



RenoElksCall

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Dear Members of Reno Elks Lodge #597

Spring has officially sprung—and what a glorious start to the season it's been!

Our Easter Brunch was a resounding success, exceeding all expectations. We were delighted to welcome approximately 200 members and their families, who enjoyed a delicious buffet and a lively Easter egg hunt out on the pool deck. The joy and energy in the air were truly infectious!

This memorable event wouldn't have been possible without the incredible dedication of our volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who contributed your time and talents—from decorating and setting up to cooking and cleaning. Special thanks go to **Karen Mansfield Hunsader** and **Melody Parker** for their outstanding efforts in planning and creating the beautiful event décor. And of course, a huge shoutout to the Easter Bunny and his tireless helpers for making the egg hunt truly magical!

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11th. This special celebration will include a buffet, mimosas and champagne, and a carnation for every cherished mother. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online or at the office until Wednesday, May 7th. To ensure your spot, we strongly encourage purchasing tickets in advance. Table reservations will be available once tickets have been secured.

In other exciting news, the **Lodge pool** will be opening soon! We're currently seeking volunteers to help prepare the pool for its season debut later this month. A grand opening is planned for members and their families over Memorial Day weekend. Your help in getting things ready would be greatly appreciated. After all, a good Elk is an active Elk!

As we approach Memorial Day on May 26th, let us take a moment to reflect and honor the brave men and women who served our nation, sacrificing so much for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Our recent Officer Installation and Dinner was also a great success. The evening was made especially memorable thanks to the hard work and dedication of so many. Special thanks to **Rick and Denise Stone** and their team for the incredible dinner. We also extend our deepest gratitude to Karen Mansfield Hunsader, **Melody Parker**, and their amazing team. A big thank you to **Max and Ronda Shen** for their fantastic DJ entertainment, and to **Pam Apuna** for her breathtaking artwork, which truly moved us all.

Thank you again for your continued support and enthusiastic participation in our Lodge events. We can't wait to celebrate more wonderful moments with you in the weeks to come!

Fraternally,

Rachel Drake, Exalted Ruler, 2025-2026, Reno Elks Lodge #597



ELKS LODGE 597 • MAY 2025

Dinners & events are often changed after publication of The Call.

Please listen to the weekly robocalls or go to the website for the most current information!

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS by wearing RED every Friday until they come home.	LODGE MEETINGS May 1st, 8th and 15th- New Member Initiation			1 Lodge Meeting 7p Mike's Comfort Food Dinner 5:30p \$14	2 LUNCH Social Hour 4p to 6p Steak Dinner 5:30p \$20 Music Western Ukulele 6:30p-8p	3 Kentucky Derby Viewing Party 1p-3p no food
4 VSC Pancake Breakfast Buffet 9a/11a \$10	5 Social Hour 4p to 6p Cinco de Mayo Party Bar food 4p-7p \$10	6 Board Meeting 6p Home Co. Meeting 7p Taco Tuesday 5:30p \$11	7 Vets Service Committee 5:30p	8 Lodge Meeting 7p Lasagna Dinner 5:30p \$20	9 LUNCH Social Hour 4p to 6p HB Prime Rib 5:50p \$15/\$22	10
11 Mother's Day Celebration Brunch 10:30a Adults \$35 Age 6-12 \$16 5 and under FREE	12 Social Hour 4p to 6p	13 Air Guard Breakfast closed event Wing Buffet 5:30p \$9/\$16 New Member Orientation 6p	14 Bar Committee Meeting 6p	15 Lodge Meeting 7p New Member Initiation Dinner 5:30p \$18	16 LUNCH Social Hour 4p to 6p Youth Services Chili & Salad 5:30p \$10 Karaoke 7p	17
18	19 Social Hour 4p to 6p Snack Bar	20 Dept. Heads 10a. ENF 5pm Baked Potato Bar 5:30p \$8	21 WAC Bingo Dinner 5:30p \$10 Kitchen Crew Meeting 6p	22 PER Assoc Meeting 5:30p WAC Meeting 5:30p Porktacular Dinner 5:30p \$14	23 LUNCH Social Hour 4p to 6p WAC Soup & Sandwich 5:30p \$12	24 Pool Open 11a-7p Snack Shack Open
25 Pool Open 11a-7p Snack Shack Open	26 Pool Open 11a-7p Social Hour 4p to 6p Snack Shack	27 Pool Open 11a-7p Max & Tractor's Soup and Sandwiches 5:30p \$11 RV Meeting 6:30p	28 Pool Open 11a-7p	29 Pool Open 11a-7p Bistro 597 Spanish Specialty Dinner 5:30p \$60	30 Pool Open 11a-7p Social Hour 4p to 6p 5th Friday Meal 5:30p \$14	31 Pool Open 11a-7p Snack Shack Open

MAY ENF DRINK OF THE MONTH

Ray-tini - Wild berry Absolute, Chambord, pomegranate, lemon twist - Martini style
\$6.00, one dollar goes to ENF

New hours for the bar.

Monday - Thur, Sat & Sun 2pm - 7:30pm

Friday 2pm - 9pm

ALWAYS CLOSED DURING LODGE MEETINGS

A good Elk is an active Elk!



Easter Brunch Kitchen Crew - A job well done!

Big shout out to: Lynne Liebelt, Glenn Ensley, Bill Johnson, Jenn Medina, Glen Valkenberg, Nick Johnson, Howard, Al Babb, Rob Kronenberger, Leonard Rogers, Nick Heathman and Tony Martin

Swim lessons are back!

Whether you're a first-time swimmer or one that would like some additional assistance; such as basic freestyle or breathing we have a swim class for you. Learn the strokes that make swimming fun. Space is limited so sign up soon. You'll need to go to the member's section of the website: elksreno.org to sign up and pay. The forms may have to be downloaded and turned in.

Session 1A 1B 2A 2B 3A 3B (Circle one on the interactive form) Space is limited to 8 pupils per class. Cost is \$100 per pupil per session.

1. June 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19-Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
2. June 23, 25, 26, 30, July 2, 3- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
3. July 7,9,10, 14,16,17- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

A. 9:45 am to 10:15 am • Level 1 First time swimmers learn back float, breathing, basic back kick, basic arms, face in and out of water.

