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January 2024



El Campo Elks BPOE # 1749



CHILI COOK-OFF

**FREE TO
TASTE**

Sat., Feb. 3, 2024

Elk Grounds – Hwy. 71 N. El Campo

Contact Chad Hensley for rules or entry.
979-541-3239 • chadwayne73@yahoo.com
Also on Facebook Elk's Lodge 1749

Team Entry Fee \$140

for 4 Team Members,
\$25 fee for each additional Category

COOK-OFF CATEGORIES

Chili • Pinto Beans • Wild Game • Chicken Noodle Soup • Chopped Challenge



**Benefits
Lodge
Charities**

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

Hoop Shoot Set for Jan. 13

The El Campo Elks Lodge will hold its annual "Hoop Shoot" free throw contest Saturday, January 13 at 8:30 a.m. at ECHS gym.

The contest is open to all area youngsters 8-13 years of age, with the date of age determination being April 1, 2024. (i.e. How old the shooter will be ON THIS DATE). This is not an "El Campo only" contest, but covers an area approximately 40-50 mi.



surrounding...or half-way to the next available Elks Lodge.

There is NO ENTRY FEE and no preregistration is necessary.

There are three age categories: 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13, with boys and girls competing separately.

Any questions regarding the upcoming "Hoop Shoot" event should be directed to Elks Hoop Shoot Director George Matthews at 979-541-6807.



Elks Campo LODGE 1749

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted RulerDaniel Ott
 Leading KnightConnie Lisembee
 Loyal KnightJoanna Cranek
 Lecturing Knight Vicki Limmer
 Chaplain Howard Middleton
 EsquireTracy Oldag
 Inner Guard Jamie Appling
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 TilerAnthony Perez
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Accident Prevention...George Matthews
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 Americanism Donnie Roddy
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 Chili Cookoff Chad Hensley
 Clay Shoot..... Chad Hensley
 Community Activities Roy Schulz
 Drug AwarenessStacy Amestoy
 Elk National Foundation...Chris Wendel
 Fajita Cook-Off.....Eugene Bustamante
 Flag Day..... Allen Collins
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 Hoop Shoot George Matthews
 House Committee Tim Drapela
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 Public RelationsGary Tupa
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 Swimming Pool..... Tommy Morton
 Youth Activities George Matthews

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chris Wendel: Secretary,
 Members: Chad Hensley, Tim Drapela,
 Randy Fitch and Roy Schulz

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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

LEGACY AWARD deadline Feb. 5, 2024

DON'T DELAY!

Online applications only. www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm.

Local Lodge scholarship applications are available in the Counselors office and due to Counselors office **April 1, 2024.**

Try to submit earlier than the day of the deadline. **IF YOU HAVE A GRADUATING SENIOR, PLEASE PICK UP AND SUBMIT A LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.**

Local Lodge scholarship amounts vary. The amount of time you or your child provide to assist with Lodge events goes toward determining the amount the child receives.

Lodge Hamburger Meal Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone that came out and assisted with the fundraiser held on December 14. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets, purchased tickets, donated tickets - We sold out! Thanks to Daniel Juraneck, Randy Fitch, Roy Schulz, Tim Drapela, Patrick Gwosdz, Jack Swanson, Moose Rodriguez, Keith Embesi, Troy Coffman, Chad Hensley, Billy Drapela, Trey Berry, Brent Cerny, Mike Kasper, Bruce Korenek, Chris Wendel, Joanna Cranek, Tracy Braden, Jimmy Kainer, Lonnie Hacker, Becki Schulz (spouse).

Sickness & Distress

Members under the weather or have health concerns. Their addresses are included to drop them a line for condolences or well wishes.

Georgia Dorotik, Mother of PER **Anthony Dorotik**, passed away November 20.

Gladys Labay, Wife of Member **Lawrence Labay**, passed away December 5.

Condolences to the Families.

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



It's easy to enjoy the benefits when others do the work, that's human nature.

When a few of the members do most of the work, it's easy for the few to get burned out or become stagnant. For any organization to continue functioning with current and future projects, new life blood and ideas are necessary.

