



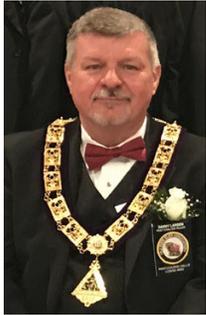
# ECHOES



From the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885

## Exalted Ruler's Message

- Danny Larsen, PER



Hello Summer Rain, our constant companion, let's hope it's over !! (The rain, not summer!) Our Lodge has been very busy – there's always something going on!

June 8<sup>th</sup>: We had seven marchers participating in the Wildwood Parade representing Lodge 885 – something to build on, maybe next year 17 marchers or more?

June 11<sup>th</sup>: Tony and Fred Hayeck (Scholarship Chairman) and myself visited the Watchung Hills Regional High School to present \$1000 Scholarships to four Seniors – read more in our Scholarship Chairman's article this month.

June 14<sup>th</sup>: The Deb Case Golf Outing benefiting Drug Awareness and our Veterans was such a fun and exciting event for our Lodge, a really great time. An incredible amount of work and planning goes into such an event and I would like to thank Mary and Dave Lewis, Jeanne Cuthie, Kim DeVizio, Deb Figel, Janet Borokowski and all the others that made the event so Special! Next Year could be even better with your involvement ?

June 15<sup>th</sup>: Flag Day Ceremony – I would like to Thank Mr. Mike Fogarty and Boy Scout Troop 228 for their assistance

with our Flag Day Ceremony, which reminds us all:

- What our Flag represents
- What our Great Country has endured
- What our duty is – to preserve and defend the heritage of our Flag.

June 18<sup>th</sup>: Our night at the Community Box at the Somerset Patriots ball park – free box seats won in the Somerset County Freeholders' lottery!

June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Camp Moore Send-Off Picnic for the Families of our Camp Moore Children was a fun day mainly due to Betty and Deni who organized the event, and all who helped make the day a success for the Kids and their Families.

If you would like to get involved with the events at our Lodge there's always plenty to do, people to meet and projects going on –

Just raise your hand or ask "What can I do to help out?"

## Elks Care - Elks Share

To receive a full-color bulletin by email, ask us to update your email address by sending it to [membership@elkslodge885.org](mailto:membership@elkslodge885.org) or by visiting <https://www.elkslodge885.org/subscribe>. We do not have current email addresses for everyone!

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## Officers

Exalted Ruler	Danny Larsen, PER
Esteemed Leading Knight	David Lewis
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Dave Dante
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Lisa Carracino
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Esquire	Betty A. Volker, PDD
Chaplain	Kathy Schulz
Inner Guard	John Pizzigoni
Tiler	<b>(vacant)</b>
1 Year Trustee	Francis Bellew, PER
2 Year Trustee	Gene Bataille, PER
3 Year Trustee	Denise Heilman
4 Year Trustee	Stephanie Zitsch, PER
5 Year Trustee	Deborah Figel
Justice	<b>(vacant)</b>

## From the Secretary

- Paul Lowell, Sr., PER

### Welcome our Newest Members

Bridget Horn comes to us from Springfield Lodge 2004, and Ted Wargo from Summit Lodge 1246.

Our next initiation on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, for the following new members:

- Jorge Cabral
- David Gubitosi
- Cindy Mobus
- George Mobus
- Quaid Mobus
- Anthony Patricco
- Susan Riecken
- Janice Wargo
- Bryan Wyszowski

As usual there will be Hospitality afterwards – sponsors, please be there with your new members.

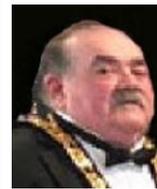


## Committee Chairs

Army of Hope	Danny Larsen, PER
Americanism	<b>(vacant)</b>
Auditing	Kim DeVizio
Buildings and Grounds	David Dante
Charities	Betty A Volker, PDDGER
Drug Awareness	John Pizzigoni
Elks Memorial Day	David Dante
Elks National Foundation	Joann Bataille
Government Relations	Paul Lowell, Sr., PER
Hoop Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
Lodge Activities	<b>(vacant)</b>
Membership	Paul Lowell, Sr., PER
Parades	Danny Larsen, ER
Pool	Kim DeVizio
Public Relations	Mike Ryder
Ritual	Betty A. Volker, PDDGER
Scholarships	Fred Hayeck
Soccer Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
Special Children	Betty A. Volker, PDDGER
Veterans Services	Fran Bellew, PER
Wildwood Convention	Danny Larsen, ER, PER
Youth Activities	Fran Bellew, PER
Youth Tournament	Fran Bellew, PER

## Veterans Services Committee

- Francis Bellew, PER



The Central District Veterans Committee will be hosting their Annual Picnics at both Lyons Hospital and Menlo Park Nursing Home.

