

## The Changing of Leadership

The Elk year 2020/2021 has proven to be a year of challenges . One for the history. Lodges were force to close, conventions were cancelled, events were cancelled and people were scared of the unknown. Elks stepped up in these times and showed their communities that we as Elks were here for them and to do what we could to help many families and organizations. The Elks never stepped down they took two steps forward and said “lets do this”. Our lodges like lodges everywhere have/had struggles because of the pandemic but the Nevada Elks are pulling together and finding their new normal and restoring their routines and determination for a successful 2021/2022 year.



The Nevada State President for 2020/2021 Russ Childers was our leader through this challenging year and faced it head on one day at a time. Adjusting where we needed to but reassuring our lodges he was there for each one of them, even as he battled the COVID-19 virus himself.

The Nevada State Elks Annual Convention April 29 through May 2nd was able to gather once again and was kicked off with a welcome dinner and registration. Friday May 1st brought Ritual contest, several meetings from sponsor to SMP to PER and Advisory followed by Dinner and dancing with a western theme. Saturday was kicked off with the opening of the business session along with committee reports. voting of new officers and guest dignitaries. A short recess was taken for a presentation on the new SMP St Judes Ranch. With the closing of the business session lead us into the SMP luncheon where with donation baskets from each lodge and members for the raffle mony was raised for our new SMP St Judes Ranch. The evening was complete with the Installation of Officers and Award Banquet lead by the State president Russ Childers giving his speech on his year and



receiving his Past State President Pin and the installing of the new officers for 2021/2022. It was a year no one will forget but an opportunity to look forward to a new year. Congratulations to the Nevada State Officers of 2021/2022 and thank you for the Officers of 2020/2021 for guiding and supporting the lodges through the most challenging year felt by Elkdom.



**NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
Dan Wells**

My Sisters and Brothers,

What a State Convention!!!

Reno Lodge put on a great event the hard-working volunteers kept smiles on their faces the entire time. Mary and I agree after speaking to many of the attendees that everyone was happy to be out, active, and able to visit with friends and acquaintances.

Thank you for your confidence in me this year, a lot must be done, and I plan with your help to get it done! Motivate your offices and inspire your members. Get going on community activities and charities, those that keep things going – pick up the pace! Your community is waiting.

Mary and I have just returned from our first official visit to California Hawaii Elks Convention in Fresno. For me it was like homecoming and we were greeted by several acquaintances and our escorts were fabulous. It was a real learning experience; the business meeting was set up virtually so that all Lodge Officers and members could attend. The ER march was set in a video format, documenting the donation and the ER of each Lodge.

**PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE**

- May 5-7, 2021 - CHEA Mid-Term Conference
- May 13-16, 2021 - Arizona State Convention
- Jul 4-7, 2021 - Grand Lodge Convention
- Aug 12, 2021 - Great Basin 1472
- Aug 13, 2021 - Ely 1469
- Aug 14, 2021 - Mesquite 2811
- Aug 20, 2021 - Sparks 2397
- Aug 21, 2021 - Reno 597
- Sep 17, 2021 - North Las Vegas 2353
- Sep 18, 2021 - Las Vegas 1468
- Sep TBD 2021 - Utah State Convention
- Oct 1, 2021 - Henderson/Green Valley 2802
- Oct 2, 2021 - Pahrump 2796
- Oct 8, 2021 - Boulder City 1682
- Oct 9, 2021 - Laughlin 2872
- Oct 15, 2021 - Fallon 2239
- Oct 16, 2021 - Carson City 2177
- Oct 23, 2021 - Tahoe/Douglas 2670
- Nov 18-21, 2021 - Mid-Term Meeting LV
- Jan TBD, 2022 - South District Hoop Shoot
- Feb 11, 2022 - Hawthorne 1704
- Feb 12, 2022 - Hawthorne State Hoop Shoot
- Feb 19-20, 2022 - SMP Golf Outing Mesquite 2811
- Feb 26, 2022 - Tonopah 1062 (Crab Crack)
- Mar 25-27, 2022 - Las Vegas Reg. Hoop Shoot
- Apr 21-24, 2022 - Annual Meeting TBD

We will be attending the Hawthorne Armed Forces Day Celebration the weekend of May 15th. Where we help the PERs with their Saturday morning pancake breakfast. Then attend the Flag Presentation and the parade where we will join the rest of the attendees in saluting our veterans and military personnel. The Hawthorne Lodge does a great job in celebrating Armed Forces Day.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Remember "We are all in this together and Together We Will Succeed"

Dan Wells  
NSEA President







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2-YEAR**



**Ben Reed PER  
3-YEAR  
TRUSTEE**



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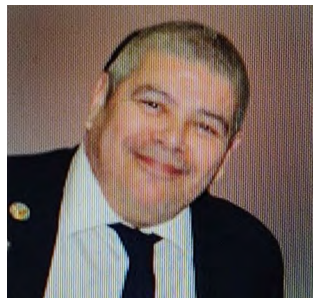
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# NSEA Committees and Reporting Structure