There are many committee positions being run by officers and trustees that you could use YOU! Everyone has different time commitments, but see if you have something to offer, every little bit helps and benefits everyone.

Take a look at the Lodge Legend (to left) and take note of the number of positions needed to run YOUR LODGE. You are needed to help fill those positions and committees.

If you are interested in serving YOUR LODGE, contact Chris Wendel and volunteer!

February 6th is the date set for nominations for 2024-2025 Lodge year, with elections concluding at the February 20 meeting.

Exalted Rulers's Message

by Daniel Ott • 979-541-9831
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Happy New Year to Everyone!

A huge Thank You to all who bought and sold tickets for our hamburger meal. And thanks to everyone who came out and helped to prepare and serve the meals. It was a huge success.

There will only be 1 meeting in January since the first Tuesdays falls on January 2.

At the first meeting in February, we will take nominations for officers for the upcoming '23-'24 Elk Year. With election of officers at the second meeting in February. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an officer, please attend these meetings.

We still have 27 members on the delinquent list. Please make an effort to get your dues taken care of. May the New Year bring peace and happiness.

Thanks,
Daniel

Sweetheart's Corner

by Ann Ott
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I want to start out by bragging on the Christmas Float that our lodge represented at the parade. Wow! Joanna Cranek and her crew did the most amazing job and thank you to Mr. Roddy who pulled it safely through town. It may not have won, but what a fine presentation for the lodge! Thanks Joanna & crew!

My sweethearts were so busy in December helping with the parade, hamburger supper and Wreaths across America that we have taken a break from Sweetheart activities until some time in January. Stay tuned because we will have a bunco in January and I am planning a house swap party, and something for Valentines. I welcome any and all suggestions.

Happy New Year to all of my fellow Sweethearts and Elks!

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Secretary's Corner

by Chris Wendel
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Dues statements for upcoming Lodge year will be sent out in January for 2024-2025 Lodge year.

PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES A.S.A.P. WHEN RECEIVED

The Lodge year runs from April 1 to March 31. We started the 2023-2024 Lodge year with a Membership of 249 - we have gained so far this 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
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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 at the meeting is drawn. They then receive ½ the pot. Come out to a meeting and maybe your number will be drawn!

We also have a meal prior to each meeting.



Wreaths Across America

Elks Lodge 1749
December 16, 2023



This year across the country we reflect on our nation's Veterans and active-duty Service Members who have and continue to fight for the Freedoms we enjoy. The El Campo Elks, with the help of a few local Veterans, participated in the National Wreaths Across America Day Ceremony.

There are many men and women serving in all branches of the military, here at home and in places we may never have been or heard of. We honor them and their families for the sacrifices they make to keep our country safe. In a time of uncertainty this is more important than it has been in many years, the keeping of our freedom.

Wreaths Across America lay wreaths at the graves of soldiers across America, wherever they might lie.

Buck Wenglar laid a wreath in memory of those who served in the United States Army.

Doug

Wenglar laid a wreath in honor of the 93,129 United States Servicemen from all branches whose last known status was either Prisoners of War or Missing in Action.

Dave Wagner placed a wreath in memory of those who served and are serving in the United States Air Force.

Randy Fitch laid a wreath in honor of the United States Space Force.

Duane Scheumack laid a wreath for those who served and are serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Tom Houser laid a veteran's wreath in honor of those who served and are serving in the United States Navy.

Here at the Elks Lodge in El Campo we are honored to be able to Serve our community with this ceremony, honoring all that have given everything and those that are still giving their commitment to keeping our country free and allowing us the ability to live without the fear of reprisal in our own country.





Thanks to all who supported and assisted with the Wreaths Across America program. It took all involved to be able to get the orders in and the wreaths distributed. Thanks to Roy & Becki Schulz, Joanna Cranek, Randy Fitch, Anthony Perez, Jamie Appling, Glenell Wenglar, Ruby Hoffman, Chris Wendel and all the others who took wreaths to the various cemeteries to HONOR the Veterans who served. A total of 758 wreaths were distributed and placed.

