



Reno Elks Call

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Dear Members and Friends,

Well, summer is officially coming to an end and the kids are back in school. The pool will remain open for a little while longer, but with the change in the season, the Snack Shack hours have changed as well. Please keep an eye out for the new hours and take advantage of the pool while we still have some good weather left. It has been a great summer, and I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy the pool and the Lodge with family and friends.

As we move forward, I also want to welcome our new management team: **Bill Johnson** as Facilities Manager, **Melissa Fitch** as Bar Manager, **Christi Spiker** as Events Coordinator, and **Tony Martin** as Kitchen Manager. This is a big step for our Lodge, and I believe having people in these positions will help us continue to improve how we operate. With that said, there are going to be some growing pains along the way. Some of these are new positions, while others are positions we have had in the past and we are taking a fresh look at the responsibilities and rewriting the job descriptions. We ask everyone to have a little patience as we get these positions and responsibilities settled in. Change takes some time, but I believe we are moving in the right direction.

I also want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make this pool season a success. It takes a lot of people behind the scenes to keep the pool, Snack Shack, and surrounding areas running throughout the summer. To all of our staff and volunteers who put in the time, dealt with the busy days, and helped keep things moving, thank you. Your work is appreciated, and the success of the summer doesn't happen without you.

As we move into fall, we have a lot going on at the Lodge, so please pay attention to the calendar and upcoming announcements. We have the Balloon Races coming up, the Patriot Day Dinner, the Old Timers Dinner and Trunk or Treat in October, Homecoming in November, Lodge decorating, and before we know it, our annual New Year's Eve party will be here. These are some of the biggest events on our calendar, and they take a lot of people to make them successful. We will need volunteers for all of these events, so if you have some time to give, please consider stepping up and helping. Our Lodge only works when members are willing to pitch in and help, and I appreciate everyone who continues to do their part. I look forward to seeing everyone around the Lodge this fall.

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



A FEW EVENT PREVIEWS

**Patriot Day
Dinner
Sept 11th
5:30pm \$20
See page 12**



**Men's AC Breakfast
9am - 11am only \$10
Sunday, Sept. 20th**

**Oktoberfest
October 3rd
\$25**

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

ELKS LODGE 597-SEPTEMBER 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
Come and meet our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Mary Wells on the 17th		1 Taco Tuesday returns 5:30p \$10 Lodge BOD Mtg 6p Lodge Home Co. BOD Mtg 7p	2 VSC Mtg 5:30p	3 Women's AC Mtg 4p Italian Dinner 5:30p \$14 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	4  Social Hour 4p - 6p	5
6 Tom Payne's Sunday Dance T-N-Keys 5p - 8p \$10	7 Social Hour 4p - 6p	8 Technology Mtg 4p PER Assoc. Mtg 5:30p Wing Buffet 5:30p \$9/\$16	9 Treble Makers Mtg 6p	10  Balloon Races Queen of Hearts Drawing 6p Women's AC Open House 4:30 - 7p	11 Balloon Races Patriot Day Dinner 5:30p \$20 Social Hour 4p - 6p	12  Balloon Races
13 Bar Committee Mtg 9a - 10a Kitchen Orientation 9a - 11a Balloon Races	14 Social Hour 4p - 6p	15 Committee Chairs Mtg 10a Trustees Mtg 11a Baked Potato Bar 5:30p \$8 New Member Orientation 6:30p	16 Women's AC Bingo Dinner 5:30p \$10	17 Steak Dinner 5:30p \$18 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6p New Member Initiation Lodge Mtg 7p	18 Communication Mtg 12:30p Social Hour 4p - 6p KARAOKE 7p	19
20 AC Breakfast 9a - 11a \$10 Tom Payne's Sunday Dance Chris Costa 5p - 8p \$10	21 Social Hour 4p - 6p	22 Gourmet Burger 5:30p \$15 RV Meet 6:15p	23 Treble Makers Mtg 6p	24 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6p	25 Social Hour 4p - 6p	26
27	28 Social Hour 4p - 6p	29	30	LODGE MEETINGS September 3rd and 17th for New Member Initiation		

SEPTEMBER ENF DRINK OF THE MONTH

Sweet Cherry Italian Margarita
Tequila, Amaretto, Fresh lime juice
Agave, Cherries
\$7 - \$2 goes to the ENF fund.

