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Willcox Elks Lodge #2131 Newsletter

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Dear Esteemed Members,

I am delighted to share with you the remarkable success of our recent Charity Ball. It was a night filled with camaraderie, compassion, and generosity, as our community came together to support those in need.

Through your unwavering support and attendance, we were able raise substantial funds that will make a meaningful impact on various charitable causes within our community. From assisting local schools to supporting our youth and Veterans, the positive ripple effect of our collective efforts will be felt far and wide.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the dedicated members of our lodge who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, organizing and ensuring every detail was executed flawlessly. Your commitment to the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity truly shines through in the success of this event. As Elks, we are not only a fraternal organization but also a force for good in our community. The Charity Ball exemplified the power we have when we unite for a common cause. Looking ahead, March brings with it opportunities for continued growth and service. I encourage all members to actively participate in upcoming events, social gatherings, or lodge meetings. Your involvement not only strengthens our sense of fellowship but also contributes to the betterment of our community.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge our dedicated officers and committee members who work diligently to ensure the smooth functioning of our lodge. Their efforts are invaluable, and I encourage members to reach out if they have suggestions, feedback, or a desire to contribute to the lodge's success.



Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the principles of the Elks. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on our community and uphold the values that define our beloved organization.

Fraternally,
Andy Stark, ER

Be the first member to tell the bartender the correct number of times "cook" is used in this month's newsletter to receive a prize.

Hard to believe that February has come and gone already. This month, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all those who assisted in making our 2024 Charity Ball a huge success. We had a great turn-out from the community, and even a few of the State Representatives, including our AEA State President, were in attendance. The ballroom was absolutely beautiful, we had a ton of silent auction items, and our live auction was huge. It truly was a great end cap to the 2023-2024 Elk Year, and will give us the resources we need to continue our support of Willcox and surrounding communities going into the 2024-2025 Elk Year.



Cameron Olsen, Leading Knight

QUEEN OF HEARTS JACKPOT DRAWING

Every Friday Night at 7:00pm

Cardholding Members & Spouses Only



Purchase Tickets From The Bartender

OR

Queen of Hearts Table (Friday nights)

3 tickets for \$5

OR

15 tickets for \$20

*Must be
present to
win!*

BREAKING

NEWS

***Our regular lodge
meetings will start at:***

6:00PM

We hope the earlier time will allow more members to attend the meetings.



Remember, there are **TWO** lodge meetings this month!!

BREAKING

NEWS



Karaoke Nights

Friday, March 8th 7:00pm

Friday, March 22nd 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 27th 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 24th 6:00pm

Up Coming Meetings

3/11 (5:30pm) House Committee Meeting

3/11 (5:30pm) Board of Directors Meeting

3/12 (6:00pm) Regular Lodge Meeting

3/19 (6:00pm) PER Meeting

3/26 (6:00pm) Regular Lodge Meeting

4/8 (5:30pm) House Committee Meeting

4/8 (5:30pm) Board of Directors Meeting

4/9 (6:00pm) Regular Lodge Meeting

4/16 (6:00pm) PER Meeting

4/23 (6:00pm) Regular Lodge Meeting

House Committee Meetings

The house committee is tasked with overseeing the daily operations of the club as well as managing social activities of the lodge. Our employees are hired by the house committee. *Only house committee members may vote during meetings.*

Regular Lodge Meetings

These meetings are used to conduct and vote on lodge business and ritualistic work. Here we vote in new members and bring forth items presented by the house and trustees for membership consideration. *All members in good standing may vote during the meeting.*

Board of Directors (Trustee) Meetings

Lodge trustees control the funds and property of the lodge. They keep a record of all investments and purchase lodge supplies. The accident prevention program and annual budget are developed by the trustees. *Only the board of directors may vote during the meeting.*

PER Meetings

Our past exalted rulers meet monthly to discuss upcoming events. These elite past officers are there to support our upcoming officer team and mentor new exalted rulers. *Only PERs may vote during business dealing during these meetings.*

Volunteer In March & April

Start the new year right with a resolution to **donate** some **time** to help at the lodge!

Lodge Events:

March Madness (3/21-3/23)

Easter Picnic (3/31)

Car Show & Salsa Contest (4/26)

Lodge Activities:

Friday Night Dinners

Corn Hole & Queen of Hearts

Lodge Clean Up Day



Our success is **driven** by our **members** that volunteer for events and activities!