Elks, Boy Scouts Serve US Military Christmas Kindness

Boy Scouts from Troop 368 assisted GI Joe/Jane coordinators Tracy Oldag and Connie Schertz at the El Campo Elk's Lodge 1749 to help sort, pack and ship care boxes to military personnel around the globe.

Items were collected throughout November and early December from Lodge members and the community.

Sponsors for the GI Joe/Jane project are Prosperity Bank, El Campo Elks Lodge #1749, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 1069, and R & R Printing. This marks the 16th year of the project.



Pictured front row, L-R; Eagle Scout Trace Matthews, Scouts Damien Bustamante; Elijah Bustamante (Life Scout); Scoutmaster Ryan Baumann and Scout Luke Merta; Back row, L-R: Assistant Scoutmaster Wayne Bustamante, Scouts Brayden Kudelka, Levi Anderson, Michael Roddy, (Life Scout) and Luke Merta.

January Birthdays!

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 02 Middleton, Howard | 16 Cranek, Joanna | 22 Ryan, Bob |
| 10 Drapela, Tim | 17 Dluhos, Silvan J | 26 Clapp, Curtis |
| 10 Martinez, Maria | 18 Englund, John W | 26 Garcia, Cathy V |
| 12 Rothbauer, Gina | 18 Mikeska, Nick | 30 Edelstein, Ronnie |
| 13 Shelton, Stacy | 18 Orsak, Kyle | 30 Socha, Kirk |
| 13 Stovall, Guy | 19 VonDerAu, Robert | 31 Bergstrom, Russell |
| 15 Lara, Pamela | 20 Cerny, Garrett | |

NEW MEMBERS

CANDIDATES ELECTED AND AWAITING INITIATION

Lily Khan proposed by Howard Middleton
 Meschelle Roe proposed by Pamela Schoeneberg
 Armando Garcia proposed by Anthony Perez
 Lawrence Wilson, Jr. Proposed by Mike Davila

TRANSFER MEMBER

We had a Member transfer their Membership in to El Campo. 13 year Member Charles Conley was elected to Membership at the December 19 meeting.

Welcome to El Campo

El Campo Elks Lodge Chili Cook-off

16th Annual

Saturday February 3, 2024

Check in time from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Cooking start time: After check-in

Turn in:

☞ **“Chopped” Challenge - 11:00 AM**
(Ingredients distributed @ 10:00 AM)

☞ **Chili - 11:30 AM**

☞ **Beans - 12:00 PM**

☞ **Wild Game - 12:30 PM**

☞ **Chicken Noodle Soup - 1:00 PM**

Team Name: _____

Chief Cook: _____

Team Members: _____

CASH PRIZES FOR OVERALL SCORES - ★ \$500 ★ \$300 ★ \$200

El Campo Elks Lodge will not be held responsible for theft, damage, or accidents.

ENTRY FEE: \$140.00 for 4 Members (Covers all categories)

TABC rules do not allow alcoholic beverages to be brought on to premises!

\$25 fee for each additional category

| Extra Entries | # | Extra Entries | # | Extra Entries | # | Extra Entries | # | Extra Entries | # |
|---------------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|---|---------------------|---|
| “Chopped” Challenge | | Chili | | Beans | | Wild Game | | Chicken Noodle Soup | |

Mailing address: _____

E-mail address: _____

CHOPPED CHALLENGE RULES

Ingredients for CHOPPED CHALLENGE will be distributed at 10:00 AM. Entry must include the ingredients distributed. Any other ingredients may be added to the entry preparation.

- a. Entry must be cooked within the confines of your cook-off space.
- b. Turn in time for CHOPPED CHALLENGE will be 11:00 AM.
- c. Entry to be turned in using clam shell tray (to be provided).

CHILI RULES

Each entry must consist of three (3) pounds of chili meat. Chili meat may be beef, pork or combination of both. No other type of meat **or beans** will be allowed. Chili may be inspected during check in.

