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# FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Hello Elkdom

Summer is finally over and the holidays are coming up fast. Please remember to come by the lodge and see what volunteer opportunities we have. The Thanksgiving Basket program is in full swing again and we could use your help. Check out what foods we need donated and sign up to help assemble and deliver the baskets if your available. We appreciate all the help we can get.

We are going to have food at the lodge on Monday nights starting in November so come down on Mondays for Queen of Hearts and to check out the delicious food Shelley is making for us.

If you'd like to set up and organize any events or activities at the lodge please let me know, we can always use more events to help make our lodge as successful as it can be.

Fraternally yours,

Mathew Hansen

**Exalted Ruler** 

The Officers and Trustees would like to remind everyone that we are not able to have a lodge without officers. If we do not, or cannot, keep the Chairs filled with new officers and/or trustees, we will be unable to keep the lodge open. Right now, the Secretary Chair is open and needs filled. There will be numerous Chairs open for nominations in February that will need to be filled for the year 2026. We need more members involved to keep this amazing lodge open. Please be thinking about if you or friends would like to be an officer or know someone that would like to be.



# From the Secretary's Office

Greetings all,

Our Lodge currently has 702 members and we have 10 candidates for membership.

2025–2026 Membership dues were to be paid by April 1st. We currently have 37 delinquent memberships. If you haven't done so, make sure you get your dues paid!

Our November Lodge meeting will be held on Tuesday November  $4^{\rm th}$  at 7:30 pm.

Nominations for Secretary are still open! If you have questions about the position and what it entails, please contact me! If you would like to be nominated for the position, please let me or any of the Lodge Officers know.

Reminder that our Lodge will be closed on Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

Thanks, Chelsey

## **Thanksgiving Basket Program**

Once again, Sheridan Elks Lodge is partnering with Real Life Church to provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to needy families in our community.

Our Lodge is hosting a FOOD DRIVE for CANS OF CORN, CANS OF CRANBERRY SAUCE and TURKEY GRAVY PACKETS to be included in the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Our goal is to collect enough to fill 100 thanksgiving baskets. Please bring your food donations to the Lodge the next time you stop in. The items can be left in the Secretary's office, Manager's office or at the bar.

Join us in the Lodge Dining Room at 3pm on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> to help fill and deliver the food baskets.













# Queen of Hearts \$5,045.00 (as of 10/28/25)

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**

Triven A. Olson (proposed by Kristi Olson)

Jennifer Pfister (proposed by Steve Worsley)

Virginia G. Fraser (proposed by Stacy Rozman)

Kyle C. Fraser (proposed by Brad Rozman)

Thank You to the Friends of PER Bill Dahlin Hunting Group would made a \$1500 donation, in Bill's memory, to the Sheridan Elks Scholarship Fund.





### **Veteran Services Corner**

We've launched the Lodge 3rd annual drive to support our veterans at the VA Hospital. Drop off donations in the lobby. Items needed at this time:

- Luggage/Large Duffel Bags
- Travel-size (unused) Personal
   Care Items: Shampoo,
   conditioner, deodorant, shaving
   cream, toothpaste and
   disposable razors

Questions? Please call or text Fran Bunker at 505-270-6479 or email ABQFTB@aol.com.

We continued the annual Elks tradition of donating pumpkins to the VA for veterans to decorate for Halloween. We delivered 20 pumpkins in early October!

It's that time of year! Once again, we will begin collecting hides in support of the Veterans Leather Program. Last year, we raised over \$500 for the Lodge Veterans fund. Our hides buyer and the meat processors have been contacted and are on board to save the hides for We collect twice a week from November 1 thru mid-December, salt the hides and our buyer picks up twice during this period. We have a couple of volunteers lined up already. If you are interested in knowing more about how we support our veterans in the community or have ideas to share, please contact me via phone 206-914-8800 or email brad@thenielsens.org.



Brad Nielsen, Veteran's Affairs Voluntary Service Representative

Fran Bunker, Veteran's Affairs Voluntary Service Deputy Representative



Not only is it Fall here but it's also hunting season. So, those of you out there filling the freezer...I wish you all the luck.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Elks lodge Halloween Party. We had a great time! I want to thank Hi-Tech for sponsoring the party and Shelley Bougie for all her hard work.

For those of you looking for a space for Holiday Parties, give me a call. Inquiries are starting to come in.

It's Hot Toddie season so come in and get warmed up at the bar, do a little gambling, or just come in to socialize. Friday night 5pm-7pm is Happy Hour!!

We are open Saturdays starting from 1-6pm and Monday-Friday from 2 – 9pm. The Lodge will be closed Thursday, November 27th for Thanksgiving.

See you soon!

Anna

## Elks Legacy Scholarship

The Elks National Foundation awards \$1.4 million in college scholarships worth \$4,000 each to a total of 350 children and grandchildren of Elks Members.

College - bound high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of duespaying Elks are encouraged to apply. Please visit <a href="www.enf.elks.org/leg">www.enf.elks.org/leg</a> for full eligibility details.

Applications are available online at <a href="https://www.enf.elks.org/leg">www.enf.elks.org/leg</a> or can be picked up from your Sheridan County High School Counselor. The application deadline is on or before February 2, 2026.





# NOVEMBER LODGE CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Queen of Hearts 6pm Start of Game 15	4 Orientation 6:30pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	5	6	7 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	8
9	10 Queen of Hearts 6pm	11 Board of Directors Trustees Meeting 6pm	12	13	14 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	15
16	17 Queen of Hearts 6pm	18	19	20	21 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	22
23 Thanksgiving Baskets 3pm	24 Queen of Hearts 6pm	25	26	27 Lodge Closed <i>Happy</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	29



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Ken & Susan Shrum



MONDAY NIGHT DINNERS

<u>NOVEMBER 3™</u> TACOS WITH HOMEMADE FLOUR & CORN TORTILLAS

<u>NOVEMBER 10™</u> MINESTRONE SOUP WITH FRESH SOURDOUGH BREAD

<u>NOVEMBER 17™</u> CHILE RELLENO CASSEROLE

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#### **Trustees**

**Dustin Shaw** Thomas Benedict Dorel L. Roberts

# 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 more... we appreciate everyone who steps up to help.

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





Check out our new Lodge Pin commemorating our Lodge's 125 Anniversary. They are available for purchase at the bar for \$5. Be sure to stop in and get one!



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