



# ELKS BRIEF



## DENISON 238

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Downtown/Main Lodge

903-465-9610

301 W Gandy St.

Denison, Texas 75020

Lakesite Social Quarters and Rv Campground

903-786-2487

298 Elks Blvd.

Pottsboro, Texas 75076

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# MARCH

# 2025



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

The Lodge meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month with the exception of July, November and December when the Lodge meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday only. The Lodge is located at:

301 W. Gandy Street  
Denison, Texas 75020  
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Exalted Ruler - Ron Engelke  
Esteemed Leading Knight - Randy Simmons  
Esteemed Loyal Knight - Thomas Gentile  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Patti Rene Neely  
Secretary - Nancy Dooley  
Treasurer - Shellie White  
Esquire - Daniel Kovach  
Tiler - Amanda Perryman  
Inner Guard - DeQuita Engelke  
Chaplain - Josh Cole  
5-Yr Trustee - Carlos Murillo  
4-Yr Trustee - Gary Emberling PER  
3-Yr Trustee - Steve Millican  
2-Yr Trustee - John Dooley  
1-Yr Trustee - Eddie Brown

Alternate to Grand Lodge - Gene Handeland PER  
Interlodge - TBD

House Committee- Chair- Stacie Hargrove  
Steve Hejny  
Julie Ellis  
Gloria Keiderling  
Rick Berube

Membership Committee - Steve McFarland  
Ron Engelke  
DeQuita Engelke

Auditing & Accounting - BJ Halterman  
Fred Stephens

Elks Nat'l Foundation - Steve McFarland (Chair)  
Ron Engelke

National Service-VA - Steve McFarland  
Drug Awareness - TBD

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Thank you to all who came out for the Valentine Day Party! We all had a great time, the food was great and lots of dancing to Little Jessie Blues Band. With the cold weather recently, I hope all kept warm and dry. We had to close a couple times to keep everyone safe because of ice. The dart boards were fixed, so check the calendar for Dart Night at Lakesite. Thank you to Carlos for fixing them. We will be having several good days of food in March so come out and eat with us and play shuffle board , darts and visit with our Elks. You can now start paying your 2025-2026 dues before April if so you get a stamp on card for early bird so come in or call and pay dues early.

Fraternally yours,  
Ron Engelke  
Exalted Ruler

## FROM THE SECRETARY

It has been quite a journey these past 4 years as secretary for the lodge. I have learned so much about the Elks over the years and I thank everyone for the opportunity to learn. It is now time to pass the position on to Jennifer Skitt, who has accepted this challenge of becoming the new lodge secretary. With her background and skills in the accounting world, I feel she will be great in fulfilling this position. Please welcome her as your new secretary.  
Now for the business part of my letter. Regular membership dues are \$97.50, and Life Membership dues are \$57.50. Pay before April 1st to receive your Early Bird stamp on your membership card and to keep your name off the delinquent list. As a reminder that if after April 1st your dues are not paid, you become an Elk "not in good standing" and cannot take advantage of what the social quarters have to offer. We currently have 23 delinquent members. If you know any of the members listed in the bulletin, let them know to please pay before the end of March so they don't lose their membership with the Elks. We don't want to lose anyone!  
It's also time for the 4th quarterly Lot Lease payments due on April 1st. Statements are scheduled to go out sometime next week.

Fraternally yours,  
Nancy Dooley  
Secretary



# Downtown Social Quarters

## March 2025

903-465-9610

Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 4pm to 7pm CLOSED Friday-Monday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CLOSED	
2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 Investigations 6pm	6 Game Night	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED
9 CLOSED	10 House Committee Meeting 6pm	11 Board of Directors Meeting 6pm	12 Lodge Meeting 7pm	13 Game Night	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED
16 CLOSED	17 CLOSED	18	19	20 Game Night	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED
23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25	26 Lodge Meeting 7pm	27 Game Night	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED
30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED					

# Lakesite Social Quarters

## March 2025

903-786-2487

Hours: Sundays 4p-10p/Mon-Wed 4p-10p/Thurs 4p-11p/Fri 4p-12a/Sat 4p-1a

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							1 Sweetheart Auction
2	3	4 Fat Tuesday	5 Game Night by Gary 6:30pm Investigations D/T 6pm	6 Burgers & Fries by Rick Darts 7pm	7 Breakfast for Supper by Steve 6pm	8 Officer Training at Dallas 71	
9	10 House Committee Meeting D/T 6pm	11 Board of Directors Meeting D/T 6pm	12 Lodge Meeting D/T 7pm	13 Spaghetti & Meatballs w/ Garlic Toast 6pm Darts 7pm	14 Chicken Fried Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Salad 6pm	15 St. Patrick's Day Potluck 6pm Bring Dish Docs Karaoke	
16	17	18	19 Game Night by Gary 6:30p	20 Burgers & Fries by Rick Darts 7pm	21 Chili Dogs & Chips 6pm	22 Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Toast & Salad by Steve 6pm	
23	24	25	26 Lodge Meeting D/T 7pm	27 Sloppy Joes & Chips 6pm Darts 7pm	28 Lasagna, Garlic Bread & Salad 6pm	29 Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Corn 6pm	
30	31						

## REMINDERS, EVENTS and APPRECIATION from the HOUSE COMMITTEE

March is National Ladder Safety Month

We are aiming to reduce falls and injuries caused by improper ladder use.

