



Lodge Chartered 9/12/1999

2021-2022 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler Kris Weiland
 Leading Knight Eddie Lopez
 Loyal Knight Greg Sula
 Lecturing Knight Scott Nassetta
 Secretary Terry Rothenberger
 Treasurer Linda Harris
 Tiler Sally Piper
 Esquire Bill Oskin, PER
 Chaplain Linda Josephson
 Inner Guard Harold Straley, PER

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 1 Year Trustee Robert Kaplan

PAST EXALTED RULERS

*Allen Webb 2000—2001
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 *Charlie Cape 2004—2005
 *Mike Wilcox 2005—2006
 Lou Martin 2006—2008
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 Bill Inman 2009—2010
 *Jerry Barton 2010—2011
 Bill Heiter 2011—2012
 Lou Martin 2012—2013
 Charlie Lum Kee 2013—2014
 Debbie Oskin 2014—2015
 Rick McDonald 2015—2016
 Bill Oskin 2016—2017
 Harold Straley 2017—2018
 Debbie Oskin 2018—2019
 Rick McDonald 2019—2020
 Jim Garner 2020—2021
 *Departed PERs

PER TRANSFERS

Don Coleman Jerry Cole
 Howard "Butch" Shraft

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES

Charlie Lum Kee 2016-2017
 Lou Martin 2017-2018
 Debbie Oskin 2019-2020

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

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Sickness & Distress

Harold Straley (702) 218-7383
 Wendy Kaplan (702) 345-2811

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LODGE HOURS

Sun 10:00 am to 8:00pm
 Mon - Thurs, Sat 1:00 pm to 7:00pm
 Fri 10:00am - 8:00pm



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Happy Thanks-
giving!

Hard to believe
that Thanksgiving
is just around the
corner. As busy

as the Lodge has been, time is just
flying by.

Our Lodge received two Elks National Foundation (ENF) Grants for the Veterans Center and Virgin Valley Food Bank. We presented the Vets Center a check for \$3,500 and the Food Bank a check for \$2,500. At this time of year these funds help to support our community. These grants are only part of the programs ENF supports. Most Valuable Student is a scholarship program that can fund your child or grandchild's college education. ENF provides grant money to the Elks State organizations throughout the country. Our Lodge recently received funds from Nevada State Elks Association (NSEA) that we are using to purchase dictionaries for the 3rd grade classes at our local elementary schools. These funds will also be used to assist with the Shop with a Cop program. ENF provides so much for so many with the donations we make as a Lodge and as individuals. Last month we held a Paint with Wine event, we donated the funds to ENF. We give a little and get a lot back. This year our Lodge has been able to donate \$18,000 to our community through grants!

We have our NSEA mid-term meeting in Las Vegas November 18-21. The Grand Exalted Ruler, T Keith Mill will be attending. We will not have a Lodge meeting on the 18th, but we will have orientation and initiation on November 10th at 5:00 pm.

Our next Building Expansion Town Hall on November 13th at 10 am.

Please attend if possible. The committee needs and wants your input. This is your Lodge, and you have a say in what is done.

The calendar has many meetings and events/functions on it. All of these are open to all members. Some of the meetings deal with the business operation of the Lodge. Others are planning for events and of course the events themselves. The Lodge meetings are where we approve what the Lodge does. The Lodge floor determines what we do. Believe it or not, Lodge business is NOT done at the bar! You can always contact me, my email is below with comments, ideas, or suggestions.

Things to be thankful for, family, friends, and our volunteers! Thanks to all our volunteers for what you do.

JoAnn and I hope that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Kris K. Weiland
 Exalted Ruler
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MESQUITO BYTES
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Mesquito Bytes is the official publication of B.P.O.E. No. 2811, published monthly. The purpose of the publication is to provide a ready means of communication within the Lodge. Contributions of interesting and pertinent reading material and photographs are welcomed. The deadline for receiving material is the 20th of each month.

All communications may be emailed in Microsoft WORD to Yvonne Lum Kee at ylumkee@gmail.com or Charlie Lum Kee at clumkee@gmail.com.



Elks of the Month pins and certificates were given out by ER Kris Weiland to Teri Foust, Ed Foust, Chris Davis, and Judi Kvachuk. Congratulations!!



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Keep the following members in your prayers

Gary Arnold is home from the hospital and not feeling well at this time.

At the second meeting, Harold reported that Gary is still at home and working with the doctors for treatments.

Please contact Harold Straley at (702) 218-7383 and/or Wendy Kaplan at (702) 345-2811 to report Sickness/Distress.

If by any chance, you hear of anyone that is under sickness and distress we would like to send them a get well card, visit or call them.

There is an erasable board in the lounge towards the back door that can be used to notify the members who is under the weather.

If we have missed anyone who is not doing well, we will keep our fellow Elks in our prayers.