On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> we will be at the Lyons VA hospital. Then on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> we will be at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home. Set-up time for both picnics is 11:00 am. Anyone can come out and help.

All are welcome. Feel free to contact me with any questions at (908) 405-2922 or at [fatbobs1960@gmail.com](mailto:fatbobs1960@gmail.com).

## Facility Updates

- Danny Larsen, PER

- The generator has been installed on a pad behind the lodge.
- Trench work should begin in 1-2 weeks.
- Roofer was here and made some recommendations to raise ductwork, put on new roof. Still waiting on estimates.
- Pool passed inspection

## Special Children's Committee

- Betty A. Volker, PDDGER



On June 23rd, we hosted our first Camp Moore Send-off picnic for the families of those we support to attend Camp Moore. It was a great success, a lot of fun, lasted longer than expected which was even better. The families were very appreciative of all we do as a committee and a Lodge.

Each attendee was gifted a custom Lodge 885 towel, sunglasses, swim goggles, sun block, beaded necklace and a US flag. **Thank you** to all who were there to help and support our efforts. Our members are what makes everything happen.

"It's what Elks do."

This year's annual Central District Committee picnic at Camp Moore is scheduled for July 21st. This is a perfect time for anyone who has not been to Camp Moore to see it in action and to see the smiles on the faces of our Special Children. Our Lodge is responsible for the potato and macaroni salads that will be served at 6PM. Anyone wishing to attend please contact me for information and directions. We plan to meet at the lodge at 4PM with our carpool heading to camp by 4:30PM at

the latest. We would like to bring up at least 6 volunteers – no special training is required.

The Miracle Run is scheduled for July 28th and the picnic will be held at Heightstown Lodge. Raffle tickets for a Harley are on sale for \$20.00 each and tickets are still available. Remember that all proceeds from this event go to Camp Moore.



## Scholarship Committee

- Fred Hayeck

PER Danny Larsen and my son Tony joined me to present our scholarships at Watchung Hills Regional High school on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

These scholarships are available to Warren, Watchung and Green Brook seniors who have demonstrated high moral standards based on academic achievement, community service, and outstanding participation in school activities.

We were proud to award four scholarships, each for \$1000 to the following students:

- Michael Sullivan, attending Drexel University
- Sean Ayers, attending Rutgers University
- Enzo Ruta, attending Rutgers University
- Anastasia Benc, attending Indiana University

As you all may know, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the premier charitable organization in the country, and second only to the US government in granting Scholarships in this Country! Please join me in congratulating these students and wishing them the best in their future endeavors.



## Boosters

- Echoes Boosters that have been renewed since November 2018

### November 2018

- Ken and Chris Burd
- Stephen Terrible PSP

### January 2019

- Stacy VanLier
- Denise Heilman
- Steve Logothetis
- Nancy Micou
- John Williams

### February 2019

- Bruce Helmstetter
- Linda Helmstetter
- George Dealaman
- William Heilman
- Rich Pasquarella
- Thomas Mac Stoker
- Michelle Waiser
- John Tucker
- William Sorensen
- J.E.B. Irvine PER
- Frank Giannelli
- Jane Giannelli
- Ross Long
- Michael Naumoff
- Fran Bellew PER
- Barney Coughlin PER
- Donna Forman
- Charles Mott
- Duke Anderson
- John Misiak
- Valerie Misiak
- Stanley Autocunas PER
- Kim Frazier
- Daniel Ciarlariello
- Rober Venitelli
- William Sorensen

- Michael Metner
- Deborah Metner
- Paul C. Staeger
- Kathleen Olesen
- Michael Dalton

### March 2019

- Timothy Lasecia
- William Jones
- James Basille
- Timothy Velazquez
- Ken Pawelek
- Laura Pawelek
- Fred Fennimore
- Tracy Fennimore
- Barbara Verdic
- Vito Truglio
- John Balog
- Betty Volker PDD
- Jim Devizio
- Kim Devizio
- Bill Seavey PER
- Michael Ryder

### April 2019

- William Esposito
- Donna Lowell PER
- Paul Lowell Sr. PER



For \$10.00 a year, you too can be an Echoes Booster.

