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From the Secretary's Office

Greetings!

It's so hard to believe that summer came and is almost gone. Hopefully that will be a sign of cooler weather.

We have initiated several new members over the summer and our Lodge currently has 714 members, 17 new candidates and 59 members delinquent. If you have not paid your 2026-2027 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

In the summer bugle we published voting to close the Bike Fund totaling \$2,257.19. This was voted on and accepted at our August 4th Lodge meeting. We have transferred \$2,000 to our Veteran's Fund and \$257.19 to our Needy Youth Fund.

Our next Lodge meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 1st at 7:30 pm. Our next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 8th at 6:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend our meetings.

Vicki

Lodge Secretary

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Hello Elkdom

The summer is drawing to an end, and I would like to thank everyone that attended the many events we had at the lodge this summer. Heading into Fall the lodge is going to get very busy. We have the Patriot pool league starting Monday nights, Dartball and Fantasy Football draft on Wednesdays, and the Winter Pool league is starting on Thursdays. We are planning to do a dinner in October but the date has not been decided yet.

The lodge is always looking for new members if you know of a friend or relative that would like to join the Lodge, please let Vicki, or myself know and we will happily get them a membership application. Our membership is most important, and we are always looking for new members. I welcome you all and would be happy to have you join our lodge of elks.

Thanks again to all the Officers, Trustees, and staff at the Sheridan Elks Lodge 520 for your commitment and dedication to this wonderful fraternal organization.

Fraternally yours,

Forrest DeBolt

Exalted Ruler

SHERIDAN ELKS LODGE #520

GOLF SCRAMBLE

September 26th

KENDRICK GOLF COURSE

10 AM SHOTGUN START

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

(EACH TEAM MUST HAVE AT LEAST 1 ELK MEMBER)

\$100 PER PERSON (lunch included)

Sign Up deadline : September 21st

Contact Mary Kay @ 307-752-0404 or Cory @ 307-751-3042



Saturday September 19th

in the Parking Lot behind the Lodge

Bar Opens @ Noon

Sign Up Start @ 12:30pm Throwing Starts @ 1:30pm

\$20 per person

Blind Draw for Partners - Double Elimination

Food, Raffles, 50/50

Contact Shelley Bougie 307-751-4501

Proceeds go to the Elks 520 Building Fund

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Thomas L. Mefford

Born 2/22/1947
Initiated 3/27/1968
Died 6/5/2026

Garry M. King

Born 10/21/1940
Initiated 6/28/1972
Died 6/8/2026

William "Chuck" Hubing

Born 9/17/1924
Initiated 7/7/1976
Died 6/17/2026

Merle T. Fletcher

Born 10/23/1933
Initiated 6/1/1955
Died 6/30/2026

PER Ronald L. Dailey

Born 5/6/1937
Initiated 2/23/1972
Died 7/4/2026

Kenneth Georgen

Born 3/28/1931
Initiated 4/15/1952
Died 8/7/2026

*We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess him,
Still our hearts his memory bears.
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the golden cord is severed,
He has passed to realms on high.*

Propositions For Membership

Shalisha Hastings

(proposed by Troy Kane)

Susan Christensen

(proposed by Troy Kane)

Karley Goss

(proposed by Forrest DeBolt)

Cody Ratcliff

(proposed by Dustin Shaw)

Brandon Altmen

(proposed by Scott Avey)

Carl Steele

(proposed by Thomas Benedict)

Anthony Todd

(proposed by Jack Donahue)

Veteran's Affairs Corner

What a busy summer for Elks supporting our veterans.

Sundaes on Sunday (SoS) continues to hit a home run! This is a great volunteer opportunity for anyone who wants to serve our veterans. We've even had grandchildren helping over the summer. On the first Sunday of each month, we make ice cream sundaes for lunchtime dessert in the dining hall and the living units at the VA Medical Center. In September, we will serve on 9/13 instead of the Labor Day weekend.

The 9 Elks volunteers at the KARZ Show rocked it! Glenn Fairbank, JoAnn Barker, Pete Olson, John Grote, Chris Pooser, Tammie LaVoice, Mark Bagley, Fran Bunker and Brad Nielsen covered traffic and parking for the event.

We partnered with HUD-VASH, the VA department that assists veterans transitioning to the community, to help a veteran at risk of homelessness. We implemented the Elks Welcome Home program grant which provides up to \$400 for household goods and furnishings. We went shopping with a VA social worker and delivered all new kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and living room items as well as a donated bed.

We struck a hole in one with this year's Veterans Golf Scramble, partnering with AARP and the VFW on planning, setting up and breaking down the event. The Elks Lodge and Elks National Veterans Services sponsored 2 holes and 4 veterans in addition to providing needed water for the event.

Interested in helping veterans? We would love to see you at our next meeting on: **Wednesday, September 16th @ 5:00pm at the Lodge.** Unable to attend? Email brad@thenielsens.org or call 206-914-8800 for more information

Check the bulletin board at the Lodge for photos and more information about Veterans Committee activities.

Brad Nielsen

brad@thenielsens.org, 206-914-8800

Fran Bunker

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Elks Lodge #520 Veterans Committee



Hello Elk Members, hope you survived the heat we had all summer long.

First thing I want to do is to thank everybody involved in the WYO Rodeo Parade Day here at the Elks. It was a lot of hard work but all involved made it a success.

As Fall arrives, the lodge will be getting busy. This September we will be having a cornhole tournament out in the back parking lot on the 19th. We will also have our golf Scramble on the 26th. So get signed up and form your teams.

Thursday night pool has already started and Monday night pool starts back up soon. Shelley Bougie will be starting the Monday Night Dinners again in October.

We have a great bartending staff! Come on down and have a cold one from Sadie Ritterbush, Trish Penn, Michelle Phelps, Caroline Wilson & Shelley Bougie. Don't forget to take a peek at our special board for what's new.

We have many Fall gatherings scheduled, and I hate to say it, but the holidays are around the corner so get your events booked. If you have an event coming up and need space for it, give me a call.

The Lodge is open Monday-Friday 2-9pm and we will be open Saturdays, starting in September, from 1-6pm. Don't forget Happy Hour is Friday from 5-7pm.

Hope to see you at your local Sheridan Elks Lodge soon!!

Anna



**Happy Birthday
to our members with
September birthdays**



SEPTEMBER

LODGE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Orientation 6:45pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	2	3	4 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	5 Bar Open 1pm – 6pm
6	7 <i>Labor Day</i> Lodge Closed	8 Board of Directors Trustees Meeting 6pm	9	10	11 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	12 Bar Open 1pm – 6pm
13 Sundays on Sunday at the VJ	14	15	16 Veteran's Committee Meeting 5pm	17	18 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	19 Bar Opens @ Noon Cornhole @ 1:30
20	21	22	23	24	25 Happy Hour 5-7 pm	26 Golf Scramble @ Kendrick 10am Bar Open 1pm – 6pm
27	28	29	30			



Sheridan Elks

Lodge 520

Welcomes our New Members

Joshua Law, Ricky Connolly, Tessa Thomas, Wade Baker & Brock Mann, Thomas Barbret, Tyler Armour, Sydney Worden & Christopher Larson. Not pictured: David Oakes, Jean Hamaker, Verdine Davis, Susan Youngbauer, Kayla Carr, Sara Farrell, Allen Farrell & Cheryl Nelson



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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 and Veteran's funds, as well as WEST and ENF.



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