B. 10:20 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.- Level 2-Swimmers needing additional assistance, basic freestyle (Kick and Arms) and breathing.





Notes from the Office Manager's Desk

Office Manager Kellianne Turner

Our membership total today, 3/13 stands at 2583 active members, 65 candidates and 951 unpaid dues, and 135 dropped. Be sure to register online at elksreno.org (new website). Dues are coming along. If you

paid online, there is a delay with mailing membership cards due to the site being down at Grand Lodge for several weeks. If you haven't submitted payment yet, you can also pay by mail, drop off or call in your payments.

Remember when submitting questions or concerns to always "BE KIND AND RESPECTFUL". We are here to help you.

Please submit a volunteer form for any event held at the Lodge (do not submit your sign-in sheets). This form can be obtained from the Office or from Andy/Marybeth

Events staff. This information is vital for our submission to Grand Lodge.

SPONSORS RESPONSIBILITIES

- Help the applicant through the application process
- Be available for Initiation (if not available, find a replacement)

Please submit a volunteer form for any event held at the Lodge (do not submit your sign-in sheets). This information goes to Grand Lodge. The 2024-2025 year information must be turned in to the office by March 28th.



Crying Towel

MARCH 6TH

\$500.00 - DONAL MINIHAN
NO PRESENT

\$500.00 - MARILYN STEPHENS
NOT PRESENT

\$79.00 - RYAN BASKHARON
NOT PRESENT

MARCH 13TH

\$500.00 - CASEY O'CONNELL
NOT PRESENT

\$500.00 - LARRY FARETTO
NOT PRESENT

\$112.00 - CANDACE NORTH
NOT PRESENT


MARCH 20TH

\$500.00 - JUDITH BITTNER
NOT PRESENT

\$500.00 - CRISTI MARTIN
NOT PRESENT

\$120.00 - BRADEN FINTEL
NOT PRESENT

Make copies as needed



Data Collection Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs

Committee: _____ Date: _____

(A) Program: _____

(B) Number of Participants

(C) Number of Elks

(D) Number of Helpers

(E) Total Elk Hours

(F) Total Helper Hours

(G) Elk Miles

(H) Helper Miles

(I) Non-Cash Contributions

(J) Cash Donations

NSEA INPUT:

(K) Number of Attendees (not including volunteers) _____ Number of events _____

(L) Public Relations _____

Line (A) Describe Program

Line (B) Thru (D)..... Count individuals –not couples, teams or groups.

Line (E) and (F) Indicate total hours –if 6 Elks worked 6 hours (6x6=36 total hours)

Line (G) and (H)..... Mileage traveled 1 preparation for an event itself.
(Number of people times round trip miles)

Line (I) Cash value of contributions including hall donations, food, band, clothing, bingo,
parties, gifts, eyeglasses –Do not include hours or mileage.

Line (J) Actual cash, checks, money orders or purchase value of savings bonds donated.

NSEA Input Line (K) : Total number of attendees to event (not including volunteers) / # of events

Line (L) Public Relations-call, website, robocall etc....

Submitted by: _____

Must be completed and returned to the Secretary by the meeting following the program.

March Propositions for Membership

JAMES BURGESS

By Reinstatement
Proposed by Austin Pollard

ERIN HANAHOE

By Initiation
Proposed by Jenn Medina

DANIEL KIRK

By Initiation
Proposed by Dustin Ruff

CYNTHIA KNOWLES

By Initiation
Proposed by Roger Bahten

CHRISTINA LAFOON

By Initiation
Proposed by Roger Bahten

BENJAMIN PENCE

By Initiation
Proposed by Scott Gold

MATHEW TESKE

By Initiation
Proposed by Chris Teske

NATHAN ANDERSON

By Initiation
Proposed by Nickolas Johnson

NICOLAS CONROY

By Initiation
Proposed by Stephen Rife

SHIRLEY DISTAD

By Initiation
Proposed by Robert Kahn

ROBERT FIZZNOGLIA

By Initiation
Proposed by David Johnson

TYLER HOFFBUHR

By Initiation
Proposed by Jon Sieben

JASON LEWIS

By Initiation
Proposed by John Hanna

DEBI MEEHAN

By Initiation
Proposed by Peter Dolan

GREGORY MORRISON

By Initiation
Proposed by Sergio Gaspari

RONALD BARRETT

By Initiation
Proposed by William Van Leuven

NATHAN MERKT

By Initiation
Proposed by Sergio Gaspari

JOHN WALMSLEY

By Initiation
Proposed by Douglas Shinault



Lodge of Sorrow

LELAND B. CHURCHYARD

B: 04-12-1946

I: 11-13-2014

D: 02-08-2025

Soccer Shootout

Parents sign up the kids or grandkids for the
Soccer Shoot Contest on July 7th, 10am -12 noon
at Wooster High School soccer field, northeast side.

It's FREE and open to the general public for
boys and girls from age 7 to 13.



Plus, we need member volunteers
to help and to be on the committee.

For more information
please call Doug Shinault
at 775-342-9895.
Soccer Shoot Chairman



Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule Open to all Members

Lodge Meetings1st , 2nd and 3rd Thursday @ 7pm
 Board of Directors 1st Tuesday @ 6pm
 Home Company Board of Directors 1st Tuesday @ 7pm
 Veterans Service Committee1st Wednesday @ 5:30pm
 Bar Committee Meeting 2nd Wednesday @ 6pm
 Kitchen Crew Meeting3rd Wednesday @ 6pm
 ENF Community Involvement3rd Tuesday @ 5pm
 Department Heads 3rd Tuesday/Board Room @10am
 Communications Committee May 23rd, 12:30pm Terrace Rm
 Reno Roll'n Elks RV group 4th Tuesday @ 6:30pm
 PER Association 4th Thursday @ 5:30pm
 Women's Athletic Club Last Thursday of the Month @ 5:30pm



If you would like to join one of our Lodge committees or participate in upcoming events, please sign up at the table in the lobby and GET INVOLVED.



