



Reno Elks Call

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Dear Members and Friends,

Wow, that was quick! Summer is almost over, and what a busy one it has been.

Our Ritual Team did an outstanding job representing Reno Lodge at Grand Lodge in Chicago. Even though we came up a little short of our goal, I couldn't be more proud of the time, effort, and dedication this team put into representing our Lodge on the national stage. We also had **Rachel Drake** perform the Flag Tribute and **Sean Brennan** perform the 11 O'Clock Toast. Both made it to the Final Four, with **Rachel** finishing second and **Sean** taking third. Those are incredible accomplishments, and I hope you're all as proud of them as I am.

While we were in Chicago, **Tim Jager** was installed as our new Grand Exalted Ruler. I had the chance to meet him, and I honestly think he's going to do a great job leading our organization. If you're interested in everything that happened at Grand Lodge, take a few minutes to visit elks.org and look up the Convention Newsletters.

Back here at home, we had the pleasure of hosting NSEA State President **JJ Lynch** for the annual State President's Dinner. The Basque dinner was outstanding, and that's because a lot of people stepped up to make it happen. A huge thank you to **Frank Picone, Mike Freitas, Dave Gonzales, Jim Rhea, Alex Crosby, Mark Crosby, Joan Crosby, Mary Fenton, Diane Virtiska, Peter Amundsen, Alan Squailia**, and, of course, **Greg** and **John** for handling the dish pit. **Linda Lannon** and her team, especially **Gale Bowen** and **Bill Bowen**, did a fantastic job organizing the event, and **Kellianne** and the office staff made sure all the invitations got out. I may have missed someone; if I did, I apologize. Just know that I truly appreciate everyone who volunteered.

As we head toward the end of summer, be sure to keep an eye on the Lodge calendar. We still have several events coming up before we settle into the fall schedule, and I hope you'll come out and support them. Whether you're attending an event, volunteering for a couple of hours, or just showing up for a meeting, every bit of involvement matters. I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it—our Lodge only works when members are willing to step up and help. That's what has made Reno Lodge strong for generations, and that's what will keep it strong for years to come.

One last reminder—as school gets back in session, the Snack Shack hours will be changing, so please watch for the updated schedule. I also want to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the summer, whether it was at the Snack Shack, around the pool, or at one of our many events. Those things don't happen by themselves. This isn't a country club where someone else takes care of everything. This is our Lodge, and every one of us has a part in making it a place we're proud of. When we all pitch in, even in small ways, it makes a big difference. Thank you for everything you've done this summer. I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of it, and I'll see you around the Lodge.

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



A FEW EVENT PREVIEWS



AUG. 5th



AC Breakfast
9am - 11am Just \$10
Sunday, Aug. 16th



AUG. 22nd
Cocktails 4p
Dinner 5p
\$35

Reno Elks Lodge #597
Open Hours:
Mon-Thurs 11am-7:30pm
Friday 11am-9pm
Sat/Sun 11:00am-7:30pm

ELKS LODGE 597•AUGUST 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 August 6th and 20th for New Member Initiation			SUPPORT OUR TROOPS by wearing RED every Friday until they come home.			1
2 Blood Drive 9a - 12 noon Tom Payne's Sunday Dance 5p - 8p \$10	3 Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$7	4 Americanism Mtg 4p Lodge BOD Mtg 6p Lodge Home Co. BOD Mtg 7p	5 Route 66 Rock n Roll Party 6p-9p	6 Women's AC Mtg 4p OG Italian Dinner 5:30p \$20 Lodge Mtg 7p	7 HB Prime Rib Dinner 5:30p \$15/\$22 Social Hour 4p to 6p	8
9 Bar Committee Mtg 9-10a Kitchen Orientation 9-11a	10 Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$7	11 Technology Mtg 4p PER Assoc. Mtg 5:30p Wing Buffet 5:30p \$9/\$16	12 VSC Mtg 5:30p Treble Makers Mtg 6p	13	14 Social Hour 4p to 6p KARAOKE 7p	15
16 AC Breakfast 9a to 11a \$10 Tom Payne's Sunday Dance 5p - 8p \$10	17 Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$7	18 Committee Chairs Mtg 10a Trustees Mtg 11a ENF Mtg 5pm Baked Potato Bar 5:30p \$8 New Member Orientation 6:30p	19 Women's AC Bingo Dinner 5:30p \$10	20 Steak Dinner 5:30p \$18 New Member Initiation Lodge Mtg 7p	21 Communication Mtg 12:30p Social Hour 4-6p	22  Cocktails 4p Dinner 5p \$35
23/30	24/31 Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$7	25 Gourmet Burger 5:30p \$15 RV Meet 6p	26 Treble Makers Mtg 6p	27	28 Social Hour 4p to 6p	29

AUGUST ENF DRINK OF THE MONTH
 Ranch Water
 Tequila, lime, soda and splash of grapefruit
 juice...Refreshing!
 \$7 - \$2 goes to the ENF fund.

