

New Orleans, LA Lodge No. 30

Of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Of the United States of America

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Exalted Ruler's Message



My fellow Elks,

I write this following presiding over my last meeting at New Orleans Lodge #30. To say that I am humbled by the love and support Jen and I have received would be an understatement. We are thankful for each and every one of you for letting us serve. As we look forward to our next chapter in St. Louis we will always look back fondly on Lodge #30. We pray that you continue moving forward with the work we all started together.

Jen and I had the honor of attending the National Convention in Kansas City recently and we had a wonderful time. We were able to meet fellow Elks from around the country, share ideas, and spread Elkdom from across our great nation. I met with Brian Klatt, the new Grand Exalted Ruler, and extended the annual invitation for him to attend our Lodge for the GER banquet next Mardi Gras and ride as Grand Marshal in the Elks, Krewe of Orleanians parade. I'm happy to inform you that he has accepted my invitation and is looking forward to visiting New Orleans! If you have ever considered attending a convention, I highly recommend attending next year in Chicago as it will be an event to remember.

August brings more heat but the return of Saints football!! The annual luau is just around the corner as well. There are plenty of activities and members, both old and new, with fresh ideas to move our Lodge forward. Get involved and stay involved. It truly takes the entire membership to be successful. Congratulations and many thanks to David Cain, for accepting his nomination and new position as our Lodge #30 Treasurer!

As I close let me try again to convey the appreciation Jen and I have for Lodge #30 and its members. Jen will continue to serve as the Newsletter chairperson until a replacement can be found. I will be in town for a little while longer and hope to see all of you at our Lodge before I leave. We will still be involved with the Elks, both in New Orleans and St. Louis. A final THANK YOU to all of the employees and co-workers, the members and volunteers, and the friends that we have made over the years. Remember, this isn't goodbye, its "See ya later."



Fraternally,

Scott Guirovich
Exalted Ruler

Secretary's Corner

I would like to welcome our newest members who were initiated into our Lodge on Friday, July 25rd. Welcome to Lodge #30, I am looking forward to seeing y'all at the lodge and hope each of y'all get involved in Elkdom. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask me, I'm here to help.

We currently have 48 members in the arrears, I've posted a list of the members who are currently delinquent on the bulletin board. If you know any of these members, please reach out to them and see if you can get them to submit their dues.

We have a few events coming up over the next few months. Keep a lookout in the newsletter for information on these events.

For our new members and for those who have yet signed up, go to www.elks.org and create your account for the site. It is chalk full of great information about all our programs and the great work we do in Elkdom.

With the start of August comes the start of schools. On August 1, 2025, the online applications for ENF's Most Valuable Student Scholarship opens and runs through November 12th @ 11:59PM (Pacific). If you have a High School Senior in your family, please encourage them to apply for the scholarship. Additional information about all the scholarships offered by ENF follows in the newsletter.

And with schools reopening, please be mindful and stay vigilant when traveling through the school zones.

As always, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Brian L. Baye, PDDGER
Lodge Secretary



MVS & Legacy Scholarships:

- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2026 competition.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.
- NOTE: The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 500 national winners of the 2026 contest in April 2026. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Eligibility requirements are outlined below.

1. For the 2026 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2023, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2023, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member for the last two contiguous years through March 31, 2026. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply online only. **The 2026 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 2, 2026, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. NOTE: This is NOON, midday, Pacific time.**
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must select the parent's Elks Lodge on the application.
5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2026 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
6. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.
7. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)

The 2026 contest and application opens on September 1, 2025.

Brian L. Baye, PDDGER
Scholarship Chairman





Pick the Winner & Survivor

It's that time of year again – Football Season is now upon us. The Lodge will once again have the weekly “Pick the Winner” and Survivor Games. Poster boards will be available for those who wish to play the survivor game. Simply write your name on the board and each week you pick 1 NFL to win their game. If your team wins you move to next week where you will choose a new team to win. You can only choose a team once for the survivor game. If your team loses, you are eliminated from the game. The last person remaining will win the pot.