To all that have 2,4,6 or more wheels! 3rd Annual Blue Pig Poker Run, Saturday, July 19 \$150 Cash for winning hand

Ride Stops are random and include: Reno HD • Carson HD • Incline Village • Carson Valley Inn

Cards must be turned in by 3:30pm

Event Schedule

8-10am: Register/Continental breakfast at Reno Elks Lodge, 597 Kumle Lane

9:30am: Opening ceremonies/pledge allegiance

10am: Riders/drivers start your engines

3:30pm: Poker cards turned in at Reno Elks

2-4pm: Hamburgers at the Lodge

\$40 Poker card, includes Lunch, additional poker cards - \$10/card

Cards only sold day of event. No advance tickets. Proceeds support St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Sponsored by: Reno Elks #597

Lodge News - Be in the know

Members ask what's happening at the Lodge

Here are the ways to find out:

- The Website www.elksreno.org
- E-blasts that are sent to your email
- Robo calls and this newsletter

Want to SELL something?

We are accepting Classified style ads in the Call. Cost is \$10 per month and must be paid in advance of the ad placement. Maximum word count will be 75. Remember to add your contact info. and membership number.

Flag Day June 14th, the pool will be closed starting at 11:00am this day.

Pool Closed from 11:00am on July 12th for 125th Anniversary celebration event

Food Drive

All Elks are encouraged to bring canned food for the Vets drive on the 3rd Thursday of each month - our citizens are not just hungry in December so we deliver food all year round - join us by dropping off food before a meeting or at your next visit.

Not getting the Robo Call or Email?

Make sure you alert the office with your information if it has changed or provide your info to start receiving it to: renoelks@renoelks.com or call 775-825-0597

The Lodge needs your Help.

Catering team needed. We're looking to hire people to join our catering team. This position is for private catering events at the lodge. We need servers, kitchen staff, dishwashers, and set up/breakdown crew. This is a paid position or you can donate your earnings to the lodge. Starting rate is \$18 per hour. Please contact **Andy Cassidy** (775) 771-7234 to set up an interview.

Set up and tear down help: We are still looking for help on setting up and taking down chairs and tables. If you can help, please add your names on an email list for sporadic requests as needed to jump in or

pass - send **Andy Cassidy** your email or phone for text: elksrenolodge@gmail.com.

Microphone training: Every Wednesday at 8:30am at the Lodge. If you can't make it Wednesday text Bill for another time/day.

If you can assist or know someone that can with any of the above, please contact Bill Johnson at 775-722-6059

On a FINAL NOTE: Please Do Not Direct Profanity towards others in The Lodge.

Summer Help Needed

May 10th workday starting at 9:00am for various Lodge projects, fit-it projects and prepping the pool for the Summer season.

For Sale Classified Ad Corner.

2000 Chevy Silverado 2500, short bed, 65,000 miles, V8 - 8.1 big powerful gas motor, new tires, very well maintained.
\$10,000 (lets talk about it)

2014 Forest River Shockwave Toy Hauler, T24FS, additional extra 60 gallon water tank, literally only used 5 times since we bought it and still smells like new \$15,000
(lets talk about it)

Package deal open for discussion at a discounted price - or will sell separately

Eddie Kinney

efkjr38@gmail.com or call (775) 848-0943

I have over 1200 vintage record albums for sale from the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

Please text me the name of the group you are interested in and I will send you the names of the albums I have for that group.

Prices will be half of pricing on Discogs/Amazon/Ebay.

Text Mike (member #012177) at 775-826-5528.

Sample artists: Alan Parsons • Def Leppard • Pink Floyd • Tom Petty • Animals • JJ Cale • Allman Brothers • Police • Deep Purple • Ten Years After • REM • Rod Stewart • Johnny Cash • Beach Boys • Elton John • Bee Gees • Van Halen • Ventures • The Byrds • Everly Brothers • Cream • Chet Atkins and many more.



Please let Bill know of repair issues, facility use requests, new Lodge event ideas, bar requests, meal ideas, etc. He is here to assist all members.

Elks Lodge Manager
Bill Johnson 775-722-6059
Elksrenolodge@gmail.com



Reach out to Andrea (Andy) Cassidy for Scheduling and Banquets. From simple to elaborate, our catering department will design a menu specifically for you.

Elks Lodge Scheduling and Banquets
Andy Cassidy 775-771-7234
Elksrenolodge@gmail.com



We have a New Website??

Happy May. We now have a new website that many have now experienced. There were initial issues when setting up individual accounts, but they now seem resolved. Please note that to access online ticket sales, you must create an account and log into the member's only portion of the site. You will also note the new URL: elksreno.org. For members that have a renoelks@gmail.com email address, those emails will not change. As a final note, a big thank you to all our members who had to go through the member account setup once again. We hope you like the new site and all it has to offer.

DEADLINE FOR CALL SUBMISSIONS IS THE 15th OF THE MONTH PRECEDING THE NEXT ISSUE.

Thank you, Greg Mason
 Email: wapiti597@gmail.com

ADVERTISING RATES

Advertising in The Call is an affordable way to market your business to over 2400 members of Reno Lodge #597.

Please submit ads in JPEG or TIF format by the 15th of the prior month.

Classified Ad	\$10.00
Business Card	\$15.00
Quarter Page	\$40.00
Half Page	\$50.00
Full Page	\$75.00
Billed/prorated annually	



Reno Elks Lodge 597

Please help the Lodge save dollars by using our own gift card.

Last year's credit card fees exceeded \$30,000! To help mitigate these hefty expenses, please opt for the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Gift Card.

It's a simple process: load your card with your chosen amount at any cashier station, and use it across the Lodge for your bar tab, dining, event tickets, etc.

