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Flag Day Ceremony Sunday, June 14



11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
In the Lodge Pavilion

Boy Scout Troop 0509 will retire a flag
after the ceremony.

BBQ immediately following the ceremony. There
will be hot dogs, sides and cold drinks.
\$5.00 per person.



Ladies of Elks Annual
FATHER'S DAY
PROGRAM & BREAKFAST
Sunday June 21st @ 8:00 a.m.
At Elks Pavilion
\$5 per person/Fathers Free

Please come and enjoy a nice program and
boiled omelets that you make yourself.

Any questions contact Virginia
Hansen @ 435-668-4553



2:30 pm Every 2nd & 4th Thursday

Come in out of the heat, have lunch, then enjoy
rounds of bingo; a perfect way to spend an
afternoon. Plus, all proceeds go to support many
of our local charities - it's a win, win.



Summer is here and it is **hot**.

And promises to get **hotter**.

The Lodge is where to be - out of the heat,
good food, and cold drinks. Come enjoy
the camaraderie with other Elks and enjoy
the cool atmosphere.

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Hello folks, hope everybody's getting used to the heat. Probably more people are starting to spend lots of time inside, and with that we tend to try and cool off by having a few cold ones or beverage of your choice. That brings me to a subject that I want to approach with everyone, and that is Utah law on over serving. In the state of Utah it is illegal for bars, restaurants, clubs, or any licensed establishment to serve alcohol to a person who is actually or visibly intoxicated. Utah's "dram shop" law can hold both the business and the server legally responsible if an over-served person later causes injury, death, or property damage. Violations can result in criminal charges, fines, suspension, or loss of a liquor license, and civil lawsuits. Utah law also places responsibility on establishments to train employees to recognize signs of intoxication and refuse alcohol service when necessary. So the reason I am pointing this out is because if our bar staff deems that you've had too much to drink and they refuse you service or offer you a glass of water or something to eat they are seeing the signs of intoxication. Therefore, instead of getting irate, you should actually thank them because they are truly looking out for you, please keep this in mind the next time you're at the Lodge and please drink responsibly. It only takes one instance for one person, to have what we have taken away from all of us.



Lance Wright, Exalted Ruler

Motto: Kind Hearts and Helping Hands



VETERANS CORNER

May is one of our busiest months for the Veterans Committee. We completed our annual project for the Southern Utah Veterans Home over a two week period. The Box Garden project has grown. This year we purchased and assembled three additional boxes for wings 2, 7, and 9. These were at the request of the residents at the Home. Thanks to a donation, 120 bags of soil were purchased and delivered and the new planters were filled. A big job well done by a group of volunteers. On the same day committee members gathered and planted fresh flowers in all the boxes. The Veteran really enjoy taking care of the plants, weeding and early morning watering and visiting family members praise the project.

Some of our members went to the Home for a morning of fishing. Yes!!! Fishing!! What a great time. Very large plastic pools were filled with water by the Ivins Fire Department and fish from the Fish Hatchery up North arrived to fill the pools with two hundred pounds of rainbow trout 13" long. And the fishing began. Each time a trout was hooked a loud cheer went up for the fisherman. When the fishing ended there was a fish fry. A good time was had by all.

The Memorial Day Program was another success. This year's theme was "Fallen Female Soldiers". Since the days of the Revolutionary War to current times, women have been present at war sites. They were not always recognized as soldiers but that didn't lessen their contributions. 911 changed that as women soldiers began being sent to combat and/or war zones. This Memorial Day we honored those women who gave their all as members of the United States Military Forces.

Many thanks to the Committee members who helped in these projects.

Remember to always reach out to our veterans with care and honor.

Dick Wilson,

Veterans Committee Chair
435-773-6974



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBER

Keith Foster

Born: Flint, Michigan
Date: 09/20/1935
Died: 04/01/2026
Initiated: 09/22/2015

90 years old
Member 12 years



We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess him,
Still our heart his memory bears,
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye.
Now the golden cord is severed,
He has passed on to realms on high.

