



Reno Elks Call

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Dear Members of Reno Elks Lodge #597

I would like to thank everyone who attended the installation ceremony. Your support and presence made the occasion truly special. It is an honor to serve in this role, and I am grateful to be part of a lodge whose members consistently show up for one another.

To those who went above and beyond to help make the event a success—you know who you are—please accept my sincere thanks once again. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

Thank you as well to everyone who joined us in celebrating Easter. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, along with new ones, coming together to spend time as a community. Gatherings like these are a great reminder of what makes our Lodge special: a strong sense of fellowship, connection, and shared purpose.

Moments like these—whether holiday celebrations or important Lodge traditions—help keep us connected and engaged. Your continued involvement and willingness to contribute are what keep our Lodge strong and allow us to make a positive impact in our community.

As we look ahead, I am excited for our upcoming Mother’s Day celebration and hope to see many of you there. I am also looking forward to the opening of the pool and the start of our summer activities, which always bring renewed energy and enjoyment to the Lodge.

Thank you again for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge soon.

Antonio Ricci

CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE, and FIDELITY.

Fraternally,

Antonio Ricci, Exalted Ruler, 2026-2027, Reno Elks Lodge #597



A FEW EVENT PREVIEWS

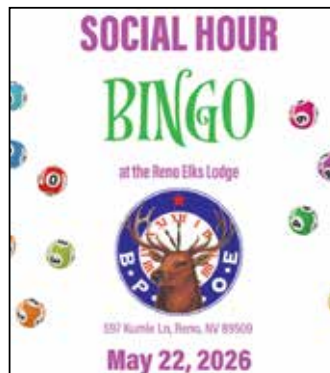


AC Breakfast
9am - 11am Just \$10
Sunday May 16th



Senior Cooking Class

May 20th, 11am to 1pm



ELKS LODGE 597 • MAY 2026

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
LODGE MEETINGS May 7th, 14th and 21st for New Member Initiation			SUPPORT OUR TROOPS by wearing RED every Friday until they come home.		1 HB Prime Rib Dinner 5:30p \$15/\$22 Social Hour 4p to 6p	2
3 VSC Breakfast 9:15/11:15a \$10/\$20 Tom Payne's Sunday Dance 5p - 8p \$10	4 Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$6	5 Lodge BOD meet 6p Lodge Home Co. BOD Meet 7p Taco Tuesday 5:30p \$10	6 Circle of Elks Committee meeting 3p VSC Meeting 5:30p	7 French Dip Dinner 5:30p \$14 Lodge Meeting 7p	8 Social Hour 4p to 6p KARAOKE	9
10 Mother's Day Brunch 11 am	11 Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$6	12 Technology Committee 4p Wing Night 5:30p \$9/\$16	13 WAC Hybrid Meet 4p Treble Makers Meet 6p Bar Committee Meeting 6p	14 Full Italian Dinner 5:30p \$14 Lodge Meeting 7p	15 Communication Meet 12:30p Social Hour 4p to 6p	16 Pool Cleanup 9a-1p Recruitment Fairé 2-5p
17 AC Breakfast 9a to 11a \$10 Senior Stretch 1p to 2p Tom Payne's Sunday Dance 5p - 8p \$10	18 Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$6	19 Dept. Heads 10a ENF Meet 5pm Baked Potato Bar 5:30p \$8 New Member Orientation 6:30p	20 WAC Dinner & Bingo 5:30p \$10 Senior Cooking Class 11a - 1p	21 Steak Dinner 5:30p \$18 New Member Initiation Lodge Meeting 7p	22 Social Bingo 3p to 5p \$20 Social Hour 4p to 6p	23 Potential Pool Opening
24/31 On the 24th Line Dancing No Food 5p \$5/\$10	25 Memorial Day Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$6	26 Gourmet Burger 5:30p \$15 Trustee meet 5:30p RV Meet 6p	27 Treble Makers Meet 6p	28 PER Assoc. Meet 5:30p White Fish Dinner 5:30p \$12	29	30

MAY ENF DRINK OF THE MONTH

"Just In Time"

Tequila, pineapple juice, lime juice and agave.
 \$7 - \$2 goes to the ENF fund.

BAR HOURS

Sat-Thur 2pm to 7:30pm • Fri 2pm to 9pm
 ALWAYS CLOSED DURING LODGE MEETINGS



Notes from the Secretary's Desk

Kellianne Turner

Our membership total today, 04/13/26, stands at 2636 active members, 61 candidates, and 752 unpaid dues. Be sure to register online at elksreno.org (new website).

With my transition to Lodge Secretary and Cynthia Vanderwell to Treasurer comes a lot of changes in our Offices. We are moving desks and settling into our new positions with the help of our office staff Sandy Lorenz, Nancy Slatin and Sharon Seibel and volunteer Kathy Rector.

Reno Lodge is looking for the following Volunteer position:

AUDITS CHAIRPERSON – If interested, please contact Exalted Ruler Antonio Ricci
****BANQUET ROOM SET-UP**** There is a schematic on the wall going into the kitchen. Please review before setting up for an event.

THE EXITS MUST BE CLEAR.

Crying Towel

MARCH 5TH

JIM LORENZ - \$500.00 WINNER!!!