Fraternally, Jenn Medina

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renoelks@renoelks.com

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For vendor billing questions:
renoelksbills@gmail.com

For rentals:
elksrenolodge@gmail.com

Website:

www.elksreno.org

Facebook: [renoelkslodge](https://www.facebook.com/renoelkslodge)

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John Brondello
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Mary Fletcher
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10th
Roxann Catapia
Peter Dion
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Ty Martin
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11th
Sue Arzillo
Melissa Aschenbach
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John Lundgren
Dominic Merlino
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12th
Tyler Dory
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13th
Sandra Allen
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William Bowen
James Burgess
Kenneth Degney
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Janet Pane
Randell Thompson
Jeffrey Thomsen

14th
Cory Casazza
Brian Feleciano
Paul Gordon
Marcus Rabinowitz
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15th
Rick Casazza
Mari Hannifin
Daniel Langshaw
Christopher LaTorre
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16th
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17th
Michael Beckley
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Suzanne Edwards
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Kenneth Klum
Joseph Martini
Sara Montalvo
Mark O'Driscoll
Krista Reilly
Ben Shaff
David Torres
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18th
Al Babb
Robert Bayer
Jane Burke
Sal Buscaino
Mary Coffman
Christopher Glover
Robert Mansfield
Kelly Mitchell
Drake Riley
Jesse Viner
Martin Weigel
Bruno West

19th
Lee Ghiglieri
Christy Kuzmik
Ryan Monaghan
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Kevin Roukey
Gary Slagle
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Paulo Cirling
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22nd
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Robert Garcia
Grace Thomas

23rd
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George Coates
Stacy Erickson
Mathias Hughes
David Kretchman
Jes Lewis
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24th
Kevin Cogan
Jessica Gastanaga
Barbara Oppio
Christine Rossi

25th
Joseph Cecere
Monica Esquerra
Roby Safford
Gary Schoenbachler

26th
Thomas Enos
Brandon Gasser
James Kress
Robert Morales
Christopher Schiavone
Dennis Smith
John Stafford

27th
Marilee Cate
Michael Drisdale
Kurtis Dyer
Richard Johnson
Andrew MacKay
Steven McKnight
Molly Moreno
Timothy Morgan
Elizabeth Rassiga
Austin Rottman

28th
Brian Armon
Paul Baars
Ashley Bender
Mark Cox
Donna Harkins
Gregory Ruzzine

29th
Denis Devlin
Bailey Hanna
Brett Melcher
Alan Squailia

30th
Kurt Jensen
Cristi Martin
William Sibley
Trey Working

31st
Robert Darkis
Robert Eisan
Vinson Guthreau
Katherine Hoffman
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Thomas Murray
Leslie Pearlman

MAY DRINK COUPON

Present this coupon along with your driver's license and your Reno Elks Lodge #597 Membership Card, and receive a FREE DRINK on the Exalted Ruler. Valid only during your birth month. Limit 1 (one) per person. Non-transferable.

Name: _____ #597 Membership No. _____

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SUNDER



Reno 597 #13181



\$45.00 per Adult
(10 years and up)

28.00 per child
(years 3-10)

Children under
3 are free.



VS.



It's the 4th of July Reno Elks Baseball Extravaganza!

We have reserved 250 seats in the Coors Party Zone and always sell out because this event is outside the Lodge and guests are welcome.

The price includes:

Tickets to the game

all-you-can-eat –

• BBQ pulled pork

• BBQ roasted chicken

• Bratwurst

• Baked beans

• Grilled corn

• Potato salad

• Caesar salad

• Water melon

• Cookies

• Water and soda

Alcoholic beverages
are extra

For reservations,

call Alan Squailia (775) 322-9722

or Robin Brooke (775) 846-0167

Scan code for ball park clear bag policy



Save the Date!
SF Giants mystery bus
trip September
27th - 29th

775-389-6296

We can take
care of your
"Honey Do's"

Larry Pizorno
Christopher Hansen



Reno 597 #3773

Something new coming in June.

Each month we will feature a couple
of committees and what they offer
or provide to the Lodge.

Stay tuned as next month we'll
hear from: Accident Prevention and
Americanism.

Rachel Drake
Exalted Ruler

Larry Drake
Secretary



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April 16, 2025

Members of Reno Elks Lodge No. 597

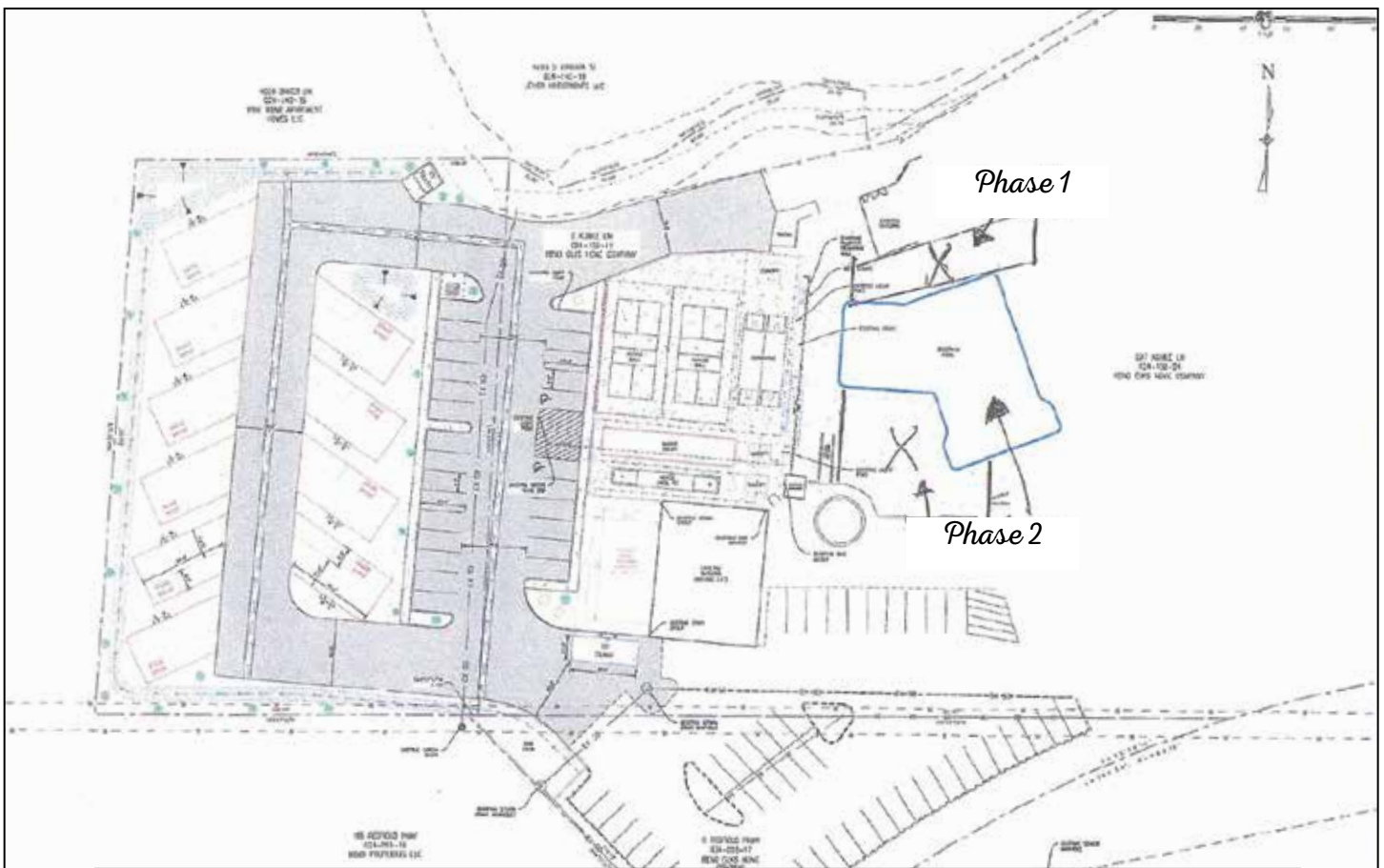
The following was proposed to the members of Reno Elks Lodge No. 597 at the **April 17, 2025**, meeting for the purpose of repairs to the pool and surrounding area. This proposal will be read on the floor on **May 15, 2025**, and voted on by the membership at that time.