BAR HOURS

Monday - Thursday 2pm - 7:30pm • Friday 2pm to 9pm
Saturday & Sunday 11am to 7:30pm (while pool is open)
ALWAYS CLOSED DURING LODGE MEETINGS

Propositions for Membership

JULY 2nd

TRISHA BEAUPRE

By Initiation

Proposed by Charles Sherven

LEDENA BROOKE

By Initiation

Proposed by Gail Corthell

MIKE DAVIDSON

By Initiation

Proposed by Derek Kirkland

LANDON GONZALEZ

By Initiation

Proposed by Greg Ruzzine

SAIL HORTON

By Initiation

Proposed by Shenea Strader

ASHLEY MATTICK

By Initiation

Proposed by Garth Wilson

JOYCE PEAD

By Initiation

Proposed by Ernest Baragar

PATRICK REARDON JR.

By Initiation

Proposed by Patrick Reardon

KATIE SILVA

By Initiation

Proposed by Heather Korbolic

KEVIN SULLIVAN

By Initiation

Proposed by Troy Browning

KENNETH VANWIE JR

By Initiation

Proposed by Dietrich Boskie

RANDY WOLDBERG

By Initiation

Proposed by Antonio Ricci

JULY 16th

JEFFREY GAIL

By Initiation

Proposed by Mike Earle

ADAM HASKINS

By Initiation

Proposed by Steve Johnson

DON HETTERVIK

By Absolute Dimit from Yuma

Lodge #476

Proposed by Secy.

Kellianne Turner

ROSS LAVELY

By Initiation

Proposed by Louis Tall



Notes From the Secretary's Desk

Kellianne Turner

Our membership total today, 08/11/26, stands at 2,693 active members, 68 candidates, and 234 unpaid dues.

Be sure to register online at:

elksreno.org.

Our Lodge meetings will now be held permanently on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. I hope everyone is enjoying summer.

Great Basin Elks Lodge put on another great campout this past weekend. Carson Lodge is looking for volunteers for the Nevada Day Parade. *See you at the Lodge.*

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Crying Towel

JULY 16TH

CHRISTI SPIKER

\$360.00

NOT PRESENT

CANDACE STREEPER

\$500.00

NOT PRESENT

GREGORY ATKINSON

\$500.00

NOT PRESENT



Lodge of Sorrow

RONALD BYRD

B: 11-30-1934

I: 03-01-1970

D: 04-24-2026

JOHN COMPISI

B: 11-27-1948

I: 03-19-2026

D: 08-02-2026

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 @ 4:30pm
 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 @ 6:15pm
 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



Men's AC Breakfast

9am - 11am only \$10

Come join us for a breakfast.
 AC Breakfast Sunday,
September 20th.

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

Lodge News - Be in the know

New meal pricing in October

Due to the high cost of beef and the instruction of the Probation Committee and Trustees, to keep the prices at a reasonable amount, we will have to raise prices of our two main dinners: Happy Birthday Prime Rib Night and Steak Night. This will help with controlling our cost of goods, but still not put us where we should be. Effective October 1, 2026. Thank you for understanding. Tony Martin, Kitchen Manager.

SEE PAGE 21 FOR MORE NEW PRICING INFO.

The cost of the following meals will be increased to:

- Steak Dinner will be \$25 • Fish & Chips Dinner will be \$18
- Happy Birthday Prime Rib Dinner will be \$25 (with the birthday price at \$20)

Bar Pricing Adjustment for Non-Member Events:

- Non-member price will be \$3.00 over the current member price for all bar beverages
- Non-member Corkage Fee will be \$10.00
- Non-member price for Beer Kegs will be \$150.00.

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

Members ask what's happening here

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.