The cost is a one-time fee of \$10 for each entry.

The sheets for Pick the Winner will be available each Wednesday at the Lodge. Simply choose the teams you believe will win their matchup. The person who picks the most correct will win the weekly pot. The entry fee is \$2 per week, with \$1 going towards the weekly pot and the 2nd \$ going towards the season pot to be divided up between 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Last place. Additional information on both games is available at the lodge.



Summer is here and as you know it is a scorcher so far. Glad that there are cool beverages and air conditioning in the lodge for sure. There are a ton of things happening at the lodge this month. It is going to be a great month and something for everyone.

We have entered the month of August now and with that comes the hopes of die-hard football fans across the city and we are no exceptions. SAINTS football is back this month. We have 3 preseason games that we will open for each game 1 hour before and close one hour after. The dates and times are posted below for you.

Check the calendar and social media pages to see who is preparing a meal for the games. This is how the lodge raises money for various events, unexpected expenses and to help fund committees work. When there is a meal, please make every effort to grab one and help out all of our causes.

As a reminder during the SAINTS, LSU and Tulane games you can grab a bucket of your favorite beverages for a special price, just ask your server.

Please take a look at the message board in the lounge area. Angelle has done a great job adding our wine list, beer list and other bar specials. This is a great way to get all of the special lodge events displayed. Contact the office to get your event added to this so all can see what is happening and coming up.

Please remember that schools will be starting back mid-month so mind the school zones for children and school buses. These are expensive tickets and more importantly young children are walking or crossing streets. Keep your eyes out and hands on the wheel not the phone in school zones or around school buses.

Stay Safe and always enjoy your beverages with responsibility. Have a great month and see you at the lodge.

James Hester PER
Club Manager

Bar News



Lodge 30 History

Submitted By Armand Buuck

When Elks Roamed New Orleans



Most of these “Inside History” columns are triggered by a memory — either mine or one shared by a faithful reader. This one is different, though. This one is the result of a photograph.

- It’s a striking black-and-white image I stumbled across while rooting through the Library of Congress’ online collection. Dating to about 1906, it’s remarkably detailed, from the horse-drawn wagons to the hats on every head to the woman hanging out on a balcony near the center.
- What’s really striking, though, is how little it looks like New Orleans. But it is. It was taken on Elk Place, from its intersection with Canal Street and looking toward present-day Tulane Avenue.

- Looming in the distance is the old, castle-like Orleans Parish Criminal Court building, which was torn down around 1931. (Today, that site is home to the New Orleans Public Library's main branch.)
- Then there's the building pictured second from the right. While it's a rather nondescript edifice, especially when compared to the courts building, it's arguably the most important one on the block. It is, in fact, the reason Elk Place is called Elk Place.
- Previously, that stretch was South Basin Street, with its wide, parklike neutral ground dubbed Court Place.
- But in the late 19th century, the local chapter of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks found itself in an impressive growth spurt. Previously occupying a site on Canal Street, the lodge moved in September 1897 to the building shown in the photo. (That explains the "Elks" lettering on the front balcony.)
- Built around 1865, the three-story brownstone building previously housed "one of the elegant brothels that dominated South Basin Street between Canal Street and Tulane Avenue prior to the establishment of Storyville," according a 2007 article published by the New Orleans Public Library.
- That article included interior photos of the lodge taken by noted Storyville photographer E.J. Bellocq and published in 1907 in the Elks journal Southern Buck. From the billiard room to the meeting room to the indoor pool, the photos fully support a description included in an 1897 edition of The Times-Picayune that declared "each floor ... of palatial loftiness."
- That grandness was important: In May 1898, the city was to host a national meeting of the Elks that was to bring some 10,000 members to town. The city, and the local lodge, were eager to leave a good impression.
- By the time the Elks had arrived, Court Place had been renamed Elk Place and the imposing bronze elk statue pictured in the Library of Congress photo had been installed. That Elk statue would serve as a centerpiece for what would become a frequent public meeting place, the site of numerous political rallies and other mass gatherings over the years.
- Meanwhile, the local Elks Lodge — B.P.O.E. No. 30 — kept growing. After a membership push in 1918, its ranks swelled to more than 5,000, making it the biggest Elks lodge in the country.
- So, having outgrown its home on Elk Place, the club started work on a new one on the same site. The new four-story, \$800,000 building, which featured both a basement and a rooftop garden, was unveiled in March 1919, and was declared by The Times-Picayune to be the "handsomest lodge building in the United States."
- Built on a base of Stone Mountain granite, it featured an ornate, hand-carved limestone façade built in Italian Renaissance style. Inside, it featured everything from a saltwater swimming pool — fed by a 1,300-foot well — to Turkish baths to a movie screen to two elevators.