1. **Purpose of the project:** The existing concrete is cracking and uneven causing safety concerns. Caulking is a necessary repair needed every 5 to 8 years.
2. **Amount to be Expended:** Phase 1 \$36,000.00; Phase 2 \$72,000.00 (see attached).
3. **Amount of indebtedness to be created:** \$0.00 Funds are available through pool revenue and general fund (cash flow).
4. **Any property to be mortgaged:** None
5. **Persons to be authorized to act on behalf of the Lodge:** Home Company Board, Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary.
6. **Amount to be received by the Lodge:** \$36,000.00 Phase 1 2025 year; \$72,000.00 Phase 2 2026 year.

Sincerely,


Larry Drake, Secretary
Reno Elks Lodge #597

Attachments: Notice to Members
Bid
Pool Area Schematic



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS POOL PROJECTS PROPOSAL

PHASE 1 – Complete Items 1 and 3 only for the 2025-2026 year

- ✓ Approval to remove and replace concrete on the north side of the pool deck. Caulk the entire perimeter of the pool deck. The total cost not to exceed \$36,000.00.

PHASE 2 – Complete items 2 and 4 before pool in May 2026.

- ✓ Approval to remove and replace concrete on the south side of the pool deck. Paint interior of the pool deck. The total cost not to exceed \$72,000.00.

✓

POOL DECK

	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Item 1 North Side of Pool Deck.....	\$31,011.00	\$32,000.00
Item 2 South west pool deck (cabanas)...	\$54,903.00	\$57,000.00
Item 3 Caulk perimeter of entire pool dec	\$ 3,546.00	\$ 4,000.00
Item 4 Paint interior of pool deck.....	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00

By doing the projects in the above order it will enable the Home Company & Lodge to properly plan and budget the funds accordingly so not to create an undue financial burden.

FUNDING

Items 1 and 3 will come out of this year's Pool 2025-26 budget. Currently, the Pool budget is projected to have a net income of \$43,000.00 after expenses. The above expenditure of items 1 & 3 (\$36,000.00) will leave a net profit of \$7,000.00.

Items 2 & 4 (\$72,000.00) will come out of next year's pool budget 2026-27 with a possible shortfall of approximately \$30,000.00 which would come from the General Fund (cash flow) if needed.

Blue Pig Dinner - March 27th



597 WAC

WOMEN WHO MOVE

REFLECTIONS | BY OUR CHAIRWOMAN



WAC 597 has been moving in the right direction. The “Women Who Move” have made a positive impact and are working together to find new ways to improve activities within the Lodge. If you haven’t already joined us for our Kid-Friendly 3rd Wednesday BINGO, please do! We serve AYCE – All You Can Eat Spaghetti Feed with garlic bread and salad with your choice of dressing. Plus, there’s chocolate chip cookies for your dessert! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 21st Dinner is \$10, served at 5:30pm, your first BINGO card is FREE, and BINGO starts at 6pm. Prizes available to win each round and Raffle prizes to sparks your interest!! Additional cards available for purchase: \$10 Adults \$5 for Kids.

Dress to the BINGO Theme and you’ll get an additional Complimentary BINGO Card! May’s theme is Sports Jerseys and Athletic Attire to celebrate National Physical Fitness & Sports Month!!

Our next monthly meeting is set for Thursday, May 29th at 5:30pm in the Board Room. Participate, share ideas for new events and fundraisers. If you haven’t been to meeting stop by to check us out! We are always accepting new volunteers and would love for you or someone you know join us for their first time. Be apart of the magic making the existing Women’s Athletic Center a new, fun, and desirable place to be.

Our cookbook will be available for sale! It’s \$20 so keep on sending in your recipes in order to get published! Last call for recipes is Friday, May 30th. See the lodge lobby dedicated table for more details on how to submit!!

Lastly, our final event in May is AYCE – All You Can Eat Soup & Salad on Friday, May 30th at 5:30pm. We’ve hosted Chili & Cornbread, Zuppa Toscana with Anchoive Cesar Salad, and have something aligned for the month of May for your enjoyment. Our Chairwoman Lanea is leading the stride so bring your posse’ and no-cooking for you the Last Friday of Each Month. We’ll take care of you and yours!

That’s it for now! A Good Elk is an Active Elk! See you at the Lodge!

Chairwoman of the Women’s AC 597 - Lanea W. Meiltoft

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Veterans Service Committee (VSC)

Tom Brenzovich -Veterans Service Committee

VA Hospital Community Living Center Touch2Play Gaming Unit

As a part of the Veterans Service Committee's ongoing effort to supply non-perishable food to Veterans in the community, last month **Robb Smith**, VSC Co-Chair, delivered over \$500 of goods to the VA Hospital's Food Pantry. **Angella Richards**, VAMC volunteer coordinator, saying that it would fill their need for about one week.