640 members

Applications for Membership

Candidate

Proposer

Benjamin Briceno	Monty Dibble
Stephen Gowen	Murray Rothenberger
Jamie April Hays	Harold Kincaid
Kelly S. Lundgren	Linda Harris
Robert Melendez	Andy Robinson
Kimberly Muniz	Monty Dibble
Michael Royer	Bill Visokey
Michael Saldivar	Bruce Hooley
Pamela Schow	Bill Jones
Mark Lundgren	Linda Harris
Christy Polson	Duane Tolman

Transfers:

Robert A. George from Lodge 0865 Raton, NM

Duane J. Mason from Lodge 1073 Redding, CA

All Candidates were balloted successfully.



- 1) How many members does our Lodge currently have?
- 2) What two community organizations did our Lodge receive ENF Grants for a totaling of \$6,000?

Transaction Report:

This Report is for 6 months beginning April 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2021.

Number of Elks April 1, 2021	592
Number Initiated	45
Affiliated	9
Reinstated	2
Total	648
Stricken for non-payment	8
Transfers granted	5
Absolute Dimits granted	1
Number deceased	3
Total Dropped	17
Total September 30, 2021	631
Delinquents	43

Dues and fees Collected \$43,756.49

Per Capita fees:

GL \$11,738.08

State \$3,707.00

Missing

The following items have gone missing in action from the Lodge. If you have borrowed them and forgot to bring them back, please return them as soon as possible. Your brother and sister members will be thankful since they won't have to spend more money to replace them. These items are the property of the Mesquite Elks Lodge #2811.

M.I.A. items:

1 6 ft. ladder

2 6ft. folding tables

1 card table

Assorted tools including one spud wrench

Thank you!

Bill Oskin, PER



The drawing was held for an Elk member who would receive paid dues for 2022 by the Lodge. The member must be present at the meeting to win. The name drawn was Pam Bernston 10/7/2021 meeting.

At the second meeting on 10/21/2021, Thomas Cherpeski name was drawn who was not present.



ENF Fundraising with Wine and Paint Event, 10/19/2021. Future 'Upcoming Artist' in Mesquite!!



On 10/21, the Lodge presented an ENF Grant for \$3,500 to the Mesquite Veterans Center. ER Kris Weiland and Robert Nehilla, Jr., President/Quarter Master.



Oktoberfest after the Bowling Tournament, 10/23/2021. Members having a good time.

Birthday Drink Coupon

This coupon entitles this month's birthday Elk to a free drink of your choice. Cut this out and fill it out and give to the bartender on duty.

PRINT YOUR NAME _____

DATE: _____

Check us out on

FACEBOOK

at **Elks Lodge #2811**

Mesquite, NV

for the most up to date news
of

Events and happenings at the
Lodge.

REMINDER

If by any chance you have heard that a member is not receiving his or her monthly newsletter, you need to inform them to call the Lodge Secretary at (702) 345-2811 with a current mailing address, phone no. and/or email address. If you want to receive your newsletters via EMAIL, stop by the Lodge and fill out the form. They come in color and save the Lodge postage.

BUSINESS CARD ADS

If anyone knows of a business person who would like to advertise in the monthly newsletter, please contact Yvonne Lum Kee (808) 284-3468 or Terry Rothenberger (702) 345-2811.

Please support the people who support us with their ads.



- 01 Helen Creamer
- 01 Sam Latendresse
- 03 Robert Earl
- 03 Monty Johnson
- 03 Jacqueline Turshinsky
- 04 Clark Cable
- 04 Jacob Dinkel
- 05 Joseph Cummings
- 05 Gerald Jewett
- 06 Ramona Marshall
- 06 Enrique Ponce
- 06 Mark Sedlacek
- 07 Susan Grennan
- 07 Beth Kumrow
- 07 Richard Nayman
- 07 Joel Sodano
- 08 William Devore
- 08 Leonard Dumph
- 08 Timothy Prather
- 09 Kenneth Kumrow
- 09 Karl Milner
- 09 Blaine Siddoway
- 10 Kenneth Rhule
- 12 Victor Bergstrom
- 12 Eyline Cowart
- 12 Janet Hunter
- 12 Wendy Lauer
- 12 George Tusinski
- 13 Jeffery Jacobson
- 13 Dawn Pecoraro
- 14 Claudia Carlsen
- 14 Robert Lathrop
- 14 Kenneth May
- 15 Julie Fernandez
- 15 Maurice Hardman
- 16 William Thornburg
- 17 Robert Dant
- 17 Kym Pool
- 17 Leonard Trujillo
- 19 Michael Klaus
- 19 Kevin McCarron
- 19 Karen Perry
- 20 Mary Stringfellow
- 21 Linda Hangartner
- 21 Ronald Manthey
- 22 Jeff Powell
- 22 Harry Watson
- 23 Gladys Irish
- 23 Kurt Krueger
- 23 Shirl Petro
- 24 Aaron Field
- 24 Sally Henrie
- 25 Jeannie Billman
- 25 Kay McPhail
- 25 Ernest Sell
- 26 Benjamin Briceno
- 26 Norman Wiseman
- 27 William Mitchell
- 28 Wade Bevans
- 29 Delbert Brown
- 30 Teri Foust
- 30 Ridge Larson