PRESENT

CHERI PAPPAS - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

CHARLES SHERVEN - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

MARCH 12TH

LUCINDA LICHTY - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

GREG BATCHELDER - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

JAMES BARNES - \$15.15

NOT PRESENT

MARCH 19TH

MARY JOHNSON - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

SUSAN SKIDMORE - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

MATTHEW JONKEY - \$18.15

NOT PRESENT

March Propositions for Membership

KERRY AUTHIER

By Initiation

Proposed by Cris Shimkovsky

DANIEL DONG

By Initiation

proposed by Ricardo Rosario

RYAN LATREILLE

By Initiation

Proposed by Angelina De Weese

NANCY LUCIER

By Initiation

Proposed by Diane Edwards

DANIEL ROSAIRO

By Initiation

Proposed by Ricardo Rosairo

MARK CAMPBELL

By Initiation

Proposed by Justin Hoch

JOHN DIGIROLAMO

By Transfer

Proposed by Secy Larry Drake

ROBERT DRAKER

By Initiation

Proposed by Jordan Campbell

ALEX ECHEVARRIA

By Initiation

Proposed by Sandra Olguin

DAVE FREEMAN

By Initiation

Proposed by Paul Enos

LEAH PUNCHES

By Initiation

Proposed by Susan Skidmore

PAULINE SEVERINO

By Initiation

Proposed by Sarah Britt

RACHEL EVANSON

By Initiation

Proposed by Anne-Marie Sharkey

ERIC LARSON

By Initiation

Proposed by Vernon Crawford

KATIE FRANCO

By Initiation

Proposed by Diana Cordova



Lodge of Sorrow

Ron McCall

B: 12/20/1944

I: 02/15/2018

D: 03/09/2026

Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule Open to all Members

Lodge Meetings 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday @ 7pm
 Americanism Meeting 1st Tuesday @ 4pm (Even Months)
 Board of Directors 1st Tuesday @ 6pm
 Home Company Board of Directors 1st Tuesday @ 7pm
 Circle of Elks 1st Wednesday @ 3pm
 Veterans Service Committee 1st Wednesday @ 5:30pm
 Technology Committee 2nd Tuesday @ 4pm
 Women's Athletic Center (Virtual) 2nd Wednesday @ 4pm
 Bar Committee Meeting 2nd Wednesday @ 6pm
 ENF Community Involvement 3rd Tuesday @ 5pm
 Kitchen Crew Meeting 3rd Wednesday @ 6pm
 Department Heads 3rd Tuesday/Board Room @ 10am
 Communications Committee 3rd Friday 12:30pm Terrace Rm
 Reno Roll'n Elks RV group 4th Tuesday @ 6:30pm
 Treble makers (Elks Chorus) 2nd and 4th Wed @ 6:00pm
 PER Association 4th Thursday @ 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.

The Events and Rental Office is going through some changes and requests your help during this process.

The recurring monthly events that are being created and run by Lodge members need to follow the new procedures.

Request an event packet or obtain a packet on the outside wall of the Events Office behind the bar. Prepare an estimate of your costs and desired dates then submit electronically to "eventsrenoelks@gmail.com" or drop off with Sharon Wolinski on Tuesday or Thursdays. Events will have to obtain Board of Trustees approval before being allowed to proceed further.

Outside rental events are on hold for a few months, however, existing contracts with deposits will be honored.

For further information, contact:
 Christi Spiker 775-742-9833
 renoelks@renoelks.com.

RENO ELKS LODGE #597 "Nevada's Mother Lodge"

Address: Reno No. 597
 Kumle Lane, Reno NV 89509

Phone: 775-825-0597

For membership dues:
 renoelks@renoelks.com

For rentals:
 elksrenolodge@gmail.com

Website:
 www.elksreno.org

Facebook: renoelkslodge

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 wapiti597@gmail.com

RED SHIRT FRIDAY RED SHIRT FRIDAY

**Remember
Everyone
Deployed**

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS
NO MATTER WHERE
YOU ARE
WEAR RED EVERY
FRIDAY ...
UNTIL THEY COME HOME**

SHOW YOUR AMERICANISM



When good intentions don't produce good results, it's important to reassess the approach.

I understand that members are eager to create their own brochures, advertisements, and materials. However, professional design is a specialized discipline that requires formal training and experience. I hold a four-year degree in design, where I was rigorously trained in typography, layout hierarchy, and the effective use of visual elements to communicate clearly and professionally.

Design is not simply assembling text and images—it's about structure, readability, and strategic presentation. Inconsistent or poorly executed materials can ultimately reflect negatively on the organization.

Owning a home does not make someone a Realtor. Fixing a minor leak does not make someone a plumber. Likewise, having access to design tools does not equate to professional design capability.

My goal is to make The Call look as professional and eye-catching as possible; therefore, I would like to have you send me your ideas, concepts and I will be happy to design it...no charge, of course...

ADVERTISING RATES

Advertising in The Call is an affordable way to market your business to over 2700 members.

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

- Classified Ad\$15.00**
- Business Card\$25.00**
- Quarter Page\$45.00**
- Half Page\$60.00**
- Full Page.....\$80.00**

**Line Dancing Lessons
4th Sunday**
5:30-7:30 - 21+ please
• \$5 member • \$10 guests
Professional instruction
See Melissa Fitch for more details



Veterans Service Committee (VSC)

By Robb Smith VSC Chairman

The Veteran's Service Committee recently voted to make significant donations to several worthy organizations that support veterans.

They awarded \$1,500 to the Adopt A Vet Dental program, bringing free dental care, from simple cavity fillings to full sets of dentures, to local veterans who fall through the cracks of VA coverage. The VSC also helped deliver 121 boxes of nitrile exam gloves (valued at over \$1,000) from KT Grace to support the program.



Another \$1,500 went to the KT Grace Foundation, which lifts veterans and the community through hands-on help. This month alone, they furnished a local veteran's new apartment with 9 pieces of brand-new furniture and donated those same 121 boxes of gloves to the AVD dental program.

