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## Message from the Exalted Ruler

Hello Elkdom,

We are coming up on our year end as a lodge and everything that comes with it. Please remember to get your dues in by March 31st, and please consider donating a little extra to ENF or WEST. Donating to those programs is how we are able to get our grants that help our community. In 2023-2024, Sheridan Elks Lodge 520 donated over \$10,000 in grant funds to our community, and we couldn't do that without our member's donations to ENF and WEST.

I am extremely grateful that I am able to have the job of Exalted Ruler one more year, and I'd like to thank all of our officers who are staying in their positions. We couldn't have the lodge we have without them. If anyone has interest in becoming an officer of our lodge in the coming years, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our officers for information.

Thank you everyone for making this year a success, and I hope we can continue it into the next.

Fraternally,  
**Mathew Hansen**  
Exalted Ruler



## Secretary's Message

Greetings all,

Our Lodge currently has 696 members and 14 candidates in process for membership. We currently have 22 members who are delinquent. If you haven't paid your 2023-2024 dues, please do so ASAP. All delinquent members will be dropped from Lodge Membership on March 28, 2024.

Also, don't forget that your membership dues for 2024-2025 need to be paid by March 31, 2024. The new "blue" card for 24-25 will work in the door locks/card readers on April 1, 2024 (your "tan" card for 23-24 will no longer work on that day).

Our March Lodge meetings are scheduled for Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 pm. We will be voting on membership applicants at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and initiating new members at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please plan on attending the meetings to support our Lodge and Officers.

Thanks,

**Chelsey**

Lodge Secretary



## Hoop Shoot

The Wyoming Elks State Hoop Shoot free throw contest was held on Saturday, February 10 in Casper. Six state championships, 3 for the boys and 3 for the girls, were up for grabs in the 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13 age groups. Five kids sponsored by the Sheridan Elks Lodge qualified for the State Hoop Shoot. On the girls side, all three state champions are from the Sheridan Lodge:

Hattie Dearcorn from Highland Park is the state champ in the 8-9 year old division, shooting 11/25 and 4/5 in the tie-breaker. Layla Hatch of Buffalo in state champ in the 10-11 year old division, shooting 16/25. Olivia Brogdon from Big Horn is the state champ in the 12-13 year old division, shooting 23/25 and 5/5 in the tie-breaker. Landon Trentacosti from Highland Park is the state champ in the 8-9 year old division shooting 21/25 and 5/5 in the tie-breaker. Tim Anderson, from Sagebrush, shot 15/25 in the 10-11 age group for 4th place.

The four State Champs will now move on to the Regional Hoop Shoot to be held in Colorado Springs in March, where they will shoot against the state champs from Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. A win there will qualify them for the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago. Last year, Maggie Brogdon of Big Horn placed 2nd in the nation.



## Queen of Hearts \$8,212

(as of 2/27/24)

The drawing is held Mondays at 6:00 pm. Come early to get a seat & purchase your tickets. Tickets may also be purchased during the week and on Mondays up until the music starts. As always, thank you to our Queen of Heart Sponsors!

### Propositions For Membership

#### New Member Applications

Jodi Lynn Edwards  
(proposed by Dustin Shaw)

Neil Ingram  
(proposed by Michael Lake)

Jeremy Bland  
(proposed by Thomas Benedict)

Michael James Abrucci Jr.  
(proposed by Forrest DeBolt)

Joseph Raymond Murnion  
(proposed by George Williams)

Edward J. (EJ) Panetta  
(proposed by Dustin Shaw)

Doug Schock  
(proposed by William Getter)

#### Reinstatement of Membership

Tom Belus  
(proposed by Rick Wallach)

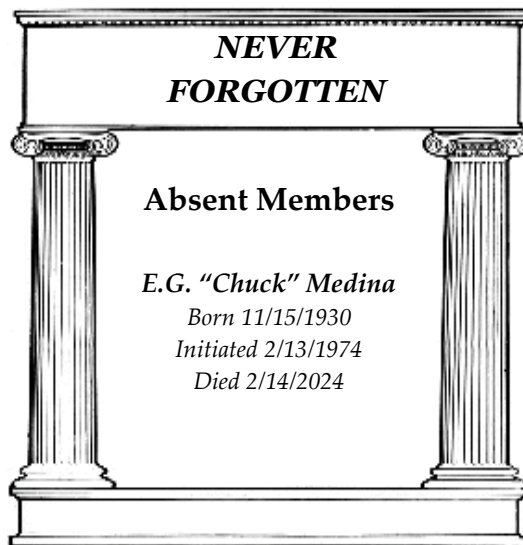
Paul Fall  
(proposed by Dustin Shaw)

