

The Temple Chimes

Boise Elks Lodge #310
Benevolent and Protective order of Elks

January 2026

BINGO: January 5, at 6 pm. \$10 CASH pays for 10 games. An additional \$1 per card purchases a PROGRESSIVE POT card. You may buy as many cards as you wish. Your progressive card will be marked with a P and is only used for progressive game. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and fries will be offered at 4:30 pm. They will stop being prepared at 5:30. See you there. Progressive pot is \$327.00

Dictionary Project Soup and Games at the Lodge.

The Dictionary Project will be hosting soup and games at the Lodge on Thursday, January 8. Is there anything better on a cold winter night than a steaming bowl of soup and warm bread, with games afterwards? Soup will be served at 5:00 until 7:00 or until the soup runs out the cost is \$15.00. The pool table will be open, Shuffleboard and other games available. Bring your appetite and your favorite games to play.

The money raised will go to help fund the 2026/2027 Dictionary Project in school districts throughout the area. Let us help kids to advance in their education for a new world.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES Breakfast on January 11th 9am to 11 am

Youth Committee is having a fund raiser in January. Sunday January 11 this is a pancake breakfast which includes pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage along with coffee and juice. The cost is \$12.



Homemade Chicken and Waffles Dinner January 15, 2026 5:00 pm

Fried chicken and waffles is a classic combination that's every bit as delicious as it is unexpected.

Juicy fried chicken tenders and fluffy waffles \$8.00. No frills just a simple meal and fellowship

Mike Stagner will put on this Southern favorite. Join us.



Dinner and a Movie

For you movie aficionados, I am going to try another Dinner and a Movie on January 23. I have selected a classic movie, however, I have not completed the menu yet, so I can't share it with you. The dinner will start at approximately 6 PM and the movie will be shown while you are partaking of dinner that will be coordinated with the movie theme. Cost for this event only \$10.00 J Ransom.



Special Lodge Notice on spending a Vote January 21th 2026 at 7:30 pm

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ELKETTE NEWS

Meeting on January 13th 2026 at 6 pm

Future event planning a Cinco de mayo.

Lodge Awards

Each year our Lodge gives out awards that come from Grand Lodge.

Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Citizen of the Year and two Outstanding member awards. If you have a member that you would like to nominate, put it in an envelope with the award type and give it to the Lodge Secretary.

We also have a tradition of honoring Lady Elk of the year, nominations can also be given to the Lodge Secretary.

The Secretary will make sure that the nominations get to the correct committee.

Join in on a fun fellowship event on Game Day January 28th at 1pm. Lot of fun and a great way to make new friends.

See you at the Lodge

Please join us on Thursday, January 29th for a POTATO BAR with Elk and Vegan Chili along with all the fixings. We will serve from 5:00 pm - 7:00pm or until we run out. The cost will be \$12.00 and all funds raised will be to support the DICTIONARY PROJECT. There will be a sign-up sheet at the lodge. Thank you in advance for your support!

Dictionary Committee

The Lodge has been gifted new chairs to the lodge by our pool players. On their own initiative they purchased chairs and donated them to the lodge. I, as a Trustee, really appreciate that they want to improve the Lodge. When you see one of our Lodge pool players please thank them for their donation.

Bob Apa Trustee

To Our Absent Members In Memoriam

*"The Faults
of our
members,
We write
upon
the
sand,"*



*"Their
Virtues
upon the
tablets of
Love
and
Memory."*

Wayne E Seavey
Susan Gillis

Officers and other Notables

Exalted Ruler	Kristen Wetherell
Leading Knight	Jackie Mc Falls
Loyal Knight	Rick Emerson
Lecturing Knight	James Bovet
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Mike Stagner
Treasurer	Sue Megran
Tiler	Dennis Hyland
Chaplain	Geri Scaglione
Esquire	Melissa Bovet
Inner Guard	Valerie Vogel
Trustees	Suzanne Apa 1 yr
	Ross Chadd 2 yr
	Bob Apa 3 yr
Chairman	John VerKerk 4 yr
	Julia Franklin 5 yr
G E R	Bryan Klatt
DDGER ID South	Tim Pereira
PGER Sponsor	T Keith Mills PGER
I S E A President	Sera White
Lady Elk of the Year	Sue Megran
Elk of the Year	James Bovet
Officer of the Year	Jackie Mc Falls
PER Association Pres.	Julia Franklin
Elkette President	Virginia Stagner
Chimes Editor	Mike Stagner

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Office - Note: Secretary
Hours

Tuesday-Friday

1 PM to 3 PM

Lounge Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday, the Lodge is open
from 3-7 pm

Thursdays 3-6 pm



Exalted Ruler Message January

I would like to wish all our members a very Happy New Year, 2026. With the Holidays finally over for another year, we can get back to events and business in the Lodge.