All proceeds will offset the cost of printing and mailing the Bulletin. Thanks to those who have already pledged their support.

## Sickness & Distress

- Kim Frazier is still recovering from serious injuries and staying with his daughter in Michigan.



# Drug Awareness Committee

- John Pizzigoni



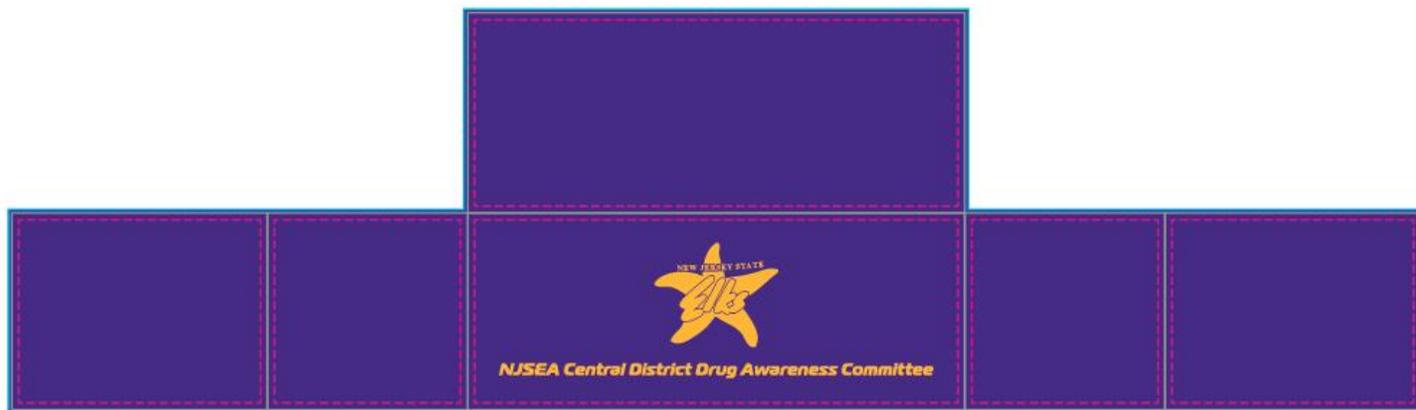
## What is Drug Awareness?

We are all “aware” of drugs. Most of us know how they work. After all, most of us are baby boomers: “Peace, love and happiness,” “Turn on, tune in, drop out.” And if we’re not baby boomers, then our parents were. Most of us know the miracle of drugs like penicillin, local and general anesthesia (better than biting on a piece of leather), vaccines, steroids and pain killers. Let’s not forget the recreational uses that gave us great insight, literature, music and art.

I just listed a bunch of positives so now in all fairness, I have to list the negatives: addiction, cirrhosis, cancer, overdose, HIV, heartbreak, low quality of life, incarceration and finally, death.

The Elks Drug Awareness program is designed to educate adolescents and teenagers about the dangers of abuse and specifically, drug abuse. We the elder Elks, are taking the responsibility for teaching our future Elks about the insidiousness of any addiction or abuse, be it tobacco, drugs, alcohol, gambling, physical abuse or an eating disorder. Like most youth, they believe that they are infallible, immortal and untouchable. They don’t believe that the worst consequences can happen to them. But adults know better: not only *can* these things happen, they *do*. Communication, participation and donation are three easy ways to make a difference in a young person’s life so please, let’s make that difference.

Below is a sketch of what our district “Drug Awareness” tent will look like. It was made possible in part by the donations of our own Lodge 885 and is something to be proud of.



To continue our good works we will be scheduling “Drug Awareness Thursdays” about every six weeks or so. On those Thursdays, we will be donating ten percent of the total gross taken in at the bar between 12 and 6pm, with a maximum donation of fifty dollars. So please, come out and enjoy yourself in support of a worthy cause on Drug Awareness Thursdays. In addition, the “Drug Awareness” milk jugs will be out in case you are able to give more.