SUMMER BAR HOURS
 Sunday - Thursday 11am - 7:30pm • Friday 11am to 9pm
 Saturday 11am to 7:30pm
ALWAYS CLOSED DURING LODGE MEETINGS

Propositions for Membership

JUNE 4th

JULIEANNA ANASTASSATOS

By Initiation

Proposed by Genn Van Valkenburg

SKIP BENTON

By Initiation

Proposed by Gin Nolte

ELENA GERAYMOVYCH

By Initiation

Proposed by Hollie Meier

GIANNA JACKS

By Initiation

Proposed by Sandra Olquin

CLAUDIA MILLIGAN

By Initiation

Proposed by Joan Herz

DAVID O'MARA

By Initiation

Proposed by Romeo Lazzarone

MICHELLE SANTO

By Initiation

Proposed by Randi Thompson

ANTHONY SANTO

By Initiation

Proposed by Randi Thompson

MARIAH SMITH

By Initiation

Proposed by Beau Walker

KIMBERLY STEINKELLNER

By Initiation

Proposed by Bonnie Days

MICHELLE TAVENER

By Initiation

Proposed by Janeene Morgan

SKYE TAYLOR

By Initiation

Proposed by Ashley Bender

JUNE 11th

CARRIE ACOSTA

By Initiation

Proposed by Sara Goodnight

KATHLEEN AKERSON

By Initiation

Proposed by Thomas Federici

RILEY BERK

By Initiation

Proposed by Tyler Dory

CHRISTINA BIGELOW

By Initiation

Proposed by Tasha Millard

ANGELINA CAPIELLO

By Initiation

Proposed by Erin Dooley

JAIME HENDRICKS

By Initiation

Proposed by Bobby Kirn

ZACH JOHNSON

By Initiation

Proposed by Daniel Hopper

AMY PATTERSON

By Initiation

Proposed by Joe Chickanosky

KATHLEEN ROSARIO

By Initiation

Proposed by Ricardo Rossario

JUNE 18TH

LYNN ALLEN

By Initiation

Proposed by Frank Picone

DANIEL GARON

By Initiation

Proposed by John Caldwell

ADAM MOORE

By Initiation

Proposed by William Kahl

DANIELLE SERPA

By Initiation

Proposed by Ryan Bristol

MYREE TOWNSEND

By Initiation

Proposed by Brian Cassidy

STEVE SANDOVAL

By Initiation

Proposed by Chris Morton



Notes From the Secretary's Desk

Kellianne Turner

Our membership total today, 06/16/26, stands at 2667 active members, 83 candidates, and 258 unpaid dues. Be sure to register online at elksreno.org (new website). Our Lodge meetings will now be held permanently on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Some of you may have noticed some changes in the application for membership process. In accordance with the Investigations/Interviewer manual from Grand Lodge, we have made the following changes:

- We are now doing background checks on all applicants.
- A confidential proposer reference request form is now being sent to all Proposers.
- A new version of the Reference request form is now being used.

These processes are required, therefore, does not require Members to vote on. The office continually receives reference letters back stating that the member does not know the applicant.

Statutes state that the Proposer and two references must know the applicant.

Lodge of Sorrow

CORRINA GEVERT

B: 11-22-1969

I: 09-20-2018

D: 06-12-2026

LESLIE MASSMAN

B: 08/20/1936

I: 11/30/1995

D: 07/13/2026

Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule

Open to all Members

Americanism Meeting 1st Tuesday @ 4pm (Even Months)
Bar Meeting 2nd Sunday @ 9am
Board of Directors 1st Tuesday @ 6pm
Committee Chairs 3rd Tuesday @ 10am
Communications 3rd Friday @ 12:30pm
ENF Community Involvement 3rd Tuesday @ 5pm
Home Company Board of Directors 1st Tuesday @ 7pm
Kitchen Orientation 2nd Sunday @ 9am
Lodge Meetings 1st, and 3rd Thursday @ 7pm
PER Association 2nd Tuesday @ 5:30pm
Reno Roll'n Elks RV group 4th Tuesday @ 6:30pm
Technology 2nd Tuesday @ 4pm
Treble Makers (Elks Chorus) 2nd and 4th Wed @ 6pm
Trustees Meeting 3rd Tuesday @ 11am
Veterans Service 1st Wednesday @ 5:30pm
Women's Athletic Center 1st Thursday @ 4pm

Crying Towel

JUNE 4TH

ROMEO LAZZARONE - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

TYSON BARTON - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

MARY LUJAN - \$226.15

NOT PRESENT

JUNE 11TH

LYNN WILBUR - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

RYAN BRISTOL - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

CHARLENE CURTIS - \$237.15

NOT PRESENT

JUNE 18TH

GINA NOLTE - \$500.00

WINNER!!!