## Special Committees – Section 13.020 [President Dan Wells] (775) 745-5619

Accident Prevention & Insurance Risk	Debbie Oskin, PER	(702) 346-0811
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Credentials	Shaaron Snead	(775) 267-5066
Elk Training	Frank Reynolds III PDD Vice President	(775) 742-9085
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• Activities (Section 13.021)	Danny Wells, PDD, President-Elect	(775) 745-5619
• Fraternal (Section 13.022)	Debbie Oskin, PDD, Vice President	(702) 346-0811
• Auditing and Accounting (Section 13.040)	Chairman NSEA Trustees - Danny Wells, PDD	(775) 745-5619
• Past Exalted Rulers (Section 13.190)	Danny Wells, PDD	(775) 745-5619
• Government Relations (Section 4.030)	Don Buffamonte PDD	(702) 487-3364
• Ritualistic (Section 4.410)	Frank Reynolds, PDD	(775) 674-6315
• Ritualistic (North)		
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Community Activities	Bob Carroll, PER	(702) 226-0404
Citizen of Year	John Whitesides Chair	(775) 841-9246
Blue Pig - SMP 3-Yr Trustee	Feryl Fitzgerald, PDD Chair	(775) 882-4119
Drug Awareness	Rick Stone, PER (775) 424-4412 - Vice Chair Milton Tony Carr PER	(702) 219-0677
Hoop Shoot	Al Babb Director	(775) 316-2885
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**NV State Vice President**

Fellow Elks,

I would like to start off by saying Thank You for putting your trust in me to be your Vice-President. I will

give it my all and not let you down. As we move forward this year, there will be some changes within

the Nevada State Elks Association, and we will be looking for help from all of you. If you have not heard, at the annu-

al convention hosted by Reno Lodge #597, it was passed to make changes in our structure and for the Fraternal year 2022-2023, we will have a Vice-President North and a Vice-President South, as well as the President-Elect and President. With this change, we will be changing which State Officer the committee chairs will be reporting to. But for this year, it will not change! I will be contacting all the committee chairpersons that are under my watch to make sure you are aware that I am here to help. If you have accepted the responsibility of being a committee chair, please follow through with that commitment and not just hold the title. I look forward to working with all of you and remember, nobody knows about what we as ELKS do, if we do not get the word out!

As things are opening back up from the pandemic of COVID19, please support your Lodge, your community and local businesses, as they have had a difficult time in these trying times. Talking of support, Marie and I are here to support President Dan and First Lady Mary as we go through this busy year and wish safe travels and healthy times.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Frank M. Reynolds III, PDDGER

NSEA Vice-President

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Esquire: Mark Holmstrand PER

**Clinics**

N. Las Vegas Lodge 8/15/20

TBD 01/16/21

Boulder Lodge 4/17/21

**VISITATIONS**

Tonopah 8/2

Ely 8/9

Las Vegas 9/13

Henderson-GV 9/18

Laughlin 10/4

Boulder City 10/17

N. Las Vegas 10/24

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**Clinics**

Hawthorne Lodge 8/22/20

Tahoe/Douglas Lodge 4/10/21

**VISITATIONS**

Carson City 9/25

Great Basin 9/27

Fallon 10/11

Sparks 10/16

Reno 10/18

Tahoe/Douglas 10/24

Hawthorne 10/25

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## *Is Your Lodge Budget on Track*

Lodge budgets should have been completed by the first of April and the Exalted Ruler should have reviewed it and had it read to the floor at the first meeting in April. With the COVID-19 Virus lodges were closed and meetings had to be held over Zoom or conference calls in many lodges. Your budget should have still been discussed and reviewed during this time. The budget is the best way of maintaining the lodges expenses (kitchen, bar, utilities, mortgage). The best course for a successful year is a budget to keep you on track. Reminder that in the month of October the trustees should meet and review the budget. This is the time to verify you are still on track. This is also the time when the trustees meet and review the current budget and propose to the floor any updates and changes needed to the current budget. With the pandemic of COVID-19 still active and having compacity increasing and going back to 100% many lodges will be making adjustments during the review in October. New copies will be given to the trustees and ER and adjustments will have to be read to the floor and approved prior to changes being made. .

## *Charity Report System*

In order for the Elks Organization to maintain a charity status you must show volunteer hours and mileage. Your time matters and we spend a great deal of time helping others and going to meetings to make sure the Elks are successful. You are making a difference so record your hours and miles and you to can see what a difference you make.

Be sure to turn your hours and miles into your secretary so they could be recorded in clms for grand lodge. It is better if you maintain these hours monthly and not wait until the last minute to turn them into your secretary. The secretary is already busy and this could become time consuming. Do not wait to the last minute to report your hours to your secretary. A report is also sent to or District Deputy so lets all work together and make this happen. It is ok to brag about what the Elks do. You will also want to be sure you are turning in your PR hours to the State Chairman.

## **Some helpful disclaimers for your Lodge social media**

By RICK GATHEN Membership and Public Relations Manager

Local Lodges that promote themselves through social media – including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr – should be prepared to set limits on how those platforms are used on their behalf. Please consider using the following social media disclaimers for your Lodge.