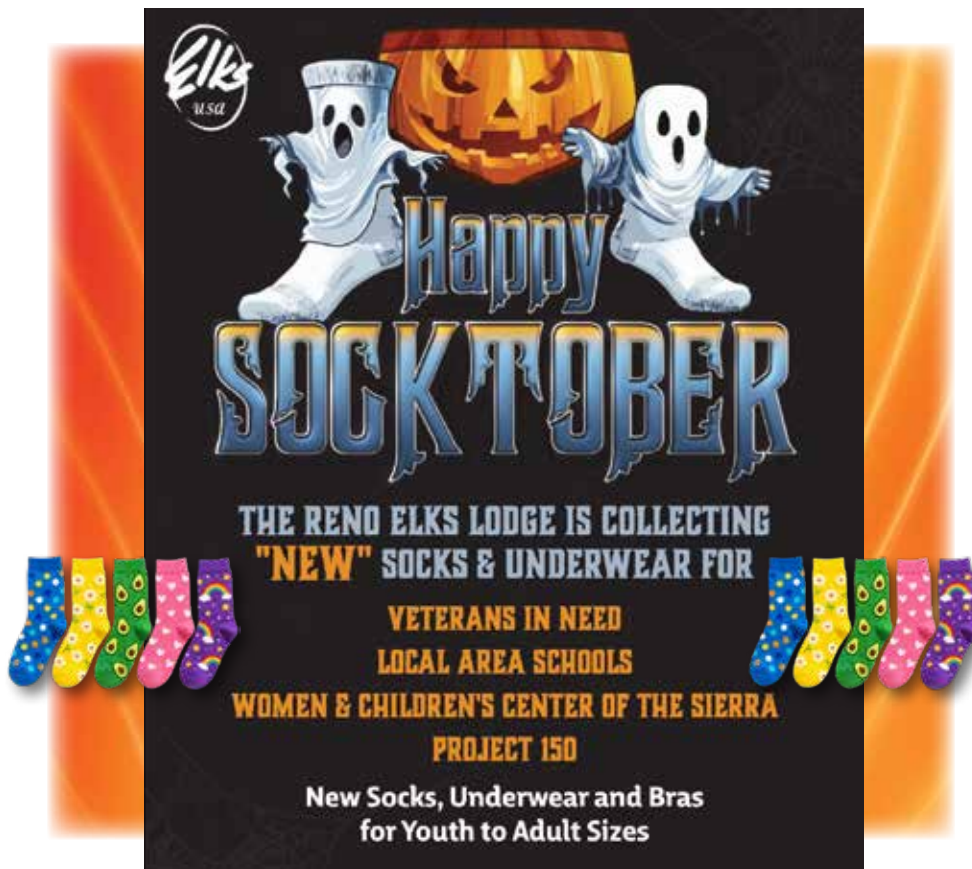
How to send announcements for the robocall

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.

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.

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



SEPTEMBER 29 | 9:00 AM–NOON - We'll be dropping off collection barrels throughout Reno and Sparks. Donuts and juice will be provided. Coffee is still up in the air, so you may want to bring your own!

NOVEMBER 9 | SHIFT #1 | 9:00 AM–2:00 PM-ish - Some volunteers will pick up the collection barrels, and then the donated items will be sorted by category. Lunch will be provided. And for those of you who helped last year, you'll be happy to know that this year we have both the Lodge Room and the Banquet Room ALL DAY!

NOVEMBER 9 | SHIFT #2 | 4:00–8:00 PM-ish - During the second shift, donated items will be counted, packed and loaded into vehicles for delivery. We'll have bags in a variety of sizes this year to help lighten the load. Dinner will be served. If anyone has other helpful suggestions, please let me know before the October reminder article.

LET'S MAKE THIS A BANNER YEAR! - This Lodge event benefits thousands of people throughout our community. Last year, we collected more than 22,000 items, and with everyone's help, I think we can do even more this year!

NEED A BARREL FOR YOUR COLLECTION? - Of course! We'll deliver it and pick it up. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby, or contact Sue Babb at 775-721-1616. Texting is fine, too.

ONE MORE THING: We are still collecting plastic bags of all sizes to help with packing and distribution. Bags like the reusable ones available at TJ Maxx or larger yard bags are especially helpful. You can drop them off at the Lodge anytime.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community! 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.



A BIG thank you and more.

Thank you to everyone who has been submitting their stories by the 15th of each month. Your timeliness helps us keep production on schedule so The Call can be published and distributed before the end of the month. We truly appreciate your cooperation and continued support! And just a reminder, that 15th of the month story submission deadline is absolute.

Photos with Stories: A story is always more interesting if there are photos that accompany it. So if you are able, please send 'em with your story.

Story formatting: Please don't format your story to make it look good, I just have to unformat it. A simple hard return between paragraphs is best and if you can use a font called Minion Regular in a 12 pt size is ideal. And remember in general, story PDF files give me headaches. lol

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.

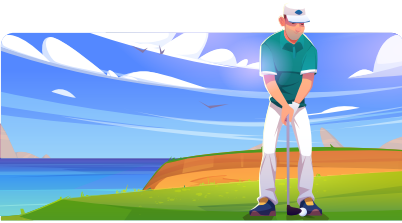
Classified Ad\$15.00

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Full Page.....\$80.00



Reno Elks Golf Corner

By Bill Dreher PER

As most of you know, we had to change the date of this year's golf tournament to July 25 because of scheduling problems. I would like to thank all 60 of you for participating in the Golf For Autism Tournament. I hope everyone who enjoyed a beautiful day of GOLF had a great time and, while the Lodge had other events going on and the pool in full operation, enjoyed the libations and food afterward.