Before leaving December, 2025 behind, let me recap the highlights for the month. The Parade was a great way to show off the Boise Elks Lodge and it was certainly a beautiful day for a parade. The children were excited to see Elroy the Drug Awareness Elk and I had a blast being Elroy in the parade. The children were running to greet me enthusiastically; some thought I was Rudolf. We gave out candy to the children on the parade route; I am sure all the children went home full of sugar and wonderful memories.

The Monte Carlo themed Charity Ball and Auction, was well attended and a fun evening. Kim Miller did a great job on the auction. The gift baskets were beautiful. The band played all our favorite hits and the food was delicious. Thank you to the Kitchen Crew, headed by Michael Knickerbocker they did a great job. The decorations were lovely, thank you Melissa Suekel and the Decorating Committee for making the night sparkle.

The Elks Memorial Service was performed beautifully with more people attending than last year. We paid homage to our members who passed, but will never be forgotten. Thank you, Rick Emerson, for putting together a lovely service.

Please, mark your calendar now for the Mid-winter Dinner on February 28th, there will be more information in the February Chimes and in March the PERA Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, more information to come.

Have a great January, I would love to see you at your Lodge at an event, at Meetings or just hanging out in the Lounge.

Birthday Bash – Wednesday January 7th 2026 from 3-6 pm

There is a change in date for the January Birthday Bash! Please join us on Weds. January 7th from 3-5 pm to celebrate our 36 members with January birthdays, and enjoy cupcakes and treats and fellowship. The Birthday Bash drink special is the Old Fashioned. Afterwards, stay for the Lodge meeting. Elks care, Elks share!



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

01	Stephen	Murphy	07	James	Perkins	16	Alan	Wright	26	Larry	Hettinger
01	Marshall	Smithman Jr	10	Donna	Mambretti	20	Donna	Jarman	27	Malcolm	Scott
02	James	Wolf	10	Michael	Marques	21	Victor	D'Alessio	28	Tammy	Gusman
04	Tom	Corrado	11	Shelley	Bourn	23	Suzanne	Apa	28	Dennis	Hyland
04	David	Thomas	12	Michael	Cividanes	23	Keith	Raines	29	John	Foster
05	Justin	Attaway	12	Ricky	Johnson	24	John	Miyake	29	Heather	Jackson
05	Richard	Korte	13	Lorie	Johnson	25	James	Bovet	29	Gordon	Souza
06	Sharon	Gerschultz	14	Les	Fay	25	Patricia	Truden	30	Wilfred	Roy
07	Ferenc	Fias	16	Quentin	Howard	25	Steve	Vlassek	31	Brian	Brady

BAR PRODUCT PRICE INCREASES

As of January 1, 2026, there will be a few bar product price increases. The increases include some liquor and some beer the Lodge carries. This is due to price increases at the liquor store and at the beer distributors. We have not had a price increase since 2021. Out of 57 liquors we carry only 12 have price increases. Some of the beer has an increase of \$.25 or \$.50. The Lodge could not hold out any longer for this change. Thank you all for your continual support at Boise Elks Lodge #310. Gary Hoelsing, Bar Manager

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

YOUR VETERAN COMMITTEE DONATIONS AT WORK DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

In the last month we have been remarkably busy sponsoring two families for the holidays. We also provided gift cards for holiday meals to (6) Veterans in community, cooked a holiday meal for three Veterans, provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for two Vet Safe and Sober living houses with a total of 26 Vets, and served refreshments and goodies at the VAMC Clinic for Vets coming in for their appointments. We spent a total of \$2,000. This would not have been possible without your support at fundraising events and donations. THANK YOU! We also need to thank the Stinker Gas Station on 10500 W State Street for collecting goodies for us! We distributed them to the VAMC Men's and Women's clinics, The Vet Center at Boise State University, the Vet Center on Vista as well as Vets living in the community. We used the ISEA Elk Trac Grant to purchase gifts for (8) Vets in the Medical Foster Program from the VAMC. We also need to thank Jennifer Forrester for providing goodie bags for the Veterans Celebration at the lodge and for the holiday party and inpatients at the VAMC. We are living up to the motto ELKS CARE and ELKS SHARE! Keep up the GREAT work!

Geri Scaglione, VSC Chairman

HOLIDAY DECORATING

Thank you Kathy Harvey, Sue Megran, Ross Chadd, Rick Emerson and Bob and Sue Apa, for decorating the Boise Elks Lodge #310 for the holidays!