Prohibit postings that:

- \* are hateful or mean-spirited.
- \* are potentially libelous, obscene or sexually explicit.
- \* are personal attacks, or involve profanity or insults.
- \* are private or public information published without Lodge consent.
- \* violate any law or promote the violation of any law.
- \* contribute to or encourage discrimination or harassment.
- \* display photos of Members drinking or smoking, or considered harmful to the Elks' image and reputation.

\*contain the names of minors.

\* divulge Lodge business that may violate your Obligation.

\* are not positive and informative. Other practices that should be avoided include:

\* Don't dive in head first. Social media beginners should focus on a few things and do them well.

\*Don't accept non-Members as friends.

\* Don't post photos of Members drinking or smoking.

\* Don't post photos that may be "harmful" to the Elks image and reputation.

\* Don't post names of children.

\* Don't post Lodge business that would violate your Obligation.

## **\*\* MANUALS \*\***

I would wager that if you look about the office of your Lodge Secretary you will find several manuals related to the various tasks and offices common to any Local Lodge. These manuals have been developed over time, often by experts, and frequently updated to help people do their tasks more efficiently and to answer many frequent questions about the operations of our Order. Most of us who have served as District Deputy recall reviewing the checklist of these manuals as a part of the annual official visitation. Sometimes we had to blow a little dust off the covers to read what they were.

Well, after a great deal of effort by our Grand Secretary, Bry-

an Klatt, and the Chicago staff, most of these important resources are now available online from your easy chair at home or wherever you access the digital universe at nsea-elks.org.

These manuals offer a wealth of information to anyone involved in Lodge operations. There are ideas and tips gathered from around the country over many years, which can help your Lodge be more successful and avoid common problems.

Those hard-copy volumes were hard to keep track of, not easy to update, and sometimes only available during Lodge office hours. With online access, any registered Elks Member has information at his or her fingertips 24/7.

Why not take a moment to

look over all the information offered at nsea-elks.org under the "Restricted Access" tab? Here you will find all the manuals in one location for your easy access. You will also find a number of NSEA manuals tailored specifically to Nevada Elk Lodge needs to assist you in running your Lodge within local, state and federal laws.

You might be surprised at what you find and how much time it can save you.



*(It should be noted many of the above comments were taken from an article prepared by GER Millard C. Pickering)*

Bill Wiseman, PSP PDD

## **Membership**

We are coming off of a very hard year for many lodges. COVID-19 put our lodges at risk by being forced to shut down. Membership is and has been a battle for lodges of the years but this is the time to pull together.

You will always have the **member** who is volunteering and coming to the meetings and helping support the functions and then you will have the **Member** who just wants to belong to the Elks and pay their dues and not worry about volunteering or what is going on in the lodge. These are members who want to belong but may be limited to what they could do. This is ok this member may want to be able to say I belong to the Elks and pay their dues and occasionally come to an event or function they may enjoy. Having both is what ever lodge needs to maintain a successful year. Elks need to understand that even if those members are not volunteering for everything (or anything) they are supporting the lodge by paying their dues.

Every lodge would love to have 100% Elks but we have to remember not everyone is in the position health wise or financially to be able to volunteer that

does not make them an unworthy member.

All too often we find we are pushing people away from the Elks, we make them feel guilty because they haven't stopped in to the Lodge or you haven't seen them around. Some members say they need and want a younger generation. Others feel a new generation is necessary but feel the history and tradition will be lost. It is up to our current members to teach them and show them the way by listening to them but teaching them the tradition and meaning of being an ELK and then figuring out how to blend them together

All members join for different reasons, and we need to keep this in mind.

To increase membership have a committee. This committee should consist of at least the membership chairman, Exalted Ruler, secretary, activity chair and at least one Elk member for every 100 members. Make a plan and set a realistic goal. Remember the key to a success lodge is it's membership.

A building is four walls and a ceiling a lodge is what your members make it. Every lodge needs a strong foundation.

In order to build a lodge membership try the following suggestions:

- 1 Be community oriented
- 2 Hold charity events
- 3 Membership drives/Meet & Greet
- 4 Stray Elks Program
- 5 Review Membership Tool Kit on elks.org
- 6 Just ask one on one and make a connection
- 7 Ask your State Chairman

When recruiting new members keep in mind people like to be spoken to and invited personally. This makes them feel honored and worthy to be asked. Help this fraternal organization continue to grow by asking people to join that are a good match for Elkdom. Every lodge needs reinforcement over time.

Follow up on your members you had to drop over the last five years. Send an encouraging letter or call them and express that they have been "missed" and by becoming a member again, they could help make a difference, and support Elkdom, this may encourage them. Don't be afraid to embrace change, every new member has a new idea and every lodge needs new ideas.

***"Strengthening Elkdom through Community Awareness"***



## Message from the GER

Paul R. Ryan

### **June: Our flag, our loyalty, and our veterans**

Honoring the flag of our country on a day of national recognition for our flag is one of the proudest things we can do as Elks. After all, Flag Day was first introduced by the Elks.

You should be honored to put on the Flag Day ceremony. Talk to your city if they have a memorial that can be performed in conjunction with the Legion or VFW. My Lodge has performed it at a Veterans Hospital. Perform the ceremony in a place where many will see it and be educated by it. As you can see by my pin, the flag of the greatest country on earth is something that Stacey and I cherish deeply. I hope you will feel the same sense of pride this Flag Day.