The date for next year's tournament is SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2027. Mark it on your calendar now as we would like to have a full tournament next year. While all of the figures are not exact, we netted approximately \$2000 for the Autism Coalition of Nevada. Again, thank you for joining us for this great event.

A special thank you to our bartender, Melissa Fitch, who kept the drinks coming and everybody happy; Bennie Shaff, Doug See, and Bill Johnson for making sure that the food was great. And to my wife Linda, who puts up with me doing this. A special thank you to the following sponsors: **THE NUGGET CASINO RESORT, OELECTRIC, BRAYDON NEMEDEZ AND THE KIRKMAN GROUP.**

While everyone who played is a winner to me, the actual winners this year were:

1st place:

RON VANA, DAVID FORMAN, EVAN HARKEY and STEVE SEXTON

2nd place:

SHANNON WATERS, PAUL PEDROZA, RON PEDROZA and SCOTT BONNENFANT

3rd place tie:

ANDY and BRIAN CASSIDY, GLENN VAN VALKENBERG and JENN MEDINA

3rd place tie:

SUSAN STRANDBERG, JANE BURKE, PAUL BROSY and ERIC AGERHOLM

Closest on #3 was
JEONG KENDALL

Closest on #11 was **BOBBY FERRARI**

Closest #16 was **DAVE SULLINS**

As always, hit'em long and straight and have a great rest of the summer.



1st
Nancy Brownell
Polly Casey
Kerry Crawford
Richard Cretser
Alexandra Hansen
David Lewandowski
Arthur Londos
Bruce Marshall
Deno Paolini
John Stucky
Bonnie Warner

2nd
Daniel Anderson
Robert Broili
Liz Frick
Scott Hein
Richard Martinache Sr.
Chandra Mayer
Scott Schellin

3rd
Cullin Knight
Jason Lewis
Earl Mefford
Ryan Rose
Jeff Thomas
Mary Yancey

4th
Wayne Brusseau
Justin Klatt
Wayne Sievers
Terrin Sundell
Thomas Tighe Jr.
Kathryn Weber-Karp

5th
Joanne Farris
Tobin Fuss
Dawn Kearns
Dale Ming

6th
Jonathan Bailey
Bobby Deckwa
Irene Jeannes
Timothy Knapp
Jeremy Sinner
Joshua Vermillion

7th
Phillip Hill
Charles Lovitt
Ted O'Shea
Valerie Porter

8th
Brian Duffrin
Joe McGinley
James Shivers

9th
Todd Baker
David Bebout
Sarah Britt
Robert Dolan
Karen May
Deven Peterson
Donald Smith
William Tuttle
Terry Wilkin

10th
Vance Bell
Tom Diani
Dennis George
Robert Kahn
Laurence Patzman
Arlen Pritchard
Diane Rosene
Patrick Silvaroli

11th
Jerry Bellinger
Scott Finley
Christopher Folck
Nicolle Gust
Dennis Potts
Deidre Robbers
Patrick Wilke

12th
Michael Barcia
Craig Bell
Linnea Carter
Theresa Jenkins
James Lewis
M Olivas
Joshua Peterson
David Pressler

Dylan Reddicks
Jacob Reddicks
Marta Viola

13th
Steve Cader
Andrew Francis
Katalin Kadar
Peter Kinne
Patrick Ogg
Mary Pitts
John Rhoads

14th
Todd Eekhoff
Richard Finn
Joseph Martinez
Barry McKeegan

15th
John Aramini
Michael Billow
Ryan Parkins
Clifford Springmeyer

16th
Ken Angst
Jay Jahanmir
David Johnson
Matthew Jonkey
Richard Nachtsheim
Porfirio Osnaya
Dustin Ruff

17th
Kenneth Etter
Christian Filipiak
William Kane
Dennis Klammer
Stacey Shinn
Peter West

18th
Richard Cook
Erika Dunson
Donald Hays
Karl Holden
William Kahl
Emilee Mason
John McCorkindale
Stephanie Mikos
Eric Mortara
Loren Ross
Herbert Watkins

