

# JUNE Newsletter

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## *Message from ER, Melanie Valdez*

Hello Marshall lodge... May was a very busy month! Our big annual fundraiser "Party for the Cause" was a huge success. We have some credits and a few checks that need to be turned in to get a final number on the exact amount made but we did well and we will publish that number asap and announce in meeting. Special Thanks to our members and sponsors for their support of this event. Once again I would like to invite all members old and new back in to attend our bi-monthly meetings to hear some of the wonderful things happening in our community and lodge. If you are missing the meetings then you are missing out on important information. Remember 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:30 p.m, 4th Wed. is initiation meeting followed by supper! Please join us.

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I would also like to announce our Elk of the Month for June is Chris Neal. Chris is a deputy for the Harrison County Sheriff's office and served in the US Army from 2000-2007. Chris just completed his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is now working towards his law degree. Chris is on the Veterans breakfast committee and volunteers his Saturdays to help serve our local vets and 1st responders. He is also on the house committee and helps bartend when needed. Chris has a get up and do what needs to be done attitude. When you see him please Thank him for his service to our country, community and lodge!

**2017 - 2018 OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler - Melanie Valdez

Leading Knight - Stephanie Macomber

Loyal Knight - Rebecca Barker

Lecturing Knight - Tracy Jackson

Secretary - Angela Hudson

Treasurer - Jim Oswalt

Esquire - Donald Gordon

Chaplain - Randy Saxton

Inner Guard - Bobby Butler

Tiler - Art Jones

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1 Year Trustee - Lee Jackson

2 Year Trustee - James Godwin

3 Year Trustee - John Renner

4 Year Trustee - Richard Gaulden

5 Year Trustee - John Green

**2017 - 2018 COMMITTEES**

Activities - Ruth Hudson/Melanie Valdez

Public Relations - Stephanie Macomber/Fran Hurley

Youth Activities - Donald Gordon

Hoop Shoot - Renea Oswalt

Drug Awareness - John Oswalt

Auditing & Accounting - Chris Neal

Fraternal - Chester Stegall

Americanism - Ken and Judy McNeil

ENF - Ruth Hudson

Flag Day - Ken McNeil

Elks Memorial Day - Richard Gaulden

Membership - Stephanie Macomber

Lodge Activities - Angela Hudson

Veterans Services - Chris Neal

Accident Prevention - Robert Blassingame

PER Association - John Green

Scholarships - John Green

Standing Relief - Melanie Valdez

## Lodge News and Community Events:

**\*\*Veterans Breakfast served over 94 veterans, 1st responders, members and students. LifeShare blood center was also onsite and reported 18 donations and 9 deferrals received that day. They are very grateful for the donations and excited to work with our lodge again in July. Because I care group signed up 5 bone marrow donors. They too were very grateful to the lodge for hosting the drive.**

**\*\*Fundraiser Benefit for Michell Starr held on May 20th raised \$6600 to help with medical expenses. The family appreciates all those who attended, donated, and helped organize the event. Michell is the wife of member Brian Starr and mother of the spirited little Jesse Starr. She is also the daughter of member Russell Gardner and sister of Kim Watson. This family have been long time members of Marshall lodge and we were glad to provide them with use of the facility to help with this benefit.**

## Sickness and Distress

**Please keep all those who are ill in your prayers, and to all our absent members and their families you are in our thoughts and prayers as well.**

### **Illness:**

**Don Rice, Michell Star, Chris Neal, Wade Francis and dad Roland Francis, Donna Sallee**



**ATTENTION MEMBERS:**

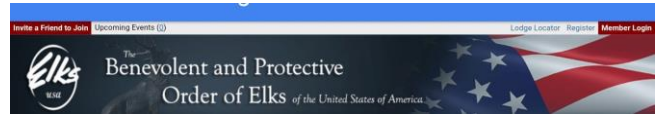
*Paper newsletters are soon to be gone! To cut costs we are going digital. Please get with secretary Angela or Donald to add your email address to our mailing list. Of course for those members who enjoy paper we will have newsletters available in lodge for pickup, and it is also available on the elks.org website.*

**SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS: CHECK OUT**

OUR



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FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

**LODGE RENTALS-**

Getting hitched, graduating or hosting a baby shower or fundraiser? Our lodge facility is available for rent. Stephanie Macomber or Melanie Valdez for more info.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

**Veterans Breakfast -Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month. PLEASE attend and spread the word. It's Free for Veterans or first responder. Others who would like to support this event 5\$ adults, \$2.50 children**  
Upcoming dates: June 17th, July 15th

Back to School Bash- July 29th

**Friday Night Fellowship, Food Drive and Dart Tournament**

In June we will be starting our Friday dart tournament back up. Please bring 1 can good with you to donate. 3\$ entry fee, draw partners, double elimination. Snacks will be provided.