That being said, you should also honor fathers this month. I know that my father has taught me a great plenty in life and I am so proud to call him dad.

My father-in-law has also been a great influence on me. My wife may have been the one that got me into the Elks, but he was the one who set me on my path and mentored me to where I am today. I am proud of them both and I am so glad that they have both been an influence to me.

Make sure to come to Tampa and partake in all of the great convention seminars and meetings. There is so much to do and so much to learn. You will also have a chance to meet other great Elks throughout the nation and gain new ideas and develop new connections. Don't just rush out and join your own state in their hospitality room—go get introduced to others.

Stacey and I look forward to seeing you soon in Tampa. Remember to Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom!



## Grand Secretary

Bryan R. Klatt

### **Lodge bulletins: USPS vs. E-mail**

The Grand Secretary's Office has seen an increase in inquiries about e-mailing the Lodge bulletin to save the Lodge money. Per the following Statute and Opinions, yes, a Lodge can e-mail the bulletin to a Member. Consequently, a Lodge cannot mandate all Members will receive the bulletin electronically if a Member requests a paper copy via regular mail:

Section 1.115: "Notice: Except as otherwise directed by Executive Order, any notice required to be sent or mailed to all Members of the Lodge may be included in the Lodge Bulletin or sent electronically to any Member who has given written authorization to receive notices electronically. Notice which is required to be served upon a specific Member must be served personally, by United States Mail or by United States Mail, Certified, Return Receipt Requested as specifically provided."

Section 16.150 Opinion 03: "If a Lodge publishes any magazine, newspaper, bulletin or other periodical devoted to the interests of the Order, every Member of that Lodge is entitled to receive a copy of each such publication, whether by electronic delivery or by regular mail."

Section 16.150 Opinion 04: "The Lodge Bulletin may be sent electronically to any Member without written authorization from that Member, unless otherwise requested by the Member."





**Ranch for Children**  
*A Community of Hope*

## **Nevada Elks Major Project**

A 40 acer Ranch that has been providing a safe, nurturing home with therapeutic residential treatment services to thousands of abused and neglected children in Nevada. St. Jude's Ranch has made and continues to make a difference by creating new lives with new hope for these children over 54 years. St Jude's Ranch was started in 1966 with construction starting in 1967 and later that year a young boy name Eddie from Elko became the first resident. In 1970-2000 St Jude's ranch became one of Southern NV most visible non-profit organizations. Over time the programs have been extended to two locations in Las Vegas and extending the programs for housing, homeless families and singles, employment and education need and assistance, sibling preservation for families separated in foster care and family support.

Although the campuses are located in southern Las Vegas and the main campus in Boulder City they represent the state of NV and have children from all over the state.

Their newest mission is the new wing (building) for children removed from sex trafficking. This is a mission still in the working stages but is going very well.

The campus is always looking for volunteers for maintenance items around the campus, the community garden and working besides our youth residents, They also give tours of the campus if you wish to see what they are doing and where they intend to grow. The NV Elks voted at the business session of the April convention to make this our new State Major Project and the vote passed

### **2021/2022 SMP Officers**

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#### **Past State president - South**

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### **CAMP TO BELONG**



At our 2010 Annual Convention the Elks State Major Project Trustees decided to go to the convention floor with a motion to expand our SMP to include **CAMP TO BELONG (CTB)**, on a continuing basis. It was agreed to kick off this program with a donation of

\$5,000.00 for the year. **Camp To Belong** founded in Las Vegas by Lynn Price, herself a former youth-in-care, to offer siblings in foster care and other out of home care the opportunity to create a lifetime of memories. Siblings may not have the opportunity to read bedtime stories together at night, have breakfast together, cheer for each other at school functions or share precious holidays—all the things that typical siblings get to do each day. Siblings are often taken for granted. **Yet, the siblings relationship can be our longest relationship in life.** Camp To Belongs slogan: **Dedicated to reuniting siblings placed in separate foster homes or other out-of-home care . . .** Clearly states the

organization's goal.

**Camp To Belongs** flagship events are their Summer Camp Programs during which they reunite brothers and sisters in a safe, neutral, week-long camp environment to create childhood memories together that they would not have otherwise due to living in separate homes. Each Summer Camp Program provides international programming designed to strengthen sibling connection through their Signature Camp Programs, including Art Activities, Sibling Enhancement, Life Seminar, and the Birthday Party Event.

The Camp To Belong Summer Camp Program has reunited over 4,000 siblings at camps and reunions since 1995. **Nevada State Elks Association** is proud to partner with **Camp To Belong Nevada Family and Child Focus** in this outstanding program. For more information go to the SMP page on the State Website — [nsea-elks.org](http://nsea-elks.org)

## Billing Renewal Program

The Grand Lodge Membership & Marketing optional billing program was designed to make the membership renewal process more modern. It offers more customization. It is far less expensive. It offers more modern options for Members to pay dues and make donations. The savings on time and labor for Lodge Secretary's is also great news. When you're ready to opt-in, have your lodge secretary submit the simple registration form in CLMS:

### Opt-In Registration Form

## Billing Timeline and Explanation

Whether it is the first billing or a Member still showing as a "unpaid" months later, they are all considered "renewals".

