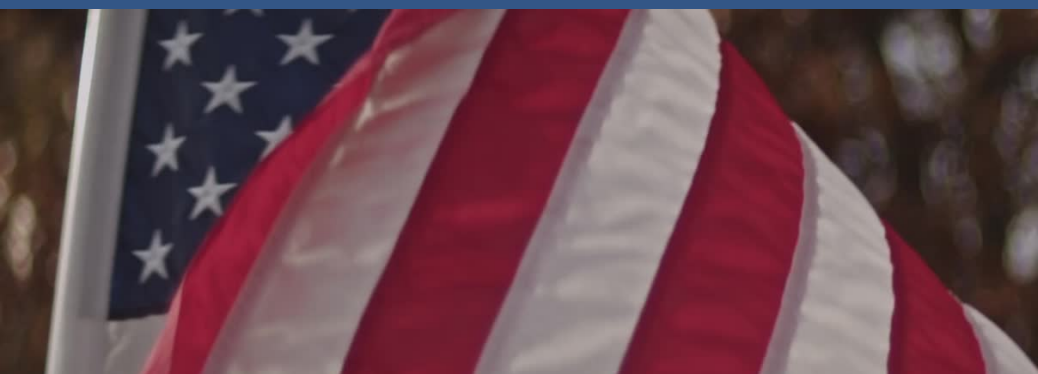


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Message To The Members From Richard Theriault, Exalted Ruler



HELLO FELLOW ELKS

July is a special month for all of us as Americans and as Elks. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our great country's Independence, we are reminded of the freedoms we enjoy, the many sacrifices made to protect our country, and the responsibility we share to keep patriotism, service, and community spirit alive in our Lodge and beyond.

I want to thank each member who gives their time, talent, and energy to our programs and activities. Our Lodge succeeds because of members who step forward, work together, and believe in the Elks' principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Your dedication is seen, appreciated, and truly makes a difference. Whether you volunteer at an event, invite a friend to learn more about Elksdom, attend a Lodge meeting, or simply offer a kind word to a fellow member, every act of participation helps strengthen our Lodge. I encourage everyone to get involved wherever you can, bring your ideas forward, and help us continue building a welcoming Lodge that serves with pride and purpose.

May you and your families enjoy a safe, meaningful, and happy Fourth of July. Let us continue to honor our flag, support our Veterans, care for our neighbors, and show our community what it means to be an Elk.

Fraternally,
Rick Theriault

July Birthdays

07/01 Steven Campbell
07/04 Rapael Abreu
07/06 Ralph Pero
07/08 Bengy Grignani
07/09 Ibeliz Ramirez
07/15 Lee Rider
07/18 Lesley Roche-Lopes
07/20 Tamara Ellis Alderman
07/20 Paul Garner
07/22 Louis Parker
07/24 Mark Waskelis
07/25 Rodney Hammond
07/28 Jaime Abell
07/29 Robert Barry
07/30 Robert Husband
07/31 Edward Carrasquillo
07/31 Sheri Clement

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 July '25*



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Frank has quietly done a lot to help our lodge, inside and out. Helping with the kitchen re-do, the back room, the Annex stabilization, and other projects. He helps not just because he is a Trustee, but it is who is as a person. Now he is helping lead the Annex refurbishment.

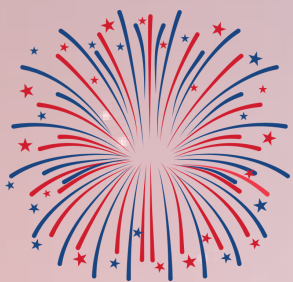
A warm welcome to our new Elks



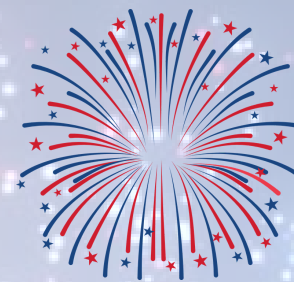
Marvin Torres, Christine Wright, Chris Hanson



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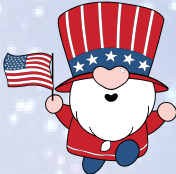


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**Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays
Except when noted**

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6PM 	2	3  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	4 
5	6  6pm	7 Activities Committee Mtg 6pm	8 6PM 	9	10  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	11
12	13  6pm	14 BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	15 6PM 	16	17  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	18
19	20  6pm	21 BINGO WITH VETS 2-3PM 	22 6PM 	23	24  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	25
26	27  6pm	28	29	30 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		



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?