DARIN BALAAM - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

LYNN CUTLER - \$255.00

NOT PRESENT

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
- 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. justinhocho@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

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

Borrowing Equipment

Oh wait it's Tools tools, who's got the tools! Volunteers who borrow equipment to use in helping around the Lodge please return it to the proper place so the next person who needs it may find it. Such as ladders, brooms, BBQ equipment, Smoker, please clean as well.

You can now change your password on the website by using your member#. You will receive a password reset email to the email you gave the Lodge. You can then immediately change your password and get into the Member side of the website! Check your Spam folder, too.

Committee chairs are reminded that if you have an event, you must have a door monitor to check in guests.

SHOP IT TO ME-Socktober is coming!

School will start in a few weeks. It's the perfect time for back-to-school shopping. It's the perfect time to think Sock it to me. As you wander through stores, throw in a pack of socks or underwear, and let your kids know that someone out there will appreciate their gift. Hold onto them for Socktober.

And this year we are collecting clean bags to deliver product in. Many volunteers expressed that the large garbage bags were too heavy. We are looking for the ones in stores like Marshall's, TJ Maxx, Trader Joe's, Sprouts, etc. that they sell for .99¢. You might even ask a manager to donate a few, but we can also use garbage, kitchen sizes, and garden sizes. You can always make a small donation for bags in the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Let our friendly and helpful gals in the office credit Socktober. We will send our Sockie Elks, Frank Picone and Al Babb out shopping. There are barrels in the lobby right now.

Mark your calendar: September 29: deliver barrels

October 18: BINGO.

November 9th: pick up barrels & two shifts of sorting / packing.

It is never too early to help out with projects we have going at #597. Charity is a year-round commitment to supporting the hard-working groups in our community that serve the less fortunate. Let's all be a leader in something worthwhile. Small amounts of time, energy, and money go a long way when we work together. BE AN ELK.

Questions or to volunteer please reach out to one of the three of us.

Sue Babb 775-721-1616

Frank Picone 775-691-1348

Christy George 775-720-1112

Let us know when you will be able to help.



How many pages is too much?

We have a new rule. The Call will be no longer than 28 pages as directed by our leadership. So what does this mean?

1. It means monthly ongoing event ads most likely will be no larger than a 1/4 page.
2. It means our articles need to be short and to the point.
3. It means skipping the fluff and getting to the point, keeping your story more focused.
4. It means we save money on printing and kill fewer trees.
5. It means a shorter newsletter is more likely to have a higher read rate.
6. It means it will be easier to get through on your mobile device
7. It means that's four fewer pages I have to compose, giving me more time to have fun
8. It means getting your articles in by the 15th

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



Shrimp Boil

**Saturday
August 22nd**

\$35
Tickets available on the website and in the office, Get them before they are sold out!

Wear your best tropical attire.

By Tony and Crew
Classic menu: shrimp, potatoes, andouille sausage, corn on the cob, served with French bread, coleslaw and bread pudding for dessert. Family style at your table.

Cocktails from 4pm.
Dinner served at 5pm.

Enjoy one of Melissa's signature drinks at the bar and the music of the Valentine Rodeo Band.



Step Up, Pitch In: The Heart of Being a Reno Elk

When many of you joined the Lodge, you said you wanted to be active and give back to the community. Volunteering is how we do that—help at events, in the kitchen, with setup or cleanup, or by joining a committee. Committee chairs are listed in the Call, usually on the last page.

Our Lodge has always depended on caring volunteers to keep it warm and welcoming. Opportunities are available now, including the Great Reno Balloon Race in September, with sign-ups in the lobby. Watch the Robocall and weekly email for committee needs. It's a great way to meet members and feel good

about helping. We especially need more cooking committees for Friday nights—put a crew together and contact Tony Martin.



With nearly 2,700 members, we need more people to give even one hour a month to keep the Lodge running smoothly and make it a fun, inviting place. The work cannot fall on the same small group every time.

Ready to meet members, help out, and enjoy the events you support? Read the Call, listen to the Robocall, check the weekly email, find a committee, and volunteer. This is your Lodge—your help makes it a wonderful, welcoming place.



