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May 2024

El Campo Elks BPOE # 1749



Beef

Fajita

Cook-Off & Auction

Sat., May 4, 2024

Team Entry Fee \$140

COOK-OFF DIVISIONS:

Beef Fajitas • Beans
Salsa • Guacamole
Margarita

**Volunteers
needed!**



No alcoholic beverages
to be brought on site,
due to TABC regulations.

**QUEEN of HEARTS
SILENT AUCTION**

Overall 1st Place \$500

Overall 2nd Place - \$300

Overall 3rd Place is \$200

plaques will be awarded to 1st,
2nd, 3rd place division winners.

Contact is Chad Hensley

(979) 541-3239 or chadwayne73@yahoo.com

for rules or entry. Facebook -El Campo Elk's Lodge #1749



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 18

District Sweetheart
Charity Ball,
Galveston

May 22

Summer Fun
Wagon Fundraiser
for Joanna Cranek

May 30

SPLASHDAY
Free Hot Dogs

June 1

Spring Picnic & Raffle



MAY 30-FREE HOT DOGS



**Starts
June 6
4:30-7**

"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Lodge Scholarship Memorials

Remember - Lodge Scholarship donations are an excellent way to pay tribute to a relative or friend on the occasion of their death. You can also honor someone for their birthday, anniversary or some other occasion. All Memorials and Honor contributions go to the Lodge.

CENTURY CLUB DONATIONS

This is a board with engraved plates to honor or memorialize a loved one. This is done with a \$100 donation to the Lodge dedicated to the donors choice.

None at this time.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Mary Jane & Chris Wendel – IMO
– Nancy Kennedy



Elks Campo LODGE 1749

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler Patrick Gwosdz
Leading Knight Connie Lisembee
Loyal Knight Efrain Rodriguez
Lecturing Knight..... Vicki Limmer
Chaplain Howard Middleton
Esquire Theresa Dutcher
Inner Guard Anthony Perez
Secretary Chris Wendel
Treasurer Eddie Pool
Tiler..... Jamie Appling
Alternate to Grand Lodge...Chris Wendel
Sweetheart..... Vicki Limmer

TRUSTEES

Trustee & BoD Chair.....Roy Schulz
1 Year Trustee Randy Fitch
2 Year Trustee George Matthews
3 Year Trustee Michael Kasper
4 Year Trustee Roy Schulz
5 Year Trustee Tracy Oldag

COMMITTEE

Accident Prevention...George Matthews
Activities Tim Drapela
Americanism Donnie Roddy
Auditing & Account..... Tracy E. Braden
Chili Cookoff Chad Hensley
Clay Shoot..... Chad Hensley
Community Activities Roy Schulz
Drug Awareness Stacy Amestoy
Elk National Foundation ...Chris Wendel
Fajita Cook-Off Eugene Bustamante
Flag Day..... Allen Collins
Fraternal Committee Chris Wendel
Government Relations Tim Drapela
Hoop Shoot George Matthews
House Committee Tim Drapela
Lodge Bulletin Chris Wendel
Membership Chris Wendel
PER Association Donnie Roddy
Public Relations Gary Tupa
Standing Relief Donnie Roddy
Swimming Pool..... Tommy Morton
Youth Activities George Matthews

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chris Wendel: Secretary,
Members: Chad Hensley, Tim Drapela,
Randy Fitch and Roy Schulz

BULLETIN STAFF

Donnie Roddy & Chris Wendel

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NEW MEMBERS

Candidates initiated to
Membership April 2

LuAnn Groves proposed by
Deborah Brown
(Lodge #2865 - Charlevoix, MI.)

New Members initiated into
the Elks April 16

Cheryl Twardowski proposed by
Stacy Amestoy
Anthony Twardowski proposed
by Stacy Amestoy

AUSTIN, TEXAS - VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

2024 BPOE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

JOIN THE HERD!