Every penny helps.

With Thanks and Respect  
John Pizzigoni





## Membership & Membership Retention Committee

- Paul Lowell, Sr., PER

From: Michael Penschenski <roosteriii3@aol.com>  
 Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019, 01:13:31 PM EDT  
 Subject: Sundays at Camp Elks Moore

NJSEA Leaders,

Our State membership committee will have a presence on Sundays at Elks Camp Moore. We need volunteers, just one or possibly 2 people, from 1:45 pm to 4:00 pm to smile and hand out marketing materials during the Camps orientation for parents and families.

Volunteers will be sitting at a table with Elks marketing materials and a warm and friendly smile. We can hand parents the NJSEA Elks tri-fold brochure and a business card or other materials we may have. This all has the elks.org website printed on it.

Many families wonder how to become involved or become an Elk, but never were asked to join or even knew that they could join. Please email me back with a Sunday that you could offer 2+ hours of your time. It's a first come, first serve and I hope that spots will fill up fast. This might be an easy and quick way for members to really help our State and our Order in the beautiful mountains of our camp.

Casual and comfortable clothing is a must.

Thank you for you time.....fraternally, Mike P.  
 NJSEA Membership / Retention, Chairperson,  
 Michael Penschenski, PDDGER  
 C: 732-213-2952  
 E: joinelks@gmail.com

## Public Relations "Out and About"

- Mike Ryder

For more photos, please visit us on Instagram or Facebook



*Deb Case Golf Outing*



*Box Seats at Somerset Patriots*



*Our "Camp Moore Send Off Barbecue" was attended by the following kids: Lauren Aldred-Fernandez, Nye Lissade, Justin Manasse, Tianna Parker, Serena Rose, Roger Terry and Jady Waiser*

## Public Relations

- Mike Ryder

### Emails

Are you getting the weekly “Lodge Update” emails and a copy of the bulletin electronically every month? If not, there are a few easy ways to sign-up – we have about 250 members and only 151 email addresses and would love to boost this number. Please consider signing up - We promise not to sell your email address or overuse it!

- First option – send me an email at [mryder@elkslodge885.org](mailto:mryder@elkslodge885.org).
- Second option – fill in this short form at <https://www.elkslodge885.org/subscribe>

### Signs

Long overdue, this sign was finally redone with our updated lodge numbers. Many thanks to Elk member and Warren Township DPW Superintendent Doug Buro for pointing me in the right direction within Warren Township to find the approved sign-vendor and design requirements, and for having his department mount the new sign as soon as it was received. It looks sharp, doesn't it? Look for it as you turn onto Bardy Road the next time you swing by the lodge.

Let me know if you can think of any signs, posters or other big ways of announcing our presence and communicating a message.

### Membership

One of the roles of Public Relations is to enhance communications, not only internally with current members but also externally with the public AND potential new members. I would really like to help build the size of our lodge, to help spread the hard work of running it across more people and to that end am asking that “everyone, bring someone.” If that sounds familiar, it's from an old recruiting slogan which included, in part – “every man, bring a man.”



If every single member invited just one person to join our lodge this year, we would double in size. Can you think of any other single method that is more effective for increasing our ranks? I can't...

**“Everyone... bring someone...”**

### Credit Cards

Are you interested in paying your membership dues online?

Accept Membership  
Dues Online!



How much time would be saved by not having to deliver cash or a check?

Here is how Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge 782 does it: <https://www.lakehopatcongelks.com/dues---donations>

This image above is directly from the Elks Grand Lodge website.

