

Reno Elks Call

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Dear Members and Friends,

November is here, and we have some great events coming up at the Lodge as we head into the holiday season. One of the biggest is Uncle Dan's, our largest charity event of the year! This year's theme is "Party Like a Rock Star," and we are looking forward to making it a night to remember. An event of this size takes a lot of work, and we need everyone's help to make it successful. Whether it's helping with setup, teardown, donating prizes, or volunteering during the event, there is a way for everyone to get involved. If you have prizes to donate or would like to volunteer, please contact **Justin Hoch** at 775-335-5473 or justinhoch@msn.com, or **Jeanine Reddicks** at 775-544-7184 or ninireddicks@gmail.com. This event is a tremendous opportunity for our Lodge to make a difference in our community, and I encourage everyone to do what they can to support it.

I also want to recognize **Sue Babb** for the incredible amount of time and effort she has put into Socktober. What she has done to organize and promote this event has been nothing short of amazing. It is another great example of how one member's dedication can bring people together for a good cause. But we still need your help! We are continuing to collect socks, and donations can be dropped off at the Lodge. Something as simple as donating a few pairs of socks can make a real difference to someone in need. Thank you, **Sue**, for everything you have done, and thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Let's keep those donations coming and make this event as successful as possible.

As we approach the holidays, I think it's a good time to reflect on what it means to be an Elk. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity are more than just words we say at our meetings. They are values we should carry with us every day, especially during a time of year when so many people in our community could use a little extra help. Whether it's supporting one of our charitable events, helping a fellow member, or simply taking the time to look out for someone else, these small acts can have a lasting impact. I am proud of the generosity our members continue to show, and I hope we can carry that spirit throughout the holiday season. In fact, we will be supporting young adults aging out of Foster Care this year in conjunction with the Washoe County Foster Care program. We will have the tree up in early November for you to support this forgotten population of kids in our community. Our Lodge has always been at its best when we come together to help others.

Finally, I want to remind everyone about a couple of important dates coming up. Homecoming will be held at the Lodge on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, and I hope to see many of you there. We will also be decorating the Lodge for Christmas on Saturday, November 28th, and could certainly use some extra hands. Decorating is a great way to get involved, enjoy some fellowship, and help get our Lodge ready for the Christmas season. As I've said before, our Lodge is only as strong as the members who are willing to participate and lend a hand. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer, support our events, and make Reno Elks Lodge #597 a place we can all be proud of. I wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you around the Lodge.

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

A FEW EVENT PREVIEWS









ELKS LODGE 597·NOVEMBER 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
1 Tom Payne's Sunday Dance Gary & Terry 5p - 8p $10	2 Social Hour 4p - 6p Monday Night Game Bar Food	3 Taco Tuesday 5:30p $10 Lodge BOD Mtg 6p Lodge Home Co. BOD Mtg 7p	4 VSC Mtg PER Room 5:30p	5 Women's AC Mtg 4p Italian Dinner 5:30p $14 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	6 Uncle Dan's Set up Social Hour 4p - 6p	7  $35
8 Kitchen Orientation 9a - 11a	9 Social Hour 4p - 6p Monday Night Game Bar Food	10 Tech. Mtg 4p Wing Buffet 5:30p $9/$16	11 Treble Makers Mtg 6p	12 PER Assoc. Mtg 5:30p Queen of Hearts Drawing 6p	13 HB Prime Rib Dinner 5:30p $20/$25 Social Hour 4p - 6p	14 Bar Mtg 9:30a - 10:30a
15 Men's AC Breakfast 9a - 11a $10 Tom Payne's Sunday Dance Chris Costa 5p - 8p $10	16 Social Hour 4p - 6p Monday Night Game Bar Food	17 Committee Chairs Mtg 10a Trustees Mtg 11a Baked Potato Bar 5:30p $8 ENF Mtg 4:30p New Member Orientation 6:30p	18 Senior Cooking Class 11a-1p Women's AC Bingo & Dinner 5:30p $10	19 Steak Dinner 5:30p $25 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6p New Member Initiation Lodge Mtg 7p	20 Communication Mtg 12:30p Chili/Salad Bar 5:30p $10 Social Hour 4p - 6p KARAOKE 7p	21
22 RVers White Elephant Fundraiser 11a - 2p	23 Social Hour 4p - 6p Monday Night Game Bar Food	24 Gourmet Burgers 5:30p $15	25 Treble Makers Mtg 6p	26  Lodge Homecoming Dinner 11a - 1p	27 Trivia-plus Tomatoe Bisque Soup & Grilled Cheese Sands 5:30p $12 Social Hour 4p - 6p	28  Christmas Decorating 10a - 3p
29	30 Social Hour 4p - 6p Monday Night Game Bar Food					

BAR HOURS
Monday - Thursday 2pm - 7:30pm • Friday 2pm to 9pm
Saturday & Sunday 2pm to 7:30pm
ALWAYS CLOSED DURING LODGE MEETINGS



Notes From the Secretary's Desk

Kellianne Turner

Our membership as of 10/15/2026 stands at 2744 active members, 44 candidates, and 180 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 Thursday of the month.