- Within a decade, however, hard times had hit. Amid the Great Depression, the Elks lost much of their membership — and then their building, which would become the local headquarters of Gulf Oil. Since 2014, it's been occupied by the Tulane School of Social Work.
- As for that imposing bronze Elk out front? It's gone, but it's unclear where it went. It's often said it was moved to the Elks tumulus in Greenwood Cemetery, but that appears to be a different statue. (Not only was it already in the works in 1911, when the Elks were enjoying enormous popularity, but a study of photographs shows it is looking in a different direction than the one on Elk Place.)
- As for Elks Lodge No. 30? It's still around, still doing its benevolent and protective thing — out of a facility on Cleary Avenue in Metairie.



Committee Chairpersons,
Including information regarding your committee's affairs in the newsletter is a great way to keep the membership informed and publicize any upcoming events. Content must be submitted via email by the 20th of the month to elks30news@gmail.com.
Jen Guirovich, Newsletter Editor

ELKS KREWE OF JEFFERSONIANS



Applications & Payments / Deposits

Next Meeting: Saturday August 30, 2025 10:00am - Noon

If you or anyone you know would like to ride in our Mardi Gras Parade, please let me know.

Meetings will be held on the last Saturday of each month starting May 31, 2025, and each month until October 24, 2025 from 10:00 am till 12 noon where, deposits, applications and payments will be taken at the Elks Lodge, 2215 Cleary Avenue Metairie, LA 70001 (504) 888-8152

Mike Juan Captain

ELKS Krewe of Jeffersonians

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Elks Lodge 30 Beer Bulletin – August Edition



By Sean Triplett & Jarod Thibodaux

Hello Elks! Welcome back to another round of the **Beer Bulletin**, where we keep you updated on what's brewing behind the bar at **Elks Lodge #30**.



Farewell for Now: Yuengling Black & Tan

Unfortunately, we're currently unable to get **Yuengling Black & Tan** through our distributor. It's a favorite for many, and we'll bring it back to the Lodge **as soon as it becomes available again**.

Rotating Monthly Beer Selection

Starting this month, we're trying something new — **a different beer each month!** If the monthly pick is a hit, we'll keep it in stock. If not, we'll rotate to something new. It's a great way to discover new brews and keep the selection fresh.



August Beer of the Month: Canebrake by Parish Brewing Co.

Brewed just outside Lafayette in **Broussard, Louisiana**, **Canebrake** is a smooth, refreshing **American wheat ale** with local flair.

Tasting Notes:

- Crisp and malty
- Slightly sweet with a **hint of sugarcane**
- Finishes with a gentle **citrus note**
- Low bitterness, easy drinking



Jarod and I both enjoy this one — it's approachable, flavorful, and perfect for **late summer afternoons by the pool**.

Style: American Wheat Ale

ABV: 5.0%

IBU: 16

Glassware: Best served in a **Weizen glass** or a **pint glass**

Come by the Lodge, give Canebrake a try, and let us know what you think! As always, we love hearing your feedback and suggestions for future beers to feature.