MID-WINTER CELEBRATION

Please join us on Saturday, February 28th for a delicious COMFORT FOOD dinner of Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, salad cooked by the Knickerbockers with a dessert sure to please! Cost will be \$18.00 per person ahead of time or \$20.00 at the door. Tickets will go on sale January 1st and can be purchased at the bar, or call in, pay for and your tickets will be at the bar under WILL CALL. Dinner will be at 5:30pm with a cocktail hour starting at 4:30pm. By the end of February, we are sure everyone will be tired of the cold and ready to warm up with your friends and family at the lodge. Please let us know if you have any special dietary restrictions by the Wednesday before the meal and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

PERA Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner SAVE THE DATE

Mark your 2026 Calendar now for the Annual Past Exalted Ruler's Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, March 14, 2026 at the Lodge. If you buy your tickets before March 7, at the Bar, you will be entered into a drawing for \$50.00 at the event, you must be present to win. There will be prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. So, plan to be at the dinner on March 14. Tickets will go on sale in February at the bar.

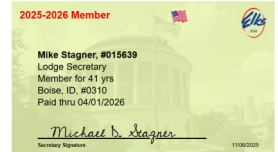
The Membership card for 2026-2027 is available now, and next year's card will be Green.
 Dues for 2026-2027 will stay the same at \$120.00.

If you would like to get next year's membership card early you can send in your dues payment with
Your name and Membership number. I will send out your next year's card right away.

Please remember to keep this year's card until April 1st 2026.

Grand Lodge also has an electronic membership card now available at elks.org/members.

If you have never signed up for an elks.org logon it is easy to do. Sample of online Card.



You can now pay your 2026-2027 online at on Square point of sale at (boise-elks-lodge.square.site) be sure to but in your name and member ship number. Lodge Secretary Mike Stagner

Note: Dues notices will be mailed out starting in January.

What makes Boise Lodge great! Passing the torch

"Passing the torch" is a metaphor for transferring leadership. It signifies a handover of tasks, a tradition, to carry on the work effectively. January is the start of nominating Lodge Officers.

Below are guidelines for Nominating Lodge Officers, an important part of what keeps our Lodge an active part of our community. Being a chairperson of any of our committees is how we are able to help our community with Veterans, Youth Activities, Scholarships and Charity Baskets.

If you have been in our Lodge over the years, you know we have great Officers and Members that have worked with our programs and they would like to have you join them to help. We have a few Lodge officers who are not available for next year's Officers Corp. If you want to learn more just ask me about becoming an officer or committee chair.

(Note: The following are partial clip from our Lodge By-Laws)

Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election in Lodges shall be made in the order in which they appear in Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Order at any regular meeting of the Lodge on or after the 1st day of January if meetings are held monthly, or otherwise after the 1st day of February and prior to the date of the annual election.

The annual election shall be held at the second regular Lodge meeting held in February of each year.

Mike Stagner Secretary

***2026 Chimes Boosters *** Thank you for your Support

The COST of publishing and mailing the Chimes is an ongoing cost that continues to rise. The suggestion, to seek directed contributions to aid in offsetting these costs, is helping. Your contribution of \$10.00, will get your name listed as a Chimes Booster for one year. Contributions more than \$10.00 show a *.

February 2025	Tammy L Gusman *	David Jones **	July	Pat Burns *
Steven Ramsey *	Marie Dunajski	May 2025	Beverly Evans	November
Phillip Oberrecht	Randy Schrader	Clifford Ragsdale	Sue Apa	Melissa Bovet *
David Jones	Janalee Schrader	Sue Megran	Dave Hays	David Jones*
Brian Sutton	Carolyn Brennan	Raymond Hancock	August	Elkettes *
Pat Truden *	April 2025	Elizabeth Sidman	Mike Stagner	Raymond Hancock *
Quentin Howard	Dave Gould	Harvey Fisher	Laurie Johnson	December
Tammy L Gusman *	Randy Schrader	June 2025	Richard Marten	Mike Stagner
VerKerk John *	Janalee Schrader	Mike Stagner	Dianne Perkins *	
March 2025	Lorie J Johnson	John Connors	September	

Boise Elks Lodge #310 January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	Dec 31 Lodge Closed	January 1 Lodge Closed	2 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	3
4	5 Food 4:30 pm Bingo 6 pm 	6 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	7 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm Birthday Bash 3pm PER Meeting 6:30 Lodge Night 7:30 pm Kitchen Open 5:30 Hamburger	8 Lodge Open 3pm-6pm Game Night and Soup Dinner \$15 5 pm	9 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	10
11 Youth Breakfast 9am to 11 am 	12	13 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm ELKETTE Meeting 6 pm	14 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm Trustees-5 pm House 6pm	15 Lodge Open 3pm-6pm Chicken and Waffles Dinner 5pm \$8.00 	16 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	17
18	19	20 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	21 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm Trustees-6:30 Lodge Night 7:30 pm Special Lodge Vote Kitchen Open 5:30 Hamburger	22 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	23 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm Dinner and a Movie \$10.00 	24
25	26	27 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	28 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm Game Day 1pm	29 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm POTATO BAR with Elk and Vegan Chili 5pm \$12.00	30 Lodge Open 3pm-7pm	31

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