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THE LAKESIDE ELKS
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May

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LODGE OFFICERS 2025-2026

Exalted Ruler - Cliff Shove, PER
Leading Knight - Lynne Thomas
Loyal Knight - Judy Cicanese
Lecturing Knight - Justin Rupinski
Esquire - Debbi Nadrchal, PER
Chaplain - Karl Fousek
Inner Guard - Tom Ousley
Tiler - Art Michaels
Secretary - Teresa Redfearn
Treasurer - Fran Lara
5 Year Trustee - Lyle Messinger
4 Year Trustee - Pat Braden, PER
3 Year Trustee - Shawn White
2 Year Trustee - Robbin Moore, PER
1 Year Trustee - Pat White

LODGE HOUSE COMMITTEE

LODGE OFFICERS - CLIFF S, LYNNE T, JUDY C, JUSTIN R, ROBBIN M, PAT W, PAT B, SHAWN W, SANDY W & FRAN L.

CAMPER CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - BILL CARLSON
VICE- PRESIDENT - DOUG HARRIS
SECRETARY - RON MCCRAY
TREASURER - KERRY RAY

GUN CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - TOM OUSLEY
VICE- PRESIDENT - ROBBIN MOORE
SECRETARY/TREASURER - KACI GIBBS

OFFICE BOOKKEEPER: SUSIE

BARTENDERS

BRIDGIT, ANGELA, ALLISON

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

PER Meeting:
July

House Committee Meeting:
May 7th & 21st @5:00pm

Board of Directors Meeting:
May 7th & 21st @5:00pm

Lodge Meeting:
May 7th & 21st @6:30pm

Camper Club:
May 12th @6:30pm

Gun Club Meeting:
May 28th @6:00pm

LODGE OFFICE
Business Hours:
Monday - Thursday
10:30am to 3pm
Friday 10am to 12pm

BAR/ LOUNGE
Monday-Thursday - 2pm to 8pm
Friday - 2pm to 10pm
Saturday - 2pm to 8pm
Sundays as noted on the calendar

Have something to add to the Newsletter? Be sure to email it in to cdaelks@gmail.com before the 20th of the month to be included! Any entries after the 20th will be saved for the following month. Thank you!
Angela Thomas
Bartender/Newsletter Wrangler

WELCOME APRIL NEW MEMBERS!

Whatcha Reading?
Discussion and Book Lending group for Book Lovers!

Do you love to read? Or want to get into reading? Debi Pytel is hosting a monthly group for Book Lovers and those who would like to exchange books. There will be a book discussion on books that have resonated with you. We will bring in our favorites to lend to other members until the following month's meeting. Meetings will be held at the Lodge once a month at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. This month it will be on May 14th. Text or call Debi Pytel at 860-818-1303 if you have any questions. Also bring any books that you might be willing to lend at that time for the month.

Exalted Ruler - Cliff Shove

Greetings Fellow Elks!

I don't know about you but I'm ready for some warm weather!

We had a great month of April. Some fun events and tasty dinners! A new game of Find the Elk starts today, congratulations to our winner last week!

Thank you for all who participated, as this will go to our Lodge Building Fund. For those of you who didn't know, our Lodge is the fastest growing Lodge in the state. We have some exciting ideas for upgrading and expanding our facility.

On to May! We have more delicious dinners planned plus a few fun events. Our end of month BBQ will be on Friday, May 23rd and will also include "Hits of the Ages" by yours truly, DJ Cliff. Rock music from the 50's through the 80's. The next night will be Potluck Karaoke beginning at 5 PM that Saturday.

As our RV park fills up with the warmer weather, please make it a point to welcome our visiting Elks. Stop and say hi when they visit our Lounge. Let them know that we are BPOE (Best People on Earth).

Stay tuned for some new events in the future.

Be blessed!

Fraternally,
Cliff Shove, PER
Exalted Ruler

Camper Club

Our monthly meeting was held at a temporary location on Monday, April 14th. Twenty- three members were in attendance.