ELKS PLEDGE

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





DRUG AWARENESS NEWS

I am looking forward to taking over the Drug Awareness Program from Mary Ann Novak. It is clear that she had a real passion for this program and took it as far as she could. Like all things, change is inevitable. I assure you that coming in, I see this as an opportunity to steward what has been built, expand upon it, and leave it better than I found it—for the next lucky person who carries it forward.

A little about me: my name is Kash, and I own a corporate accounting firm, Outgrow Accounting. I am married to my husband AJ, who serves in the US Army via the National Guard and owns his own business specializing in auto ADAS calibrations. Together we have three kids: Aidan, 12, who will be entering 7th grade in the fall; Kyla, 7, who is entering 3rd grade; and Ashton, 6, who is entering 1st grade. We are relatively new to the area and have a heart for serving the community we live in. In addition to running businesses, navigating marriage, raising kids, and everything in between, we attend and are actively involved with our church, Christ Community.

As I continue to learn everything Mary Ann has built, I will certainly reach out for support and collaboration as we grow the DA Program into something we can all be proud of. If you would like to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out at kashailarocheleau@gmail.com or 503-828-4068.

Kash Rocheleau
Chairperson



THE DIXIE LADIES OF ELKS

As we kick off another LOE year, I'd like to congratulate our newly elected officers! On April 14th, LOE president Donna MacBean kicked off our first meeting for the year. We had a full house and a busy meeting. Our theme for the year is 'kindness'. Kindness is a powerful force that can change a person's day or even their life, creating positive ripples. May you never run out of kind people who remind you the world is still good.

At the meeting, checks were presented to Habitat for Humanity, Utah Food Bank, Loving Angels Service Dogs and The Shivwits band of Indian Tribe. The proceeds from our fundraisers will surely make a meaningful impact in our local community. Thank you to all who gave generously of their time, energy and money to make these fundraisers successful. Overall the LOE donated over \$44,000 in the 2025-2026 fiscal year! GREAT JOB LADIES!

Congratulations to Linda Spencer for winning the Sunshine Drawing.

At the Utah State Elks Convention held in Tooele April 30th - May 2nd, the LOE's were elected to the following Utah Ladies of the Elks Association offices. President: Emily Carter, Lodge 711, 1st Vice President: Cathy Conniff, Dixie Lodge 1743, 2nd Vice President: Mindy Williams, Lodge 719, Secretary: Caitlin Bird, Lodge 711, Treasurer: Susanne Carter, Lodge 711, Parliamentarian: Shani Green, Lodge 849, Project Director: Angie Cook, Lodge 1357 and Historian: Tiffani Graff, Lodge 1556. The advisory board includes Jan Frisbey and Virginia Hansen - Dixie LOE's along with Mayva Coffman and Jessica Hardy from Golden Spike LOE's. Congratulations to all our elected officials!

The new LOE booklets will be available in June. LOE welcomed eight new members this year.

June 21st will be the annual Father's Day Brunch with Virginia Hansen as chair.

Kathy Cherpeski,
LOE Reporter

Sports/Club Room

Club Room Manager: Arli Loveless, elks1743clubroom@gmail.com

OPEN HOURS

Monday—Thursday 12:00 to 10:00 pm, Friday 12:00 to 11:00 pm
 Saturday 12:00 to 10:00 pm
 Sunday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm



TEXAS HOLD EM'

Saturday, June 6
 4:30 pm; play 5:00—7:00 pm



BLACK JACK

Saturday, June 27
 4:30 pm; play 5:00—7:00 pm



Join the Bingo Fans

Thursday, June 11th & 25th
 Doors open at 2:30 pm. Games 3:00-5:00 pm
 Bring a friend to enjoy the fun & games you don't want to miss.

Thank you for your support! See you there.