Process to become a member:

1. A current Elk member only can Sponsor/Propose an interested person
2. The Proposer starts the online membership process and submits.
3. The application will automatically go to the applicant.
4. The applicant completes the rest of the application and submits.
5. The application will come to the Lodge Secretary's office.
6. Office staff will review for completion and send an email request to the applicant for the one-time non-refundable application fee of $250.00.
7. Once payment is received, the office staff will add the candidate to the next Lodge meeting to be proposed and email request forms to the Proposer and two references (must know the applicant).
8. A background check will be conducted.
9. After all reference letters are received back to the office, the Candidate's packet will go to the Investigations team to det-up and interview.
10. Once interviewed, the Candidate will be balloted in the next ballot meeting (held on the first Thursday of the month).
11. If found favorably, the Candidate and the Sponsor/Proposer will receive an email from the office with letters attached for the next Orientation/Initiation (you must have gotten this email first and RSVP before advancing to Orientation).
12. Orientation is mandatory before going to Initiation.
13. Initiation is complete. Welcome new members.

Crying Towel

SEPTEMBER 3RD

LINDSEY MORRIS
$500.00
NOT PRESENT

ROBERT BAYER
$500.00
NOT PRESENT

JOANNE KLEBES
$500.00
WINNER!!!

SEPTEMBER 17TH

AUDREY BLAGEN
$18.00
NOT PRESENT

ALAN SQUAILIA
$500.00
NOT PRESENT

JANINA BENESCH
$500.00
NOT PRESENT

Propositions for Membership

September 3rd

AIMEE ABITTAN
By Initiation
Proposed by Joan Hertz

YOLANDA BALDRIDGE
By Initiation
Proposed by Nicol Herris

ALLEN HEARN
By Initiation
Proposed by Katie Lewis

CHRIS LENZORA
By Initiation
Proposed by Susan Babb

September 17th

DEBORAH CAUSEY AKINS
By Initiation
Proposed by James Nelson

ALLEN HEARN
By Initiation
Proposed by Katie Lewis

YOLANDA BALDRIDGE
By Initiation
Proposed by Nicol Herris

CHRIS LENZORA
By Initiation
Proposed by Susan Babb

BEVERLY GEHLEN
By Initiation
Proposed by William Gehlen



Lodge of Sorrow

JEAN COYE
B: 11/05/1930
I: 01/16/2014
D: 05/05/2026

SHARON ECKLUND
B: 01/16/1962
I: 10/04/2016
D: 09/03/2026

MARTHA CREEL
B: 11/14/1948
I: 09/05/2024
D: 07/12/2026

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 Thursday @ 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

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"Nevada's Mother Lodge"

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Lodge News - Be in the know

New meal pricing effective Oct.1st

Due to the high cost of beef and at the direction of the Probation Committee and Trustees, we will be raising The prices of or two main dinners: **Happy Birthday Prime Rib Night and Steak Night, both to $25.** While keeping the cost as reasonable as possible, this small increase will help with controlling our cost of goods and will put us closer to where we should be. Thank you for your understanding. Tony Martin, Kitchen Manager

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.

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.

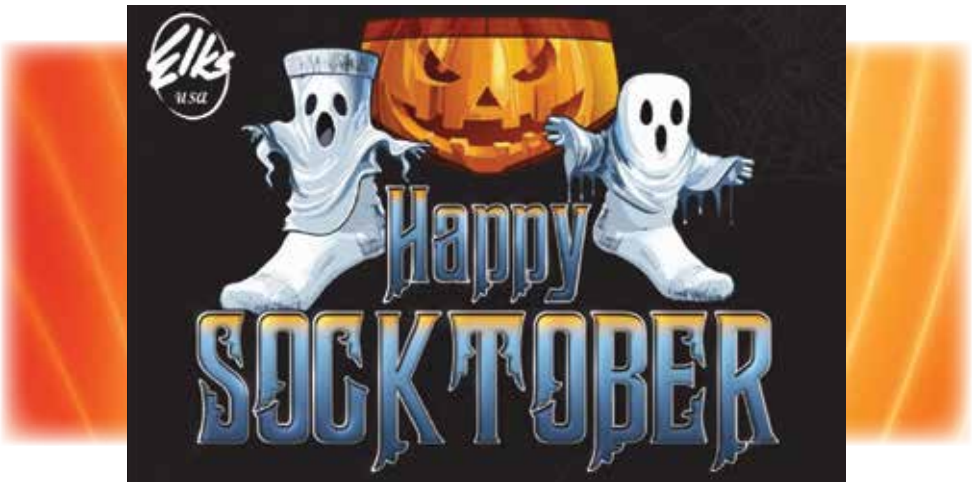
Volunteer Cashiers Needed!

Do you enjoy friendly faces, quick chats, and being right in the middle of the action? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help cashier at our Lodge dinners & events! It's a great way to meet fellow members, give back, and keep the good times rolling.