We had a great time at our first outing of the year April 21-25. We went to the Premier RV Resort in Clarkston, Washington.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 12th at 6:30 PM at the Lodge. We always welcome visitors and potential members to attend.

For further information please contact Bill Carlson at 509-994-4333.

North Idaho Veterans Stand Down

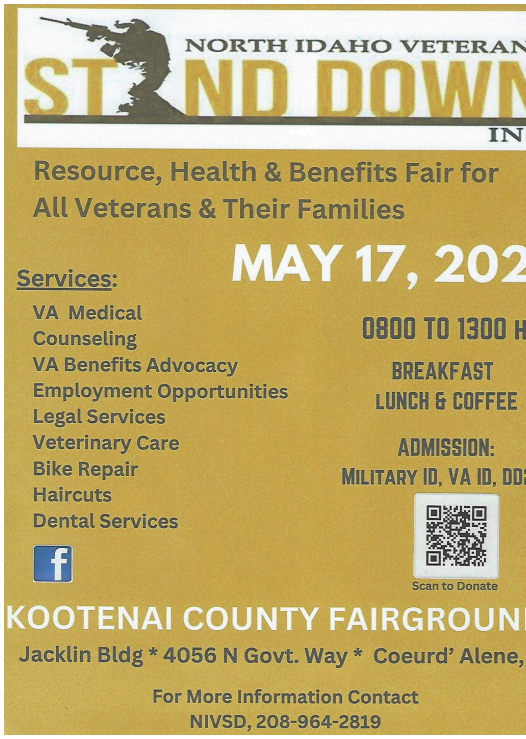
We would like to thank all of you who attended the Fiesta Fundraiser on April 12th! Because of your participation, we raised $3,000 for our organization. This helps us continue our mission of helping veterans in our communities, as well as offsetting our costs of our annual Stand Down event on May 17th. Please see our flyer attached to this bulletin.

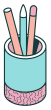
If you would like to make a donation to the Stand Down, you can scan the QR code on our flyer or contact me. We also have a Food Donation box in the Lodge for any items that you may want to donate.

Last year we distributed 5,000lbs of food and we are hoping to increase that number this year

Again, on behalf of the North Idaho Veterans Stand Down Board of Directors, Thank You for your support.

Debbi Nadrchal, PER
NIVSD President





From the Secretary

Hello everyone!

I would like to introduce myself; I'm Teresa Redfearn, your new Lodge Secretary. I have been with the Elks for 10 years and my family has been involved with the Elks for many years! I transferred from McMinnville Elks Lodge #1283, McMinnville, Oregon. I was the bulletin editor for about 5 years, and did volunteer work in the kitchen, along with being a bartender.

I look forward to serving as your Lodge Secretary in the following years and for any of your needs. I will be in the office from 10-2pm. If not, the bookkeeper, Susie, will be here to answer any questions that you may have. Between Susie and I we should be able to answer any questions and learn along the way! Please be patient with us!

I'm a very busy person but here is a little detail about my life. I lost my husband a couple of years ago. I have worked at Elmer's Restaurant for 10 years and recently stepped down as a manager, to a serving/supervisor (part-time). I would love to be semi-retired but it's kind of impossible these days!

I have four wonderful children, (40-22) and six grandkids (18 years old -1-month-old). I also help my parents with things around their house and help with all their needs.

I'm also a Star Director Beauty Guide of my own business all-natural skincare and professional makeup. So, I'm a busy person and I'm loving it!!!

I love using quotes for inspiration! "May is a reminder that you are allowed to bloom wildly, rise boldly, and rewrite your story with every sunrise!"

Teresa Redfearn

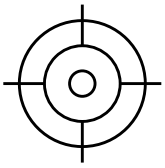
Gun Club

Winter league trap shooting ended last month and I think I can say everyone who participated had a great time. Also, we hosted a pistol shoot at Farragut shooting range on March 29th and are having another shooting event at Farragut set for Friday May 16, 2025 at 2:00pm. Farragut offers ranges for pistols and long guns as well as 4 trap stations. The event is open to all Elks members. The cost is $10.00 per person (cash only) and everyone will need to bring their own ear and eye protection. Targets as well as clays for trap shooting are available for purchase at the range.