1st
Lauren Allen
Joseph Cannella III
Gary Klopfenstein
Bill Mullen

2nd
Monika Augustyn
Monika Ghani
Dale Kiriaze
Auguste Lemaire
Tom McDonald
Brett Porter
Julien Sourwine

3rd
Rodney Burke
Charles Cuddy
Patti Friberg
James Hay
Todd Herman
Keith Larkin
Adam Laxalt
Brian Moon
Todd Renwick
Christopher Sarman
Denise Taylor
Laurie Yott

4th
Denis Connolly
Martin Forman
Rob Parke
Drew Phillips
Alexandra Tognoni
Bonda Young

5th
William Asmar
John Capdeville
Les Gervin
Timothy Koewler
Jack Leonesio
Paul Lipparelli
David McKinley

6th
James Baldwin
Theresa Garcia
Jose Hernandez Vargas
Christopher Stanko

7th
Camille Buehler
Todd Capdeville
Andrea Cassidy

Leland Hernandez
William Lee
Gary Turner Jr.

8th
Erika Belis
James Bristol
Brand Duc
Judith Epstein
Jerry Hughes
Marshall Johnson
Brian Kernan
Julian Manelli
Jan Terra

9th
Brian Fairchild
Mark Gordine
Jarrod Hickman
Mark Levy
Kenneth Saarem

10th
Lane Andresen
Patrick Douglass
John Estay
Bruce Goodman
Susan Strandberg
Victor Valdez

11th
Richard Armstrong
Gregory Atkinson
Rodlynn Casas
Mario Domini
Bruce Enyeart
Scott Gilles
Christopher Hicks
David Hoover
Peter Jones
Dan LoFrese
John Maher
Jeri Savran

12th
Shannon Cole
Angela Devine
Thomas Gore Jr.
John Howitt
Anthony Pace
Tova Roseman
Coby Rowe
Eleanor Sidenberg
Kevin Volpa

13th
Stephen Bramlitt
Mendy Elliott
Mike Hill
Steven Kaufman
Rebecca Knapp
Michael Kucharek

Glenn Lolli
Sharon Seibel

14th
Jacquelyn Cheun-Jensen
Kathleen O'Shell
Mark Quinlan
Deborah Weber

15th
Raymond Avansino
Susan Benedict
Russell Keaveney
Jared Mitchell
Jody Steen
Ronald Vana

16th
Michelle Butler
Joan Herz
David Steele

17th
Ernest Baragar
Erika Bein
Kurt Byer

18th
Richard Arndt
John Burrows
Rick Caughie
Lynn Cutler
Jon Ericson
Robert J. Fizznogle
David Gonzales
Todd Harmon
Slavomir Kolada
Joshua Lappin
Valerie Longballa
Patrick O'Day
Cynthia Pearce

19th
Janet Beelart
Alexander Bybee
Fred Carlson
Paula Jones
Mathew Molina
Denyse Moore
Fred Schoenfeldt

20th
Harlan Andresen
James Barnes
Joseph Beilke
Arthur Bonnel Jr.
Kevin Erdle
Leslie Massman
Kenneth Roggensack

21st
Kristin Brooks

Michael Davis
Clifford Devine Jr.
Pat Flynn
William Harkey
James McCarthy
Jake Parmer II
Gordon Peterson
Jesse Wadhams
Ron West

22nd
Gina Aguerre
Robert Heinrich
James La May Jr.
Mark Menezes
Susan Temkin
Brian Thayer
Joanne Zuppan

23rd
Robin Brooke
Edward Campau
Ralph Del Campo
Janice Kolvet
Matthew Mahoney
Roy Richner
Mark Winkelman

24th
Sally Coullahan
Dan Jeffrey
Robert Jorgensen
Ronald McCarty
Kimberly Nischik
Rob Thayer
Judith Wasson
Eric West
Judy Zenz

25th
Mark Compas
Paul Draper
Brandon Halvorson
Karen Long
Diane Navas
Christopher Reddicks
Melba Schoenfeldt
Bart Scott
Martha Slavonic
Ramona Snyder
Lance Van Lydegraf
Christopher Vannoy
Kirt Warren
Adam Weiss

26th
Anthony Angelopoulos
Dietrich Boskie
Shannon Comstock
Kathleen Doyle
Andrew Hickey
Eric Hintermeyer

James Lorenz
Cheryl Messenger
Ryan Moser
John Nelson
Gail Wells

27th
Alan Crawley
Michael Fleiner
Victor Fortna
Amariah Hash
Robert Hibbs
Tiffany Kress
Cynthia Lazetich
Julian Martin
Ralph Ramacciotti
David Vincent
Shannon Ward
Bruce Weber

28th
Robert Barengo
Suzana Bledsoe
Thomas Bradshaw
John Hesse Jr.
Norman Kelly
Steven Kinion
David Larson
William Price
Shenea Strader
Neil Vanscoy

29th
Milton Brown
Fletcher Gilson
Eric Smith
Kris Wells
Brian Wheeler

30th
Peter DiGrazia
William Garcia
Phillip Glenn
Pete Krajewski
Robert Levy
Dennis Murphy
Thomas Reviglio
Janet Ruyak
Carl Shogren
Glenn Stewart

31st
Christopher Brahler
Kristopher Coston
Debrah Hudgens
Douglas Johnston
Carol Kelley
Robert Mohring
Richard Moore
Justin Noim
Valerie Ridgers
Philip Scichilone Jr.