Finally, \$1,500 supported the David J. Drakulich Art Foundation, founded by Tina Drakulich in memory of her son. Its mission is to heal the invisible wounds of service through arts, humanities, and recreation. One moving project turns old military uniforms into handmade paper, the very material used to create the striking flag art pictured below.

Together, these gifts of care, comfort, and creativity are helping Reno's veterans rebuild, one smile, one home, and one work of art at a time.



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3rd
 Mark Ashworth
 Tara Carolan
 Larry Davis
 Andrew Flagg
 James House
 Glenn Klupsak
 Scott Stewart
 Caryl Valdez
 Aaron Wood

4th
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 Tim Galvin
 Timothy Heydon
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 Mark Salvail

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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.

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**Reno Roll'n Elks
RV group**

**Join us the 4th Tuesday
of the month at 6:15pm.**

**For more information
call 775-691-1687
or 775-771-6068**

**Our motto:
Just Have Fun!**

Meeting time has changed start time only to 6:15. Meeting day continues to be the fourth Tuesday. The first trip of the year will be April 30-May 2 at Bordertown. Other trip sites are Quincy, Eagle Lake and Topaz Lake so far. Come meet new fellow RVers after enjoying a Smash burger for dinner.

SOCIAL HOUR

BINGO

at the Reno Elks Lodge

597 Kumle Ln, Reno, NV 89509

May 22, 2026

at 3 to 5 PM

Entry Fee \$20 (gets you two cards+ a door prize ticket + charcuterie & snacks)
Extra Bingo Cards are 3 for \$5.00

Bingo Prizes Galore!

Mark your calendars for our next Bingo event on June 25, 2026!

For more information or to reserve a seat call 775-848-6555.

SAVE YOUR HIDES!

DON'T LEAVE THEM IN THE FIELD, OR WORSE, IN THE GARBAGE



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has a program to collect your unwanted hides to have wheelchair gloves made for wheelchair bound Veterans. At no cost to Veterans.



Contact your local Elks Lodge,
The Reno Elks Lodge at
775-825-0597 or
www.renoelks.org

THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION HELPS ELKS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES BY:



- Providing scholarships to students in our state.
- Helping to end veteran homelessness.
- Supporting programs that unleash gritty kids.
- Offering grants to our Lodge and State that help meet local needs.

The ENF strives to give back more to each state than it received from that state in donations. For every \$1 donated, our state gets back:

\$1.587



For more information, scan this QR code or visit enf.elks.org.

HOW OUR LODGE SUPPORTS THE ENF

Our Lodge has given:

\$42,300

Our Lodge's per-member giving is:

\$16.35

Our Lodge's Fidelity Club* member count:

67

Our Membership Support is:

22.64% of members

Our fundraising goal is:

\$48,586

The GER's per-member-giving goal is:

\$5.15

Our Lodge's Fidelity Club* member goal:

59

*The Fidelity Club recognizes donors who make automatic, monthly gifts to the ENF through their credit card or bank account. Scan or visit secure.elks.org/FidelityClub for more!



Poster last updated 3/31/26

by Bill Bowen, ENF Chair



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Free Stretching Class

for Older Adults to Improve Mobility

Stretching may help to improve posture, release muscle tension and soreness, and reduce the risk of injury. It may also help increase circulation, muscle control, joint movement, balance, and coordination.

Join Kimberly Koachmann, a certified personal trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine NASM for a free senior stretching class at the **Reno Elks Lodge**. The **class is free**, and **coffee & snacks will be provided** so seniors can stay a minute and chat, sign-up for the next class, or get to know the instructor.

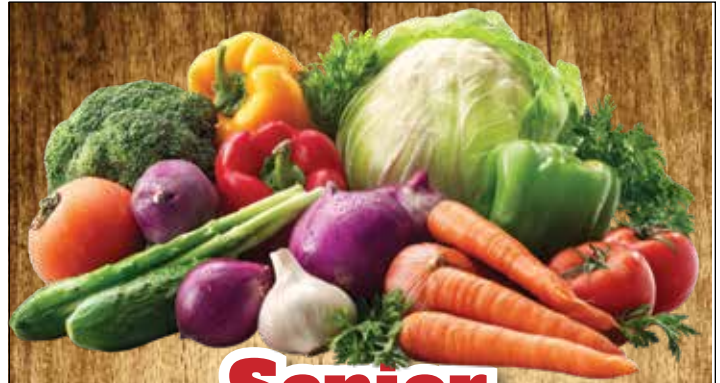
Upcoming Senior Stretch
1:00PM on Sunday, April 19, 2026
1:00PM on Sunday, May 17, 2026

SENIORRES



Presented by Senior ResQ Magazine and Reno Elks Lodge.

Questions or to reserve your free spot call 775-848-6556 or email candygreene@gmail.com



Senior Cooking Class

May 20th, 11 am to 1 pm
With Guest Chef from Marcolino's
Italia Gourmet Italian Cuisine

Questions? Please call 775-848-6556

Sign up by
scanning this
QR code.



SUNDAY, MAY 10
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
11AM - 1PM

3 COURSE BRUNCH FOR YOU AND YOUR MOTHER
MIMOSA BAR

TICKETS ON LINE AND
IN THE OFFICE

\$35 - 13 AND UP
\$17 - CHILDREN 6-12
UNDER 5 - FREE



AC Breakfast 9am - 11am Just \$10

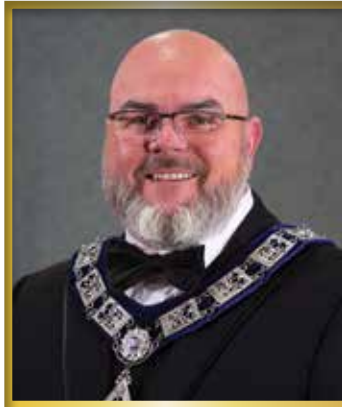
Come join us for a breakfast. VSC Breakfast on Sunday, May 3rd and AC Breakfast on Sunday May 16th.