### **Why It's Important:**

- **Over 300 fatalities and 20,000 injuries** occur each year due to ladder-related falls.
- Falls from ladders account for **28% of all fall-related deaths**.

### **Key Safety Measures:**

- **Inspect ladders before use** to check for cracks, loose rungs, or structural weaknesses.
- **Follow the 3-point contact rule:** Always have two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand on the ladder.
- **Position ladders properly:** The **4-to-1 rule** means placing the base **one foot away from the wall** for every four feet of height.
- **Never exceed the ladder's weight limit** and use the correct ladder type for the job.

"March is the month of expectation, the things we do not know." – Emily Dickinson

The Lakesite St. Patrick's Day Gathering is just around the corner, Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> so bring your favorite finger foods & potluck for all to share.

Contact the House Committee should you want to volunteer to cook a meal this month for all to share.

Month after month we as Elks have shown that our members who volunteer have made an impact not only with our weekly meals that are prepared BUT with our leadership – THANKS to all of those who VOLUNTEER to make our Lodge great!

Who are the ELKS – American fraternal order?

- The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE; also often known as the Elks Lodge or simply The Elks) is an **American fraternal order** founded in 1868, originally as a social club in New York City. It has more than 750,000+ members at 1,928 lodges. The fraternity currently focuses on Community, Friendship, and Charity.

## DELINQUENT LIST

004706 Michael Beck

004678 Jennifer McCrary

004346 Donnie Russell

004636 Tim Coltart

004667 Michael McCrary

004820 Glenn Sauer

002704 Michael Colucci

004727 Christopher Morales

004666 Bobby Taylor

004462 Jerry Dorsey

004642 Andrew Pape

004677 Tanya Taylor

004649 Jo Ann Frick

004832 Cody Prather

002938 Ronald Tomonelli

004796 Loring Gray

004312 Guy Quota

004771 Terry Vert

002587 Jeff Lansford JR

004809 Stephanie Rains

004648 Aaron West

004792 Randall Lenard

004315 Roger Robertson

## PROPERTIES FOR SALE

1) **28 Elks Blvd.** 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath double wide mobile home with lake view. 1900sq ft. New roof, HVAC and flooring. Home sits on 1 & ½ lot with a 20 x 20 shop and carport. \$200k

Contact Bronson McMahan at 972-639-6015

2) **299 Elks Blvd.** Lovely Lakeside Home with Stunning Views. This charming house is nestled on a heavily treed lot right across from the Lakesite Lodge, offering a fantastic view of the lake. Inside, you'll find a spacious living room, a large utility room, and a bath and a half. There are two bedrooms, plus an additional room that can be used as a third bedroom, an office, or a craft room. The kitchen boasts new cabinets, and all the windows have been upgraded to dual-pane units for better energy efficiency. Outside, there is a large carport and two handy sheds for extra storage. The home is internet-ready with a DSL line. About five years ago, the house received a new roof and a fresh coat of paint both inside and out. Some finishing touches are needed, including appliances and a backsplash in the kitchen. While the kitchen, utility room, hallway, and both bathrooms have new vinyl tile flooring, the rest of the house will need new carpet. This home offers a great opportunity to live in a beautiful location with the potential to add your personal touches.

Contact Michael (Mike) Steen at Phone: 469/995-4816 or Email: mlsteen42@gmail.com

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark your calendars! Due to the success we had last year with our Lot clean-up day, we are having another clean-up day at Lakesite on Saturday, May 10th . More details to follow in the upcoming newsletters.

**BIRTHDAYS**

March 1st David Beardsley  
Randal Jeffers

March 2nd Steve Hejny  
John Richert

March 3rd Michael Bradshaw  
Mark Jenkins  
Jessica Thompson

March 4th Ed Farmer

March 6th Kacey Newsom  
Michael Steen

March 7th Henry Berg

March 8th Jamie Dyer  
Corale Spence

March 10th Roy Uptergrove

March 11th Shar Albrecht  
Michelle Ross

March 12th John Grahek  
James Vandever

March 14th Janet Chaney

March 15th Kathy Nelson  
Christopher Ulch

March 16th Jeff James

March 17th John Dooley  
Gloria Keiderling

March 18th Josphe Rakoczy

March 20th James Bailey

March 21st Bri Monroe  
Helen Myers

March 22nd Andy Jenkins

March 23rd Donna Van Hooser  
Scott Withers

March 25th Kenneth Milburn

March 26th Blake Stevens

March 27th Kimberli Noel

March 28th Terry Creswell

March 29th Scott Overman

March 31st Edwin Aguilar  
Steve McFarland

**PROPOSED FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**  
**BALLOT DATE: MARCH 12, 2025**

Kathy Nelson PER

Kathy is 71 years old and a 30-year member.

**LODGE OF SORROW**

**No sickness or distress to report.**



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