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NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

I want to thank all of YOU who took the time to attend the October Activities Meeting. There were a lot of great ideas discussed. One we hope to implement in the near future is a monthly MEET N' GREET which provides an opportunity for new members to meet each other in a social setting. The plan is to hold this the week after the monthly Initiation Meeting. More details to follow shortly.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the 40 plus people who showed up to wrap almost 800 hot dogs for Mesquite's Night Out. We particularly want to thank Ken, David, and Ken for handing out all but 1 hot dog throughout the night to eager eaters.

Coming up is a **PULLED PORK HOEDOWN DINNER** with music provided by Mike Rye. The date is **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH; COCKTAIL HOUR 4:00 - 5:00 pm**, with music provided by Mike; **DINNER at 5:00 pm**; and **DANCING starting right after dinner**. Come enjoy good home cookin' and dancing and doing a little of "boot scootin' boogie!"

Fundraising is still big on our "must do" list, as the kitchen fund is still trying to catch up from being out of business for over a year. In an effort to help the kitchen fund, which provides a third of the Lodge's budget, we have to increase our fundraising activities. To this end, the idea of having 2 dinners per month is being tossed around. To make this happen, **we need to set up Dinner Teams similar to our Friday Burger Teams**. Ideally, each team would have 8 members and would be responsible for food preparation, cooking and cleanup. If we have 8 teams, each team would only have to be on duty three times per year, or less because there may be some months when only 1 dinner will be held because of special Lodge events. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE AND POSSIBLY BEING PART OF A TEAM, PLEASE SHOW UP AT THE LODGE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, AT 3:00 PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT!**

The next Activities Meeting is Tuesday, November 9th, at 2:30 pm, in the Lodge room

***"VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME;
THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART."***

God Bless.

Deby Burton
801.791.1900

Mesquite Veterans Center and Virgin Valley Food Bank



Secretary's Job Opening

Terry Taylor (Rothenberger) is giving up this most important job in our lodge. Terry has been very good at the duties she is faced with on a daily basis. She is a valuable asset to everyone in the lodge and we are sorry to have her leave. She would like to travel and spend more time golfing and a lot more time with her new husband, Murray, and family.

Terry is looking for someone to take over April 1, 2022 with computer skills along with excel, word, taking care of correspondence from Grand Lodge and other lodges just to name a few. Terry will expand on her duties in detail to anyone who is interested in this position.

The best part of this job, you meet a lot of experienced and new members from our lodge and other lodges in our state and surrounding states.

If interested, please come by the lodge and ask to see her or call (702) 345-2811.

Bill Funk's 75th Birthday Celebration!!



Cheers from the bar~

Hope everyone is enjoying our football Sunday's that are now under way at the lodge. Just FYI, we have decided to temporarily stop cornhole/ bags on Sunday afternoons.... we will resume after football season is over. We still play on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, so come join the fun then. Do not forget darts are on Mondays at 5:00 pm.

Everyone is asking about us bringing the drink chips back. (This was something we did if a member wanted to buy a drink for another person, but that person already had a cocktail in hand) Due to the recent statute handed down by the Elks Grand Lodge concerning over-serving at lodges across the nation, we are choosing not to continue at this time with drink chips. Instead, if a member wants to buy someone or everyone a drink, a plastic cup will be placed in front of the member representing a drink has been paid for. Only one cup will be permitted at a time. Please help us out by understanding that we are not discouraging buying "rounds" rather controlling what has been mandated by the Elks Grand Lodge. I am certain that we can all be adult enough to understand that if we do not get to buy our fellow brother a drink "this time," we can certainly catch him/her later. Thank you all for understanding, and as with everything else, we will give it a try, and keep our options open for down the road.

I cannot thank you all enough for your continued loyalty and brotherly love as I know that our little bar/ space is pushed to max and sometimes, not enough seats for everyone to have the perfect spot that we want to enjoy our friends with.... hang in there and get to know our new members that are joining in leaps and bounds! Introduce yourself and welcome them with a smile and a handshake.... we really appreciate each and every one of you!! Please watch for events for November and join in for the fun and camaraderie!

~Health and happiness always,
Kathy

**Join Us at the Elks on
Friday November 5, 2021, for the
November "Special Sandwich"**



Rueben Sandwich w/ thousand island dressing

(while they last!)