AUGUST DRINK COUPON

Present this coupon along with your driver 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. _____

Verified: _____



*Alynn Hildebrand
Chairman*

THE WOMEN WHO MOVE ARE MAKING THINGS MOVE IN THE WOMEN'S AC!

We're excited to announce that our new treadmill and seven sets of dumbbells have been delivered and are ready for use! These additions mark a big step forward in creating a space where Reno Elk women can prioritize their health, wellness, and camaraderie.

We've also placed the order for our medical-grade, accessible recumbent stepper—an important piece that will help ensure the Women's AC is inclusive for women of all abilities. In addition, our hoist machine has been moved into position, and a new electronic keypad lock has been installed between the Women's AC and the Women's pool bathroom, improving both convenience and security. Each of these updates brings us closer to a fully functional and thoughtfully arranged fitness space.

While the progress is exciting, there is still more to do. Upcoming needs include yoga mats, mirrors, TV wall mount, and lockers to make the space more comfortable and complete. And yes—the infrared sauna remains on our longer-term wish list!

As always, every improvement is made possible through fundraising and the generosity of our Lodge members and their guests. Every bingo night, raffle ticket, and donation helps move us closer to a full “blackout” on our wish list—one square at a time. A big thank you to those who donated following our July Call article—your generosity is helping turn this



vision into reality!
And to our three newest committee members:
Welcome—we're tickled pink to have you!

Join us for Bingo & Spaghetti Night on Wednesday, August 19th. Doors open at



5:00pm, dinner at 5:30pm. For \$10 (\$5 for kids), enjoy dinner and a bingo card. The theme is “Hot August Nights”—and dressing the part earns you a free second bingo card! Think poodle skirts, saddle shoes, leather jackets, rolled-up jeans, hot rod tees, and pompadours.

Lastly, save the date for our Women's Athletic Center Open House on Thursday, September 10th from 4:30–7:00pm. Enjoy wine, light appetizers, and raffle prizes—including one VERY special grand prize which will be revealed at this month's bingo!

Thank you for being part of this journey—we couldn't do it without you!



It's Here! The All-New Queen of hearts

***Drawings every week, your chance
to win better than ever!***

- More ways to win!***
- More buy-in opportunities!***
- Way more fun than before—the
most exciting Queen of Hearts
experience yet!***

GET READY....

The Queen is returning and she is more rewarding than ever!



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
elksrenolodge@gmail.com.

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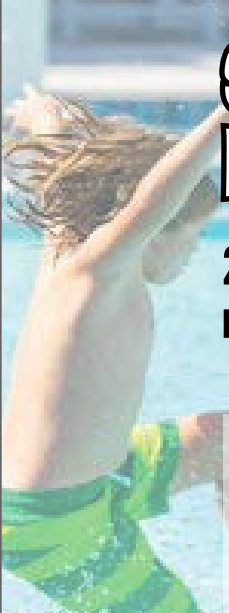
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Summer Fun Begins Here!

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

- Family Pass \$100 - Includes member, spouse and the kids
- Cabana Rentals \$100 Saturday or Sunday. \$50 mid-week Monday-Friday

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
- Present your driver license with your membership card



Lodge shirts available for sale by special order

You may have seen the new Lodge shirts that ER Antonio Ricci chose for this year. You can buy yours FOR JUST \$35.

There are male and female styles, in a beautiful Sage Green color. Just give Pam Ricci a call or email to let her know the size you may need. We get them locally, so it is easy to order.

Contact Pam Ricci at:
Pam@riccihomes.com or 775-742-2671

Thanks. Show off your Reno Elks Pride.



Elks National Foundation (ENF)

By Gale Bowen
- Grants Coordinator

ENF Delivers

On July 2nd ENF Chair Bill Bowen and ENF Grant Coordinator Gale Bowen visited Step2 to meet with Executive Director Cynthia Osborn and Donor Manager Yolanda Herrera to check out the critical need supplies donated by ENF through the Beacon Grant.