Whether you can help once in a while or on a regular basis, your time makes a difference. Remember, A Good Elk is an Active Elk!

Contact: Christi Spiker @ 775.742.9833 or christispiker@gmail.com to get started

EVENT COORDINATORS ARE REMINDED THAT IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT, YOU MUST HAVE A DOOR MONITOR TO CHECK-IN GUESTS.



We Ain't Done Yet!

I know…you all thought Socktober was over! But we're not done yet! We have over 60 Elks signed up to pick up, sort, pack and then deliver our donations on November 9th. You still have time to collect socks and underwear donations from your book clubs, Bible study groups, friends, and neighbors and drop your collections in barrels at the Lodge. Of course, Amazon is open 24/7 for delivery.

I would like to thank Al, Frankie, Christy, Alynn and our newcomer Leslie for their help this year. Small deeds reap large rewards and I'm sure the 3rd annual event will be a huge success. Kudos to the WAC for hosting our "Sock-it to Me Bingo Bonanza" the third Wednesday. We had wonderful prizes and I assure you our generous bingo Elks filled the Socktober coffers. Please continue to support bingo the third Wednesday of every month.

Additionally, I would like to express my thanks to the twelve schools, all United Federal Credit Union branches, Dickson Realty offices, Doughboy Donuts, Dolan Automotive, Plumas Bank, the local PEO's and Rotary Clubs in Reno and Sparks, and all the other organizations who supported Socktober this year.

October is Socktober at the Reno Elks Lodge. What a great event to finish up the fall - warming lots of feet and helping the Veterans and women and children in need, throughout our community. I'll give you a thorough breakdown in next month's Call.





This and That

Did you know the Men's AC (Athletic Center) breakfast each month can be a family affair? I didn't, but now I do. Let's all support the Men's AC by enjoying a fantastic breakfast–besides, who wants to do the dishes anyway.

Photo-taking techniques

I get quite a few photos each month for The Call. A good tip is to get closer and to get eye level with your subject. Take a few shots, then edit them for closed eyes, etc., and only send me your "good ones."

And on a final note

Want a FREE Uber or Lyft ride? If you are over 60 or 65 in some cases, you can march on over to the RTC offices on 1105 Terminal Way and sign up for a $60/month credit for rides. But you can only choose one ride-share company. The $60/month is automatically added to your ride-share account each month.
Thank you

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Half Page $60.00
Full Page.....$80.00



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Christopher Johnson
Zachary Larkin
John Seeliger PER
Rita Sipaila
Candice Squires
Howard Zink

2nd
Eric Agerholm
Edward Bindert
Susan Black
Corrinne Carmignani
Tony Fiorini
Nicholas Frank
Jay Jay Held
Kathleen Mann

3rd
David Allison
Sherman Boxx
Douglas McKee
Christopher Moore

4th
George Butorac II
Benjamin Elliott
Terry Ferree
Pamala Ganger
Pamela Hibler
Edward Peterson
Staci Sipaila
Vanessa Vaupel

5th
Mary Carrabba
Socorro Conway
Uriah Mitchell
Adam Moore
Jon Weaver

6th
Earl Christensen
Eric Cowan
Chad Hartley
Kenneth Hawkeswood
Kathy Perry
Thomas Viloria
Daniel Walker

7th
Robert Durkin
Mark Evasovic
Jaime Hendricks
John Holmes
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Matthew Ross
William Starzyk

8th
Robert Ragar, Jr.
Justin Renninger
Kirkland Warren

9th
David Adkins
Michael Ball
Mary Birdsell
Frank Caffaratti
Jose Chavez Jr.
Daniel Garon
Lynne Jones
Harry Rogers

10th
Geoffrey Cecchi
Vernon Conaway IV
Travis Grant
William Guio
Becky Johnston

11th
Joan Crosby
Clifford Johnston
Frank Magee
Marc Markwell
Patrick Mohn
Marie-Louise Quinn
Cathy Rotes
William Sprow
Ryan West
Todd Yankov

12th
Jake Banks
Aaron Copeland
Taylor Dorey
Lawrence Franzoni
William Hall
Terry McCarthy
Kelly Moxley
Martina Rohrback
Mimi Tholl
Corine Winfield

13th
Tiffany Black
Chad Dehne
David Honeyman
Kevin Johnson
Susan Lister
James McMichael
Finn West

14th
Dakota Dreyer
David Evans
Penelope Getts
Barbara Kirk
Sophy LeMay
Rodley Moser
Edward Walker

15th
Eric Dean
William Delaney
Martin Giudici
Brett Weible

16th
Nick Arnold PER
George Ferido
William Grey Jr.
L. Scott Henry PER
Jesse Murray
Jack Witt

17th
Sergio Gaspari
Thomas Hillestad
Justin Hoch
Scott Hoffmann
William Parker
Mathew Reddick
Robert Rigdon
Benjamin Yeung