This year, Texas is in charge of
the Grand Lodge Convention →

JUNE 23, 2024– July 3, 2024

400-500 TX VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO
MAKE THIS CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL



Sickness & Distress

Members under the weather
or have health concerns.
Their addresses are included
to drop them a line for
condolences or well wishes.

Arthur Priesmeyer, Father
of Member **Terry Priesmeyer**
passed away March 30.

Ryatt Henry Cranek, son
of Member **Joanna Cranek**,
passed away April 1.

Condolences to these
Members and their families
Please email or phone if
there is a Member or their
families on which to report.
cfw3662@live.com.



Happy May Birthdays

04	Escobar, Kasey	20	Marcaurele, David
07	Molina, Roger	21	Weinheimer, Steven
09	Dluhos, Rodney	22	Allgayer, Jerrid
09	Kutac, Erin	23	Hancock, Joe Bruce
12	Jensen, Brian	23	Shorter, Charles
12	Miller, Dera	25	Appling, John Paul
15	Foster, Michael	26	Korenek, Bruce
16	Sohrt, August	27	Cernoch, Desiree
17	Thigpen, Spencer	28	Eide, Kim
19	Rodriguez, Efrain	29	Flood, Kelley

Secretary's Corner

by Chris Wendel

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Dues statements have been sent out in
2024-2025 Lodge year.

PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES A.S.A.P. THE LODGE NEEDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP & DUES.

The Lodge year runs from April 1 to March 31. We started the 2024-2025 Lodge year with a Membership of 252 - we had a gain of 3 Members last year. The efforts of the Members (YOU) to recruit new Members is always appreciated.

IF YOU NEED SOME CONSIDERATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR LODGE DUES PLEASE CONTACT LODGE SECRETARY CHRIS WENDEL

TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS - 979-541-9443 or elcampoelks1749@gmail.com

We do have an option of paying by credit card if you so desire. Give me a call and we can get your dues processed. There is a 5% convenience fee we have to add to recoup fees.

VENMO IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO PAY YOUR DUES ! NO FEES! Pay as a FRIEND @Elks1749

Chris Wendel, Secretary
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Exalted Rulers's Message

by Patrick Gwosdz • 979-332-7242

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The Elks is in full swing with lots of upcoming events and fundraiser.

We recently held our Fried Chicken To-Go Meal on Sunday, April 7 with the KCs preparing the meal.

A total of 600 plates were sold by 11:30 am. it was a success and thanks to all the members that came out to help.

During our April 16th regular meeting, I had the privilege to award Daniel Juranek with the Grand Exalted Ruler's Award Pen for excellence in membership procurement for our Lodge. this prestigious award is granted by our Grand Exalted Ruler, Randy P. Shook. Daniel Ott presented Joanna Cranek Officer of the Year and Jamie Appling Elks of the Year. Congratulations to each of these members for their awards.

Our annual Elk's Beef Fajita Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. Our categories will be Beef Fajitas, Guacamole, Margaritas, Pinto Beans and Salsa. Judges are always needed, so let me know if you are interested in judging any of the above categories. This is a fun event our Lodge does each year and members will make it a success.. Help spread the word so we have plenty of teams.

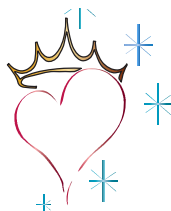
Splash Day and our pool opening is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th. Free hot dogs will be served. Make sure you sign up to be a cook for our hot dogs and hamburgers throughout the summer months.

We have a member recovering from a tragic loss and medical attention. We are honoring Joanna Cranek with two ticket sales. One is a meal voucher from Jalapeños Mexican Restaurant that will be redeemable July 2nd-31st. Tickets are \$13.00 a piece and the meal includes your choice of two enchiladas, rice, beans, pico de gallo, chips and salsa. The second is a raffle ticket for a Summer Fun Wagon drawing to be live on our Elk's Facebook page on May 22, 2024. All items for the wagon are donations and proceeds will go directly to Joanna Cranek. The raffle tickets cost \$20.00 each or \$100 for six tickets.