**ENF Chairman**

Our Goal is \$ 17.18 per capita this year. We need everyone's help to hit this goal. See Ruth Hudson our ENF chairman for 50/50 tickets. Drawing to be held on June 17th at the birthday bash!



## STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The student of the month program has ended and The Student of the Year Awards Banquet went well. We recognize local seniors and their families with a certificate and dinner. These kids are the future of America and deserve to be acknowledged for their accomplishments.



## Elk T-shirts for sale

We have t-shirts for sale that we had printed from Impact grant monies. Boys and girls club printed them. Also using monies to sponsor another college visit to SFA. Contact Renea Oswalt 903-407-0640 in interested in purchasing a T-shirt.



Veterans & First Responders Breakfast 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Each Month 8:30am – 11:00am



Veterans and First Responders Eat for Free  
Others \$5 / Adults & \$2.50 Kids

One small way for Elks to give back to those who serve our community and our country.  
**Next Breakfast is June 17th**

### MARSHALL LODGE 683

#### INTERLODGE DATES

First weekend in October 6th-8th  
Friday 6th- Lights Out Dart Tourn  
Sat 7th - Antler Scramble Golf Tourn.  
Sat evening-Dinner and Dance  
Sun morning- Elk clinics  
More details to come

### STATE CONVENTION-

June 1st-3rd in Dallas, Texas

### Grand Lodge National Convention- July

16-19th

Reno, Nevada

**June 17th following Veterans Breakfast** we will celebrate Flag Day and the Cub Scouts Troop 550 will present the flags. It is a good history of our flag. Bring a friend. Everyone is invited to attend, snacks to follow



John Green, receiving a Permanent Benefactors Certificate for making a \$2,000 or more donation to the Elks National Foundation.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) funds community grants that allows our lodge to host events such as our Back to School Bash and Hoop Shoot. We also partner with youth organizations to mentor, teach and assist local Cub Scout Troops, 4-H shooting club and Panola Archery clubs with events and competitions.

Thank you John!

## June Birthday Backyard Bash

Come celebrate with our June babies

Karaoke, Food, Cornhole, Washers

Saturday June 17th 4:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite snack food and baby pics!



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Shane Matlock	01	Steve Huffman	13
Bill Hall	16	Kristin Feazel	16
Kenneth Carroll	20	Renea Oswalt	20
Eric Wilson	24	John Renner	29
Kendall Sanders	30		

# Lounge News

Lounge Hours 4pm to 12pm Monday through Friday

2pm to 1am Saturday

**Closed on Sunday**

**Karen is back bartending. She had to leave us in February after a family accident. We are glad to have her back!**

**Ask her about our current contests!**



**Monthly Dart Tournament 1st**

**Wednesday of the month.**

**Elks vs Legion at Lodge**

**June 5th 7:30**

**Be there by 7:00 to Register**

**Lodge won title back!!**



## June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 • <u>STATE CONVENTION</u> <u>in Dallas Tx</u>	2 • <u>STATE CONVENTION</u> <u>in Dallas Tx</u>	3 • <u>STATE CONVENTION</u> <u>in Dallas Tx</u>
4 • <u>Lounge Closed</u>	5	6	7 • <u>Elks vs Legion Dart Tournament</u> <u>@ Legion Lodge</u>	8	9 • <u>Snacks &amp; Game night 7:00 pm</u> • <u>Friday dart tournament</u>	10
11 • <u>Lounge Closed</u>	12	13	14 • <u>House Meeting 6:30</u> • <u>Lodge Meeting 7:30</u>	15	16 • <u>Snacks &amp; Game night 7:00 pm</u> • <u>Friday dart tournament</u>	17 • <u>Veterans &amp; First Responders Breakfast 8:30-11:00</u> • <u>Celebrate Flag Day and the Cub Scouts Troop 550</u> • <u>June Birthday Backyard Bash</u>
18 • <u>Lounge Closed</u>	19	20	21	22	23 • <u>Friday dart tournament</u> • <u>Snacks &amp; Game night 7:00 pm</u>	24 • <u>Chamber of Commerce Washer Tournament</u>
25 • <u>Lounge Closed</u>	26	27	28 • <u>Board of Directors meeting at 6:30</u> • <u>Lodge Meeting 7:30</u>	29	30 • <u>Snacks &amp; Game night 7:00 pm</u> • <u>Friday dart tournament</u>	