The \$6,500 grant will assist in client cottage appliance replacements and mattress frames, mattresses, bedding and bath necessities, safety items, baby needs and fitness items. Step2 is a program that provides transitional housing and support to help women and children rebuild their lives in a safe and stable environment.

Step2 has been a grant recipient for several years due to recognizing the work they do in contributing to a strong community and providing the training and assistance needed for these women to develop and maintain a strong,



stable and independent life for themselves.

Soon ENF committee volunteers will contribute their time to preparing a cottage for a new occupant as she continues her progress toward a healthy life and safe independence. Our volunteers will review the needs and set up a cottage to create a fresh and welcoming environment.

This donation was significant to support an important community program and is an of how important the Fidelity Club contributions and donations are. Fidelity

membership is important to our Elks ability to build stronger communities. By giving up just one cup of designer coffee a month and signing up for a \$5 a month donation, we can increase the funds we receive from National and provide more goods to deserving organizations. August is the brand new Fidelity Club

Month! Help us celebrate Fidelity Club Month this month.

The Fidelity Club is the ENF's sustaining giving program. Sustaining gifts given monthly help the Foundation continue to grow. August will be all about sustaining support and realizing monthly gifts are the easiest and most reliable way to support our programs.

Queen of Hearts–Moving Forward to a New Start

The much-appreciated approvals for our new Queen of Hearts program are done!

Tickets are ordered and will be arriving soon. These tickets are larger than those we see at the Lodge for meals and other contests and have the room needed for purchaser information and selected envelope number. There are different colors to make sure the tickets in the barrel are for the current week's drawing. Tickets are \$1 each and no limit on the number of tickets purchased.

Envelopes, seal stickers and cards have arrived and the first week drawing prep is complete. Each sealed envelope will contain one of 54 cards and be separately numbered. Every card is a winner under new game rules! The new game will start right after the current week's drawing.



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Answers on page 21



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\$20 each and can be purchased at the Bar or from a cashier during mealtime.

Thank you for supporting the local Elks National Foundation.

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Sundays Dance**



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Dances: cha-cha, rock n roll, country, slow and more.

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If it's your birthday month the 3rd Sunday is FREE!

Your host: Lodge member: Tom Payne cell 775-240-4193



**AC Breakfast
9am - 11am Just \$10**

Come join us for a breakfast. AC Breakfast Sunday, August 16th.

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

State President JJ Lynch Visits Reno Lodge

By Pam Ricci
Publicity chair

It was a dinner in true Basque tradition for our State President JJ Lynch from Las Vegas. There were more than 130 people in attendance, and all had a wonderful time with the food, fun, and fraternity. State President Lynch was eager to tell us a little about his history in law enforcement and how he came to Nevada and became active in the Elks leadership. He was engaging, and members were happy to visit with him after the meal. Exalted Ruler Antonio presented him with a \$500 check for Honor Flight, which is one of JJ's favorite charities. He was also given a unique gift from the ENF committee: Ellie the eagle wearing a 125th-anniversary Lodge pin; he thought that was great.

It is hard to express all the work that went into this event with planning, decorating, setting tables, cleaning up, and of course cooking. Linda Lannon, our Activities Chair, had some loyal helpers who made this run smoothly and made sure everyone had a wonderful time. Frank Picone and his great cooking crew put on an amazing Basque dinner with all the trimmings. President JJ said he felt warm and welcome and enjoyed everything about the dinner. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the Nevada Cheer team for all their energy and for serving this dinner family style to all the guests. Reno Lodge shone brightly for our State President and the leadership that attended.





The Reno Lodge Ritual Team after their performance at the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, July 4, 2026.

From L to R: Leading Knight Justin Hoch, Esquire Jeanine Reddicks, Loyal Knight Melissa Fitch, Exalted Ruler Antonio Ricci, Chaplain Joy Brackney, Inner Guard Rob Carter, Lecturing Knight Linnea Carter, and Candidate Christy George.

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Run on Tuna helps the Food Bank of Northern Nevada during September, Hunger Action Month. Over 300,000 cans of tuna have been collected and donated since 2011.

The 16th Annual Run on Tuna kicks off September 1, 2026, and runs through September 30, 2026. Our mission is simple: collect and donate as many cans of tuna as possible to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada during Hunger Action Month.

4 Easy Ways to Support Run on Tuna:

1. Venmo your financial donation to @Diane-Rosene and cans of tuna will be purchased in your name(s)
2. Bring a check made out to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to Taco Tuesday on September 1st and cash donations will also be accepted
3. Mail a check payable to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to De De Rosene 10526 French Meadows Way, Reno, NV 89521
4. Bring cans of tuna to the Lodge – look for the Food Bank barrel in the lobby
5. **Contact De De Rosene with any questions: despacede@aol.com. 775-225-0814**

Let's make this the biggest Run on Tuna yet! Thank you for your generosity and support.