#### Transfer of Membership

Autumn Wesolowski  
from Cody Elks Lodge #1611  
(proposed by George Williams)

#### Proposition of Life Membership

Dan Conley  
(Member of BPOE 520 for 34 years)



### Absent Members

*E.G. "Chuck" Medina*

*Born 11/15/1930*

*Initiated 2/13/1974*

*Died 2/14/2024*

### Sheridan Elks Lodge 520 2024-2025 Officers and Trustees

Congratulations to the Lodge Officers and Trustees for 2024-2025:

Exalted Ruler:	Mathew Hansen
Leading Knight:	Forrest DeBolt
Loyal Knight:	Sara P. Mefford
Lecturing Knight:	Jim Will
Treasurer:	H. Jay Knipple
Secretary:	Chelsey Roberts
1 Year Trustee:	Thomas Benedict
2 Year Trustee:	Dorel Roberts
3 Year Trustee:	Dustin Shaw

The positions of Inner Guard, Chaplain, Esquire and Tiler will be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

### Sheridan Elks Lodge 520 Welcomes our Newest Members

Megan Davis & Eric Stoneking



2/20/24 Meeting



March is here which means St. Patrick's season is in the air.

This month we will have some Irish drink specials so come on in.

Don't forget that we are playing bingo on Saturdays from 2pm - 5pm. Each month, we choose a different cause, within our Lodge, to donate to. Last month, we donated \$50 from Bingo to our Scholarship Fund. In March, we will be helping out the our Lodge's Needy Youth Program

The bar is now serving pizzas for only \$8. So come on in for a drink special and a bite to eat!

Hope to see you soon. ☺

Thanks!

**Anna**

Club Manager



*The lounge is open Monday - Friday from 2pm - 9pm (or later depending on patrons) and Saturday from 1pm - 6pm.*

*We are closed Sundays except for scheduled special events.*



### BIKE PROGRAM

We have a handful of bikes ready to go... some kids and some teen/adult sizes. Thank you to Joe May for all of his hard work and dedication!

As you know, our program takes donated bikes, fixes them and gets the bikes back out into our community. Donated bikes can be left by the back door of the Lodge.

Last month we donated two bikes to Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange. We look forward to getting more bikes out in the community as the weather gets nicer!





# MARCH

## LODGE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	2 Bar Bingo 2-5pm 
3	4 ♥ Queen of Hearts 6pm	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	6	7	8 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	9 Bar Bingo 2-5pm 
10	11 ♥ Queen of Hearts 6pm	12 Board of Directors Trustees Meeting 6pm	13	14	15 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	16 LODGE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS
17 	18 ♥ Queen of Hearts 6pm	19 Orientation 6:30pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	20	21	22 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	23 Bar Bingo 2-5pm 
24 	25 ♥ Queen of Hearts 6pm	26	27	28	29 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	30 Bar Bingo 2-5pm 
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## THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who help keep our Lodge running smoothly! It truly takes a village... from the general maintenance, to cleaning, to helping with events, the Bugle, and much much more... we appreciate everyone who steps up to help!

THANK YOU to our members for your continued support to our General, Scholarship, Building, Cemetery, Veteran's and Bike funds, as well as WEST and ENF.

THANK YOU to Peggy Pooley for donating to the Sheridan Elks Cemetery in memory of Chuck Medina, Mike and Diana Groshart for donating to the Sheridan Elks Cemetery in memory of George Leitner and to everyone who donated to the Sheridan Elks Lodge Building fund in memory of PER Bill Dahlin and in memory of Peggy Greenough MacCarty. Your generosity is appreciated!



Happy Birthday  
to our  
members with  
March Birthdays

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Esquire . . . . .	Shane Miller
Inner Guard . . . . .	Levi Jorgenson
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