Eggs to order, pancakes, French toast, chicken fried steak and more. Come support the AC Committee.

Meet our 2026-2027 officers.



Antonio Ricci - Exalted Ruler



**Jusín Hoch - Esteemed
Leading knight**



**Melissa Fitch - Esteemed
Loyal Knight**



**Linnea Carter - Esteemed
Lecturing Knight**



KelliAnne Turner - Secretary



**Cynthia Vanderwell -
Treasurer**



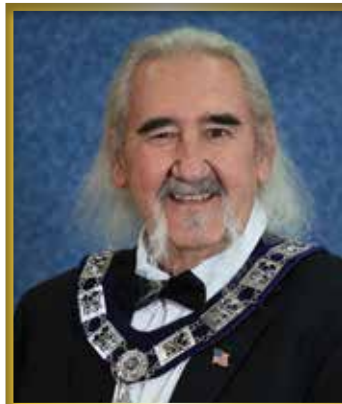
Jeanine Reddicks - Esquire



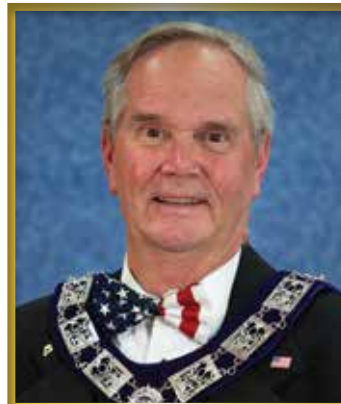
Joy Brackney - Chaplain



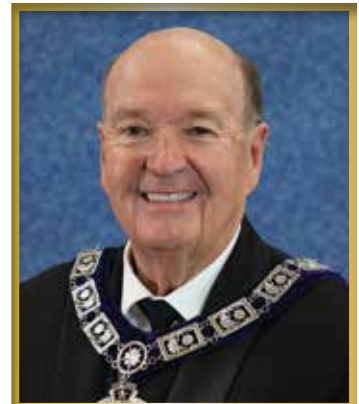
Rob Carter - Inner Guard



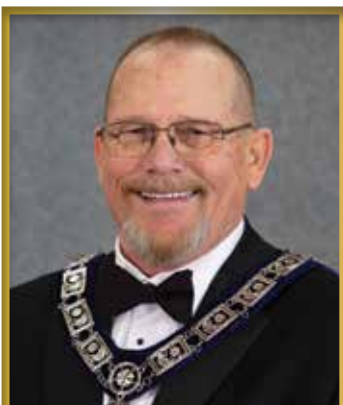
Rick Matulich - Tiler



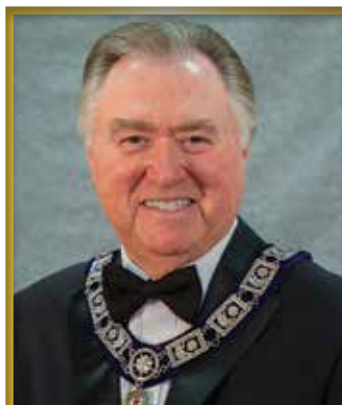
Doug Shinault - Vocalist



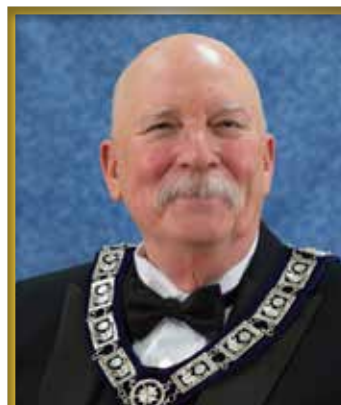
**Kevin Roukey PER - 1 Year
Trustee**



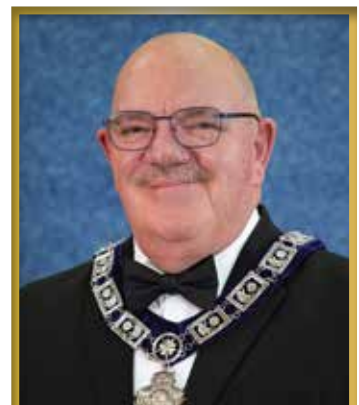
Gary Turner - 2 yr Trustee



Dennis Murphy - 3 yr Trustee

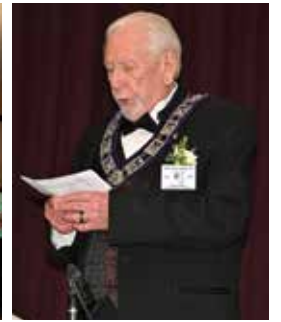



Ed Takach - 4 yr Trustee



Jim Lorénz - 5 Year Trustee

Installation Night





The Hair Whisperer

Rachel Drake

775.830.3883

Reno 597 #13833



JAZZERCISE

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9am

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Lodge News - Be in the know

Members ask what's happening at the Lodge

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

Not getting the Robocall or Email?

Make sure you alert the office with your information if it has changed or provide your info to start receiving it to: Robin Brooke: rtbrooke@yahoo.com 775-846-0167.

Lodge Maintenance

To my fellow Elks; if you see a maintenance issue, please contact **Robb Smith** 775-750-1530 or email him at: renoelksvets@gmail.com.

To send info for the robocall

Send your information to be read on the robocall to Justin Hoch by 9am on Monday to be included. justinhoch@msn.com 775-335-5473.