If you can commit some time,
please let us know!!

Lounge (520) 384-2131 or willcoxelks@gmail.com

MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION

March 13th

Join us for lunch and enjoy visiting in our lounge from 10:00am until 3:00pm.
Lunch will be served at noon.



March 27th

Join us for a burger fry and enjoy visiting in our lounge from 4:00pm until 7:00pm or stay a little longer and enjoy our karaoke night. Dinner is served at 6:00pm.



WE'D LIKE TO OFFER A FREE MEAL AT EACH OF THESE EVENTS TO THOSE THAT SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY:

- * Active & Reserve Military Personnel
- * Veterans & Retired Military
- * Emergency Medical Service Personnel
- * Active & Retired Firefighters
- * Active & Retired Law Enforcement
- * 911 Dispatchers
- * Medical Staff



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Membership
renewals are due



April 1st for the 2024-2025 elk year!

Please stop in the lounge to renew your membership, mail it in, call it in, or pay online!

<https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge> Select "Willcox Elks 2131". On the next screen, scroll down and select the "Make a Quick Payment" button. When it asks for your membership number it should be 6 digits (you must input the leading zeros).

When renewing, please consider donating to ENF or as a Fidelity Club member or our lodge repair fund!

- ✓ If we meet the GER's per-member donation goal of \$4.80/member, we qualify for the Gratitude Grant.
- ✓ If 15% of our membership donates at least \$10, we qualify for a \$500 bonus to the Gratitude Grant.
- ✓ If 5% of our membership donates as a Fidelity Club member, we receive another \$500 bonus to the Gratitude Grant.



Past Due Members

Charles Bothwell
Dana Boze
Lindsay Ellis
Ann Ferrell
Lori Fowler
Nora Giles
Shannon Gunter
Conrad Janzer
Andre Jefferson

Daryl Lindholm
John Lodholz
Mario Luna
Amy Marshall
Lloyd Meneley
Richard Moore
James Moss
Paul Norris
Jan Obert
Robert Porter
Ryan Putnam

William Reid
Jessica Robison
David Shipley
Dana Skaggs
James Smeall
Daiiv Sundown
Billy Tippens
Esteban Vasquez
Rachel Williams
Joseph Yurtec

**DELINQUENT MEMBERS WILL DROP OFF OF
OUR ROSTER MARCH 31, 2024!**

Please see come into the lounge, call in, mail, or **pay your membership renewal** online to continue enjoying your Elks membership benefits!!

The Elks National Foundation In Our Community

Willcox Lodge # 2131 Investment In The ENF

Donations this year: **\$6,217.28**
Updated through: **2/12/2024**
Fundraising Goal: **\$5,120.00**
Per-member giving
total: **\$12.10**

16.93 % of our members
supported the ENF.

60 % of our Lodge Officers
support the ENF.

10.09 % of nationwide members
support ENF.

15 of our members
supported the ENF
through sustaining gifts.

The ENF Investment In Our Community

ENF Grant Funding
We've Received
Lodge: **\$7,000**
South District: **\$74,000**
Arizona Elks: **\$277,500**

Arizona

has received
\$460,790
in ENF state grants to sponsor our state
major project and ENF programs.
\$1.58
for every \$1.00 our state donated last
year!

Questions about ENF and how you can contribute?
Alex Arroyo (520) 507-3980 **www.elks.org/enf**

Join us for an Easter Picnic!

March 31st from 9:00-2:00

We'll have a day full of games:

Sack Races

Easter Egg Hunt

Hula Hoop Contest

Pin the Egg on the Bunny

Lunch will be
hamburgers and hot
dogs at noon!

TONS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Want to help? We need volunteers to help with the games!!
Please ask Alyssa in the lounge, how you can help!!