Cheers, and see you at the bar!

– Sean & Jarod

Your Beer Bulletin Team





Annual Lodge Luau

Save the Date!



Saturday, August 30
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Join us for one of our favorite events of the year — the Elks Lodge Luau! Expect tropical vibes, great music, food, and fun by the pool.



Tickets will be available at the bar soon, so keep an eye out and grab yours early!

**Buy tickets in advance for \$10;
Tickets at the door are \$15**



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Summer may be winding down, and with school right around the corner, it's time for our pool schedule to adjust for the season.

Updated Pool Hours (Starting August 16):

- Saturdays: 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Sundays: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The pool will be open weekends only for the remainder of the season.



Soak up the last stretch of summer while it lasts — there's still plenty of time to enjoy the water, sunshine, and good company!

-Sean Triplett, Pool Chairman

POOL NEWS

August Awareness

Submitted by Jen Guirovich with the help of Microsoft Copilot AI

Eye Exams

Safeguarding Vision for a Brighter Tomorrow

Our eyes are our windows to the world, allowing us to experience life in vibrant color, recognize familiar faces, read, drive, and navigate the vast array of daily tasks that define our independence and quality of life. Yet, all too often, we take our eyesight for granted—until a problem arises. Unfortunately, by the time symptoms manifest, irreversible damage may have already occurred. This is why regular eye exams are not merely a matter of convenience or vanity, but a fundamental aspect of maintaining lifelong vision and overall health.

Understanding Eye Exams

An eye exam is a thorough evaluation conducted by an eye care professional—either an optometrist or ophthalmologist—to assess not only your vision, but also the overall health of your eyes. Contrary to popular belief, an eye exam involves much more than simply reading letters off a chart or getting a new prescription for glasses. It is a comprehensive health screening that can detect silent and serious conditions in their earliest, most treatable stages.

During a typical eye exam, several tests are performed:

- **Visual Acuity Test:** Measures how clearly you see at various distances.
- **Refraction Assessment:** Determines the exact lens prescription needed for optimal vision.
- **Eye Muscle Test:** Evaluates the coordination of your eye muscles.
- **Pupil Response:** Checks how your pupils respond to light and objects at various distances.
- **Glaucoma Screening:** Measures intraocular pressure to check for signs of glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness.
- **Retinal Examination:** Involves dilating the pupils to inspect the retina, optic nerve, and blood vessels for abnormalities.

Beyond these standard tests, your eye care provider may perform additional screenings based on your age, medical history, risk factors, and reported symptoms.

The Silent Threat: Why Eye Exams Matter

Many serious eye conditions develop without noticeable symptoms in their early stages. By the time vision changes become apparent, significant and sometimes permanent loss may have occurred. Regular eye examinations are critical for detecting:

- Glaucoma – Often called the “silent thief of sight,” glaucoma typically presents no warning signs until advanced vision loss occurs. Eye pressure measurements and optic nerve examinations during an eye exam are essential for early detection.
- Diabetic Retinopathy – For individuals with diabetes, this condition can damage blood vessels in the retina, leading to blindness if undetected. Dilated eye exams can reveal early changes before vision is affected.
- Macular Degeneration – This age-related condition deteriorates the central part of the retina and is a leading cause of vision loss in older adults. Early detection allows for timely intervention and lifestyle modifications.
- Cataracts – The gradual clouding of the eye’s natural lens often develops slowly and painlessly. Regular exams ensure cataracts are monitored and treated when necessary.
- Refractive Errors – Conditions like nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and presbyopia are common but correctable with timely diagnosis.

Eye exams can also reveal signs of systemic health conditions, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, autoimmune diseases, and even certain cancers, underscoring their role as a window into your overall well-being.

When Should You Have an Eye Exam?