18th
Jon Benedetti
Aimee Fredericks
Charles Johnson
Kenneth Leong
Gilbert Mandagaran
Sandra Rose
Tyler Youngberg

19th
Teresa Britt
Tasha Millard
Jason Orton
Matthew Sacht
Nancy Slatin

20th
Nannette Furrer
Shannon Hambright
Kurt Holt
Miranda Levin
Kenneth Meinzer
Leslie Rasmussen
Debbie Weatherby
Anjali Webster
Terry Wilson

21st
Al Atlas
David Bradfield
Theresa Malcolm
Michael Markert
Monica Palmer
Linda Parker
Mike Steedman

22nd
Michele Davis
Robert Galea
Eric Mezger
Sharla Scott

23rd
Craig Cunningham
William Granata
Craig Libby
Gregory Morrison
William Sibley
Bob Sonnenberg
Eugene Spoon
Samantha Torres
Gregory Zunino

24th
Richard Copp
Natalie Ghysels
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Eddie Nelson
Leonard Rice
Brian Terry
William Weber

25th
Gerald Burns
Christopher Eikelberger
Mark Elston
Tracy Faulstich
David Ferguson
Juergen Hoehne
Montana Mitchell

26th
Susan Babb
Chris Barrett
Robin Fizznoglia
Joseph Gavica
Dennis Kean
Jason Shakespeare
Dominic Spallone

27th
Fred Cutler
Alexander Kasper
Randall Long
David Martin
Laura Oki
Bruce Rector PER

28th
Tyler Clay
Carl Debenedetti
Samuel Ehrenreich
John Gagliardi II
Sean O'Brien
Jeanine Reddicks
Shelby Willard

29th
Janet Bills
Don Conway
Glenn Endsley
Linda Lannon
Thomas Lobkowicz
Albert Nelson II
John Norman
Gary Riparbelli
Jon Smith
Tracy Turner

30th
Ann Cazahous
Sue Herold
Mary McQueen
Lisa Peterson
Amy Rowan

NOVEMBER 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:_____



Queen of Heart Tickets on sale now at the bar, the cashiers office when open or by ENF members!

Tickets $1 each

Drawings every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
A guaranteed winner every week

A WINNER EVERY WEEK!

$20 Numbers 2 thru 10
$30 Jacks, Queens, Kings & Aces
$50 Jokers

Queen of Hearts wins the Jackpot

Elks National Foundation, Inc.

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Queen of Hearts

Jackpots & Winners
9/24, 10/1, 10/8 & 10/15

No draw on 11/26, Thanksgiving Day

Drawing	Jackpot	Card Drawn	Winnings
9/24/26	$1,804.00	A ♥	$30
10/1/26	$1,954.00	10 ♣	$20
10/8/26	$2,187.00	7 ♦	$20
10/15/26	$2,506.00	3 ♥	$20

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

You can't win it if you're not in it!

See October/November results in the December Call



Men's AC Breakfast
9am - 11am only $10!
Bring the family for a special treat

Get tickets online and come join us for a our Men's AC Breakfast Sunday,
November15th.

Eggs to order • Pancakes • French toast • Chicken fried steak and more
Come support the AC Committee.

Elks National Foundation (ENF)

By Bill Bowen
- Elks National Foundation Committee

ENF does it again!

ENF Delivers Socks for Homeless Veterans. The ENF Freedom grant allowed us to purchase 718 pairs of thermal winter socks to support homeless veterans in our community. The outreach program identified socks as especially important in the winter months to help veterans stay warm and prevent disease.



Our September ENF meeting was different!
We wanted to thank all our hardworking committee members with a day away. We met at beautiful Lake Tahoe for food, fun, and to consider new programs to benefit our communities and our Lodge. Discussions included a family night during the winter months, with games and projects for the kids while the pool is closed. We also discussed a regular adult game night. Both would benefit our Lodge, the ENF, the Fidelity Club, and our members by giving people more reasons to come down, have a great time, and learn a bit more about what we do. We also discussed many fun fundraiser ideas; more information is coming soon. Remember, the ENF Committee can always grow, and we need you, your ideas, and your volunteerism! Elks Care and Elks Share!





Scan this QR code to join the ENF Foundation

Coming Soon! Uncle Dan's Backstreet Bakery

November 7, 2026 · Reno Elks Lodge

Bakers of Reno Elks, this is your moment!

We're calling on every passionate baker who loves creating delicious treats to help make Uncle Dan's Backstreet Bakery the sweetest, most memorable event yet.

Whether you filled our tables with amazing goodies last year or you've never donated before, we need you. Your cookies, cakes, breads, pies, and special creations will make this our best Backstreet Bakery yet.



"Every donation makes a difference. Every baker is appreciated."

Ready to join us?

Call or text Susan Stinchfield at 775-830-7770. If she doesn't answer, just leave your name, phone number, what you're baking, and how many of each item you'll bring. Please also note if it contains peanuts, is gluten-free, or has any other special designation.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sharing your talent and generosity.



WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CENTER

Alynn Hildebrand
Chairman

THE WOMEN WHO MOVE: *Alynn Hildebrand* *Chair*

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME.

It is so gratifying to see names filling up the Women's AC check-in sheet! Knowing our fellow Reno Elk women are enjoying this special place created just for them fills us with pride. And while we continue fundraising for our final improvements, we couldn't have come this far without our amazing donors. In just six months, nearly $15,000 in donated items and dollars has helped move this project along at warp speed.

HERE'S THE LOWDOWN:

☑ Treadmill — Here!
☑ Recumbent Cross Trainer — Here!
☑ Wall Mirrors — Here!
☑ 7 Sets of Dumbbells — Here!
☑ 4 Sets of Kettlebells — Here!
☑ Exercise Balls — Here!
☑ Resistance and Pull-up Bands — Here!
☑ Yoga Mats & Hanging Rack — Here!
☑ Cubbies — Here!

Purchased or Donated — Awaiting Final Steps

☑ Folding Yoga Mat Table — On order, pending delivery and installation
☑ Locking Storage Cabinets — On order, pending delivery
☑ 18 Lockers — DONATED, DELIVERED, pending installation

The Final Two Improvements!

☐ Infrared Sauna — Research completed, 5 options selected, final vote on November 5, 2026
☐ Electrical Upgrade to 240V for Sauna — Nov./Dec. 2026

Our beautiful new lockers with programmable electronic locks come with an equally beautiful story. A Reno Elk family who wishes to remain anonymous purchased them for us—a generous $4,647.21 gift! We're incredibly grateful and one step closer to our infrared sauna.

Speaking of… Improvements Lead Liana McGill has spent countless hours researching infrared saunas and narrowing the choices to five. All Reno Elk women are invited to our November 5th meeting at 4:00pm in the PER Room to hear the presentation and provide input before the committee votes. With additional electrical work planned for November or December, we're hoping to install our crown jewel in January 2027!

BINGO! Join us Wednesday, November 18th for our "What's Cookin'?" 3rd Wednesday Bingo & Spaghetti Dinner! ALL raffle baskets will feature Pampered Chef® kitchenware, with an Independent Consultant on hand for holiday shopping. BEST of all, 25% OF GROSS SALES COMES RIGHT BACK TO THE WOMEN'S AC AS A DONATION! Wear your filthiest or funniest apron for a FREE extra Bingo card. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner and Bingo at 5:30pm. You can't beat dinner and a good time for just $10!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Socktober Bingo! Together, we collected 1,110 pairs of socks and underwear and nearly $3,500 in raffle ticket sales for Sister Sue Babb's Socktober Event. Now THAT'S a BINGO! Special thanks to guest callers PER Frank Picone and the one and only Al Babb for keeping things lively!

Mark your calendar for "Women Who Glow," Friday, December 4th at 6:30pm, following the Happy Birthday Prime Rib Dinner. Join your fellow Reno Elk women around the firepit just past the pool for complimentary wine, sweet treats, and good company. It's FREE, and the first 20 guests will receive a cozy lap throw featuring the Women's AC logo!

Looking for something to do on your Monday evenings during football season? Our Women's AC volunteers serve up made-to-order burgers and chicken tenders at the Lodge from 4:30–6:30pm. Every dollar in tips supports our infrared sauna and its electrical upgrades. Come hungry and help us finish strong!

I'll see you at the Lodge and in the Women's AC.



Upgraded Internet, TV, and Phone System

The members of Technology Committee are upgrading the Lodge's Internet service from the current coaxial cable service (shared with the neighboring apartments) to a dedicated fiber-based system. The new fiber-based service is allowing the upgrade to a simpler-to-use television system and an easier-to-manage telephone system. Spectrum is shooting for October 31st completion date so by the time you are reading this article the project should be completed.

Televisions

The new system will eliminate all of the individual cable receivers located above/below/beside each TV and the multiple remotes needed to operate each TV. The new system, used by many of the largest hotel-casinos in Reno, will use one remote for each TV to power the TV on and off and to change channels. New, matching big-button remotes have been obtained for each TV. Remote pair will be labeled with a single letter, making it easy to identify the correct remote for each TV.

Phones

The new phone system will be easier to manage the Lodge's phones and will include an Auto-Attendant/Interactive Voice Response feature which will allow callers to reach the correct department such as front office, accounting, and events planning without human assistance.







Merry Christmas,

In this month's Call and in December, you will see the flyer for this year's Reno Elks Children's Christmas Party. If you are planning on having your children or grandchildren attend our 32nd annual Elks Children's Christmas Party at the Elks Lodge on Sunday December 20, you should call or email me as soon as possible.

The morning session fills up fast, as it is only open to the first 75 children. The afternoon session is open to all other children as there are no time constraints. We ask that you bring cookies or cupcakes, if you are able. We will need the names, ages and sex of each child attending.

Please email me at BDREHER5@GMAIL.COM or call me at 775-826-6654. I will email you confirmation of your call or email. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE LODGE OR MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE AS SOMETIMES WE DON'T GET THE MESSAGES.