## Public Relations, continued

- Mike Ryder

### Community Service

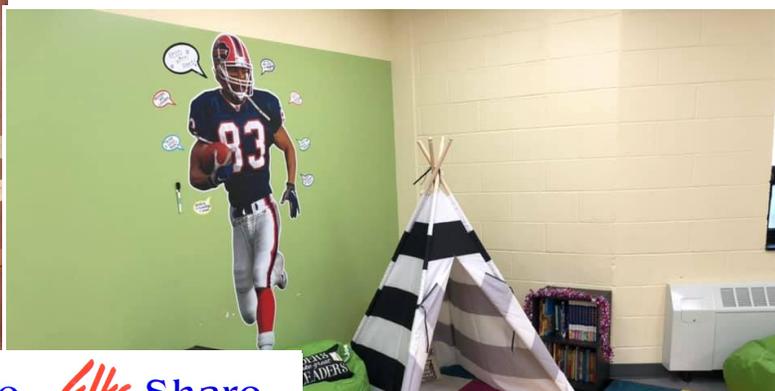
On July 3, Candace and Adam Benzel led a community service project to work with the Andre Reed Foundation to renovate a reading room at the Boys & Girls Club of Passaic, NJ. Buffalo Bills NFL Hall of Fame wide receiver Andre Reed established the [Andre Reed Foundation](#) to help underprivileged children reach their full potential and become contributors to their communities. The goal of Andre's "[Read with Reed](#)" program is to encourage kids to exercise their minds, tackle good books, and catch the love of reading.

The project was a culmination of months of organization and collaboration. Candace and Adam are happy to share that through the book drive at Watchung Hills Elks #885, they were able to collect 839 books, 10 tapes and CDs, 7 learning activity books, 23 puzzles and games, 8 craft projects, and 14 other miscellaneous donations! Overall, the project collected over 1300 books and supplies to benefit the Boys & Girls Club kids – 250 kids in the summer camp program and 1100 kids that use the club throughout the year. On the day of the project, 20 volunteers spent 5 hours renovating the room and sorting the books for a total of 100 hours of work. And that doesn't include the efforts of local Elks John Pizzigoni and Pete Seavey helping Adam box and carry the books and Denise Heilman helping Candace sort and count the books.

Candace and Adam would like say THANK YOU to the Elks and to the Warren community for donating the books and for the enthusiastic support of this great cause. This project has so clearly embodied our motto "Elks Care, Elks Share". THANK YOU!!!!

You can read the full newspaper article and see more pictures on our website here:

<https://www.elkslodge885.org/2019/07/08/reading-room-renovation-results/>



Elks Care - Elks Share



Public Relations, continued

- Mike Ryder

**Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885 Shirts for Sale**

Elk member Mary Lewis approached me with a shirt project she is working on. She has setup a vendor through which she can purchase nice, high-quality shirts customized for our lodge. Order forms are at the lodge; contact Mary Lewis with your questions – she can be reached through David Lewis' email address: [dclewis@optonline.net](mailto:dclewis@optonline.net).



**Collared Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts  
Watchung Hill # 885 (Members Only)**

Please see bartender to order.

Money due at time of order.

- 1 Royal Blue Ombre** \$35  
(nylon/polyester) \*\*\*\*\*Add \$5 for 2XL and up.  
Men's Sizes ONLY.
- 2 Royal Blue or White Golf** \$26  
(polyester) (no buttons on women shirt)  
\*\*\*\*\*Add \$5 for 2XL and up.  
Men's and Women's Sizes
- 3 Royal Blue or White Cotton** \$20  
\*\*\*\*\*Add \$5 for 2XL and up.  
Men's or Women's Junior Sizes
- 4 Royal Blue or White Golf w/pocket** \$30  
(polyester) \*\*\*\* Add \$5 for 2XL up to 4XL.  
Men's Sizes ONLY.
- 5 Cadet Sweatshirt (zipper at neck)** \$23  
White & Royal Blue. \*\*\*\* Add \$5 for 2XL and 3XL.
- 6 Hooded Sweatshirt (no zipper w/pockets)** \$23  
White & Royal Blue. \*\*\*\* Add \$5 for 2XL up to 5XL.
- 7 Hooded Sweatshirt (zipper w/pockets)** \$27  
White & Royal Blue. \*\*\*\* Add \$5 for 2XL up to 5XL.

\*\*\*\*\*Name can be added on right side for an additional \$6.00.

Public Relations, continued

- Mike Ryder

**Somerset Children’s Center Basket Bingo**

Elk member Michele Waiser shared this flyer with me. In her own words:

“I have tickets and anyone can contact me. Michelle Waiser, 908-334-7907. I have 18 tickets to sell!!! More available if needed.”