There will always be a VSC Veterans Food Barrel in the lobby of the lodge to receive donations from Lodge members. Next time you're shopping, please consider to pick up some canned goods for our local Vets.

Northern NV Stave Veterans Home St Patty's Day Luncheon

On 17 March, **Sean Laycox** (VSC Veterans Home Liaison) presented **Jennifer Pariane** (Manager NNSVH Silver State Store) a check for \$500 to be used to sponsor the Veterans home annual St Patty's Day Luncheon. VSC Co-Chair **Tom Brenzovich**, made the rounds talking with resident Veterans.



1st Touch2Play Device



US Air Force Vet Steve, Army Vet Jeremy



Tom Brenzovich & CLC Recreational Therapist Joanne Farris



VA Hospital Community Living Center Nerf Gun Competition

On 8 March the VSC sponsored it's quarterly Nerf gun competition at the Reno VA Hospital Community Living Center. Twelve Veterans participated in the competition.



Nerf Gun Completion Setup



(l-r) 3rd place Mike W, 1st place Dirk Z, 2nd place Rodger R,
back row Tom Brenzovich, Jim Mort

Introducing the Elks 597 Marketplace

Looking for that special Elks swag, we may have it? You'll be able to browse the website to view our offerings. Store hours to pay and collect your merch are as follows: **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.** A team member will be on hand to process your selections or when office is open. Cash or check preferred.



1. Challenge Coins \$20
2. Ball Cap \$15
3. Coffee mug \$15
4. Furry Elwood \$15
5. Horsemanship apron \$30
6. Vets apron \$25
7. Women's T \$15
8. Pocket polo M\$35- W\$32
Polo XL - \$50
9. Men's T \$15

We have a new flag pole!

With the assistance of the Reno Fire Department's truck 3 from station 3 on Moana Lane, a new flag pole was proudly installed at the front of the building. Their team ensured the pole was securely anchored and raised with precision, honoring the significance of the symbol. Elks were glad to be of service as this was a training exercise for the engine crew.



Firefighters
Tre Carter-Wells,
Tyler Crandall,
Marshall Brin, and
Capt. Jonathan Moberly



Dan Martini and
Dennis Biali attache
the rings to the
new rope on the
flag pole. It took 2
hours, but a job well
done, as usual for
this team.



Starting in May, our own mixologist Melissa Fitch has conjured up some fun and tasty non-alcoholic beverage recipes suitable for all ages.

Virgin Old Fashioned:

4 oz ginger beer

2 oz apple juice

1 orange slice

Muddle orange slice in bucket glass, add ice, pour ginger beer, then apple juice then garnish with cherry and lemon twist

Coconut Lime Refresher:

2 oz lemon-lime soda (from gun)

2 oz coconut milk

1 oz simple syrup

1 oz lime juice

Add coconut milk, simple syrup and lime juice to shaker with ice, shake, pour over ice in chimney glass, top with lemon-lime soda and garnish with lime wedge

Pineapple Margarita Mocktail

2 oz pineapple juice

2 oz coconut water

1/2 oz simple syrup

1/2 oz lime juice

1 oz soda water (from gun)

Add coconut water, simple syrup, lime juice to shaker with ice, shake, pour over ice in chimney glass, top with soda water and garnish with lime wedge (optional Tajin rimmed glass)

Fun fact: the difference between coconut water and milk: Coconut water is the clear, thin liquid found within the coconuts. Coconut milk is a creamy, thick liquid made by blending the flesh of coconuts with coconut water.

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Come out this summer to enjoy!



SWEATS FOR VETS



Collecting in May, June & July



Reno Elks Lodge will be collecting new sweatsuits
for men and women Veterans in need!

All sizes accepted. Zip-up, hooded pullovers and pants.

TWO easy ways to donate:

- ★ Shop on line and have your purchase delivered to the Lodge.
- ★ Shop locally and drop your donation in the collection barrel in the Lodge Lobby.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL VETERANS!



The ENF Committee, getting it done!

Mary DuBois - ENF Chairperson

Fellow member's let's all support the ENF, so we can be a top contributor!

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Elks National Foundation (ENF) this past fraternal year! Whether you bought an Old Elk whiskey bottle, picked up one of our adorable Elwood stuffed animals, enjoyed a candy package, tried the ENF drink of the month, purchased Queen of Hearts tickets, or made a personal donation — every bit helped, and we truly appreciate it.

As of March 31, 2025, our lodge donated an amazing \$44,169! That breaks down to \$17.81 per capita, with 23.39% of our members contributing.

We'd love to see even more participation — imagine how much more we could do if at least 50% of our members donated just \$10 a year. Every small donation adds up and makes a big impact!

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ELKS ARE EVERYWHERE HELPING



L to R: Back row - Robb Smith, John Spinola, Dale Smith, Peter Kasprzak with Sheriff Darin Balaam and volunteers at the Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club Biggest Little Easter Egg Hunt



L to R: Dale Smith, John Spinola, Peter Kasprzak and Robb Smith with the WSO bomb robot, at the Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club Biggest Little Easter Egg Hunt



L to R: Peter Kasprzak John Spinola Dale Smith, taking a break from serving cocoa and coffee at the Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club Biggest Little Easter Egg Hunt

24 DAYS

24 Days to the opening of the Reno Elks Lodge Pool on **May 24, 2025.**

The Pool Season is looking to be a fun & enjoyable year.

OUR POOL DAY CLEANUP IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025, FROM 8AM TO 12 NOON. Please show up and volunteer your time; it is greatly appreciated.

Opening a pool is a big undertaking, and we need everyone's assistance to make

Your Pool Committee has been active since the close of last year's season. By the time you read this, the pool committee will have completed the following:

1. New concrete was poured on the North side of the pool deck (slides area)
2. The entire pool perimeter was re-caulked
3. The steps in the shallow end have been repaired
4. New Patio furniture has been acquired (6 tables & 24 chairs)
5. 18 new chaise lounges have been purchased
6. 3 new cushion storage containers
7. Ice cream machine was acquired

Changes to the Pool Rules to allow swimming lessons for members and grandchildren was approved by the Board of Directors.