Also, we cannot make any reservations or make exceptions after Saturday, December 13th. If you don't call or email by then, you won't be able to attend.

Santa and all the elves, including myself, look forward to seeing you and all the children then.

Santa's Elf, Bill Dreher

September Birthdays – Oh what FUN!



This year, our Angel Tree is all about giving a little extra love to some very special young adults in our community!

The Extended Foster Care Program in Washoe County supports about 50 young adults, ages 18–21, who have aged out of foster care and are transitioning to independent living. Without family to lean on for advice, a helping hand, or a little extra support, that first step into independence can be a big one.

This wonderful program helps them with housing, education, jobs, financial support, and the everyday skills that help build a brighter future.

That's where our Elks family comes in!

Our Angel Tree is a chance to make the holidays a little brighter and remind these young adults that their community is cheering them on. Every gift is a little reminder that someone cares and that they don't have to face life's challenges alone.

Keep an eye out for our Angel Tree in early November!

Let's fill it with generosity, kindness, and plenty of holiday spirit! It's a fun and meaningful way to live up to our Elks motto: "Elks Care and Elks Share."

Want to help make the magic happen? If you'd like to lend a hand, I'd love to hear from you!

Fraternally,

Linnea Carter,
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Veterans Service Committee

By Linda Lannon

Liberty Dogs – A Visit to Hope

In September, the VSC stepped onto the Liberty Dogs campus and felt the weight of something rare. After years of planning and building, the facility stands like a five-star resort, beautiful, thoughtful, and clearly made with care. Multiple buildings are designed to support veterans living with PTSD, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, and other invisible wounds. The campus feels less like a facility and more like a promise: you are not forgotten.

Liberty Dogs, a flagship program of the Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation, pairs veterans with highly trained service dogs and surrounds them with wellness support. Best of all, there is no cost to the veteran; travel, lodging, food, the dog, training, and ongoing vet care are all covered.

The campus offers advanced training spaces where veterans are paired with their future partners, on-site housing for a two-week program, a veterinary clinic, multiple common areas, and peaceful walkways and gardens. Liberty Dogs also offers the Warrior Wellness program, a three-day program that provides practical tools for healing and a fuller life.

If you are a veteran or know anyone who is still carrying the consequences of service, contact Cameron Pieters at 775-260-8041. There isn't room here to tell the whole story, but the heart of it is simple: no one who served should have to struggle alone.











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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

Sponsored by Reno Elks Lodge #597

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

Lodge Members Step Up to Care for Our Home





It's always a great day when members step up to look after our Lodge. Like any home, it needs steady care, and lately some dedicated Elks have given exactly that.

Thanks to new member Dave Shanks, with help from Rob Landsinger, our main entrance is finally free of pigeon mess. One Sunday last month they spent four hours solving the problem for good. Using EPS foam, the same material as our columns and generously donated by Atlas Molded Products in Stead, Dave shaped pieces so the pigeons no longer have a flat place to roost. Thank you, Dave, Rob, and Atlas.











On September 26, Willy Gehlen, Chuck Johnson, Dave Shanks, Pat Jochem, John Spinola, and Robb Smith repaired the roof on the racquetball courts, the building on the other side of the pool that in its current state is pretty much unusable. Their work was important and appreciated, but more is needed. A new roof, about $38,000. Without it, the whole roof structure, framing and deck, will have to be replaced a second time.

Keeping our Lodge in good shape, inside and out, is never finished. There is always something that needs attention: weeds, trees and bushes, painting, repairs, windows, and the next project that shows up. If you can help, we need you. Call Robb Smith and sign up. A few hours, a skill, or financial support all count. Thank you to everyone who already stepped up. Let's keep the care going.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

As it currently reads

Section 4, paragraph 7. When he retires from office he shall immediately deliver all the books, papers, and other property in his charge belonging to the Lodge to his successor in office, or whomsoever the Lodge may appoint. He shall present a written report of the transactions of his office semi-annually, at the first regular meetings in the months of April and October. He shall also report to the Grand Secretary all expulsions and suspensions of Members, giving the name, age, birthplace, residence and occupation. He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of $20,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of $24,000.00 per annum, payable monthly.

Proposed Changes

OF THE SECRETARY

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To be voted on at the December 3, 2026, Lodge Meeting at 7pm at 597 Kumle Lane, Reno, NV.



Volunteers Needed for the Annual Crab Crack

We're looking for volunteers to fill the roles below. Most volunteers will work one night, but you're welcome to sign up for both.

To volunteer, contact Bill Johnson at: renoelkslodge@gmail.com or text 775-722-6059.

Friday check-in: One member to assist Robin from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Bar team—both nights: Help with bartending and corkage. If you have a bar card and would like to help, see Melissa at the bar.

Volunteer meal—both nights: One adult volunteer at 3:00 p.m. to ensure all volunteers eat before 4:00 p.m.

Coleslaw—both nights: Two volunteers to prepare and portion the coleslaw.