\$8.00

Hope to see you!

Additional House Rule

5. Bartenders have complete discretion as to whether to continue serving alcoholic beverages to Lodge patrons including but not limited to a Member, Associate Member, the guest of either a Member or Associate Member, or members of the public who may be attending an event hosted by the lodge or as part of an event for which the Lodge facilities are being used. A decision by a bartender to discontinue or “cut-off” the service of alcoholic beverages to a Lodge patron carries with it the full authority and backing of the House Committee and the Board of Directors. Should the Member patron disagree with the bartender’s decision, the member will not argue the issue with the bartender but may instead submit in writing or in person their complaint to the House Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting. It should be understood that arguing with the bartender or general disorderly conduct may subject the offending member to disciplinary action including suspension of club privileges.



Welcome our new Initiated members into our Lodge on 10/21/2021.

Cortney Bills, David Buckner, Michael Royer, Robert Melendez, Stephen Gowen, Kurt Krueger, and Benjamin Briceno

WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!!

When: Saturday, November 13th

Time: Cocktails @ 4:00 pm Dinner @ 5:00 pm

What: Western Night! Tickets available \$15.00

Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, and all the fixin's!!

Dust off your cowboy hats, boots, and spurs!
LIVE MUSIC to dance and boot-scoot too!



See ya there partner!!

Got a Talent?

HELP us raise \$\$ for the new building!
Volunteer to be auctioned off as a Santa's Helper!

When: December 4th at 6 PM (during the Trustees Membership Dinner)

Where: Elks Lodge

What: We are seeking Member's with a skill or talent they are willing to auction off to raise money for our capital expansion fund.

Get creative! If you are a handy person offer crafting or house repairs. A good baker - offer holiday baking!

Dress the part and promote your 'skill' to raise the most money!

Who to contact:

Jennifer Henson: 307-413-1148



* Recommended time commitment is 2 hours.

** Due to COVID we recommend limiting indoor activities (unless mutually agreed upon) and chaperones are available upon request.

Santa's Helper Auction

An Elks Fundraiser for the Capital Expansion Committee



December 4th at 6 PM

Purchase an 'ELF' in exchange for a personal holiday helper!












Cooking, shopping, cleaning, chores and more!

Each Elf will offer a special skill or talent to make your holiday prep easier!



** Starting bids are \$50 for approximately 2 hours of service.

NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Darts 5:00 pm 	2 Expansion Fundraising Committee Mtg 5:00 pm	3 Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm 	4 Elks Bus Mtg 6:00 pm	5 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Crispy Chicken Sand, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Reuben Sandwich, \$8.00	6 Veterans Day Parade 10:00 am
7 Football Daylight Savings Time Ends 	8 Darts 5:00 pm 	9 Membership Comm Mtg 1:00 pm Activities Comm Mtg 2:30 pm House Comm Mtg, 3:30 pm BOD Mtg 5:00 pm	10 Special Orientation Mtg, 5:00 pm Initiation 6:00 pm	11 Veterans Day 	12 Bldg Expansion/Capitol Facilities Mtg, 9:30 am Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Crispy Chicken Sand, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	13 Expansion Town Hall Meeting 10:00 am Western Night Hoedown Dinner Cocktail Hour 4:00-5:00 pm Music by Mike Rye Dinner 5:00 pm Dancing to Follow
14 Football 	15 Darts 5:00 pm 	16 Expansion Fundraising Committee Mtg 5:00 pm	17 Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm 	18 DAV Van Drivers Mtg 3:00 PM No Elks Mtg Elks Mid-Term Meeting, Las Vegas 11/18-21/2021	19 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Crispy Chicken Sand, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	20 Articles Due for December 2021 Newsletter
21 Football	22 Darts 5:00 pm 	23 Expansion Fundraising Committee Mtg 5:00 pm	24 Cornhole Toss 4:00 pm 	25 Thanksgiving Day 	26 Bldg Expansion/Capitol Facilities Mtg, 9:30 am Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Crispy Chicken Sand, Chicken Wings, French Fries, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	27
28 Football	29 Darts 5:00 pm 	30 Expansion Fundraising Committee Mtg 5:00 pm	<div> Scheduled Burger Teams for November Nov 05 - Bunnell's Team Nov 12 - Robinson's Team Nov 19 - Foust's Team Nov 26 - Burton's Team </div>			No Cornhole Bags on Sundays, until Football Season is finished. Golf Committee Meeting on Friday, 11/19 at 1:30 pm



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Veterans' ServicesHarold Straley, PER
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Standing Relief.....Kris Weiland
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House CommitteeNeil Watkins
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Government RelationsMartine Greene
Presiding Justice.....Debbie Oskin, PER
Mediator.....Bill Oskin, PER

Slogan of Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills:

“Meeting the Challenge”