### 2021 Billing Timeline

**We do not automatically withdrawal from anyone's bank account. Grand Lodge does not issue postage credits or refunds.**

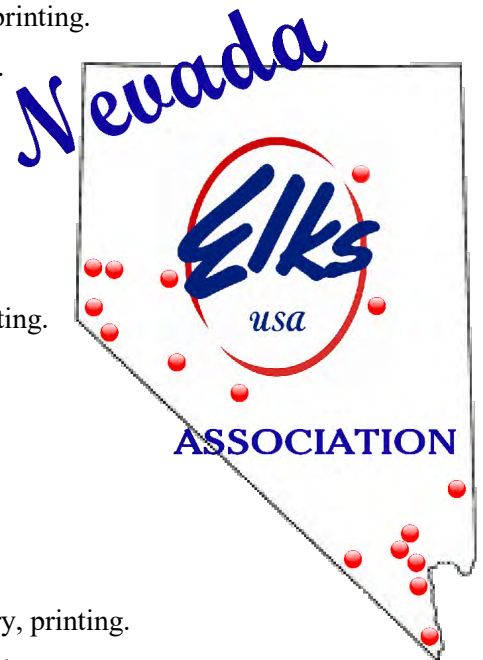
1. Prior to January 11th – Verify using the Member Billing Precheck.
2. January 11th- Deadline to sign up for the January 2021 new lodge year billing.
3. January 15th- Grand Lodge to invoice Lodges for the postage, bindery, printing.
4. January 31st - Deadline for Lodges to pay postage to Grand Lodge.
5. February 2nd- Grand Lodge IT to send billing files to OSG.
6. February 4th - OSG invoices mailing goes out to members.

1. Prior to April 16th – Verify using the Member Billing Precheck.
2. April 16th- Deadline to sign up for May 2021 billing.
3. April 22nd - Grand Lodge to invoice Lodges for the postage, bindery, printing.
4. May 20th- Deadline for Lodges postage payment back to Grand Lodge.
5. May 24th- Grand Lodge IT to send billing files to OSG.
6. May 26th - OSG invoices mailing goes out to members.

1. Prior to June 30th – Verify using the Member Billing Precheck.
2. June 30th- Deadline to sign up for August 2021 billing.
3. July 7th- Grand Lodge to invoice Lodges for the postage, bindery, printing.
4. July 30th- Deadline for Lodges postage payment back to Grand Lodge.
5. August 3rd- Grand Lodge IT to send billing files to OSG.
6. August 5th- OSG invoices mailing goes out to members.

1. Prior to September 20th – Verify using the Member Billing Precheck.
2. September 20th- Deadline to sign up for October 2021 billing.
3. September 24th- Grand Lodge to invoice lodges for the postage, bindery, printing.
4. October 19th- Deadline for Lodges postage payment back to Grand Lodge.
5. October 22nd- Grand Lodge IT to send billing files to OSG.
6. October 25th - OSG invoices mailing goes out to members.

If you've already registered to participate in this program, there's no need to opt-in again. You'll be automatically enrolled if all future mailings. If you'd like to cancel your participation, click the "Cancel our Participation" button online [Elks.org/grandlodge/membership/billing](https://Elks.org/grandlodge/membership/billing)





The Elks National Foundation helps our lodges make a difference in their communities. The help address the needs of our youth and our Veterans. ENF have different levels of funding they give to our lodges from Community Grants to Veterans programs to Youth events.

<a href="#"><u>Community Investments Program</u></a>	\$14.6 million
<a href="#"><u>State Elks Association Grants</u></a>	\$10.1 million
<a href="#"><u>Scholarship Programs</u></a>	\$4.6 million
<a href="#"><u>Elks National Veterans Service Program</u></a>	\$3.6 million
<a href="#"><u>Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest</u></a>	\$1.1 million
<a href="#"><u>Elks Drug Awareness Program</u></a>	\$964,710
<a href="#"><u>Elks Memorial Building Maintenance</u></a>	\$845,470

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## **MEDIA ALERT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **153rd Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**

**ELKS WERE FOUNDED ON FEBRUARY 16, 1868**

Chicago, IL – Local Elks Lodges throughout the United States and in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal will be celebrating 153 years of community service on February 16, 2021.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made more than 12 Billion in donations since we first started 153 years ago. Last year alone, the Elks donated approximately \$350 million in cash, gifts and time to make our communities better places to live. The Elks are one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America.

Elk volunteers will visit thousands of hospitalized Veterans that have protected our freedoms. The Elks vow “So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” The Elks support both active military forces and retired veterans. Elks furnish food, comfort care items, therapeutic items, and gifts, host holiday celebrations, and recreational activities at bases and hospitals and stand ready to fulfill any need when called upon. Last year alone, the value of Elks’ contributions to the nation’s heroes provided more than \$50 million to more than 300 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, clinics, and state care facilities.

Annually, the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totaling more than \$4.5 million.

The Elks Community Investment Program will award nearly \$47 million towards enriching our communities.

There are more than 1,900 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000. Elks’ members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God.