Bread—both nights: Two volunteers to prepare and portion the bread.

Fries—both nights: Two volunteers to prepare and portion the fries.

Crab—both nights: Two volunteers to portion the crab.

Steaks—both nights: Two volunteers to grill and portion the steaks.

Oyster prep—both nights: Two volunteers to open the oysters and portion them into cups.

Ice-cream cups—both nights: Two volunteers to place the cups into serving bowls.

Condiments—both nights: Two volunteers to prepare and portion horseradish, cocktail sauce, and melted butter.

After you sign up, we'll provide details for your assignment. All supplies will be provided; adult volunteers will prepare and portion the food, and youth volunteers will serve it.

If your children would like to volunteer, contact Robin at 775-846-0167.

The Crab Crack is an important fundraiser for Lodge projects. Thank you for helping our new crew make this year's event a success!

Oktoberfest













Memorial Sunday, December 6, 2026, 1:00pm.

This gathering is held to remember all of our Brothers and Sisters who have passed during the previous year. All Elks and their families are invited to attend as we honor these Members.

Please join us as we toast the lives of these memorable people.

Memorial Sunday will be held in the Lodge Room.





Crab Crack

We're baaaack...
but with a twist.
Now serving two nights
to make the evening
more comfortable.

Dates: Friday, January 29th and Saturday, January 30th

- 250 tickets per sitting. **Tickets price $100.** Max tickets 10 per person.
- Tickets only available through Robin Brooke 775-846-0167
- To volunteer Call Bill Johnson 775-722-6059 or Robin if you have children that can help.

5pm Cocktails & Oyster shooters • 6pm Dinner, plus ice cream dessert

PLUS: This year we have a cool door prize. NOTE: Please bring cash to tip the kids helping.

SEE PAGE 19 FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS



END OF SEASON ROUND UP
THE ROLL'N ELKS RVERS

Sadly, the season has come to an end for the Roll'n Elks. We have winterized our rigs and put them in storage for the winter. This past season, we shared many days and nights, filled with good food and good friends - new and longtime. Newcomers are always welcome to attend our meetings and adventures. We'd love to meet you!

Our last trip took us to Topaz Lake where we enjoyed a great appetizer night; a scrumptious biscuits and gravy breakfast; fun-filled days of bingo and cornhole; topped off with a delicious dinner at the Topaz Lodge. While at Topaz Lake, we presented Socktober Chair, Sue Babb, with the socks and underwear we collected at meetings throughout the year. This year the Roll'n Elks donated 516 items for Socktober.

Our final monthly RV meeting occurred on October 27th. Our next meeting will be a White Elephant Party on November 22nd. The Roll'n Elks are a fun group who celebrates the outdoors, just a few miles from home. Our club motto is "Just have Fun!" Thanks to all for a wonderful year! We hope to see many new and returning friends in the Spring.

For more info. please contact Sid Russel 775-771-6068 or Don Cortez 775-691-1687.











New Email System

Your Reno Elks Technology Committee is implementing a new email system. The system will be administered by the Reno Lodge and will have email addresses for all Board Members; Trustees; Officers; Managers; Office, Accounting, and Events Staff; and Committee Chairpersons of all three Reno Lodge entities (the Lodge, the Home Company, and the Charitable Fund) as well as the PER Association. All the new email addresses will end in @elksreno.org.

This new email system will replace the need for the plethora of Gmail and other email accounts used by the above volunteers and staff to manage the Lodge's functions and activities. It is being provided free of charge to the Lodge under Microsoft® Corporation's nonprofit program.

Transitions

Our implementation of the system has been designed to provide unchanging email addresses by position, such as Exalted Ruler. Therefore, when Antonio moves to a PER status on April 1, emails sent to the Exalted Ruler email address will automatically be received by the new 2027 Exalted Ruler. The same will be true of all Lodge positions. There will be an overlap each March & April, when both the outgoing and incoming individuals receive those emails to smooth the transition. There will also be the ability to email individuals by name.

Administration

The new email system will be administered by a few trusted Reno Lodge members. Issues such as forgotten passwords and forwarding of emails to an alternate recipient can be easily resolved. If someone is unable to perform his/her functions due to vacation, illness or other circumstances, alternative individuals can be notified of your request. Also, no more trying to remember if an email address is renoelkslodge@gmail.com or elksrenolodge@gmail.com as all email addresses will begin with a name (individual, position, or group) and end with @elksreno.org.

Groups

We have established group email addresses for boards, trustees, officers, etc. so that emails sent to the group address will be delivered to all members of the group.

Shared Mailboxes

There will initially be two shared mailboxes, office@elksreno.org and bills@elksreno.org. The office email will be accessible by all members of the office staff, so emails can be answered in order received by any member of the office staff. The 'bills' email will similarly be accessible by all members of the accounting staff.