WE NEED KITCHEN HELP

We still need kitchen help; cooking, cleaning, food prep, and dish washing. For more info email Tony at: armartin47@charter.net

Sunday Breakfast at the Lodge

All members and guests are welcome to join the Veterans Service Committee and other Committees for a great breakfast Sunday morning the first and third Sunday each month (refer to the calendar on page 2). Includes cooked-to-order eggs and pancakes. \$12. Volunteers are also needed to cook and serve. Refer to calendar.

Landscaping

Thank you Al Babb for all you do. If you would like to volunteer to help Al, please reach out to him. 775-846-2811.

A REMINDER TO ALL OUR MEMBERS. If you invite a guest to the Lodge, they will need to sign in at the podium located by the front entrance. Not necessary for member spouses.

PLEASE NOTE: NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED AT ALL TIMES.

And finally, there has been some vandalism occurring around the Lodge. If you see something say something please.

Don't Miss Out ~ Find the perfect fit for YOU!



WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN A MEMBER FOR 30 DAYS OR 30 YEAR
HAVEN'T FOUND YOUR PERFECT FIT; THIS DAY WAS MADE FO

S AND STILL
R YOU!

- COME MEET THE FRIENDLY FACES WHO'VE BEEN WAITING TO
- ENJOY DELICIOUS MUNCHIES, REFRESHING ICED TEA, AND CONVERSATION.
- JUST FOR WALKING IN, YOU'RE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED T ICHIBAN GIFT CARD BASKET, DINNER FOR TWO AT THE LOD MORNING COFFEE BASKET, AND MORE FUN PRIZES!

MEET YOU!
GREAT

TO WIN: A \$300
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OU THERE!

Volunteer Recruitment Faire
May 16, 2026 ~ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Elks 597 Lodge Room

COMMUNICATIONS &
PUBLIC RELATIONS

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION
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HOOP SHOOT & SOCKTOBER

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TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
& WOMEN'S ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

KITCHEN CREW

TREBLE MAKERS

AMERICANISM & HIDES



Spring cleaning in the coat room!

Or is it the cloak room? Regardless we need to have this room cleaned up. People seem to think it's a storage room but it's not. If you have anything stashed here please reclaim it by the end of the month of May or it will be donated or tossed.

Many thanks.

Summer Help Needed

We're looking for summer help at the Snack Shack. Please send **Tim Watkins (text) at 775-313-5436** the candidate's name and phone number by **May 6th**. The wage is \$13 per hour and includes free meals. Pool hours are 11am to 7pm, and snack shack hours are 11am to 4pm. Shifts may vary. We will be conducting interviews in April and training in May. We will also have CPR, AED, and first aid training in May.



Summer Fun Begins Here!

2026 Elks Family Pool Pass now available in the Office. Get yours today!

Be one of the cool kids this summer with a family pass.

For more info and/or to help in the Snack Shack please reach out to **Tim Watkins 775-313-5436**

- **Family Pass \$100 - Includes member, spouse and the kids**
- **Cabana Rentals \$100 weekend \$50 mid-week**

Important Rules

- **No one under 21 allowed without an adult**
- **Keep an eye on children at all times**
- **No outside food or beverages allowed**
- **No diving or rough play**

Reno Elks Website's New Feature.

As we continue to enhance our website, new features will be introduced on an ongoing basis to improve your experience.

This month, we are pleased to announce the launch of a new online platform that allows you to submit and pay for your Elk's Call ad electronically. This streamlined process enables you to easily track submission dates, confirm placement details, monitor costs, and submit materials directly to the Call Editor.

We are confident that this new functionality will simplify and improve the ad placement process.

Please review the steps here as they will appear on the site.



How to Place an AD in the Elks Call.

Rules: All ad placement durations, except classifieds (which are monthly), are prorated for the calendar year. Exceptions are allowed with approval from the editor.

Step 1. Determine the size of the ad you want to place: classified, business card, 1/4 page, 1/2 page, or full page.

Step 2. Calculate your placement fee. Example: business card ads are \$25/month. Ad placed in May would cost $8 \times \$25 = \200.00 .

Monthly fees: Classified – \$15, Business Card Size \$25 (3.75 inches wide by 2.25 inches tall), 1/4 page \$5 (3.65 inches wide by 4.875 inches tall), 1/2 page ad \$60 (7.5 inches wide by 4.875 inches tall), Full page \$80 (7.5 inches wide by 10 inches tall).

Step 3. State your ad size and pay your appropriate fee. ([Click here](#)). Note: You can pay up to three (3) years in advance as a hedge against inflation

Step 4. You will get a notice from the office that your fees have been accepted

Step 5. Now you can submit your ad to the editor. ([Click here](#))

Accepted formats must be in CMYK, and either a JPEG, PDF or a Canva file.

Step 6. Make sure you include your member number and Reno 597 somewhere on your ad, in 7pt or larger.

It's a KICK, Elks Soccer Shootout

Parents sign up the kids or grandkids for the **Soccer Shoot Contest on June 20th, at Wooster H.S.**

Registration opens at 9:30 AM. Contest 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Age groups U-8 thru U-16

No Cost for contestants. Please bring the whole Family and have some fun, open to the public