Beginners Pool Thursday Night

Join us for a fun time playing pool with beginners. We start at 5:00 pm and are keeping it simple & easy.

- Call pocket only on an 8 ball shot
- Call wrong pocket or scratch, you lose
- Play "Ball in Hand" for scratch shot



Bunco is Monday, June 8th & 22nd

Doors open at 1:30pm, games begin at 2:00 pm for members & guest.
 Bring a \$10 unwrapped gift if you would like to get a gift.
 For more info call or text Perk Matteson at 586-292-6320.

Wednesday Night 7:15 pm

06/03	Rick Wall	06/17	Kevin Auernig
06/10	Fast Eddie	06/24	The Mixx

Friday Night 7:15 pm

06/05	Kevin Auernig	06/19	River House Band
06/12	Truckhouse Troubadour	06/26	South Bound



DARTS

We have dart boards in the 19th Hole. The bartender will have the keys to unlock them. As long as there is no activity going on in the 19th Hole they are open for member use. Please be ready to leave your ID with the bartender until the keys and darts are returned. Please come up and enjoy the dart boards.

CORNHOLE



Every Thursday of the month.
 Sign-up is at 6:00 pm
 Colby Jensen at 435-218-5273



POOL LEAGUE

The pool league has ended.
 It will start again Monday, October 19th
 Any questions text Jeff Fjelstad at 507-391-0183.



MAHJONG

Just a reminder for those who play and those who WANT to play mahjong: We meet at 2:00 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month. Mahjong is a game with Chinese tiles and is challenging and fun. We would love to teach you or just come up and observe!

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LUNCH MENU	
Monday & Tuesday Noon—4:00 pm	
Wednesday Noon—2:00 pm	
Friday Noon—2:00 pm	
Hamburger/fries	\$12
Cheeseburger w/fries	\$13
Chicken Sandwich w/fries	\$15
Chicken Strips w/fries	\$14
Fish & Chips	\$16
Salad	\$11
Salad w/half sandwich	\$11
Fries	\$3
Add Bacon	\$3
Add Avocado	\$2

WEDNESDAY STEAK NIGHT MENU	
6:00—8:00 pm	
All meals include tax	
All full meals include baked potato, salad bar, and bread	
Rib-eye Steak -10 oz. boneless	\$20
Petite Sirloin - 8 oz.	\$20
Salmon - (8 oz)	\$20
Surf n Turf - (4oz/4 oz)	\$20
Marinated grilled chicken breast	\$14
Hamburger 1/3 pound w/chips w/salad	\$10 \$14
Cheeseburger 1/3 pound w/chips w/salad	\$11 \$15
Veggie Patty w/chips w/Salad	\$11 \$16
Full Salad Bar	\$11

FRIDAY NIGHT MENU	
5:30—7:30 pm	
Dinners include fries and coleslaw	
Shrimp Cocktail (6 shrimps)	\$11
Salmon (8 oz.) with baked potato	\$14
Fish & Regular Shrimp	\$16
Fish & Coconut Shrimp	\$16
Regular Shrimp (5 shrimp)	\$16
Coconut Shrimp (5 shrimp)	\$16
Chicken Strips (3 strips)	\$14
BBQ Ribs (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)	\$18
Hamburger w/fries	\$12
Cheeseburger w/fries	\$13
Full Salad Bar	\$11
Veggie Patty w/baked potato	\$12
Fries	\$3

Club Room Menu	
Supreme Pizza—Gluten Free	\$11.00
Jalapeno Poppers (5) w/sauce	\$7.00
Pepperoni Pizza	\$6.00
Southwest Egg Rolls (3)	\$6.00
Mozzarella Sticks (5)	\$5.50
Onion Rings	\$4.50
Hot Dog w/chips	\$4.00
Chicken Taco	\$4.00
Beef Taquitos (3) w/salsa	\$4.50
Vegetable Roll w/ Sweet & Sour Sauce	\$3.00
Pork Rinds	\$3.00
French Fries	\$3.50
Corn Dog	\$2.50
Mixed Nuts	\$2.50
Popcorn	\$2.00