19th
Blake Carter
Gary Currington
David Harris
Arlen Krupp
Douglas Perry

James Puzey
Philip Shalitt
Terence Williams

20th
William Frankmore
Mark Smith
Donnah Wenstrom

21st
Anne-Marie Borgerding
Tara Butts
Bill Cassel
Janice Chronister
Mirna De Lira Lopez
Suzanne Dutra
Andrew Gust
Carole Kassler-Crawford
Jennifer Massa
Scott Mayer
Hollie Meier
Kathleen Newcomb
Ryan Quinlan
Mark Rumble
Gerald Stewart
Kevin Vial

22nd
Duane Cabral
Smith Freeman
Tyrone Kilpatrick
Robert May
Pamela Salassi

23rd
Raymond Auble
Tom Bradshaw
Douglas Burbank
Jim DeVolld
Erin Dooley
Timothy McKenna
Cindy Sullivan
Anna Yankova

24th
Beverly-Ann
Babcock-Biagi
Tommy Barcia
Christine Barnicki
Jessica Egger
Judith Heath
Adam Heuer
Tony Martin
Michael McCarthy
Thomas McDonald
Chase McKenna
Paul Newman
Calvin Nicholson
Mitch Ratto
Don Reynolds
Victoria Vaughn

25th
Eric Blanton
Edward Durler
Timothy Krump
Casey Malmquist
Erika Sander
Kyle Schellin
Robert Scholes
James Stewart
Clayton Thomas
Christopher Webb
James Williams

26th
Michael Earle
Denise Everett
Marilyn Hall
Cheryl Holum Sethman
Megan Kiley
Joseph Maffi
Scott Maryott
Joshua Munns
Christopher Schull
David Sousa
Warren White

27th
Patrick Allison
J Armstrong
Jeff Brigger
Benjamin Clowers
Wendy Felling
Kevin Kess
Michael Pearson
David Shanks

28th
Charlene Boegle
Rich Clark
Lawrence Havlick
Jean Merkelbach
Tracey O'Dea
Richard Olsen
Paul Rivadeneyra

29th
Gavin Hartman
Patsy Puccinelli
Teresa Tighe

30th
Deborah Alferez
Dimitre Dintchev
Christopher Fuqua
Jesse Jones
Carol Koletar-McMillan
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Dodie Taylor
James Werbeckes

SEPTEMBER 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: _____



At last.....

the QUEEN HAS ARRIVED!

Queen of Heart Tickets are now on sale!

Drawings every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

A guaranteed winner every week

***Tickets sold at the bar,
the cashiers office
& by ENF members
at special events
and dinners***

Winning Cards

\$20 Numbers 2 thru 10

\$30 Jacks, Queens, Kings & Aces

\$50 Jokers

The Queen of Hearts half of the pot

***Tickets
\$1 each***



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 in Christi's in basket or the or the outside wallplex bucket. 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.

Queen of Hearts

**Jackpots & Winners
August 6 & 13**

Drawing	Jackpot	Card Drawn	Winnings
8/6/26	\$130.00	7 ♥	\$20.00
8/13/26	\$228.00	K ♦	\$30.00

***Tickets on sale now for Thursday's
drawing at the bar, the cashier's
office and from ENF committee
members.***

You can't win if you don't play!

***Drawing results for 8/20, 8/27, 9/3 & 9/10
will be posted in the October Call***

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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 them.

Contact the Reno Elks Lodge at 775-825-0597



BISTRO
597
Save the Date
October 29, 2026
Tickets available
10/1/26
\$90





Elks National Foundation (ENF)

By Gale Bowen
- Grants Coordinator

ENF Delivers–AGAIN!

This month's focus is the Gratitude Grant. For the last five years, Reno Elks – Elks National Foundation has supported the Mariposa Language and Learning Academy through the donation of pencil boxes filled with important school supplies to encourage and aid 262 students learning important lessons. The students are allowed to take their supplies home over the summer break to encourage continued studies and learning while school is out. The grant also helps support Mariposa's wonderful library by providing grant funds to purchase new books for the school.

For the last two years, the Gratitude Grant has also provided needed supplies to support Bailey Charter Schools 195 students in their education. Bailey staff prepares lessons plans at the school and is always in need of printer paper to print those plans. The students also receive school supplies to use in the classroom.