**Are you looking to help and don't know how or where? We need you! We have several programs and projects in need of your expertise!! Some examples of help needed are cooking, cleaning, ticket takers, door greeters at dances, disc jockeys, tournament hosts, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, and gardeners. Please contact Melanie at 903-407-5251 or Renea at 903-407-0640 if interested.**



Let's give a big Elks welcome to our newest members initiated in April: **Stacy Adams, Fran Hurley & Pat McDowell**

**Membership Scorecard 2017-2018**  
**AS of 4/28/2017 149**

Delinquent 45

Candidates 4

## **Proposed Members**



Hannah Leblanc was proposed for membership awaiting investigation and to be voted on in June and a transfer from New Mexico, Kerri Dolan Walker

**Let's Get Out There**  
**Recruit New**  
**Members**

## From Your “Madame” Secretary’s Desk-Just Saying... I shall start by saying, I

accepted the position again as secretary. We had a pretty good first run, little bumpy at times, but did OK this first year. I was my first year as an Elk and I took on this position because I wanted to make a difference working with the great people in this lodge. Cheers to all the tireless hours, commitments, volunteering and working together as a team. WE did it. As a Lodge we experience so many different things and at times it becomes overwhelming, yet this group FINDS THE TIME to follow through because Elks do care! I jotted down a few things I needed to change going into the new year. My new “fiscal” year resolutions are as follows:

1. Make sure I have everyone’s correct contact information, updated email addresses and/or contact number.
2. Make available to all committee members/chairs the necessary paperwork, material and instructions pertaining to the event/cause.
3. I vow to help everyone I can to register on Elks.org and show any/everyone how to navigate the system. On this site, there are manuals, history, templates of needed material, invoices, supplies, etc. We all need to use it. It will answer questions and educate you at the same time.
4. Be strict about turning in event info asap so it can be entered into Charitable Giving and have the numbers that truly reflect all the things we do.
5. Get everyone in the habit of when turning in money, tickets, etc., everyone must write from whom, for what, where it should be credited and especially the amount. If it falls into charitable giving, note that as well.
6. Get this dang office clean!!!
7. Make sure that the events are emailed out as well as mailed in the newsletter.
8. Something I’m asking from you, if you’ve taken pics, send those. Write a short recap of the event and the people in the picture. I know the people working on the newsletter will appreciate it.
9. Update the Facebook page more often to keep our presence in the newsfeed current and show what we do. If someone would like to be a person who has access to our fb page, let me know. I can fix you up.

WE are going to have an absolutely wonderful, productive year for 2017-2018. Many thanks to the people who have held the positions and volunteered to make things happen. Let’s focus on finding the one thing that you can lead or simply help or contribute ideas for. We are involved in so much, let’s all find time and support our worthy causes. I hope I wasn’t too hard on you all this year. I’ve met so many new friends and looking forward to many more. If you need anything, email me, leave me a note at the lodge or text me. If I can’t help, I bet I can find someone who can. Tell two people about the Elks and what we do. Two. If we all did that, imagine what we could accomplish? I will be having a few teaching sessions pertaining to Elks.org, I’ll let you know when, to help you learn how to find things on Elks.org. It is really simple and can be accessed by computer or on your phone.

Lastly, I must thank all of the people who let me lean on them, walked me through things, explained reasons why, taught me about Elkdom and to the ones who are still there willing to help me after my “newbie” year. I couldn’t have made a better decision to join the Elks and feel happiness in my heart when I see the rewards of our work. I’m excited for the upcoming year and hope to see many new members who feel as I do. Love you all! I’m proud to be an Elk! and



you’re Madame Secretary (again) Angela