The gun club will be hosting a gun safety dinner fundraiser inviting all Elks members to attend on June 25th, 2025. Dinner will be from 6:00 to 6:30pm. John Kunkle will be instructing a 101 gun safety and use class from 6:30 to 7:30pm. There will be several guns to get familiar with. In addition to that, we will be putting together a raffle for a 45 caliber handgun. Tickets will be $10 with only 150 tickets available and the drawing will be once all the tickets are sold.

Further details on the dinner and raffle will be posted in the June newsletter. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather everyone. Cheers!

Tom Ousley



Board of Directors Notes

The budget is complete and on the back board for review. The members will be voting on it at our first meeting in May.

Our Lodge planning committee is currently getting bids for new ideas for improvements in the Lodge. Be watching out for our next special member meeting to discuss new ideas as soon as the bids come in.

The Elk was found during our weekly Find The Elk progressive 50/50 raffle. That's a whopping $21,358.50 for our Lodge building fund. Whoop whoop! We start over and the next round will continue to grow our building fund.

Remember, all active members have one vote, so be sure to show up to meetings. Also, at each meeting you get a ticket in the drawing for $50. The last winner was Kent Easom!

Robbin Moore
Chairman of the board

Crafts For Veterans

This April, our creative CDA Elks Lodge #1254 members did something Eggstra special! Over 40 hand-crafted Easter cards made their way to the hearts of veterans at the VA Post Falls Home.

Why? Because our heroes deserve reminders that they're remembered, honored, and loved - not just on Holidays, but always.

We're proud to turn compassion into action. And guess what? We're just getting started! More heartfelt moments are hopping your way soon.

Stay tuned, Get involved. Let's keep spreading joy - one thoughtful gesture at a time!

Connecting Hearts, Your crafternoon group at the Elks - Becky, Bonnie, Karen, Maranee, Michele, and Tina.

Welcome to the May Edition of Kitchen Confidential!

Ready for Summer? It seems like it is here. How about I provide you with some tantalizing events and dinners that might get you in the mood for warmer weather.

Updates & Dinners

Charity Bingo!
This month's Bingo will support our Building Fund on **May 17th at 2pm**. Looking forward to seeing you there!! I am calling Bingo this month, and I have a fun new game to increase the pots!

Friday Night Dinners – Bring on the Grub!

We have an incredible lineup of delicious dinners coming your way this month! You will not want to miss a single bite:

Cinco de Mayo Feast **– May 2 - $10**
Ole! Come out for a Latin feast!

Boys Night in the Kitchen – Asian Feast/$12 – Tony and the Boys
Tony and the boys are in the kitchen cooking up an Asian Feast. I will be there, what about you?!!!

Pork Tenderloin – May 16 - $15 – Kent & LJ Easom
Kent & LJ are cooking up a wonderful dinner of Pork Medallions in a Tarragon Mustard Cream Sauce with Rice, Salad, and Dessert. What a treat!

End-of-Month BBQ by Mike Haley- May 23 - $15
Here is what you have been waiting for! Mike smoking pulled pork with his world-famous slaw and ranch bean. This will sell out for sure so get on the prepay to reserve your dinner!

WE NEED YOU!

Well, here is my monthly ask. I do not want it to happen, but we may have a time when we cannot offer dinner because of lack of help. Did you know we have over 700 members? I am sure one of you would be willing to help. I am still on the hunt for the following:

- **Kitchen/cook assistance**: Come help in the kitchen. Wanna put on a meal, let me know! Just want to help? We need you!
- **Bingo Coordinator:** Now that Bingo is here to stay, we are looking for someone to step up to run it.
- **Clean up crew**: When we have events, it is a huge job to set up and break down. Can we count on you to be on the list to help?

Volunteer of the Month – Let Us Celebrate Dawn Kelp
Have you met Dawn Kelp??? She comes into our volunteering world like wildfire! She is consistently always lending a hand on multiple nights and is such a warm wonderful human being. Thank you, Dawn!