Additional Benefits

For each email user, Microsoft also provides free cloud storage and online versions of Microsoft Office 365 software. Also provided for free is Microsoft's SharePoint and Teams applications, collaboration tools and workspaces which will allow members of groups such as Trustees to have shared access to project files (Word® Documents, Excel® Spreadsheets, etc.). This will allow group members to make/propose changes to each shared file, instead of emailing multiple versions among the group. After the implementation of the email system, the SharePoint application will be the next phase of implementation.

Next Steps

With the help of the recipients of the new Reno Elks email addresses setting up and using their new email boxes, our goal is to have the email system fully implemented by December so that new email addresses can appear in the January call.

Kudos

A huge "Thank You!" to Reno Elk Jason Gowins who has done the 'heavy lifting' to bring the Reno Lodge this new system.



Food items include:

Classic Burger /w fries or chips $7

Cheese Burger /w fries or chips $8

Bacon Cheese Burger $11

4 pc Chicken Tenders $10

Additional patty $3

Sides: Fries $5

Onion Rings $8

Welcome new members

October 15th 2026



Seated: **Angel Cappiello, Christina Bigelow, Yvessa Aviles, Deborah Akins, Sail Horton, and Andrew Gardner.**
Standing: **Steve Kaverman, Adam Haskins, Kerry Authier, Ross Lavely, Michael Bourne, and Skip Benton.**



Seated: **Myree Thompson, Natalie Nicholas, Kathy Rosario, Danielle Serpa-Bene, Lacy Trapp, and Janis Whitmyer.**
Standing: **Roy Stoltzner, Stacey Wagner, Nathaniel Miller, Randy Woldberg, Christopher Shuemaker, and Michael Pike.**

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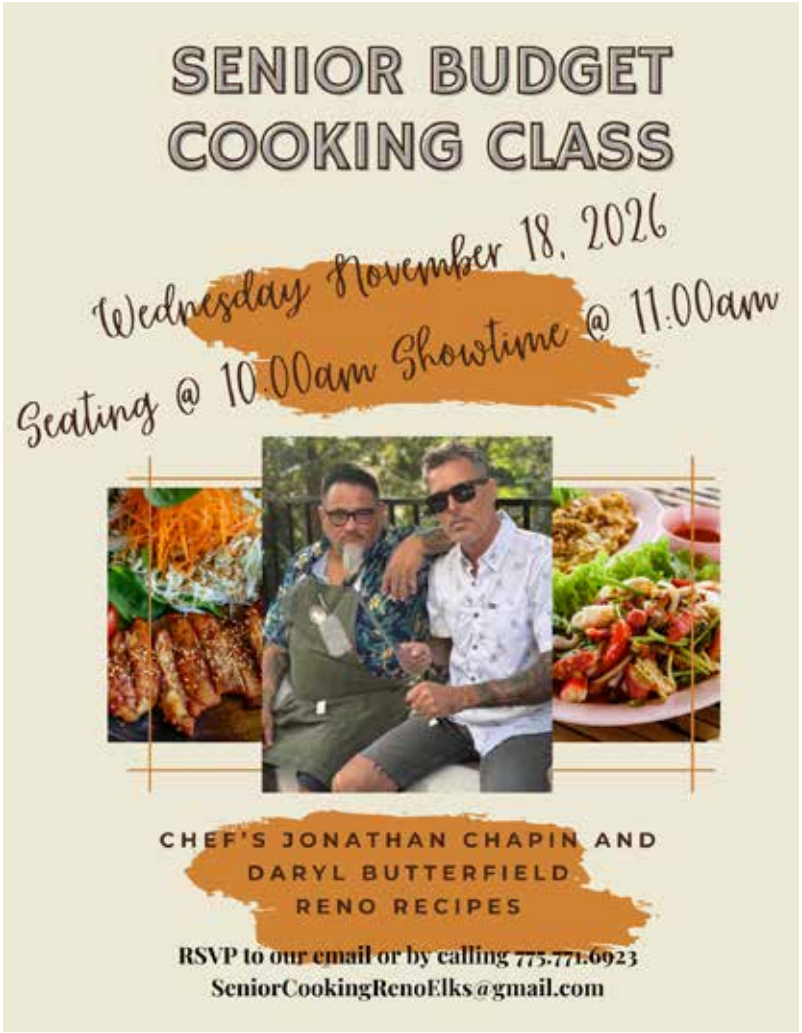
Kudos to Gale Bowen – ENF Grant Writer

Not many people realize how much time it takes to write a grant, follow every step to fulfill it, and administer it properly so we stay in compliance with the grantor. Then comes the work of ordering, sorting, and delivering the product to the people who need it most.

Gale has successfully processed three very important grants for our community over the last two years, and she is already working on next year. For that hard work, she was recognized by Nevada State Elks Association Chairman Dennise Stone.

Thank you, Gale, for the hours you put in and the difference those grants make right here in our community.







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Christmas

DECORATING PARTY

Join us in kicking off the holiday season with a Lodge decorating party! Bring your family and friends, choose your favorite ornaments, and help us transform our Lodge into a Christmas wonderland.

Time
10:00 AM TO 1:30 PM

Saturday
11/28/26