ROCK 'n' Roll CONCERT

Hosted by The Reno Elks Treble Makers

Route 66

**Featuring
Route 66 The Band**

**Wednesday, Aug. 5th,
6:00pm to 9:00pm
In the Reno Elks Parking Lot**

**Bring your own folding chairs as
no chairs will be provided.**

Outside starting at 5:00 pm.
Rock 'n Roll hot dog meal \$10 (hot dog,
chips, cookies, tootsie pop & bottled water).
Frozen Margaritas \$6, sodas
available at the bar.
Plus a 50/50 drawing!

Reno Lodge #597 is active at the National Convention

It was an honor and a pleasure for the Reno Lodge Ritual Team to represent the State of Nevada at the National Elks Convention in Chicago this year. They had a delay in travel due to thunderstorms but made it in time for a late practice on July 3rd. They were one of the first teams to compete, and those who watched felt they did very well; however, the scores did not come up to enough to make the Final Four, so this year there was no top placement for the Nevada team.

A highlight to report in the 11 O'Clock Toast competition and the Flag Charge Ceremony, both Sean Brennan, PER, and Rachel Drake, PER, did make it to the final four and were honored by Sean taking 3rd place in the nation for the 11 O'Clock Toast and Rachel taking 2nd in the Nation in the Flag Charge Ceremony. We are so proud of them. Rachel received her plaque from national Ritual Chairman, Frank Reynolds III, PSP, at the meeting in July.

On a fun note, the hospitality room was well manned all week by Jack Eslinger and crew; Antonio Ricci, ER of the Reno Lodge, along with other ER's and PERs



helped make the room an inviting fun time.

Several members of the Reno Lodge went to the National Memorial Building and were amazed by its size and beauty. One really can't explain the beautiful, artistic work that went into the 100-year-old building unless you go there, so I definitely suggest a visit.

Fun was had at the Cubs baseball Game on the 4th of July; there was a rain delay, then a fog delay, but everyone had a great time visiting this historic baseball park. The Cubs did not win, but the Elks all felt they won by being able to see the game in this stadium.

There was a team dinner for the members of the Reno Lodge at a famous Chicago Pizza restaurant, Lou Malnati's, and it did not disappoint! The Pizza was amazing, the cheesy

baked ziti was great, and that special house salad was the hit of the night. There was great camaraderie and fun with the wait staff doing a wonderful job in serving a bunch of Elks from Nevada.

Some Reno Elks did attend the Opening Ceremonies of the Convention...yes, there was some work done and an impressive ceremony with thousands of Elks from all over the nation.

I was happy to be a part of this convention, with my husband being able to support the teams from Nevada and Exalted Ruler Antonio Ricci from Reno Lodge.

Pam Ricci, *Publicity Chairperson*
Reno Lodge #597

Never a Dull Moment

Summer is upon us and together Reno Rolling Elks are going strong. August is one of the most popular months for our group. We will invade Carson Valley RV PARK in Minden, a short 45 minute drive away. The spots are lovely and there is plenty to do. Come on down August 6-9. Even if you can't stay the whole time come down for the day. We'll have corn hole, Steal a Gift bingo and other fun games all weekend. Of course we have amazing pot lucks and also a share dinner at Katie's restaurant one night. Get a hold of Sandi at 775-771-1342 with any questions. She puts together lots of fun events. Remember there are hotel rooms if you don't have a rig but just want to join in the fun.

September 10-13 we travel North to Eagle Lake RV park in Spaulding, CA. This is always a beautiful place in the Fall. The Lorenz's and the Seibels are your camp hosts for the weekend. Guaranteed a good time. There are also cabins available. Call 530-825-3133 for

reservations for RV spots or cabins.

The Rolling Elks are an integral partner in the Socktober project at the Lodge. Members, please start bringing socks or underwear to the



upcoming meetings. Hope to see you the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:15 following Ed and Diane's burger night.

As we said above...never a dull moment with the Rolling Elks. Hope to see you soon.



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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 them.

Contact the Reno Elks Lodge at 775-825-0597



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 Wapiti - Greg Mason, Editor of The Call
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ELKS LODGE OFFICERS



LEADERSHIP. SERVICE. COMMUNITY.



Our Lodge is guided by dedicated members who volunteer their time, talents and leadership to serve you and our community. Each officer plays an important role in keeping our Lodge strong today and for generations to come.



HOW OFFICERS ARE SELECTED

- ★ Nominations are taken from the floor by the Lodge Membership.
- ★ Nominees must be members in good standing and meet the eligibility requirements of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.
- ★ Elections are held annually by secret ballot of the membership.
- ★ Officers are installed at the beginning of the Lodge year (April 1 – March 31).