Soccer Shoot Committee meets every second Tuesday @ 6:00 pm



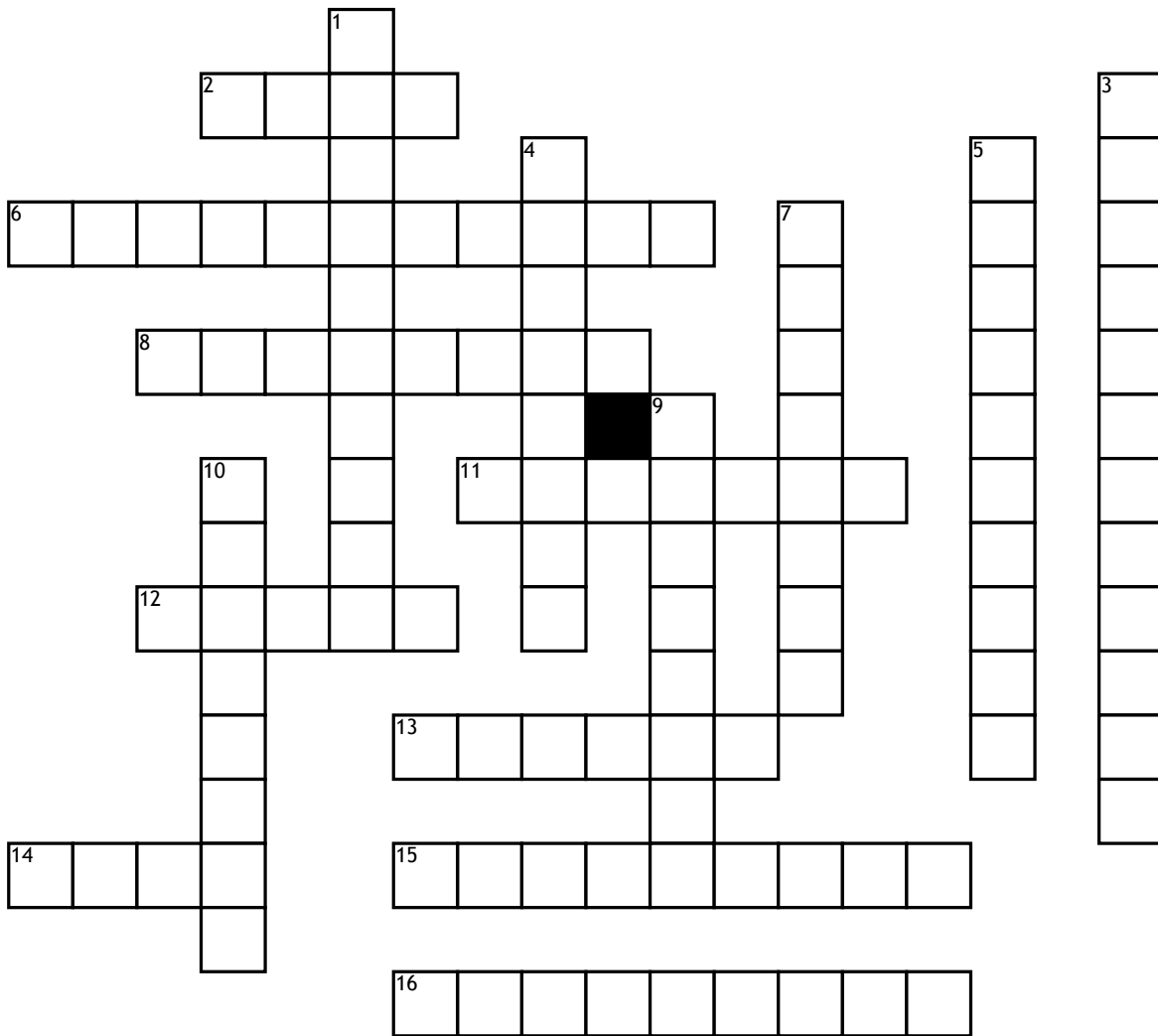
Plus, we need member volunteers to help and to be on the committee.

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

Soccer Shoot Chairman 2026-2027



ENF....Who Are Those Guys?



Across

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- 6. The ENF's mission is to help Elks build _____
- 8. Last year, Reno Elks received a \$6,000 Beacon grant from ENF for Step-Two, aiding women and children _____ by abuse and addiction.
- 11. The \$5,000 Beacon grant provided two Reno schools with paper, _____ books, and school supplies.
- 12. The number of Fidelity members our lodge has helps to determine the amount of _____ money we receive to support our community

- 13. ENF awards for children and grandchildren of Elk members are _____ grants.
- 14. The minimum amount of money withdrawn from the account of your choosing on a monthly basis is _____
- 15. Elks lodges often host these for youth, supported by ENF/Fidelity funds
- 16. Short-term aid for students facing sudden financial hardship is a _____ grant.

Down

- 1. Elks National _____, is the organization behind the Fidelity Club

- 3. Fidelity Club donations help fund these for local and national students
- 4. The Elks National Foundations giving club
- 5. The Elks National Foundation is the _____ arm of the BPOE.
- 7. The ENF Freedom grant for a \$1000 provided over two thousand pairs of socks to _____ outreach.
- 9. ENF has contributed more than 500 million dollars to local, community _____ across the nation_
- 10. Most Valuable Student scholarship recipients must be _____ full-time.

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WOMEN WHO MOVE



Our Women's Athletic Center continues to build momentum through connection, service, and a whole lot of fun. Join us for our monthly meeting on the second Wednesday, May 13 at 4 PM, where we'll share updates, recognize the impact of our volunteers, and continue shaping what's ahead.

We're incredibly grateful for the women who consistently show up, lead with heart, and bring our mission to the Lodge. The photos featured here highlight moments from our April Bingo night, where our "Funny Hats & T-Shirts" theme brought laughter and light in celebration of April Fools' Day.

Looking ahead, our third Wednesday Bingo is set to take place next on May 20 at 5:30 PM, and this time we're going all in on a College Day theme. Let's think University of Nevada Wolf Pack pride!! GO PACK!! Come dressed in your favorite college gear and receive a free bingo card to kick off the evening.