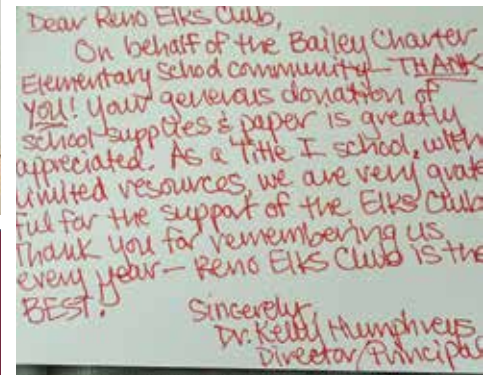
Our ENF Committee delivered the supplies to the schools and we are proud to help the students further their education with the tools to help them learn with less impact to the families.



Mariposa School Staff and
ENF Members



Bailey School: Linda Lannon,
Donna Napoleon (Dean of
Instruction and Student
Services), Kelly Humphrey
(Director & Principal), Gale
Bowen, Bill Bowen



Scan this QR code to join the
ENF Foundation

September 11th • 5:30pm • \$20

Tri-Tip, Green Beans
Baked Potato & Rolls

PATRIOT DAY DINNER

We gather not only to remember the lives lost on September 11th,
but to honor the courage, sacrifice, and enduring spirit of those
who answered the call and those who continue to serve.

Successful Summer

By Buzz Harris

The Reno Elks Youth Swim Program recently concluded its third consecutive year of providing swim lessons to Reno Elks Children and Grandchildren, and once again the program was a tremendous success.

This summer, the program welcomed 36 total enrollments, representing 23 individual swimmers between the ages of 5 and 10. Of those participants, 13 children returned for multiple sessions, demonstrating both the value of the instruction and the confidence families have in the program. Watching these young swimmers build their skills, confidence, and comfort in the water throughout the summer has been incredibly rewarding.

One of the keys to the program's continued success has been consistency. For the third straight year, we were fortunate to have the same outstanding instructors leading the lessons. Their patience, enthusiasm, and dedication have created a positive learning environment where children can develop the fundamental skills that serve as the foundation for a lifetime of safe swimming.

Programs like this are only possible through the efforts of many dedicated individuals. A special thank you goes to Rob "Captain Chlorine", whose exceptional pool maintenance and cleaning keep our facility safe, clean, and ready for every lesson. His behind-the-scenes work is essential to the success of the program and is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

The Reno Elks are proud to invest in the youth of our community by offering affordable, quality swim instruction. Teaching children the basics of swimming not only builds confidence but also provides an important life skill that promotes water safety for years to come.

Thank you to our instructors, volunteers, parents, and especially our young swimmers for making the third year of the Reno Elks Youth Swim Program another outstanding success. We look forward to welcoming even more future swimmers next summer!



Come and meet our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Mary Wells

By Pam Ricci
Public Relations Chairperson

On September 17th, Thursday, our DDGER Mary Wells will be making her official visit to the Lodge. She will meet with our leadership and go over some of the important business we have been working hard to complete. We are fortunate to have her appointed for another year because she knows many people in our Lodge and works well with our leaders.

Mary is a PER from Tahoe Douglas Lodge and has been an active member for many years. Her husband, Dan Wells, was a Past State President and knows how Lodges should run while keeping members happy and having some fun.

If you are around on Thursday, September 17th, for Steak Night and Lodge Initiation, please say hello to Mary and make her feel welcome.

Save the Date! Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, Oct. 25th
10:00am to 2:00pm In the parking lot

Do you have any medications - prescriptions drugs or over the counter just sitting in draws or cupboards?
Perhaps it's time to get rid of them safely.



Summers Over, Fun Is Not.... Dinners and Doings at the Lodge Word Search

L M L T X K H B N I Y O S L E M E E I J F D F C
L P S H S C I I V Z V U R A V O N K S H N B C D
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Veterans Service Committee

By Linda Lannon

Vets Helping Vets

Catherine Calbazana, a former Special Operations soldier who served as a psychological operations broadcast journalist, faced significant challenges after leaving the military.

While pregnant during her service, she was exposed to toxins that led to her child being born with Ganglioneuroblastoma—a rare intermediate nerve tissue tumor. Thankfully, through successful treatment, her child was fully cured by age three.

After transitioning out of service, Catherine worked in hospitals before eventually relocating to Reno, Nevada. There, she faced hardship and housing instability. Realizing she needed support, she reached out to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA helped guide her into the HUD-VASH program, which provided her with a safe apartment and allowed her to regain her footing.



Left to Right: Mathew Cartier, Micah Warren, Robb Smith and Catherine Calbazana.