VOLUNTEER CREWS

TUESDAY MORNING	
06/02	Toby Force & Inga Matteucci
06/09	Kathy & David Johnson
06/16	Judy Gauthier & Donna Jean
06/23	Chris Shewmake
06/30	Helen & Keith Christensen

WEDNESDAY PIE CART	
06/03	Linda Fucone & Kathy Mitsunaga
06/10	JoAnn Kooyman & Marge Jensen
06/17	Rebecca Yager & Midge Ault
06/24	Vida Molinaro and Perk Matteson

WEDNESDAY NIGHT				
06/03	Wayne Barnes	Sandy #2	Diana Staehle	Betty Archambault
06/10	Jeff Fawcett	Angela Fishel	Gina Rossbach	Barbara McConnell
06/17	Lance Wright	Jeff Shade	Cathy Conniff	Betty Archambault
06/24	Frankie Colon	Karlene Davidson	Diana Staehle	Sharon Goetzman

FRIDAY NIGHT		
06/05	Sandy #2	Diana Staehle
06/12	Linda Cook	Evelyn Wilson
06/19	Betsy Yerkes	Linda Bertwell
06/26	Maxine Thurston	Annette Larsen

2026-2027 ELKS OFFICERS	
Exalted Ruler	Lance Wright, PER 435-703-3190
Leading Knight	Tawni Patrick 909-525-5922
Loyal Knight	Claire Fabian 760-408-8991
Lecturing Knight	Peter Fucone 208-561-1212
Lodge Secretary	Betty Archambault 435-673-1743 office@elks1743.com
Lodge Treasurer	Lil Barnes 435-673-1743 treasurer1743@gmail.com
Esquire	Erin O'Brien 435-773-2177
Inner Guard	Gerry Torribio 909-239-7962
Chaplain	Mary Ann Novak 479-925-6710
Tiler	John Bangerter 435-669-7148

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Exalted Ruler:	Lance Wright, PER 435-703-3190
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS		
Accident Prevention	Mike Priddy	801-949-3391
Americanism		
Auditing & Accounting	Bob Bailey	435-599-2360
Boy Scouts COR Scout Master	Jen Harris Zach Hardy	435 319-5166 307-715-0186
Community Assistance	Wayne Barnes, PER	801-224-3219
Drug Awareness	Kash Rocheleau	503-828-4068
Elk Riders	Phil Hansen	435-590-7446
ENF	Lil Barnes	435-632-4202
Event Coordinator	Tawni Patrick	909-525-5922
Flying Fish	Wayne Sittre	435-680-2909
Girl Scouts	Kris DeLong	435-619-2604
Golf Committee	Wayne Barnes, PER Lil Barnes Betty Archambault	801-224-3219 435-673-1743 435-673-1743
Grant Coordinator	Beth Reese	661-618-5106
Hoop Shoot	Marty Lane	435-313-1822
Investigation Coordinator Investigation Committee	Sharon Goetzman, PER Claire Fabian Roland Osborn, PER	916-205-9795 760-408-8991 951-591-1043
Lodge Activities	Tawni Patrick	909-525-5922
Lodge Graphic Artist	Tawni Patrick	909-525-5922
Monday Night Golf	Kris DeLong	435-619-2604
Newsletter	Terry Jones, PER	435-986-9099
Orientation Coordinator	Wayne Barnes, PER	801-224-3219
Public Relations, Facebook, Social Media	Susan Shurtliff, PER	801 631-4127
Scholarships	Randy Maxon	303-917-0525
Standing Relief	ER, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer	
Veterans Committee	Dick Wilson	435-773-6974
Website and Emails	John Conniff	512-779-8374
Youth Activity	Kristen Blaha	262-391-1813