This event will also feature a meaningful ceremony for our community as we celebrate the inaugural Elk's Women Who Move Scholarship Fund, awarding five outstanding recipients with \$3,000 each. Please join us Wednesday, May 20th at 5:30pm in congratulating these young women



as graduating high school seniors who make an impact in their leadership, volunteerism, and strengthening the next generation of female leaders here locally in Reno-Sparks.

OPINION: Becoming a Fidelity Member

by Bill Bowen, ENF Committee

If you believe in the work we do, supporting veterans, helping students chase their dreams, strengthening our communities, then becoming a Fidelity Member of the Elks National Foundation is one of the most powerful steps you can take.

A Fidelity Member gives a small monthly donation, often less than the cost of a single lunch. But that steady support creates something big: reliable funding that keeps ENF programs strong all year long. It helps our Lodge meet its ENF goals, which means more grants, more community projects, and more impact right here at home.

Think of it this way: one time gifts help. But monthly gifts build. They build scholarships, like the Legacy Scholarship and the Most Valuable Student Scholarship. They build veterans' services through the Grand Lodge Veterans Programs. They build youth programs like the

Hoop Shoot and Drug Awareness. They build on our State Project, St Judes Ranch for Children who have been trafficked and abused. They build the reputation of our Lodge as a force for good through the grants we receive like the Community Investment and Gratitude, helping us to support people in our community in need. Supporting ENF is one of the most effective ways to strengthen our presence in the community.

And the best part? It's simple, automatic, and budget friendly. A few dollars a month from many of us becomes a powerful engine for charity.

If you're proud to be an Elk, if you believe in what we stand for, then I invite you to join me as a Fidelity Member. Let's show our community what steady, committed Elkdom looks like, one month at a time.

It's a statement that you believe in the mission enough to invest in it.



-RENO ELKS #597-
SCRAMBLE FOR AUTISM

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
AUTISM COALITION OF NEVADA**

SATURDAY, JUNE 13th, 2026

Shot Gun Start: 8:00 am



\$120 PER PERSON
(Includes two mulligans)

**WASHOE COUNTY GOLF COURSE
4-PERSON SCRAMBLE FORMAT**

**Food to follow at the Lodge
2 Free Drink Tokens at the Elks Bar**

**PRIZES GO TO:
FIRST, SECOND &
THIRD PLACE TEAMS
NO HANDICAP?
DON'T WORRY
ENTRIES CLOSE AT 5PM
JUNE 10TH, 2026**

SPONSOR A HOLE FOR JUST \$100

**GRAB YOUR FRIENDS & HELP US FILL THE FIELD!
PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO BRING A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER**

--- CUT ALONG THIS LINE ---

**YES, I OR MY COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A HOLE AT THE RATE OF \$100 PER HOLE.
ENCLOSED IS AN ADDITIONAL CHECK OR CHARGE IT TO MY CREDIT CARD.**

SPONSOR NAME: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Reno Elks #597

Return this portion with check to:

Reno Elks #597

597 Kumle Lane

Reno, NV 89509

Telephone # _____

Email _____

CONTACT:

BILL DREHER

Cell: 775.721.3158

Phone: 775.826.6654

E: bdreher5@gmail.com

Golfer _____

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We accept VISA or MasterCard as payment

Name on Card _____

Card _____

Card Number _____ Exp Date _____

THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE KITCHEN

Every week, a small group of dedicated volunteers work miracles behind the scenes at our Lodge. They're the kitchen crew whose passion keeps our events alive, our meals affordable, and our members connected through good food, laughter, and shared moments.

These aren't always fancy productions, they're family affairs made with love, skill, and plenty of elbow grease. Our understaffed volunteer teams cook, clean, serve, set up tables and chairs before anyone arrives, and stay late to tear everything down and leave the space clean for the next crew.

Week after week, they prepare at least nine meals, plus outside events like celebrations of life, birthday parties, and private functions, all while keeping costs low so everyone can participate. From Uncle Dan's to Blue Pig, Easter, Mother's Day, Installation Dinner, Valentine's Day, and beyond, their efforts create far more than food on a plate. They build real community.

But here's the truth: our volunteers are stretched thin. The same dedicated hands keep showing up, often while managing their own lives and challenges. The kitchen that fuels our social calendar is running on fumes.

THIS IS OUR CALL FOR HELP!

We need more hands in the kitchen, people willing to chop, stir, serve, clean, or help with setup and teardown. Whether you have cooking experience or simply a willingness to learn and pitch in, your time would make a huge difference.

If you've ever enjoyed one of our dinners, laughed during bingo, or felt the warmth of a birthday celebration, this is your chance to give back and join the team that keeps the good times rolling.

No experience necessary, though a few enthusiastic cooks would be terrific. Training and support provided. Every hour helps keep our meals affordable and our events vibrant.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- Reach out to Tony Martin (775 677-9332, armartin47@charter.net) or Bill Johnson (775 722-6059, renobilljohnson@gmail.com)
- Stop by the kitchen and say hello
- Come by to see us at the Volunteer Recruitment Faire, in the Lodge room, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, May 16, 2026
- Share this message with friends or family who might enjoy helping

Our community thrives because people show up. Will you be one of them?