Helpful reminders in making our pool season fun and enjoyable. They are:

1. Do not give your "KEY CODE" to anyone. (ie: family, kids, friends)
2. When you bring guests or family to the pool, you have to be with them at all times.
If you leave, they leave.
3. Party Zone - There is no Party Zone. The pool is for family and friends and not birthdays, celebrations, graduations, sport teams, etc
4. Make sure you put the furniture back where you got it.
5. Clean up after yourself. If you see trash on the deck, please do your part and pick it up.
6. Remember this our pool and everyone is responsible to keep it clean and safe. If you see something that isn't right, say something.
7. It is your responsibility to **WATCH YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES .**

Reno Elks Pool Committee Members are:

Greg Leach, Chris Johnson, Melissa Fitch, Buzz Harris, Joe Ammirati, Sarah Britt, Tom Enos, Peter Kasperzak, Kevin Berry, Debbie Meyer Weber, Andy MacKay, Dan Martini, Paul Enos, Tim Watkins, David Youngberg & Robert Kronenberger (Pool Manager)



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SPRUCING UP THE LODGE



Melody Parker has taken it upon herself to clean our event tables so they look like new.

Bill Parker has been assisting with food orders, deliveries, and cleaning. Tony Martin is showing him how to run the kitchen orders. He's been very helpful and willing to assist with whatever needs to be done!

Alison Hastings is always willing to help. She came and worked installation dinner, served and cleaned. She's offered to be our Easter bunny and helps in the kitchen, volunteering lots to f our member events. She's a joy to work with!



Big "thank you" to a crew of Gardeners who pruned and weeded the front garden, and the rose pots around the pool for 2-1/2 hours a few Saturdays ago.

Led by **Christianne Hamel** with **Jon Hamel, Alison Hasting, Tova Roseman, Kelly Beattie, Ann Marie Sharkey, Brynda Searing, Eileen Puterski, Kathy and Frank Sheehan.**

Al Babb repaired the drip irrigation system.

*A brief history of our
Lodge from 1900 to
1957. Next year we will
be 125 years young*



Today this site is occupied by the Palladio condominiums, which opened in 2007, but for more than 50 years it was the location of the Reno Elks Home. The Reno Elks Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) was chartered as Lodge No. 597 on June 30, 1900 and was installed by officers of the Sacramento, Nevada City, and Grass Valley Lodges. The Charter list of the Reno Lodge consisted of 45 men who were said by the local newspaper to be “among the best citizens of the State of Nevada.”

From its chartering in 1900 until the completion of the Reno Elks Home in April of 1904, the Lodge met in the city’s “Investment Hall.” On April 23, 1904, the Lodge dedicated its new home at 50 North Sierra Street, where it resided for 53 years. The new building, designed by architect Fred Schadler, had the appearance of a grand private residence. Through the entry portico and main glass and mahogany doors, a grand central hall opened to large reception rooms on either side. A great stairway led upstairs to the spacious Lodge room, and the finishings throughout were in mahogany and weathered oak with velvet carpets.

Originally, a beautiful park-like lawn area filled with mature trees stretched from the building’s entrance northward to First Street. In 1937, Sierra Construction Company, owned by Norman Biltz and Dr. Theodore Chase, purchased the park area and had all the towering trees as well as the building’s lovely columned portico removed so they could construct a two-story modern mercantile building with a full basement in front of the Elks Home. A new entrance to the Elks was created on Sierra Street. In 1938, the Gray-Reid-Wright department store moved into the neighboring commercial building.

The Reno Lodge was very active during its first 60 years, and the Reno Elks Home was a social center of the community. The Elks performed many acts of charity in and around Reno. Between 1904 and 1957, the Reno Elks Home was flooded twice by the Truckee River and survived a small fire. On February 5, 1957, however, the luck of the building ran out when the Reno Elks Home was destroyed by a disastrous explosion on Sierra Street that set the building and many neighboring structures on fire. J.C. (Cliff) Kumle, Secretary and Manager of the Reno Elks at the time, was credited with averting further tragedy by promptly evacuating 74 members from the lunch and card rooms. As a result, only minor injuries were reported among the Elks, although the building had to be razed soon after.

From March of 1957 until the current Lodge at 597 Kumle Lane was completed in 1961, the Reno Elks Lodge met at the historic Mapes Hotel and the old Holiday Hotel Casino (now the Marriott Renaissance), in downtown Reno.



Destroyed by fire in 1957, Elks Club Lodge No. 597 stood on the Reno riverfront for more than 50 years.



**View from the river: A postcard depicts the rear of the Elks Home as seen from the south bank of the Truckee River.
Source: Dick Dreiling**



The Elks Home is aflame following the massive gas explosion on February 5, 1957. Source: Special Collections, University of NV, Reno Libraries Date: February 5, 1957



New side entrance: Upon the construction of the commercial building to its north in 1937, the Elks Home gained a new entrance on North Sierra Street. Special Collections, University of Nevada, Reno Libraries



Please join us on July 12th in celebration of 125 years of Reno Elksdom.

4:30pm Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

6:00pm Celebration Dinner

\$50.00

Please welcome our State President Ben Reed PDD as he will be in attendance.

Tickets available in the office and online.

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Under the baton of the incredible Ronda Shen, our fearless Musical Director, the chorus is growing, glowing, and going strong. We invite YOU to be part of the magic! Come join our spirited rehearsals on most Wednesday evenings from 6–8 PM in the Board of Directors Conference Room — affectionately known as “The Fishbowl.” No audition needed — just bring your voice and your love of music!

Got an event coming up? We're always looking for ways to support and celebrate our community. Whether it's a military or veteran gathering, patriotic celebration, memory care or assisted living performance, children's hospital visit, Elks Lodge function, or a special community event — we're here to uplift with song.

And there's more in the works! We're adding Broadway show tunes to our repertoire and even exploring a Barber Shop Quartet spin-off. So if you've got an idea that's a little outside the musical box — bring it on!

For rehearsal info, performance bookings, or general questions, please don't hesitate to reach out — I'd love to hear from you.

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Let's keep the music going!