July 4th Independence Day



The day we celebrate our nation's emancipation and our declaration that "all men are created equal" and are "endowed by their Creator to have unalienable rights," including "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

As we celebrate, let's remember and honor those who fought to obtain and those who fight to retain our independence as a nation.



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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

JANUARY 31, 2027

JIM & JEANNIE PLATT (IMO) MERLE & TOBY MOUNTZ

MARCH 31, 2027

FRED & FRAN HAMMER (IMO) AMANDA ANDERSON

APRIL 1, 2027

PAT DEVILLERS (IMO) GEORGE DEVILLERS

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LEE HERSHNER (IMO) ELLA FLYNN

JUNE 1, 2027

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DOT JOHNSTON (IMO) LES JOHNSTON

AUGUST 1, 2028

JANE COUTURE (IMO) NICOLE COUTURE

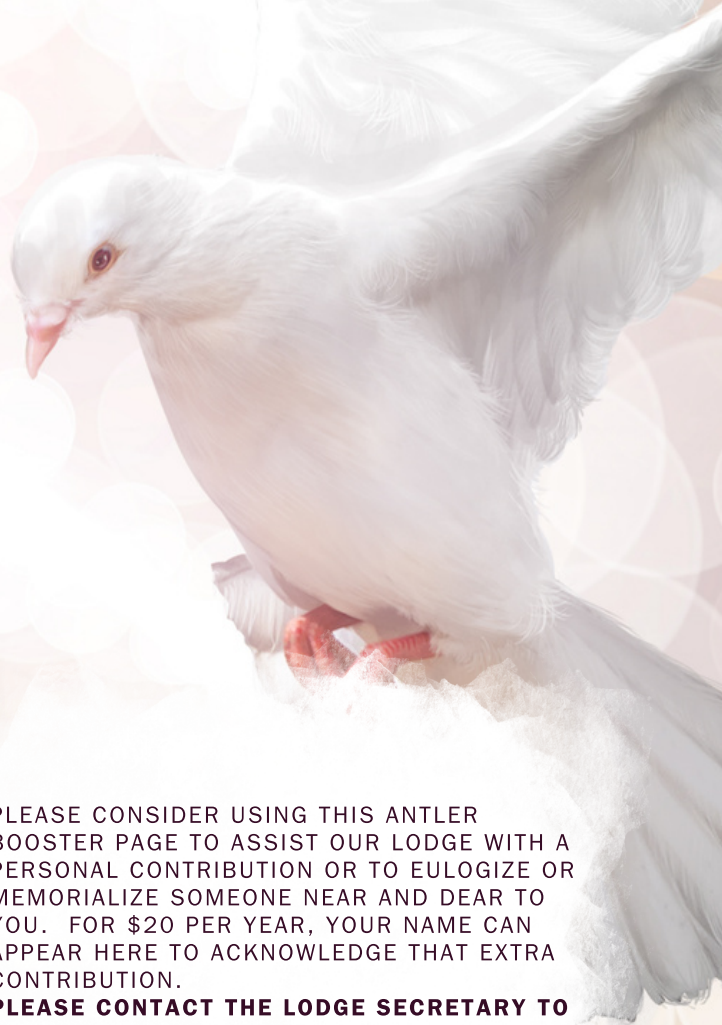
AUGUST 31, 2028

JOHN & CAROL HAMILTON (IMO) PAUL & LOUIS DANIELS

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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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