To learn more visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)  
**Released by Rick Gathen**



## Drug Awareness Is Your Lodge Doing

The Drug Awareness Program has several new items to help Elks educate our fellow man/woman about the dangers of drugs. The first one is the Teen Zone lessons, which can be found at [elksteenzone.org/lessons](http://elksteenzone.org/lessons). I encourage every Elk to take the time to log in and see what this site has to offer, then share it with family members, neighbors, friends, and educators. If we can spread the word about this excellent training tool and get it in use more youth will learn about the dangers. Second Item is using DAP funds I purchased two 10-foot pop-up tents. These tents have the DAP logo and Nevada State Elks Association on them. There will be one for Lodges in the



### Citizen of the Year for Sparks Elks Lodge #2397

The Sparks Elks Lodge named Jose "Chava" Espana its citizen of the year. A Soccer coach who came with several letters of recommendation for this award for his hard work, dedication and commitment to the youth and the community

### VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2020/2021

Greg Weeks ER of Lodge #1468 was awarded the Grand Lodge and the Nevada State Elks Association Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award for 2020-2021. He was the Veterans Chairman of his lodge last year among other duties and this year, he is continuing along with being Exalted Ruler. Greg is dedicated to Veterans, their families and a great leader of his lodge. In his acceptance, Greg asked for all the volunteers for veterans to stand up and be recognized for their participation in receiving the award. The whole room stood up!

Award was issued by the Veterans State Chairman Dona Hoesly PER



Ben Reed Jr. and Sharon Rigby congratulate Ben Reed Sr. on his "Elk of the Year" of commitment and dedication to Elkdom and the community



## Elks “Strengthening Elkdom through Community Awareness”

National Wreaths Across America Day, celebrated at Lone Mountain Cemetery on Dec. 19 th , honored veterans by placing wreaths on headstones and markers at over 1,200 locations throughout the U.S. and abroad to those who served our country. The event was hosted by the Carson City Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol/USAF Auxiliary. Carson City Elks Lodge #2177 and the Carson City Rotary Club, along with other organizations, helped place the wreaths. The Elks purchased 50 wreaths through the Beacon grant. Volunteers were honored with the presence of guest speaker, Brigadier General Michael K.

Carson City Elk members pictured (L – R) Marian Furnari, Mike and Eileen Dugan, John Ryals, Frank Furnari, Marilyn Ryals, Wayne (Veterans chairman) and Sharon Willson



### Reno Lodge # 597 Elks Care! Beacon Grant helps a Local School

Work began by the Elks National Foundation committee on the Beacon Grant last year with Denise Stone and several members going shopping for the dry goods, making at least 17 different trips to the Big Box stores.

This year the 400 Spring Break Bags of food were delivered to Glen Duncan Elementary School so every family could have food during the break. The Elk participation was incredible with over 97 volunteers throughout the project helping out. Elks also made monetary donations of \$4000, and with the Beacon grant of \$3500, and State grant of \$3375 and \$2000 from the Emblem Club the ENF was able to make the goal of filling 400 bags of food for these challenged families.

Mesquite Elks Lodge participated at Mesquite **Family Fun Night** which was held on May 25, 2021. The Elks staffed a baseball/bowling pin ball toss. We had 5 Elks help plus a young man who came up and just started helping. We had well over 100 kids come to our booth and play the game. Thank you to all the members who helped tonight!

### **Veterans Appreciation Lunch**

The Reno Lodge used funds from the Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant to hold a Cinco de Mayo Veterans Appreciation luncheon Wednesday May 5th. Elk member Susan Stinchfield headed up a crew of 18 Elks and 2 Non-Elks who volunteered 109 hours planning and putting on the luncheon. The lodge worked with the Reno Vet Center to plan and put on the Cinco de Mayo meal which included Chips, Salsa, Tacos, Mexican Rice, Refried beans and dessert. We served 52 meals to local veterans and family members who were really happy to get out of the house and have a chance to meet up with friends that they hadn't seen for a year in a happy and safe environment.



On May 11th, 2021 Carson City Elks #2177 ER Martha Reynolds presented \$500 to Mayor Lori Bagwell for the Parks and Recreation After School Program and \$500 to Nick Branca of the Boys and Girls Club. Funds were ascertained from the Elks Community Investment Program grant. Ann Cox was the member that suggested these two worthwhile organizations. The Elks CIP grant is awarded to all local lodges for the purpose of enhancing their respective communities.



Laughlin Elks 2872 members shopped for the local Backpack Program for both the elementary and the jr/sr high School and delivered the food items to the school.

Laughlin Elks 2872 continues to deliver 12 cases of water to the Local VA each month





## Elks Veterans Leather Program

The Elks National Veterans service commission have been distributing quality gloves to Veterans for decades. During the 1946 Grand Lodge Session the Elks National Veterans Service Commission was established along with the promise “that as long as there are Veterans the BPOE will never forget them”.

The Elks Veterans leather program is built on a partnership between the ENVSC and local lodges. Lodges collect hides and pack them and then ship them to the ENVSC to have them sent to a tannery, this is where they are turned into the leather that is then made into wheelchair gloves and craft kits to be given out to veterans.

