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Elks Round-Up

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Its Up to YOU to **BE THE DIFFERENCE** This Year

After nearly 40 years as an Elks Member and 17 years serving as Grand Secretary, I am honored to now represent our Order as Grand Exalted Ruler for 2025-26.

I first want to thank my wife, Susan. Her dedication and support make this journey possible. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our friends, family, and fellow Elks. We thank you all for everything.

My theme is “**Be The Difference.**” Keep it in mind all year—and beyond.

Be The Difference... in a veteran’s life. Be it by helping them out of homelessness, providing Welcome Home Kits, visiting them in their home or retirement center, or mailing them a birthday or holiday card.

Be The Difference... in a student’s life. Be it by organizing clothing and school supply drives, holding Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot contests, championing Drug Awareness, and promoting the many scholarships offered by the Grand Lodge programs and State Associations.

Be The Difference... in your Lodge. Be it by volunteering, getting involved, and using the many available grants to help those who need it most.

In other words, we need you to **Be The Difference** for our Order to grow.



**Message
from the
Grand
Exalted
Ruler
Bryan R
Klatt**

Susan and I are embarking on a year of travel, promoting our many Elks programs administered by our Grand Lodge committees. All our Order’s endeavors strive to give back to and improve our communities.

Furthering our commitment to charity will make our Lodges even stronger. It will deepen the camaraderie among the Members of our Lodges as we work toward a common goal. As we succeed, upstanding members of the public will see our impact and will be motivated to join us. Working hard, sharing a vision, and staying true to our principles will bolster the spirit of Elksdom. I am confident sustained membership growth will follow.

The Elks National Foundation, the “Great Heart of Elksdom,” is a catalyst for the many things we do. The Community Investments Program, a series of grants that meet specific local needs, turns 20 years old in 2025-26. The grant allocation total has been boosted to \$17.6 million. It will allow the Elks to be a major difference in our communities.

Members have repeatedly proven their commitment to meeting our annual per-capita donation goal, which will be set at \$5.15 per Member in 2025-26. It will go a long way, so thank you for all your efforts.

LODGE MEETINGS SCHEDULES

LODGE MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

PER ASSOCIATION

Quarterly on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM.
January, April, July, and October.

***ALL MEMBERS ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND***

LOUNGE HOURS

MONDAY	3 - 9 PM
TUESDAY	3 - 9 PM
WEDNESDAY	3 - 9 PM
THURSDAY	3 - 9 PM
FRIDAY	3 - 9 PM
SATURDAY	3 - 9 PM
SUNDAY	3 - 9 PM

2024/2025 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Ted Figueroa
Leading Knight.....Jessie Battle
Loyal Knight.....David Florez
Lecturing Knight.....Jacqueline Schwartz
Secretary.....Idotha Battle
Treasurer.....Elizabeth Garza
Tiler.....Thomas Morgan
Esquire.....Al Lewis
Chaplain.....John Zumwalt
Inner Guard.....Zola Johnson
Presiding Justice.....Nathan Fugate

Board of Directors

Exalted Ruler.....Ted Figueroa
Leading Knight.....Jessie Battle
Loyal Knight.....David Florez
Lecturing Knight.....Jacqueline Schwartz
5 Year Trustee.....J. Dean Craig
4 Year Trustee.....Roy Medina
3 Year Trustee.....Kirstie Lomas
2 Year Trustee.....Jessica "Red" Myers
1 Year Trustee.....Sara Robertson

Have an announcement,
picture, article, etc.?
Submit by the 20th to
bpoe1926bulletin@gmail.com

COMMITTEES

<i>Accident Prevention</i>	J Dean Craig, PER
<i>Americanism</i>	Sam Fugate, PER
<i>Auditing</i>	Ted Figueroa
<i>Bulletin</i>	Cindi Ray
<i>Cyber Assistant</i>	Tony Deel
<i>Drug Awareness</i>	
<i>ENF</i>	Carmen Llacuna
<i>Flag Day</i>	Rolando Garza
<i>Hoop Shoot</i>	Ken Moses, PDDGER
<i>House Committee</i>	Jessica "Red" Myers
<i>Membership</i>	Jessie Battle
<i>Memorial Service</i>	Krystal Peterson
<i>PER Association</i>	Sara Robertson, PER
<i>Public Relations</i>	Vacant
<i>Veteran Services</i>	Frank Evans
<i>Youth Activities</i>	Ken Moses, PDDGER

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep your fellow Elks and Elk Family in your thoughts and prayers:

Kevin Clark

Chuck Ellis

If you know or hear of an Elk or family member who is ill or has passed away, please leave a note with the Lodge Attendant or email

bpoe1926bulletin@gmail.com.



09	01	Darlynn Fugate
09	03	J Dean Craig
09	03	Arturo Gomez III
09	04	Michael Brzenski
09	07	Nina Adams
09	08	Mitchell Ted Shelton
09	12	Kevin Clarke
09	13	Norma Jean McDaniel
09	16	Remi Barrera
09	16	Deborah Lewis
09	16	Maureen Zumwalt
09	20	Hunter Salyers
09	20	William Tiffie III
09	22	Carla Alley
09	25	Carlton Steen
09	27	Leah Chambliss
09	28	Homer Brown
09	28	Marietta Murchison
09	30	John Davis



09 29 Terry & Kay Ann Lawson



**Current
Membership:
169**

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ELKS LODGE #1926 KINGSVILLE TX

FROM J. DEAN & MICHELLE CRAIG



Diva's Dancing Through The Decades

JOIN US ON JUNE 28, 2025 FOR
DIVA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT 2025

Tickets On Sale

12 & up \$10
4-11 \$5

Want to participate or apply for a scholarship!