Certificate of Appreciation presented to Reno Elks Lodge Chorus from VA Hospital; and Chorus performing at "National Vietnam Veteran's Recognition Day" celebration at VA Hospital, Reno, NV. L-R Candy North, Cherly Messenger, Diane Hyde Toles, Carol Kelley, Rick Matulich, Jan Brady, Ronda Shen, Tom Percy, Pam Irby, Courtney Welch, Joanne Ferris (VA Hospital), Barb Kelin, Lorie Roberts, Rita Sipaila. (Note our new scarves) Cany North, Cheryl Messenger, Diane Hyde Toles, Rick Matulich, Jan Brady, Tom Percy, Carol Kelley, Courtney Welch, Pam Irby, Barb Klein, Lorie Roberts, Rita Sipaila, Ronda Shen.



(New Scarves) L-R Cany North, Cheryl Messenger, Diane Hyde Toles, Rick Matulich, Jan Brady, Tom Percy, Carol Kelley, Courtney Welch, Pam Irby, Barb Klein, Lorie Roberts, Rita Sipaila, Ronda Shen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

Happy
FATHER'S
DAY

BBQ on the pool deck.
Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon and more!
Dads get free beer until the keg is "kicked." Water melon eating contest!

11:30am - 1:00pm.
\$10

Reno Elks Lodge #597 Board Meeting - Minutes April 01, 2025

Called to Order: 6:08pm – Adjourned at: 7:15pm

Board Members Attending: **Rachel Drake, Antonio Ricci, Justin Hoch, Ed Takach, Dennis Murphy, Bill Toles, Larry Drake, Gary Turner, Fran Jacobs III, Ken Dubois.**

Absent: **Mellisa Fitch**

Observers/Guests: **Kevin Roukey, Dave Youngberg, Bill Johnson, Eric Anderson, Connie Weber, Dee Boskie, Sean Brennan, Jim Lorenz** and Others.

Presentation of the Minutes of the Previous Session:
Previous meetings minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer Report: There were no questions from members. The report was approved as presented.

Electronic Voting or Discussions for the Record: None

Agenda Items

5. American Tower site proposal. **Bill Johnson** reported on current actions. **Rick** is working with American Tower to receive a proposal for 10 year deal. Moved to next month for update.

6. New plugs and wiring for the ice cream machine. **Bill Johnson** discussed the need to be a mobile unit. Motion made to not exceed \$900 for new plugs and wiring made by **Justin Hoch**, seconded by **Gary Turner**. Motion PASSED.

7. Crab Feed funds to be designated as restricted funds. **Connie Weber** explained making these funds designated as restricted to allow the funds to be designated to improvements for the Lodge improvements. Discussion by **Dave Youngberg, Alan Squailia, Dennis Murphy**. Motion made by **Gary Turner** and seconded by **Dennis Murphy**. Motion PASSED.

8. Cochran Ditch funding explained by **Ken Dubois** and approved by the Trustees, they recommend we approve funding paid through the dividends of our Investment account. Discussion by **Gary Turner, Larry Drake, Kevin Roukey** and others. Motion made by **Gary Turner** and seconded by **Fran Jacobs III**. Motion PASSED.

9. Retaining the Accounting Firm of Cory Wright & Associates. **Connie Weber** presented we have used this accounting firm for the past several years. They

are very familiar with our Lodge and our activities; they have done great work. **Connie Weber** recommends this company for approval. Discussion by **Ken Dubois, Fran Jacobs III, Larry Drake, Antonio Ricci, Connie Weber, Dee Boskie** and others. Motion made by **Ken Dubois** and seconded by **Bill Toles**. Motion PASSED.

10. Expense Allocations were discussed by **Connie Weber**. Motion made by **Larry Drake** to approve the allocations presented and seconded by **Gary Turner**. Motion PASSED.

11. 2025 through 2026 Budgets presented by **Rachel Drake** and **Connie Weber**. Expenses are spread throughout the year as presented by **Connie Weber**. Motion made by **Larry Drake** to approve as presented and seconded by **Gary Turner**. Motion PASSED.

12. Nomination for Recording Secretary. **Larry Drake** nominated **Justin Hoch** and seconded by **Rachel Drake**. **Justin Hoch** ran unopposed and PASSED.

Round Table:

Ken Dubois thanked **Pam Ricci** for all her work while working on this Board and welcomed **Melissa Fitch**.


Larry Drake discussed continuing membership renewals in the office.

Ed Takach discussed the issue with website being down and unavailable to move forward. Recommends only Lodge Secretary and Treasurer have the master passwords. Discussion by **Rachel Drake, Connie Weber**, and **Antonio Ricci**. His second issue is about the security cameras and the partnership with the webmaster. **Bill Johnson** spoke to alleviate those issues.

Bill Johnson discussed updates on Flagpole repairs, JROTC event, Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast. He discussed all donations need to be accompanied by a 'Donation Slip' to be returned to the Lodge Office.

Connie Weber discussed that we currently have two payroll schedules and would like to move to only payments on the 15th and 30th. This is moved to an Agenda Item for next month. She discussed making a standard percentage of 35% of proceeds after taxes to be applied to the Committee putting on the event. This item is moved to an Agenda Item for next month.

Respectfully submitted –
Justin Hoch, Lodge Board Secretary



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April 17th
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*Blooming with Love:
A Mother's Day Celebration*

Come honor the nurturing and love mothers provide.
Join us for this fitting tribute to mothers on their special day!

Sunday, May 11th
**Mother's Day Brunch with
Bottomless Mimosas or Sparkling for the Moms**
10:30am to 1:00pm \$35
Kids 6-12 years \$16 • 5 and under FREE

Tickets available on line at:
elksreno.org
In the members only tab



Join us for free Karafun
Karaoke at the Elks
Friday, May 16th at 7 p.m.
Think of that song you want to
sing and serenade us!

Hosted by Maria and Eddie Nelson

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE.

May 3 (Saturday).....	Kentucky Derby Party
May 5 (Monday)	Cinco de Mayo
May 10 (Saturday)	Mother's Day setup
May 11 (Sunday in May)	Mother's Day brunch
May TBD Weather dependent	Pool Opens
May 26 (Monday in May).....	Memorial Day
May 24-26 (Saturday - Monday).....	Memorial Day weekend
June 14 (Saturday)	Flag Day
June 15 (Sunday).....	Father's Day BBQ on the pool deck
June 29-July 2 (Sun-Wed).....	Elks Grand Lodge Natl' Convention, KC, MO