2024-2025 OFFICER TEAM

Exalted Ruler:

Andy Stark

Treasurer:

Nicole Terry

5 Year Trustee:

Garrett Douglas

Leading Knight:

Cameron Olsen

Esquire:

Alex Arroyo

4 Year Trustee:

Dawna Thompson

Loyal Knight:

Alyssa Wilson

Chaplain:

Kristin Lawson

3 Year Trustee:

Chris Bowen

Lecturing Knight:

Tylei Bowen

Inner Guard:

Bernadette

2 Year Trustee:

Cheryl Terry

Valenzuela

Secretary:

Kristi Lee

Tiler:

Elisa Blair

1 Year Trustee:

Heath Bowen

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

Registration: 5:00PM

Tournament Play: 5:30PM

*Entry Fee:
\$50/person*



*Payback:
100% payback determined
by number of entries
(1st, 2nd, 3rd, maybe more)*

TOURNAMENT RULES:

- All players must be an elk member, immediate family member of a elk, a guest (1) of an elk or prospective members pending initiation all being at least 21 years of age.
- Seats are assigned at random and seat changes are not permitted. The button will be placed at seat #1 (dealer) to start play.
- Deal rotates from seat #1 to seat #2, etc.
- Blinds will go up every 20 minutes.
- Any inappropriate behavior, or cheating will be grounds for dismissal of player with no refund.
- Settle all questions at your own table.
- Once starting chips are gone, the player is eliminated, and new chips cannot be purchased.
- If 2 or more players are eliminated on the same hand the player with more chips at the beginning of the hand will be placed higher.

ELKS COMMITTEES

Want to help with one of our many activities or events at the lodge? Why not join a committee!

Committees meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, unless noted on the calendar by the chairperson.

FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

Elks National Foundation Committee
Elks Memorial Day Committee
Veterans Programs Committee
State Association Committee
Lodge Activities Committee
Americanism Committee
Membership Committee
Flag Day Committee

OTHER COMMITTEES

Bulletin Committee
Internet Committee
Visiting Committee
Auditing & Accounting Committee

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES

Hoop Shoot Committee
Soccer Shoot Committee
Youth Activities Committee
Public Relations Committee
Drug Awareness Committee
Community Project Committee

Would you like more information about a committee?

Andy Stark (520) 507-4892

Alex Arroyo (520) 507-3980



LODGE EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

March

20-23 - March Madness
24 - Officer Installation & Awards Ceremony
31 - Easter Sunday
Community Event

April

26 - Car Show
26 - Salsa Contest

May

12 - Mother's Day Ceremony
TBD - Run For the Wall

June

7 - Initiation Under the Stars
8 - Frustration Under the Sun Golf Tournament
16 - Flag Day Ceremony, Flag Retirement Ceremony, Father's Day Ceremony

July

4 - 4th of July Community Swim Meet

August

Nothing currently planned

September

TBD - Soccer Shoot

October

3-5 - Rex Allen Days
31 - Community Trunk or Treat

November

9 - Annual Veteran's Charity 5K
28 - Community Thanksgiving Dinner

December

1 - Elks Memorial Ceremony
TBD - Clothe-a child
TBD - Hoop Shoot
24 - Community Eve Christmas Dinner
31 - New Year's Eve Party