Applications are available at Diva Office of Operations.
For Questions or concerns contact
Diva Association of Kingsville TX @361-219-7954 or Latoya @337-254-4986

THANK YOU!

New Events Can Help Bolster Membership

Be The Difference by taking the opportunity to offer events that give your Members a place to gather and share in fellowship. You can offer dinners or plan activities that your Members can support and maybe get others to join in.

These events can promote your Lodge to prospective Members as well as help reconnect with your delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

Bryan R Klatt

September 8-14. You still have time to download a proclamation for National Patriotism Week and have your city's mayor sign it if you were unable to do so last month.

member the Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October. Let us make it a good one to continue showing you can Be The Difference.

If you have not done so, visit elks.org. Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, then take advantage of the many forms and certificates you can use to recognize program participants and volunteers.

Also, make sure to reach out

National Patriotism Week is

To all the Exalted Rulers, re-

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ELKS
Join us at the Lodge!

Queen of Hearts

Community • Friendship • Charity
join.elks.org

Texas Elks Children's Services

Calling all Texas Sweethearts!

HOMEcoming

Sept 19-20, 2025

Texas Elks Camp ♥ Ottine, Texas

ATTEND A LODGE MEETING!

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7pm

Support veterans during Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. This month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness. That includes veterans organizations. Veterans face a higher risk of suicide than the general population, but suicide prevention is an important issue for everyone. It can be hard to know what to do when someone you care about is struggling.

Here are five action steps for communicating with someone who may be suicidal. These steps are supported by evidence in the field of suicide prevention.

Ask: Research shows people who are having thoughts of suicide feel relief when someone asks after them in a caring way. Findings suggest acknowledging and talking about suicide may reduce rather than increase suicidal ideation.

Be There: Individuals are more

likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful after speaking to someone who listens without judgment.

Keep Them Safe: A number of studies have indicated that when lethal means are made less available or less deadly, suicide rates by that method decline, and frequently suicide rates overall decline.

Help Them Stay Connected: Studies indicate that helping someone at risk create a network of resources and individuals for support and safety can help them take positive action and reduce feelings of hopelessness.

Follow Up: Studies have also shown that brief, low-cost intervention and supportive, ongoing contact may be an important part of suicide prevention, especially for individuals after they have been discharged from hospitals or care services.

You can also help by spreading the word about available resources. The Veterans Crisis Line is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responders.

Veterans and their loved ones can dial 988 then press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or send a text message to 838255 to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

The general population can access these same resources by dialing 988.

Visit veteranscrisisline.net/find-resources/spread-the-word/ to view and print free materials to keep at the Lodge.

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to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary. Lodge Secretaries, begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices.

If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on elks.org (Membership Toolkit, Lodge billing) or contact your Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership Marketing Area committee person for

assistance. The cost savings to your Lodge will be significant.

Further, once the notices have been sent, have your Membership and Lapsation Committee contact these individuals. You would be surprised what a little personal contact can accomplish.

The Elks Legacy scholarships also open this month. Legacy Awards are available to children and grandchildren of Elks' Members. Check online for eligibility requirements.

At this time you can submit

your Lodge website for judging to receive a Grand Lodge Award. Details are available from the Grand Lodge Area 5 Fraternal Committee Member.

This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community.

In closing, Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

The fifth season of Awkward Conversations launches this month

September is the target launch for the fifth season of Awkward Conversations. The video podcast, hosted by Full House and Fuller House star Jodie Sweetin, provides parents strategies and resources for talking about drug awareness with their children.

This season's episodes promise to be the best yet, with new and exciting topics such as "Veterans & Substance Use Prevention" (featuring the Elks National Veterans Service Commission), "Parenting After Your Child's First Mistake" (featuring our friends at the DEA), and "Youth Activism & the Sober Curiosity Movement" (featuring the Elks National Drug Awareness Commission and our partners at the Young Marines).

New this year will be explainer videos that parents can view as well as a parent's guide to better inform parents on how best to talk with

their children. These podcasts are made possible partially due to support from the DEA and from ENF. Catch them all on YouTube or wherever you watch or listen to podcasts.

Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31, but it's not too early to begin planning. If you're looking for activity ideas for your Lodge, check with your State Chair for Drug Awareness.

National Recovery Month, which started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation's strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible.

Finally, there is continued good news in the area of Drug Awareness. We are making a difference, and we are saving lives. Young people are making smarter choices and opioid deaths are trending downward.

There is still much more to do, and your Drug Awareness Commissioner will never rest. Thank you all for the work you do to strengthen your communities.



Forrest Lanmon cutting down the old rusty canopies in the backyard.

Volunteers Make It Happen!

Albert from Congressman Vicente Gonzalez' office presented our Lodge with an American flag that flew over the Texas Capital Building in Austin, Texas.



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Submit photos and stories to by email to:

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