



The Antlers



March 2026



Message To The Members From Rick Theriault, Exalted Ruler



Dear Members,

As we enter the last month of the Elks year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your dedication, support, and participation throughout the past months.

Together, we have accomplished a great deal, strengthened our lodge, and made a positive impact on our community. We have introduced numerous upgrades within the lodge. Some of which include new carpeting, as well as new tables and chairs in the main room. We have made multiple improvements to the grounds and the Annex building.

Because of the Grants Committee, we can support initiatives and continue serving our community effectively.

A special thanks goes out to Lee Mendez who provided us with a great Antlers Newsletter and welcome aboard Billie Jackson who I am sure will continue a fine tradition.

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March Birthdays

- 03/05 Steve Brown
- 03/06 Richard Quesnel
- 03/07 Brian Boone
- 03/07 Tracey McCready
- 03/08 Toro Nelson
- 03/09 Ruth Boro
- 03/10 Vincent Barber
- 03/10 Robert Hatchell
- 03/13 Rebeka Edge
- 03/13 Stefanie Hartman
- 03/13 James Platt
- 03/14 LeAnn Schlamb
- 03/15 Judith Cook
- 03/17 Ryan Moore
- 03/20 Susan Saunders
- 03/23 Olga Clarke
- 03/24 Norman Envall
- 03/27 James Caldwell
- 03/27 Donna Tafat
- 03/28 Nicholas Hansen
- 03/28 James McCleese
- 03/28 Robert Neveu
- 03/29 Lissette Campos
- 03/29 Brian Harbour

Birthday Drink Coupon

*This coupon entitles you to 1 free
drink of your choice any dinner night
of your birthday month
One Coupon Per Member
Good for March '26*



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Cont...

I am hoping all can join us for the installation of new officers. This occasion marks an important milestone as we formally install our newly elected officers and recognize their commitment to leadership and service. As always it will be followed by what should be another great lunch by Chef Steve on Saturday, 4 April 2026.

The lodge is having another workday March 22nd to prep for repainting the building. There will also be a list of items (to do list, LOL) posted at the lodge that can be done anytime.

Let us finish this year strong, continuing our traditions and preparing for an even more successful year ahead.

Fraternally yours, Rick



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Thank You for All You Do!



Terry did a great deal of work coordinating the Neil Diamond tribute event. She also works on the activities committee and helps with many other things that keep us running smoothly.

Thanks Terry, for all you do.



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Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays
Except when noted

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  6pm	3 Activities Committee Meeting 6pm	4 6PM 	5	6  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	7
8 	9  6pm	10 BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	11 6PM 	12	13  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	14
15	16  6pm	17 <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i> BINGO WITH VETS 2-3PM 	18 6PM 	19	20  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	21
22 Lodge Workday	23  6pm	24 Orientation/ Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	25 6PM 	26	27  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	28
29	30  6pm	31				
<p>Lodge Hours Open Hours Bar - 4pm Kitchen Monday/Tuesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm Wednesday 5pm-7pm Friday 5pm-8pm Bingo - 6pm *Closed during Lodge Meetings</p>						

March At-a-Grance



ELKS
Celebrate Women

HAPPY
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY!
MARCH 8

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ELKS
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

17 18
St. Patrick's Day

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Saturday
April 2026
1:00PM

Installation followed by buffet of baked ziti and breadsticks
\$10 to be paid at door

ELKS

Celebrate New Leaders

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



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CHARITABLE SERVICE

The Order prioritizes charity in its broadest sense, allowing local lodges to choose their benevolent activities while also responding swiftly to national disasters. Their charitable efforts include food, shelter, medical aid, education, and support for children, veterans, and the underprivileged. State Elks Associations lead initiatives such as scholarships, medical clinics, and rehabilitation programs.



What can I do today to keep our local mission going?



Elks are stepping up to help thousands of veterans exit homelessness and build stability with Welcome Home Kits. Watch these North Carolina Elks help a Marine exiting homelessness set up her new home and realize "there are people who really care."



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The 11 O'clock Toast to Our Absent Members

"You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message.

ANTLER'S BOOSTER CLUB

MARCH 31, 2027

FRED & FRAN HAMMER (IMO) AMANDA ANDERSON

MAY 31, 2027

LEE HERSHNER (IMO) ELLA FLYNN

AUGUST 31, 2028

JOHN & CAROL HAMILTON (IMO) PAUL & LOUISE DANIELS

JANUARY 31, 2027

JIM & JEANNIE PLATT (IMO) MERLE & TOBY MOUNTZ

FEBRUARY 28, 2028

DOT JOHNSTON (IMO) LES JOHNSTON

PLEASE CONSIDER USING THIS ANTLER BOOSTER PAGE TO ASSIST OUR LODGE WITH A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION OR TO EULOGIZE OR MEMORIALIZE SOMEONE NEAR AND DEAR TO YOU. FOR \$20 PER YEAR, YOUR NAME CAN APPEAR HERE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EXTRA CONTRIBUTION.

PLEASE CONTACT THE LODGE SECRETARY TO MAKE A \$20 ANTLERS BOOSTER DONATION FOR YOURSELF AND/OR ALSO MAKE A DONATION IN MEMORY OF (IMO) A LOVED ONE OR FRIEND.

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2025-2026
LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER	RICK THERIAULT
LEADING KNIGHT	JOE WASKELIS
LOYAL KNIGHT	ROBERT HUSBAND
LECTURING KNIGHT	DEREK BARTOLLI
LODGE SECRETARY	ETTA JEAN PLATT, PER
LODGE TREASURER	DAWN HEID
ESQUIRE	STEVE CAMPBELL
TILER	DENNIS MILLER
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY HOURS
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10 AM-2 PM

2025-2026
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1-YEAR TRUSTEE JANICE KIRSCH
 2-YEAR TRUSTEE MARK WASKELIS
 3-YEAR TRUSTEE FRANK HUSBAND
 4-YEAR TRUSTEE BLAKE FREEMAN
 5-YEAR TRUSTEE KEN EDWARDS

**PAST EXALTED RULER
ASSOCIATION (PER)**

PRESIDENT	ROBERT BARRY PDDGER
VICE PRESIDENT	ETTA JEAN PLATT, PER
SECRETARY/TREASURER	JAMES PLATT, PER

**2026-2027
TEAMS/LEADS**

KITCHEN RENTALS	STEVE HEBIOR VIVIAN THERIAULT
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LODGE ADVISOR	ETTA JEAN PLATT PDDGER
LODGE ATTORNEY	KEN KOMARA

LODGE MEETINGS

2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY
(EXCEPT JULY, AUGUST & DECEMBER)
OF EACH MONTH @ 7:00PM
MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND

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