Once housed, a new challenge arose. She had no furniture or household items to set up her new home. That's when the Reno Elks Veterans Service Committee and KT Grace stepped in. These two organizations frequently partner to support veterans in transition. KT Grace generously supplies home goods, furniture, household essentials, clothing, and hygiene kits, while the Elks provide transportation and the labor needed to assemble and set everything up.

Catherine received hands-on help from veterans Mathew Cartier and Micah Warren, along with Elks member and fellow veteran Robb Smith, who came together to fully furnish and make her apartment comfortable. She also received support from Nation's Finest and Volunteers of America.

Stories like Catherine's illustrate the power of caring partnerships—showing how federal programs and dedicated local heroes can come together to help veterans not just survive but truly thrive.

Guitars 4 Vets Hits a Big Milestone – 100 Veterans Strong!



What an awesome evening we had on Thursday, June 25th! Guitars 4 Vets celebrated a huge milestone as they graduated their 98th, 99th, and 100th veterans right here at the Reno Elks Lodge.

The three graduates received their diplomas, brand-new guitars, and goodie bags full of accessories to keep their music going strong. The weekly guitar classes (every Thursday at 4:00 p.m.) have clearly been making a real difference!

"This milestone isn't just about the numbers," said Tim Berry, founder of the Reno Chapter. "It's about lives changed through the healing power of music. We're so incredibly proud of these veterans who have given so much to our country and have chosen the road to healing

through learning and music."

If you haven't stopped by yet, drop in on a Thursday. It's all about using music for therapy, building friendships, and giving our vets a fun, positive way to connect and heal. Classes are held right here at the Reno Elks Lodge – everyone is welcome to come cheer them on!



Left to Right: Kurt Frohlich, Instructor Chris Camarinas, Student; Dave Allison, Instructor Nydia Karkiewicz, Student; Hugh Roche, Student; Terry Bush, Instructor

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Thanks. Show off your Reno Elks Pride.

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RUN ON TUNA!



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.

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THE WOMEN WHO MOVE: OUR SEPTEMBER BINGO CARD IS FULL!

Alynn Hildebrand
Chair, Women's Athletic Center Committee

A \$7,499 Surprise! What? A very special THANK YOU to Reno Elks member Dancin' Tom Payne, who just gifted the Women's AC a pristine, nearly new NuStep T4r recumbent cross-training stepper. This machine performs the same functions and has the same accessibility features as the one we already had on order. Tom's generous donation allowed us to cancel that order and redirect the funds to other Women's AC improvements! We're especially grateful to the fine folks at locally owned and operated Nevada Home Fitness for being so accommodating throughout our ongoing project, including allowing us to cancel that order, no questions asked.

Now... how should we put that \$7,499 to work? Should we buy another major piece of exercise equipment right away? Or... should we complete the gym with smaller but equally important items such as lockers, mirrors, a fold-down mat table, kettlebells, floor mats, and other finishing touches, THEN make the next big purchase? It's a wonderful "problem" to have, and we want input from the women who will use the gym. Tell us what you'd like to see at ElksWAC597@gmail.com.

Please drop by our WOMEN'S AC OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, September 10th from 4:30–7pm. We are thrilled

to showcase this event with a Grand Prize Raffle featuring a brand-new Pro-Form Carbon E10 elliptical machine, valued at \$800, generously donated by our lovely Sister Elk Tova Roseman. It is currently displayed in the Lodge lobby, and tickets can be purchased using the QR code on the poster until 8pm on September 9th. Grand Prize Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, and 30 for \$100. They can also be purchased in person at the Open House until the time of the drawing. We will draw the winning Grand Prize Raffle ticket at 6:00pm sharp! NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN! We'll also raffle off five ladies' gift baskets. Tickets will be \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and an Aimee's Armlength for \$20, available for purchase at the event. Bonus: Every attendee gets one FREE \$1 raffle ticket! Come and enjoy light appetizers and wine, and watch in awe as the winning Grand Prize Raffle ticket is drawn and the winner announced!

Third Wednesday Bingo is on September 16th. Doors open at 5:00pm. and the event begins at 5:30pm. \$10 adults/\$5 children admission includes one bingo card and a spaghetti-and-meatballs dinner. There will be raffle

baskets galore, and additional bingo cards are always available for purchase. Dress to this month's theme, "Pigskins & Pennants," for a FREE additional bingo card! NFL jerseys, football T-shirts, team colors, hats, etc.—give a shout-out to your favorite team!