Trustees:	Responsibility	
1 yr. Mike Priddy	Safety/Maintenance/RV	801-949-3391
2 yr. Jim Bleecker	Budget/Contracts	949-350-9055
3 yr. Tim Handel, PER	Chairman of the Board	760-518-9226
4 yr. Wayne Barnes, PER	Bar/Kitchen	801-224-3219
5 yr. Roland Osborn, PER	Cleanliness & Sanitation	951-591-1043

Officer of the Year Marge Jensen	Elk of the Year Perk Matteson	Citizen of the Year Amber Raymer
LOE Officer of the Year Rocky Peterson	LOE of the Year Tawni Patrick	

2026-2027 LOE OFFICERS

President	Donna MacBean	435-313-4725
1st Vice President	Rocky Peterson	435-251-7726
2nd Vice President	Linda Spencer	801-725-8567
Treasurer	Eyvon Borrowman	435-619-4263
Chaplain	Alice Huff	702 755 6111
Historian	Tawni Patrick	909-525-5922
Reporter	Kathy Cherpeski	801-616-2807
Secretary	JoAnn Kooyman	801-647-8399
Parliamentarian	Maxine Thurston	801-376-1654
Project Chair	Rebecca Yager	435-619-8214
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Pastry Cart Chair	JoAnn Kooyman	801-647-8399
Advisory Board	Debra Ward	509-951-3620
	Virginia Hansen	435-668-4553
	Lynne Pappas	435-640-3962
	Cathy Conniff	512-431-8600
Calling Nominating Committee	DeDe Sittre	435-680-2910
	Chris Chapple	801-722-5350
	Sheryl Manning	307-880-4690
	Lynne Pappas	435-640-3962
	Jeanette Workman	801-598-5475

**Deadline for articles and ads is
the 10th of each month**

Dixie Lodge John Conniff, Webmaster
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elks1743newsletter@gmail.com

Ad design: Due 5th of each month to Tawni Patrick at 909-525-5922

When submitting an article, please include your name and contact information. Thank you.

2026-2027 Elks Riders

President	Phil Hansen
Vice President	Jim Bleecker
Treasurer	Lil Barnes
Secretary	Susan Shurtliff, PER
Sergeant-At-Arms	Wayne Barnes, PER
Chaplain	Gerry Torribio
Tail Gunner	John Conniff
Webmaster/Activities Chairman	



MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCH

Sorry, no membership lunch this month. The next lunch will be announced when scheduled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



07/04 - Freedom Celebration
07/18 - LOE International Night

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Meetings

Lodge Mtg	Tue Jun 09 & 23	7:00 pm	Grant Mtg	Wed Jun 17	3:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Every Monday	7:00 pm
Board of Directors	Tue Jun 02 & 16	6:30 pm	PERs Mtg	Thu Jun 04	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts (except 2nd)	Every Thursday	5:30 pm
LOE Board	Tue Jun 02	5:30 pm	Vietnam Vets Mtg	Sat Jun 20	10:00 am	Youth Activity Committee	Tue Jun 16	4:30 pm
LOE Mtg	Tue Jun 09 & 23	5:30 pm	Elks Riders	Sat Jun 27	11:15 am			
Veterans Mtg	Thu Jun 18	6:30 pm	Widows Lunch	Mon Jun 01	1:00 pm			

June 2026

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	11:00 am - 1:00 pm Bloody Mary Sunday 3:00 - 5:00 pm E.R. Challenge	1 2:00 pm - Bunco	2 6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting	3 6 - 7:45 pm Steak Night Entertainment: 7:15 pm Rick Wall	4 2:00 pm Mahjong 5:00 pm - Beginners Pool 6:00 pm - Cornhole	5 5:30 - 7:15 pm: Seafood & Rib Dinner Entertainment: 7:15 pm Kevin Auernig	6 3:00 - 5:00 pm E.R. Challenge 4:30 pm - Texas Hold Em'
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