Sincerely,
Patrick Gwosdz

Sweetheart's Corner

by Vicki Limmer • 979-578-2546
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The Sweethearts had a slow start to the year, but as summer heats up, so do we. Several Sweethearts were in attendance to assist with the fried chicken dinner April 7th. Thank you KCs for cooking and for those who came out. This was a Lodge event and over 600 plates were sold within an hour!

As this month's newsletter comes out, one of our own, Sweetheart Joanna Cranek is having some medical issues. Three fundraisers are in progress. There is a BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, April 30th from 1 - 7 at the Lodge. Enchilada Plate tickets are on sale for Jalapeno's Cuisine, \$13 and can be redeemed from July 2 through July 31, dine-in or to-go. Tickets are available for the Summer Fun Wagon, \$20 each or 6 for \$100. This wagon is FULL of amazing items including, but not limited to: Lots of Adult Beverages, Rod & Reel, Kendra Scott Jewelry, Bowling Fun Pack, Casa Hernandez Gift Certificate, Hair B-asket, 22 caliber gun, Tumblers, Stanley mug and many more items. This thing is FULL and . . . you get to keep the wagon! Drawing is May 22.

All proceeds go to the Joanna and Ryatt Cranek Medical Fund. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Summer is on its way so pay special attention to FaceBook and the monthly bulletin. The pool will be open and the Sweethearts will host many events. See you at the Lodge.

*Tickets will available
at the Lodge.*



El Campo
Elk's Lodge 1749

Spring Raffle Drawing

Drawing to be held June 1, 2024

(Drawing to be held at the Lodge)

\$20 each/6 for \$100

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

- 1 **\$1,000** Gift Card
- 2 \$500 Gift Card
- 3 \$500 Gift Card
- 4 \$500 Gift Card
- 5 \$250 Gift Card
- 6 \$250 Gift Card
- 7 \$250 Gift Card
- 8 \$250 Gift Card

All prizes shall be awarded pursuant to federal and state law and all reporting and tax withholding shall be pursuant to federal

SUMMER FUN WAGON

Includes wagon and all contents.

Drawing May 22, 2024

\$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100

All Proceeds Benefit

Joanna & Ryatt Cranek Medical Fund

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ENCHILADA PLATE FUNDRAISER



Meal Includes: 2 Enchiladas

(Ground Beef, Shredded Chicken or Cheese and choice of sauce)

Rice, Beans, Lettuce, Pica de Gallo, Chips & Salsa

\$13.00 per voucher

JALAPENO'S CUISINE MEAL VOUCHER

Redeemable July 2-31, 2024

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2024 Upcoming Events

MAY

- May 4 - Beef Fajita Cookoff
- May 7 - Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM.
- May 18- District Sweetheart Charity Ball - Galveston
- May 21 - Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM.
- May 22 - Summer Fun Wagon Fundraiser for Joanna Cranek
- May 30 - Splashday - FREE HOT DOGS

JUNE

- June 1 - June 1 - “Spring Picnic w/ raffle”
- June 4 - Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM.
- June 6 - Hamburgers by the Pool \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs w/chips and a water.
- June 7-8 - TX Elks State Convention, Mesquite, TX
- June 13: Hamburgers by the Pool \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs w/chips and a water
- June 20 - Regular Lodge meeting - 7:00 PM.
- June 20 - Hamburgers by the Pool \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs w/chips and a water
- June 27- Hamburgers by the Pool \$6 for HB or 2 Hot Dogs w/chips and a water



MAY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						Beef Fajita Cookoff at Lodge
CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	
5 CINCO DE MAYO	6	7 Regular Lodge Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11
CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MOTHER'S DAY						Sweetheart Charity Ball Galveston
CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
19	20	21 Regular Lodge Meeting 7 pm	22 Summer Fun Wagon Fundraiser for Joanna Cranek	23 ECHS Graduation	24 LHS Graduation 6-8pm	25
CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
26	27	28	29	30 Splash! FREE HOTDOGS	31	June 1
CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	OPEN 5-7 pm	CLOSED	Spring Picnic w/ raffle

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