During this month's Bingo, we're proud to partner with the Lodge's Run on Tuna campaign, helping provide an excellent protein source for homeless and disadvantaged members of our community. Run on Tuna helps the Food Bank of Northern Nevada during September, Hunger Action Month. Watch for flyers explaining how a tuna donation can earn you another FREE bingo card—do some good and increase your chances to yell BINGO!

Want an active role in this tremendous momentum we're experiencing? We'd love to have you. Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 4pm in the PER Room, then stay for dinner at 5:30pm and the Lodge meeting at 7pm. I'll see you there!



SCAN THIS CODE
FOR TICKETS



The Reno Elks Lodge #597 fired up the engines for its Veterans Car Show on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 597 Kumle Lane in Reno—and what a day it was!

All makes, models, and years were welcome. Entry was just \$40 (\$30 for veterans), with every dollar going

straight to the Elks Veterans Service Committee.

People poured in from across the region to stroll the rows of gleaming chrome and polished paint, swap stories, grab a bite, and catch up with friends. The atmosphere was electric—music, laughter, and the unmistakable smell of barbecue filling the air.

Lucky raffle winners walked away with fantastic prizes, while several proud car owners took home bragging rights for the year. It was a full-throttle success that celebrated both amazing machines and the veterans who inspire us.

Special thanks to **Terry Bush**, **Finn West**, **Steve Johnston** and **Ray Scow** for putting the time and effort into making it a great success! Can't wait for next year!

Show Winners

Exalted Ruler Award

1939 Chevy 2 door
Alan Crawley

Best of Show Best Interior

1957 Cadillac El Dorado
Brougham
Bruce Rederford

Best Paint

1963 VW Dune Buggy
Lori Mays

Best Engine

1940 Ford Coupe
Byron Hisey

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1956 Ford F100
Gary Moore

Best GM

1967 Chevy Nova
Leon Mills

Best Chrysler

1966 Dodge Charger
Andy Baradic

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The Reno Roll'n Elks have had a fabulous summer, with more trips on the horizon. They have just returned from the annual Carson Valley Inn bonanza hosted by the amazing Holcombs. Members seem to outdo each other with amazing appetizers. They always have something to satisfy any appetite. As usual, it's all about cornhole games and, of course, BINGO with very cool prizes.

There were 15 rigs and five couples staying in the hotel. The next trip is to Eagle Lake September 10-13, where the Lorenzs and Seibels will be your hosts. There is still time to join in the fun. Call 530-825-3133 to reserve a campsite or cabin. Last trip of the year is to Topaz Lake Casino RV for more fun and games.

You do not have to own an RV to be a member. Almost every trip has hotels available somewhere close. Come to a meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:15. Remember to bring bags and socks to our meeting to help with Socktober. Last year the group made a huge contribution to the project. Come and meet some really fun Elks you might not know otherwise.



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2026/27 Calendar - Clip and Save

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

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

Anytime between 9:30am – 12noon

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Welcome new members

August 20th
2026



Seated: Claudia Milligan, Joyce Pead, Amy Patterson, Ashley Mattick, Patrick Dunn and Bob Gardner.
Standing, middle row: Mechelle Warburton, Eric Cale, Alexx Echevarria, Steve Sandoval, Jodi Kruse, Kathy Perry, and JuliaAnna Anastassatos. **Standing, back row:** Frank Caffaratti, Evan Kirkwood, Riley Burk, Kevin Sullivan, and Jeff Perry.

I'm reiterating this notice as it affects us all.

Due to the high cost of beef and the instruction by the Probation Committee and Trustees, to keep the prices at a reasonable amount, we will have to raise the price of our two main dinners: Happy Birthday Prime Rib Night will be \$20 for Birthday Month members and \$25 for members and guests, still a good deal for what you get. Steak Night/Initiation Dinner will be raised to \$25 per person. This will help with controlling our cost of goods, but still not put us where we should be. Effective October 1, 2026. Thank you for understanding. Tony Martin, Kitchen Manager.

The meal price adjustments were to get The Lodge closer to the 35% Cost of Goods requirement in Grand Lodge Statute, and from the review of costs by The Probation Committee.

Plus, here are the Drink Comp changes:

- No change to Birthday Drink for members
- No change to ER Drink Comps
- No change to comp meal for working a meal event (incl Bartenders & Cashier)
- No change to Kitchen Dinner Drinks for working a meal (\$6 limit)
- Food Prep Liquor Comp is now required to be included in meal costs, by completion of quarter-sheet with the cooking lead and bartender
- Bar Comp and \$6 Comp placed on 1 year pause pending further policy review
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