- a. Chili must be cooked from scratch within the confines of your cook-off space.
- b. Turn in time for chili will be 11:30 a.m.
- c. Must turn in at least 24 oz. (in provided cup) for judging.

Bean Rules

Each entry must consist of three (3) pounds of beans. Beans may be inspected during check in.

- a. Beans must be cooked from scratch within the confines of your cook-off space. No commercial beans allowed.
- b. No large amounts of meats or vegetables allowed in turn in container.
- c. Turn in time for beans will be 12:00 p.m.
- d. Must turn in at least 24 oz. (in provided cup) for judging.

Wild Game Rules

Entries must consist of Wild Game **other than seafood.**

- a. Entry meat for Wild Game may be inspected during check in.
- b. Entry meat must be cooked from scratch within the confines of your cook-off space.
- c. Entries may be cooked any way.
- d. Turn in time for Wild Game will be 12:30 p.m.
- e. Must turn in a quantity (in provided clamshell tray) for six (6) judges.

Chicken Noodle Soup Rules

Entry meat must be cooked from scratch within the confines of your cook-off space.

- a. Entry meat must consist of chicken product. No other poultry meat accepted.
- b. Entry meat may be inspected during check-in.
- c. Entry meat must be cooked from scratch within confines of your cook-off space.
- d. Entry must contain noodles of any size or variety based on cooks preference.
- e. Turn in time for Chicken Noodle Soup will be 1:00 p.m.
- f. Must turn in a quantity (in provided cup) for judges

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If you have any questions you may contact Chad Hensley at 979-541-3239 or chadwayne73@yahoo.com.

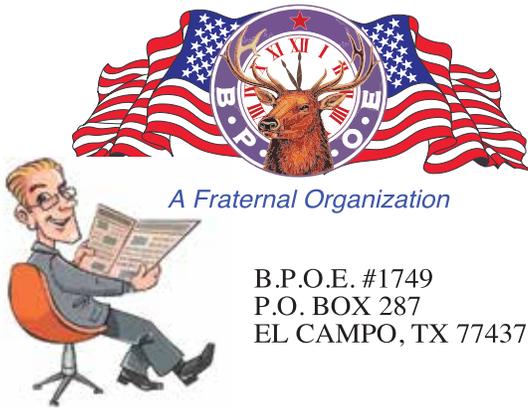
All Proceeds will Benefit Elks charities.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL RULES STATED!

Please keep the enclosed rules for you to refer to.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN WITH YOUR ENTRY

SIGNATURE: _____



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2024 Upcoming Events

JANUARY

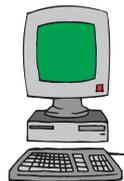
- JAN. 13** - Lodge Hoop Shoot at ECHS gym - come out to assist
- JAN. 16** - Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM
- JAN. 20** - Interlodge being held at Clear Lake (Kemah)

FEBRUARY

- FEB. 3** Chili Cookoff
- FEB. 6** Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM.
Nominations for 2024-2025 Lodge Officers
- FEB. 20** Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM.
Election of 2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Lodge Bulletin is Online

If you would like to view the bulletin on line, you can access it at www.elks.org, enter “1749” in the keyword search field, click “go”. The virtual website for El Campo Lodge will pop up. You can click on a number of items in the left side of the page to access. One of them is the bulletin.



JANUARY 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 2024 HAPPY NEW YEAR | | | | | |
| CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | OPEN 5-7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | CLOSED | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| OPEN 3-6 pm | CLOSED | OPEN 5-7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| CLOSED | CLOSED | Regular Lodge Meeting 7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | CLOSED | Interlodge, VP Clinic/DD Clear Lake Lodge 2322 (Kemah) |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| CLOSED | CLOSED | OPEN 5-7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| CLOSED | CLOSED | OPEN 5-7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | OPEN 5-7 pm | CLOSED | CHILI COOKOFF |

Please notify the Secretary of your address change. The whole National mailing process to all members works off the Elk's Magazine mailing list and we try diligently to keep it correct so that mail is properly received. Help us. Thanks!