness, children's parties, hoop shoots, etc).

- Installation of officers
 - Officers for the 2026-2027 year will be installed on Wednesday, April 1st at 7pm. We will also be handing out awards for Citizen, Officer and Elk of the Year as well as any other awards. Please attend and support our new officers. We will have dinner prior to the installation at 6pm.

- Antlers Program - We are looking into starting an Antlers Program. We will be promoting this during our open house on Wednesday, April 8th from 5-7pm. The Antlers Program is for children between the ages of 12-20. They will hold 2 meetings a month, one for fun and one for volunteer work. Antlers is a youth program of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It is a program that promotes the support of our youth, our veterans, and our communities, and practices the principle of charity. Think of the Antlers as junior Elks members. The Antlers program focuses on teaching our young people about:

- Patriotism
- Respect of parents
- Love of home
- Good citizenship
- Aiding a worthy cause

For more information consider attending the open house or reach out to the lodge at gbelks259@gmail.com

From the ER

- It is hard to believe that our Elks year is almost over. I am honored to be able to be your ER for another year. Thank you all!
- I also want to bring up the fact that I am planning to enter the 11 o'clock toast Ritual Contest. I will find out more about it at the spring conference, but I plan to compete in February at the Midwinter conference and if all goes well, I may get to honor our lodge of competing in Denver next summer. Contestants are scored on word accuracy, pronunciation, and the impressiveness of their delivery, with penalties for missed words or poor posture. I will be performing the 11 o'clock toast during each meeting under good of the order to help me get used to performing it for a group. Please know that it is easy to say in my head, but much harder to say in front of people when not reading it from a paper.

From our Secretary

- Dues statements were sent out. If you have not received yours please email the lodge at gbelks259@gmail.com.
- Dues for the 2026-2027 lodge year are due by April 1. 2026.

Upcoming happenings at the lodge

- Mondays - Card Club 12-4pm
- Tuesdays - Scouts 6-7:30pm
- Thursdays - Dance 5:30-9pm
- Fridays - Red Cross Blood Drive 7-12:30
- 1st Mondays - American Legion Post 539 meeting
- 1st Saturdays - Accordion Club 6:30-2
- 2nd Fridays - Trivia 7-9pm
- 2nd Wednesdays - Soup for Vets 4-6pm

- April 1st - Installation of officers 7pm
- April 2nd - Deliver Easter Cards to Veterans at Milo Heumpfner Center 9-12pm
- April 8th - Soup for Vets 4-6pm
- April 8th - Membership and Antlers Open House 5-7pm
- April 15th - Lodge social and meeting
- April 27th - Culvers Fundraiser (Hansen Road) for Kerry Calba Scholarship Fund 5-8pm
- May 2nd - WEA Spring Conference

Elks Care - Elks Share

Thanks so much for all you do for the Elks and the Community. Kelly H Downard - Exalted Ruler