January

Nothing currently planned

February

TBD - Charity Ball



*Have an event in mind?
Bring it to a meeting and
lets talk about it!!*



March




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Member Birthdays
<p><i>We're looking for cooks!!</i></p> <p><i>Let us know if you want to volunteer!</i></p> 					<p>1</p> <p>Cornhole Tournament (6:00PM)</p> <p>BBQ Pork Rib Dinner (6:00-7:30)</p> <p>Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Boehm Private Event</p>	<p>1 Carrie Carter</p> <p>1 Roger Garey</p> <p>1 James Goeke</p> <p>2 Monty Jones</p> <p>3 Jason Carroll</p> <p>4 Gale Kraus</p> <p>5 Shannon Mendibles</p> <p>5 John Scofield</p> <p>7 Tyler Bowen</p> <p>8 Larry Glenn</p> <p>8 Victor Mendez</p> <p>8 Carson Skaarer</p> <p>8 Cheryl Terry</p> <p>10 Tyler Thiel</p> <p>10 Keith White</p> <p>11 Billy Johnson, Jr.</p> <p>11 Ellodee Stewart</p> <p>12 Denzil Farbo</p> <p>12 Greg Lucas</p> <p>14 David Pass</p> <p>14 Elizabeth Valdez</p> <p>15 Donald Klein</p> <p>16 Jessica Robison</p> <p>17 Patrick Moore</p> <p>18 O'Ray Housley</p> <p>18 Roy Normandeau</p> <p>19 Fred Edington</p> <p>19 Michael Hickey</p> <p>20 Richard Hamilton</p> <p>20 Jane Mailloux</p> <p>22 Robert Perry</p> <p>26 Carl Hestand</p> <p>27 Alice Ban</p> <p>27 Robert Cameron</p> <p>30 Preston Larson</p> <p>31 Rusty Harguess</p>
3	4	5	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>Dinner TBD (6:00-7:30)</p> <p>Karaoke (7:00PM)</p> <p>Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)</p>	9	
10	<p>11</p> <p>House/Trustee Meetings (5:30PM)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lodge Meeting (6:00PM)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Veteran & First Responder Camaraderie & Lunch (10:00-3:00)</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>Cornhole Tournament (6:00PM)</p> <p>Catfish Dinner (6:00-7:30)</p> <p>Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Poker Night (5:00PM)</p>	
<p>17</p> 	18	<p>19</p> <p>PER Meeting (6:00PM)</p> <p>La Unica Private Event</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Green Chili Pork Dinner (6:00-7:30)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak Dinner (6:00-7:30)</p> <p>Karaoke (7:00PM)</p> <p>Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Private Event</p>	
March Madness							
<p>24</p> <p>New Member Initiation (2:30PM)</p> <p>New Officer Installation (4:00PM)</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>Lodge Meeting (6:00PM)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Veteran & First Responder Camaraderie & Dinner (4:00-7:00)</p> <p>Hamburger Night (5:30-7:00)</p> <p>Karaoke (6:00PM)</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>Dinner TBD (6:00-7:30)</p> <p>Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Private Event</p>	
<p>31</p> <p>Community Easter Picnic (9:00-7:200)</p> 	<p><u>Lounge Hours (unless noted on the calendar):</u></p> <p>Monday - Friday 4:00pm-7:00pm or close*</p> <p>Saturday & Sunday 2:00pm-7:00pm or close*</p> <p><i>Close*-Lounge will remain open past normal hours if more than two patrons are drinking at the bar.</i></p> <p>Check our Facebook page for any menu and lodge updates:</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/WillcoxElksLodge2131</p>						<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!</p> <p>Current members, stop in the lounge on your birthday to receive your birthday present!!</p>



APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Member Birthdays
	1	2	3	4	5 Cornhole Tournament (6:00PM) Dinner TBD (6:00-7:30) Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)	6 Belloc Private Event	1 Charlotte Smith 2 Erin Gabler 2 Arthur Pohle 3 Rina Colato 3 Richard Moore 4 Chris Carty 7 Lisa Brown
7	8 House/Trustee Meetings (5:30PM)	9 Lodge Meeting (6:00PM)	10 Veteran & First Responder Camaraderie & Lunch (10:00-3:00)	11	12 Dinner TBD (6:00-7:30) Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)	13 Unrast Private Event Clark Private Event	8 Sherry Beeson 9 Dana Alford 9 Robert Taylor 11 Billy Montano 12 Abraham Gonzales 14 Lynn Alfarano
14 District Deputy Clinic (Willcox)	15	16 PER Meeting (6:00PM)	17	18	19 Dinner TBD (6:00-7:30) Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)	20 WHS Prom	15 Harold Mercer 15 Marcella Parker 16 John Lodholz 17 Pamela Fuehrer 18 Edward Armstrong 18 Michael Church 18 Wayne Fletcher
21 Lodge Cleaning Day	21	22 Lodge Meeting (6:00PM)	23 Veteran & First Responder Camaraderie & Dinner (4:00-7:00) Hamburger Night (5:30-7:00) Karaoke (6:00PM)	24	25 Dinner TBD (6:00-7:30) Queen of Hearts (7:00PM)	26 Elks Car Show (8:00-12:00) Elks Salsa Contest (10:00-3:00)	18 Jan Obert 20 James Lenneman 21 April Thompson 22 Larry Hamel Jr. 22 Michael King 22 Robert Lindsay 23 Becky Fortenberry 24 David McMullin 26 Lester Bethel Jr.
27	28	29	30				26 Jeffrey Dehn 27 Dick Driver 28 Ralph Carpenter 28 David Shipley 29 Ira Colby 30 Jimmy Hudson

*Most of our events are driven by our **amazing volunteers!!**
 If you are available to help with any of the events on the calendar,
 please stop in the lodge or email the office,
 we appreciate all of the support, always!!
Thank you for your help!!!*