May Meal Lineup – Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday Nights:
- 5/6: Burgers – William and Shannon Coder
- 5/13: Tacos – Floyd and Chris Duggars
- 5/20: Burgers – Boy Scouts
- 5/27: Tacos – Dawn Kelp

Friday Nights:
- 5/2: Cinco de Mayo Feast
- 5/9: Asian Feast – Tony and the Boys
- 5/16: Pork Medallions – Kent and LJ Easom
- 5/23: End of Month BBQ – Pulled Pork – Mike Haley
- 5/30: No Dinner – Private Event

May is going to be Epic!!! Please come out to make this May Merry!

Yours in service,

Lynne Thomas
Esteemed Loyal Knight
562-201-4471
Lynnethomas73@yahoo.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Enjoy a drink on the Lodge!

May 01 – Diane Beaton-Visoul, Kathy Dempsey, Sandra Sawyer
May 02 – Edwin Miller
May 04 – Phyllis Crenshaw, Janet Grant
May 05 – Dianne Howard, Todd Jost, James White
May 06 – Donald Mason, Stephen Montani, Julie Moser, Richard Richerson, Thomas Seeley
May 07 – Terrill Finton
May 08 – Ron Barnett
May 09 – Jacque Norman
May 10 – Tina Batha, James Johnson, Michael Magnuson, Norval Pennington, Randy Rolphe, Eric Taylor
May 11 – Russell Moore
May 12 – Dennis Quinn, Thomas Sudol
May 13 – Thomas Ousley, John Taylor
May 14 – John Broadsword, Todd Deming, Leland McFarland
May 15 – Joe Brunansky
May 16 – Melony Evans
May 17 – Scott Burnside, Leslie Cavanah, Bradley Finney
May 19 – Tammy Rupinski
May 22 – Garrett Jensen
May 24 – Tom Gipson, Wendy Phillips
May 25 – Jon Cockerham, Joe Comstock, Bruce Walters
May 26 – Paul Anders, Kevin Cozad, Holly Gleaves, Terry Leigh
May 27 – Van Larson, Jay Pytel
May 28 – Vaughn Best, Corey Johnston, Judy Padilla
May 29 – Erica Balch, Patrick Braden, D J Lundblad
May 30 – Charles Wideen
May 31 – Jim Aucutt, Bruce Dubke, Gene Lutz, Judith Sanders-Wood, Daniel Wilber

MEMBERS OF BPOE #1254
This coupon is good for one free well drink of your choice, during the month of your birthday. Members only. Redeem at the CDA Elks Lodge.

Birthday: _____

Members Signature: _____

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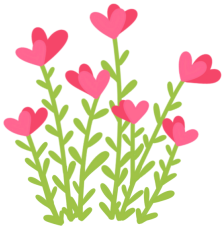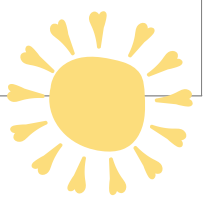
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11 Mother's Day Service 10:30am Brunch 11am $8 Free for mom's	12 Cards 1pm Bar Opens 2pm Camper Club Mtg 6:30pm	13 Bar Opens 2pm **Taco Tuesday** 5pm Find the Elk Drawing 6pm 	14 Bar Opens 2pm Book Lovers Book Exchange 5:30pm 	15 Bar Opens 2pm Devil Dogs Mtg 6pm	16 Bar Opens 2pm Pork Tenderloin By Kent and LJ $15 6pm	17 Bar Opens 2pm BINGO Fundraiser 2pm
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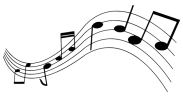25 Lodge Closed	26 Lodge Closed 	27 Bar Opens 2pm **Taco Tuesday** 5pm Find the Elk Drawing 6pm 	28 Bar Opens 2pm Gun Club Mtg 6pm	29 Bar Opens 2pm	30 Bar Opens 2pm Private Party 3pm	31 Bar Opens 2pm