**Hosted by Hillsborough–Manville Elks, Lodge 2119**  
**1500 Brooks Blvd, Manville, NJ**  
 For Further Info and Directions 908-725-1717

For the benefit of the  
**Somerset Children's Center**  
**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**Doors Open 12:00 - Bingo Starts at 2:00**

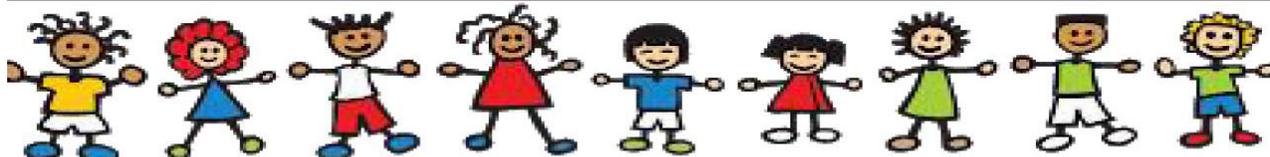
Players must be at least 18 years of age to be admitted and to play

**Admission: Advance Ticket \$10.00 At the Door:\$15.00**  
**Includes 2- 50/50 specials, 1-Jackpot, 6 games of Bingo**  
**Additional Games may be purchased at the door!**

**Tricky Tray tickets:**  
 5 for \$10    20 for \$20

**50/50 tickets:**  
 5 for \$10        15 for \$20

**NO NEED FOR OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS;**  
**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**



**Advanced tickets available at the Somerset Children Center (908)-725-2366, 377 Union Ave, Bridgewater NJ for pick up most evenings.**

# Cub Scouts Pack 182

- Mike Ryder (Unit Committee Chair)

June is when the annual "Pack Picnic" is held on our property. It is at this event that all Cub Scouts receive their next rank and are celebrated for their achievements. Newly minted Tigers, Wolves and Webelos get their new rank patches and recognition of other achievements at a fun barbecue.

Thanks to their Popcorn Fundraising, this event and all others like it were paid for by the community, which purchased enough popcorn (\$43,799) to make our Cub Scout pack the #1 fundraiser in the Patriots' Path Council of NJ and #7 in the nation, according to popcorn manufacturer Camp-Masters. We were able to add a new fun element this year – the "bounce obstacle course" and also had the obligatory water-balloon battle.

This summer, we have lots of other fun events scheduled for our Cub Scouts. Our new popcorn Kernel Jeff Clar has taken over the reigns from previous Popcorn Kernel Mike Ryder, and will be holding a kickoff within the next few weeks. There will be Fossil Hunting at Big Bend river, spelunking at the Sterling Mining Museum, JAKES Day fishing, Dorney Park, a hike of the Victory Trail and perhaps a hike of Patriot's Path at Jockey Hollow.





7/1 Debbie Metner  
 7/3 Christian Bellman  
 7/5 Linda Helmstetter  
 7/7 Adam Gioia  
 Anthony Metner  
 7/9 Kim Frazier  
 Thomas Keller Jr.  
 7/11 William Lehman  
 7/14 Pat Guerra  
 Jeff Loeffler  
 7/15 Guy Treppiccione

7/18 Bridget Horn  
 William Sorensen  
 7/20 Kathleen Olesen  
 Amelia Przelomski  
 7/22 Duke Andersen  
 Craig Slater  
 7/24 David Dante  
 7/25 Anthony Hayeck  
 7/26 John Volker PER  
 7/28 Paul Lowell Jr. PER  
 7/30 Kenneth Burd

## Elks Care - Elks Share

### JULY 2019

Find the calendar online at our website: <https://www.elkslodge885.org>, then click Events and then "Main Calendar"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4  Poolside BBQ 10am- ?	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16  BOD Meeting 7 pm	17	18  Lodge Meeting Officers – 7 pm General – 8 pm	19	20
21  Central District Camp Moore BBQ 4:30pm	22	23 PER Meeting 7 pm	24	25	26  New Member Initiation 7 pm	27
28	29	30	31			

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Point your smart-phone's QR-Code reader application (freely available if you don't already have one) at these images to jump to our sites. Bookmark our website so you can check the Lodge calendar. "Like" our Facebook page so you can stay in touch with the daily goings-on.



<https://www.elkslodge885.org>



<https://www.facebook.com/elks885>

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