Dave Pressler reported that Reno lodge was able to collect and process 50 big game hides for shipping to Tennessee for tanning. There were no other hides collected from Nevada lodges. In 2020 Grand Lodge Veterans Program had 12 state collect 17,234 hides which allowed 3,075 veterans receive wheelchair gloves and 10,620 veterans receive leather craft kits. This is a program that may not seem fun or enjoyable but is needed for our veterans today. If your lodge is not in a big game area, does not mean you may know someone who hunts and could possibly donate hides to you for the program.

Nevada State Chairman for the Hides program Dave Pressler knows some lodges may not be able to prep and store Hides and he is willing to work with lodges willing to participate in the Hides program. Hides need to be heavily salted and stored in a 55 gallon drum with a lid and kept in a cool location until transported. Think of the benefits for our veterans and make this the year you try and collect those hides and help a veteran. For information on the program contact the Nevada State Hides Chairman Dave Pressler.



### Lets Make Sure 2021 is updated in CLMS

It has been a year no one will forget. It has been a challenging year. It is a new year with new officers and chairman. Make sure you have your lodge information and your members information current and up to date. The data base in CLMS will be used for the state directory.

As we move forward into a new year lets not forget what Elks are about CHARITY and many lodges have and continue to donate and give charity so remember to Report—Report—Report. Chairman are asked to turn in the reports of projects to the secretary so the lodge stays current through out the year.



Greg Weeks ER of lodge 1468 was Presented the NSEA Elk of the Year Award by Russ Childers PSP



# EDITORIAL GUIDELINES - KATHY HOSS NSEA NEWSLETTER EDITOR

## LOU MARTIN, PER ASSISTANT EDITOR

This is a new start for the NSEA Electronic News. The intent is to maintain a news paper format. It will be published in a timely manner quarterly whether all articles are received or not.

### Editorial Policy:

Articles should be positive in nature. They should be demonstrative of the promotion of and active participation in the programs and committee work of the Nevada State Elks Association and Grand Lodge.

Not all articles will be considered for publication. Some are more suitable for publication in a local lodge's newsletter, bulletin or local paper (e.g. Lodge Officer installations, Elk/Officer/Citizen of the Year, VP/DDGER visitations, etc.) as many of these are activities occurring in every Lodge each year across the Association and would not be of unique enough interest for the Association newsletter.

Some articles relating to the Association President's activities at Annual and Mid-Term Conferences, Grand Lodge Convention and various District Visitations will be published as space permits, of course. However, with 16 Lodge visitations and three events, it is not possible to get all of the President's activities published in just four issues.

Articles are welcomed and encouraged from the Association Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairs.

Not all articles that are submitted will be published in the newsletter. As editor, I am attempting to give all lodges in the Association an opportunity to have their articles published. Some lodges submit multiple articles for each issue, some send very few articles, so I am trying to allocate each issue's precious space as fairly as possible across all lodges that submit an article for an issue. A lodge that has never had an article published will be favored over a lodge that has had multiple articles published. Over time, each lodge should have ample opportunity to have several articles appear in the newsletter. Submitted articles that are not published in a particular issue are **not** carried forward for consideration for the next issue.

I am attempting to balance the subject matter in each issue. If I receive multiple articles on the same subject (e.g. multiple dictionary program articles), I will **not** publish all of them, but I will select a subset as representative of that activity within the Association.

### Copy:

Articles should be written in Microsoft Office Word for Windows and be sent as an attachment to an email.

**Please perform a grammar and spell check on your article prior to submission.** The articles should be as brief as possible and directly to the point. All articles are subject to editing for content and space considerations.

All submissions become the property of the Nevada State Elks Association.

Please limit your articles to one topic—don't send multiple topics in one email—send a separate email for each topic.

Lodge articles should be brief and to the point and should not average more than 200-300 words per Lodge.. Much less when photos are to be used. A photo takes up about 200-300 words

### Photos:

Digital photographs should be taken using camera settings that will result in the highest possible quality of photograph (e.g. most megapixels per photo). These should be saved as a "\*.jpg" file and be attached to the email with your article. Please submit ONE photograph with each article. The photograph should be on the same topic as the article.

Provide a caption for the photograph: identify the people (and their titles, if appropriate) by name, in a left-to-right, row-by-row fashion.

### Send Your Email To:

[newsletter@nsea-elks.org](mailto:newsletter@nsea-elks.org)

As editor, I am automatically copied on emails that are sent to the above address. Or you could send them to [khoss70@gmail.com](mailto:khoss70@gmail.com)

Next deadline is September 15th, 2021

## **Pahrump Elks Lodge #2796**

The Pahrump Lodge was able to purchase and donate bikes for the youth of Pahrump



## **Tonopah Elks Lodge #1062**

Lodge members along with family members placed over 1000 flags on graves at the Old and New Tonopah cemeteries. Our last stopes for the day was at our own fallen members Javier “Harvey” Gonzalez PER and Mike McKinnis



## **Ely Elks Lodge #1469**

The Ely Elks Lodge Donated \$2,000 donation from a community investment grant from the Elks National Foundation. This money is earmarked to go toward the local Drug Court program that is credited with providing a variety of rehabilitation services to participants with moderate to severe drug and alcohol addictions that brought them to our court system.