WHY IT MATTERS

Our officers are the stewards of our Lodge. They ensure we operate according to our Elks principles:

CHARITY • JUSTICE • BROTHERLY LOVE • FIDELITY

Through their leadership, we support our members, strengthen our community and uphold the Elks mission every day.

MEET YOUR LODGE OFFICERS & THEIR PURPOSE



EXALTED RULER (E.R.)

The Chief Executive Officer of the Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:

Elected annually by the membership.

Leads the Lodge and presides at all meetings. Works with the Trustees to carry out the decisions of the membership and ensures the Lodge is successful and welcoming.



LEADING KNIGHT (L.K.)

Supports the Exalted Ruler and the Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:

Elected annually by the membership.

The E.R.'s right-hand person. Assumes the duties of the E.R. in their absence and chairs important committees. Prepares for future leadership.



LOYAL KNIGHT (L.Y.)

Ensures the smooth operation of Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:

Elected annually by the membership.

Oversees Lodge activities and rituals. Acts as Lodge inner guard and ensures all meetings and ceremonies run properly.



LECTURING KNIGHT (L.T.)

The Voice of the Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:

Elected annually by the membership.

Inspires members with Elks principles and the history of our Order. Encourages fellowship, charity and community involvement.



SECRETARY (SEC.)

Keeps the records and communication of the Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:

Elected annually by the membership.

Keeps accurate records of meetings and membership. Handles correspondence, reports and ensures the Lodge stays in compliance.



TREASURER (TREAS.)

Guardian of the Lodge finances.

HOW SELECTED:

Elected annually by the membership.

Manages all Lodge funds, pays bills, collects dues and provides financial reports. Ensures responsible and transparent handling of Lodge finances.



TILER

The Guardian of the Door and the Membership.

HOW SELECTED:

Appointed annually by the Exalted Ruler.

Greets members and guests, checks membership cards and maintains order at meetings. The first face of our hospitality and security.



THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are elected annually by the membership. They are responsible for the care, custody and audit of the Lodge property and finances. They advise the Exalted Ruler and ensure the Lodge is managed wisely and in the best interest of our members.



EVERY MEMBER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our officers are here to serve you. Get involved, attend meetings and share your ideas. Together we can continue to build a stronger Lodge and a brighter future for all.



ONE LODGE. ONE FAMILY. ONE PURPOSE.

Elks Care – Elks Share



★ THANK YOU TO ALL OUR OFFICERS FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE! ★

2026/27 Calendar - Clip and Save

August 22 (Saturday) Shrimp Boil

September 10-13 (Thurs-Sunday) Balloon Races

October 3 (1st Saturday) Oktoberfest

October DDGER visit

October 22 (4th Thursday) Ole Timers Dinner

November 6 (Friday) Uncle Dan Set Up

November 7 (Saturday) Uncle Dan's

November 9 Socktober

November 11 (Wednesday) Veterans Day Parade

November 26 (Thur) Thanksgiving Homecoming

November 28 (Saturday) Lodge Decorating

December 5 (1st Saturday) Memorial Sunday

December 12 (2nd Saturday) 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

Rev. 03-20-2026



55th Annual (Since 1971) Elks Hoopshoot Free Throw Shooting Contest Saturday, December 5, 2026

Anytime between 9:30am – 12noon

Event held at the Boys and Girls Club

1300 Foster Drive, Reno

across from Reno High Football Field

Takes less than one hour to complete

Age Groups for Boys & Girls 8-9 • 10-11 • 12-13
(as of 04/01/2027)

All skill levels are encouraged to attend

FREE to all Participants

8-9 Boys/Girls use 28.5 ball & shoot 4 feet closer

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Contact Al Babb (775) 846-2811 for more info

Welcome new members

July 16th
2026



*Sitting: Carol Kern, Robert Daker, Lynn Allen, Katie Akerson, Leslie Low, Carolyn Bell, and Al Atlas.
Standing: Daniel Dong, Ryan Latreille, Elena Geraymovych, Scott Dangel, Zach Johnson, Glenn Caminiti, and John Ewald.*



*Sitting: Robin Yancey, Michelle Santo, Pauline Severino, Christie Pitts, Katherine Tuttle, Skye Taylor, and Leah Punches.
Standing: Kim Matarazzo, Sarah Schultz, Mariah Smith, Michelle Tavener, Jennifer McCarthy, Michael McCarthy, Jacob Snow, Nate Starr, and David Spencer.*

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- 11:00am

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- 4:00am

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Frank Picone 775.691.1348

Bill Johnson 775.722.6059

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September 10th - 13th



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