The recommended frequency of eye exams varies based on age, health status, and risk factors. As a general guideline:

- Children: First eye exam at 6 months, again at age 3, before starting school, and every 1–2 years thereafter.
- Adults (18–60): Every 2 years if no symptoms or risk factors; annually for those who wear corrective lenses or have health conditions like diabetes.
- Seniors (61+): Annually, as risk for age-related eye conditions increases.
- Individuals with Risk Factors: Such as a family history of eye disease, diabetes, or high blood pressure, should have more frequent exams as advised by their eye care professional.

Tips for Protecting Your Eyes Between Exams

While regular eye exams are vital, there are steps you can take every day to protect your vision:

- Wear sunglasses with UV protection when outdoors.
- Take regular breaks from screens using the 20-20-20 rule: every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds.
- Eat a balanced diet rich in leafy greens, colorful fruits, and omega-3 fatty acids.
- Avoid smoking, as it increases the risk of cataracts and macular degeneration.
- Use safety eyewear when working with hazardous materials or playing sports.
- Manage chronic conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol.
- Practice good hygiene to prevent eye infections, especially if you wear contact lenses.

Conclusion: Your Vision, Your Future

Our eyes are irreplaceable. By prioritizing regular eye exams, we not only safeguard our sight but also support our overall health and well-being. Whether you are a parent scheduling your child's first screening or an adult overdue for a checkup, take the simple yet powerful step of booking an eye exam. Awareness is the first step toward prevention, early detection, and effective treatment of eye diseases.

Remember: clear, healthy vision enhances every aspect of life—so protect it with the care and attention it deserves. If you haven't had an eye exam recently, let today be the day you make your vision a priority. Your future self will thank you for it.

Eye Exams

August Awareness

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Auxiliary News

Hi everyone, I wanted to let you know our fund raiser of raffling a \$500 Visa gift card was pulled at the LEA Convention in June. The winner was Warren Michel from Lodge #2321. We, the auxiliary, made a profit of \$351 00. I wish to thank all those who bought tickets and those who sold tickets. I would especially like to thank Karen Thompson for keeping up with the money and taking the time to sell tickets at the convention.

The Veterans are having a Baby Shower on Sept 18th for Military women who are pregnant. They are asking for donations. Items that are needed are bottles, diapers, blankets, etc. A box will be at the Lodge for donations. Thanking you in advance.

Please keep all of our members and their families in your prayers.

Respectfully,
Wanda Carey
Auxiliary President



These applicants will be
balloted on August 8th and
initiated on August 22nd.

Applicant

Natalia Balan

Ashley Wenger

John Atchley

Luis A. Mejia

Proposer

Mike Juan

Adam Cressionnie

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Sonia Nguyen

Auxiliary

Recipe of the Month

August
2025



Recipe for: *Hot Tamale Balls*

From the Kitchen of: **Elina Juengling**

Ingredients:

1. 1lb of ground beef (chuck)
2. 1 lb of Jimmy Dean Sausage
3. 1.5 cups of yellow cornmeal
4. 6 oz of spicy hot V8
5. .5 cups of flour
6. 1 tsp of garlic powder
7. 2 tsp of chili powder
8. 2 tsp of cumin
9. 1 tsp cayenne pepper
10. 2 tsp salt (I leave out because V8 has enough salt)

Ingredients for Sauce

1. 40 oz spicy hot V8
2. 2 tsp chili powder
3. 2 tsp cumin
4. 2 tsp salt (I leave out)

Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients for Tamale Balls in large bowl. Form into small balls and layer into large roaster pot.
2. Mix all ingredients for sauce and pour over Tamale Balls.
3. Cook over medium heat 50-60 minutes covered

Happy 100th Birthday, Lincoln Brennan Sr.!

Let's Celebrate at the Lodge!