2026/27 Calendar - Clip and Save

May 2 (1st Sat in May) Kentucky Derby Day
 May 5 (Tuesday) Cinco de Mayo
 May 9 (Saturday) Mother's Day Set Up
 May 10 (2nd Sun in May) Mother's Day Brunch
May TBD Pool Opens
 May 25 (4th Mon in May) Memorial Day
 May 23-25 (Sat-Mon) Memorial Day
 June 14 (Sunday) Flag Day
 June 21 (3rd Sun in June) Father's Day BBQ
July 5-8 Elks Grand Lodge National Convention
July 10 State President's Visit
 July 18 (3rd Saturday) Blue Pig Poker Run
 July 25 (4th Sat) Brisket and Boobs Fundraiser
 August 15 (3rd Saturday) Pig Roast
 Sept 10-13 (Thurs-Sunday) Balloon Races
 Sept. 12 (2nd Saturday) Shrimp Boil
 October 3 (1st Saturday) Oktoberfest
October DDGER visit
 October 22 (4th Thursday) Ole Timers Dinner
 October 31 (Saturday) Halloween Party

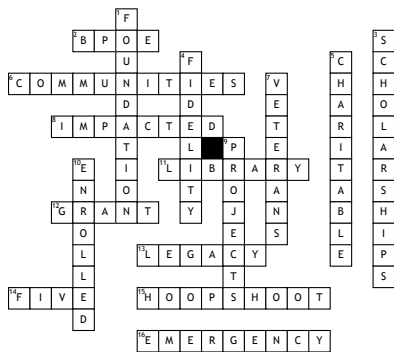
November 6 (Friday) Uncle Dan Set Up
 November 7 (Saturday) Uncle Dan's
 November 9 Socktober
 November 11 (Tuesday) Veterans Day
 November 26 (4th Thursday) Homecoming
 November 28 (Saturday) Lodge Decorating
 December 5 (1st Saturday) Memorial Sunday
 December 12 (2nd Sat) Food baskets
 December 20 (Sunday) Kids Christmas
 December 31 (Wednesday) New Year's Eve

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Jan 22 (Friday) Crab Crack Set Up
 Jan 23 (4th Saturday) Crab Crack
 Feb 13? (Saturday) Valentine's Dinner
 Feb 14 (Sunday) Super Bowl Viewing Party
 March 6 (Saturday) Elk/Citizen of the year
 March 13 (Saturday) St. Patrick's Party
 March 25 (4th Thursday) Blue Pig Dinner
 March 27 Installation of Officers

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Elks 597

1st and 3rd Sundays dance

Live music dance 5 to 8 pm, bar is open!
 Dances: cha-cha, rock n roll, country, slow and more.
 Music by Gary & Terry 5/3 and Chris Costa 5/17
 Come out and dance away the evening.
 Cost \$10.
 If it's your birthday month the 3rd Sunday is FREE!
 Your host: Lodge member: Tom Payne
 cell 775-240-4193

Welcome new members

April 16th
2026



*Seated: Cindy Singletary, Karen Cirac, Carole Kassler-Crawford, and Tom McDonald.
Standing: Greg Cuadra, Raymond Auble, and Arthur Anderson.*

Get ready for a fabulous day of style, flair, and fun!

Join us on June 12th at the Lodge for our very first Paper Doll Fashion Show—where creativity meets couture! Enjoy the crowd-favorite “Snoopy Salad” while you take in the excitement.

Watch our models strut their stuff as they showcase the latest fashions, and don’t forget to explore a variety of vendors—you might just find the perfect treasure to take home.

It’s fashion, food, and a little bit of magic all in one place. See you there!

Monies raised will go to support the Reno Elks Charitable Fund and the Elks National Foundation.



**Ticket's
\$40**

- Available online via the website or phone app
- At the office during business hours
- By filling out the envelope in the lobby (include your name, number of tickets, and a check or exact cash), then drop the envelope in the white metal box next to the office. Tickets must be purchased by June 5th.

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Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch





Reno Elks 597 Swim Lessons Returning this Summer.

The Reno Elks 597 will be offering beginner swim lessons for ages 5-10, beginning in June.

Classes will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

There will be three sessions, two weeks for each session-total 6 lessons per session.

Lessons will last for 30 minutes.

- 9:45 a.m. First time swimmers- Level 1 -Back float, breathing, basic back kick, basic arms, face in and out of water.
- 10:20 a.m. Level 2-Swimmers needing additional assistance- Level 2-Basic freestyle (Kick and Arms) and breathing.

Child must be immediate family member (son or daughter or grandchild) of a Reno Elk 597 in good standing.

\$100 for six lessons paid before first lesson (online on the Elks website or App or in person. No single session lessons and no make ups.

Limited to 4 students in each class.
Maximum of two classes per session
total 8 students

Sessions:

1. June 15-25
2. June 29-July 9
3. July 13-23

Sign ups will begin in May.

For more information contact
Buzz Harris at buzz@wbhsolutions.com
or 775-813-3743.



The "Family Pool Pass" is not required to be purchased for the swim lessons. Remember the "Family Pool Pass" is for Members and immediate family only. Can't be purchased for friends, neighbors and guests.

RENO ELKS LODGE NO. 597

597 Kumle Lane
Reno, NV 89509

Elks Night - Take me out to the Ballpark, June 27th.



vs.



Scan code for ball
park clear bag policy

\$43.00 per Adult (14 years & up)
\$37.00 per child (years 4-13)
Children under 3 are free.

The price includes:
Tickets to the game
all-you-can-eat:

- BBQ chicken
- Baked beans
- Mac & cheese
- Pasta salad
- Hot dogs

- Diced fruit
 - Water and soda
 - And a **FREE** ball cap
- Alcoholic beverages
are extra

For reservations,
Gary Turner (530) 260-1702

Mother's Day
Is too important to miss!
Get your brunch tickets now,
before they sell out!

Tickets are available:

- Online
- At the office during business hours
- By filling out the envelope in the lobby (include your name, number of tickets, and a check or exact cash), then dropping it in the white metal box next to the office.

Tickets must be purchased by May 4, 2026



Scan this QR code
to get your Mother's
Day Brunch tickets