## **Henderson/Green Valley Lodge #2802**

Henderson Elks passed out Essential Bags to Veterans and the Homeless at three different locations. The current ER posed with a recipient of one bag given out



## **Carson City Lodge #2177**

The Carson City Elk Members participated in the placing our Flags on the gravesides at Lone Mountain Cemetery for Memorial Day



## **Boulder City Elks Lodge #1682**

The Boulder City Lodge held a “Cruizin in to Summer” Membership Drive offering free food, Live entertainment and Free Car Show







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# **Great Basin Elks Campout 2021**

## **August 5--8**

**6th Annual Elks Campout**  
**Hole in the Mountain Place, Starr Valley, Elko County, Nevada**

**Hosted by: Great Basin Elks Lodge**  
**#1472**



**What:** A weekend in Starr Valley at the Hole in the Mountain Place. Enjoy camping, hiking, and sight-seeing. Stay in your RV (no hook-ups), or bring a tent. This is an historic ranch owned by a local family who previously hosted the former Elko Elks Lodge back in the day.

**Where:** Hole in the Mountain Place, Starr Valley, Nevada (approx. 30 miles east of Elko.) Elevation 6,000 feet.

**Who:** All Nevada Elks and guests. You must register and pre-pay. Elk membership not required for guests.



**Amenities:** Bathrooms (blue huts); campfire; hiking; creek; scenic views; Best People on Earth.

**Mornings:** Coffee, juice, assorted pastries, 7:00 – 9:00 AM. Included with fee.

**Friday & Saturday Nights:** Margarita Bar fundraiser, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, \$5 per drink, hosted by Great Basin Elks Scholarship Committee. Friday Night Bring your own appetizers to share.

**Saturday Night:** Dinner hosted by Great Basin Elks. 6:00 – 8:00 PM, \$16 / person. Must pre-register for dinner. Drawing held after dinner. Tickets on site. Group campfire and Eleven O'clock Toast.

To register, use QR Code or contact the Great Basin Lodge for the form and remit payment to:

**Great Basin Elks #1472, PO Box 657, Elko, NV 89803**

## KILROY CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Carson City Lodge #2177 will be hosting the sixth Kilroy Classic Golf Tournament. Saturday July 3, 2021 will be the big day. It will start at 10am with a shotgun start at Silver Oak Golf Course Carson City NV. The cost per player is \$125.00 and will be 4 person scramble with adjusted handicap. For current Military and Veterans the fee will be \$100.00 per player. Range Balls & Cart are included. All Proceeds to Benefit Northern Nevada Veteran Charities. Prizes include Team Trophies, Long Drive Contest, Hole in One Contest, Raffle Prizes, Player Thank you Gifts and a Silent Auction. There will also be dinner at the lodge.



To Register you could go to HonorFlightNV.org. Make all checks payable to Honor Flight Nevada P.O. Box 21123, Reno, NV 89515 or you can pay by credit card at [www:HonorFlightNV.org](http://www.HonorFlightNV.org). For further information and questions contact Big John at 775 315-3700

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## Alcohol and Substance Abuse on the Rise

The COVID-19 Virus has affected millions, some lost the jobs and are facing hardships, others are working from home and having to balance work and home school. With quarantine people were/are missing the outings and social activity.

Who would of thought a year ago it would be ok to go into a bank or store and have to wear a mask. These were and are trying times for many. People facing the COVID-19 pandemic turned to alcohol and substance use. People found themselves relapsing and depending on these substances once again. Surveys show that during the pandemic 55% turned to alcohol, 25% turned to drug use, 10% use of Xanax and 10% use of prescription drugs. Studies show an increase in mental Health issues also. These are not easy times for many. Dealing with isolation and the unknown of a pandemic people felt there were no other choices. Now with the pandemic starting to ease people are still left with the aftermath of the Alcohol or substance addiction they came to rely on for the pass year. It is reported that technology today made this addiction easier for many because they were able to order on line and have it delivered during the pandemic. If you know someone who has been affected by this issue let them know there is help for them. They contact local help groups or the local hospitals.

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## President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Elks, family and friends you may be eligible for the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) and not even realize it. So now you are wondering what do I have to do to earn and receive this award? Well it is simple, if you volunteer your time in your community at school, church, youth activities (coaching etc.) or even any of the many Elks programs you participate in, you are on your way towards earning this prestige's award. The requirements are you must have volunteered 4000 plus hours and fill out the application that is found on the Nevada State Elks Association web site. You must log on to [nsea-elks.org](http://nsea-elks.org) and go to the bottom of the page and click on Drug Awareness under Committees and Info. About half way down the page you will find information on President's Volunteer Service Award at the bottom of that box are two links to the applications one for adults and one for youth. Add up your life time hours and if they total 4000 hours or more fill out the application and forward it to Rick Stone at 225 Karnak Cir. Sparks, NV 89441. I will submit it to Grand Lodge and in about 4-6 weeks you will get your certificate, letter and very special pin to be proudly worn. If you have any questions, please contact me by either e-mail at [stone6646@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stone6646@sbcglobal.net) or phone @ 775-846-4480. Many of you are eligible for this award and just need to take the time to add up your hours and fill out an application.

Thank you for being a volunteer! Richard Stone, PER NSEA Chairman  
Drug Awareness Program

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