Join Us on Sunday 8/24/25 1:00pm - 4:00pm



Everyone is invited to attend the dedication of Mandarin St in Old Metairie
to honor Lincoln Brennan Sr.
Friday, August 22, 2025 at 10am

August Birthday Bash

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

If you were born in August then we have a *Birthday Party* just for you.
We have cake and hats, noise makers and snacks and a free Birthday drink
just for you. Bring your family and friends to enjoy your Birthday Party.

David Cain – 2
Charles Schmuck – 2
Randall Crombie – 3
Jesse Carrillo – 4
Denis Castillo – 4
Charles Gussoni – 4
Paul McDonald – 4
Joan Morris – 4
Robert Perere – 4
Ronald Malinosky – 5
James Lundy – 6
Janell Soileau – 6
Oswald Laporte – 7
William Lyons – 9
Kenneth Little – 10
Mora Madsen – 12
Lynn Morgan – 12
Kevin Ibos – 14
John Lewis – 14
John Smallpage – 14

Terry Bruno – 15
Peggy Tauzier – 18
Cindy Hebert – 19
Katherine Henriques – 19
Walker Bright – 21
Hope Savoie – 21
Mike Bergeron – 22
Robin Johnson – 23
Mark Roark – 25
Lincoln D. Brennan – 26
Warren Migaud – 26
Daniel Verret – 26
Scott Guirovich – 27
Rene Pelanne – 27
Mary Quarls – 28
Charles Morvant – 29
Scott Tanzini – 29
Eric Cliatt – 30
Betsy Ibos – 31



3 BALL

3 BALL IS BACK AT THE ELKS LODGE. JUST 3 MONTHS IN AND WE'VE RAISED \$200.00 FOR OUR VETERANS.

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH EVERY MONTH AT THE LODGE. STARTING AT 7PM. \$10 DOLLAR BUY IN (ALL OF WHICH GOES TO CHARITY).

PLAYED 3 BALL BEFORE, THEN BRING YOUR DOLLARS. IF NOT, COME WATCH AND LEARN.

**CAN'T PLAY THEN DONATE,
IT'S EASY. IT'S FUN. IT'S FOR OUR VETERANS.**

CONTACT IS DARREN 225-266-1216 DDLL1@LIVE.COM



Bustin' Dem Pins for the Kids



Once again – because of YOU, this very important fundraiser was a huge success. This past weekend Lodge #30 showed its true colors by supporting this event by sponsoring bowling lanes, door prizes, and membership participation. Elks member, Brenda Vitrano, did an excellent job of getting a tremendous number of prizes for this event from the main sponsor, MAMA's PLACE Café & Bar. Their generosity supplied the parade of prizes (52 in all) along with 4 teams and 4 sponsors. The event raised \$9016. Our Elks participation raised \$960 – 5 teams and 2 Elks sponsors. A good time was enjoyed by all that attended and once again, great support from several past Exalted Rulers (and current) along with 25 members.

Special thanks goes out to Wanda and Carlo for allowing us to complete the prizes at her home. Also Rose, Lorraine, Darlene, Janet, and Gayle assisting in putting prizes together.

Once again – Lodge #30 sets the example of true compassion for such important events to help others in need.

THANK YOU!!
Gene Reyes



**Bustin' Dem Pins
for the Kids**

Summertime fun at the pool!



**TOTALLY
AWESOME 80s**

ROCK-n-GLOW

2025 National Convention



Brian Baye received the 4-star award for our state's newsletter congrats Brian! Great job!!!



LEA State President, Jeff Wheat, carrying the LEA flag during ceremony



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24/7 confidential crisis support for veterans
and their loved ones



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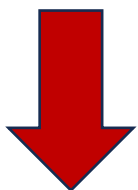
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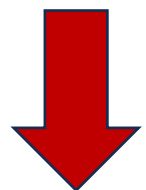
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IMPORTANT



If you were advertising with us and would like to restart, please remit your **payment by August 20, 2025**. We accept cash, check, or credit card. Payment can be made with the lodge clerk or at the bar.