



B.P.O.E. #607 NEWS

Idaho Springs: The Biggest Little Lodge in the U.S.A.

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Station of..... FIDELITY



Hello Elks,

This year, I had the honor of attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago during the week of the Fourth of July. What an incredible experience! Chicago was an amazing city to visit, but what made the trip truly memorable was spending time with Elks from across the country.

The Opening Ceremony was an unforgettable sight as each State President proudly carried their state flag into the convention hall. Our own Colorado State President, Dennis Morgan, carried the Colorado flag with great pride, representing our state exceptionally well.

Congratulations to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt on a successful year of leadership, and congratulations to our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Timothy Jeager. We look forward to another outstanding year under his leadership.

A huge shout-out goes to the Colorado Elks Association and every state that hosted Hospitality Rooms throughout the convention. The food was fantastic, the fellowship was even better, and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet so many new Elks from around the nation. It's amazing how quickly strangers become friends when we share the common bond of Elkdom.

During the business sessions, the Judiciary Committee presented several housekeeping items along with a couple of proposed changes that were brought to the voting floor. All of the measures passed, helping to keep our Order moving forward.

One moment that truly resonated with me came during Grand Exalted Ruler Timothy Jeager's address. He said, **"Strive to leave your office better than it was."** Those simple words are a powerful reminder for every one of us. As Elks, we all work hard to serve our communities, support our charities, and strengthen our Lodge. Sometimes, in the busyness of everything we do, it's easy to lose sight of preparing the way for those who will follow us.

Whether you hold an elected office, chair a committee, or simply volunteer your time, remember that someone will one day sit in the chair after you. Let's do our part to leave our Lodge stronger, more welcoming, and better than we found it.

As we continue serving our community and supporting the principles of our Order, let's keep those words in mind.

In the words of Grand Exalted Ruler Timothy Jeager:
"Ready, Elks?... Let's Go!"

Fraternally yours,

Nick Weichel, Exalted Ruler



ER Nick Weichel & wife Kayla at Grand Lodge in Chicago this July.





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LODGE #607

MEETING NIGHTS 2nd & 4th TUESDAYS, 7pm

YEAR 2026-2027 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Nick Weichel
Est. Leading Knight	Todd Russell
Est. Loyal Knight	Vacant
Est. Lecturing Knight	Vacant
Secretary	Briana Reagon
Treasurer	Kayla Weichel
Esquire	Jared Stephens
Tiler	Rusy Nail
Chaplain	Bill VanVoorst
Inner Guard	Vacant

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mike Dubrava (3 yr)
Cindy Jones (2 yr)
Jason Tyree (1 yr)

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ranee Weldy-Dubrava, Victoria
Stephens, Brent Ragsdale, Loren Klimek,
Mike Dubrava, Jason Tyree &
ER Nick Weichel



SOCIAL QUARTER HOURS

MONDAYS: CLOSED
TUESDAYS: 5:00pm
WEDNESDAYS 5:00pm
THURSDAYS - 5:00pm
FRIDAYS-5:00pm
SATURDAYS - 2:00pm
SUNDAYS: 12:00pm

*Closing hours will depend on business
Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas*



See ya at the Elks

From the secretary's desk...

Hello all!

What a great start to summer so far. We've had quite a few events already and more to come!

I had the pleasure of going to Grand Lodge this year which was in Chicago. It was my first Grand Lodge. Wow, what an experience! It was very busy but very good. Met a lot of awesome people and even learned a few things.

We are now dark until the 4th Tuesday of August. But, we are all around should any questions come about.

Just a reminder, for the months of July and August, our reinstatement fee is only \$1 versus \$50. If you're looking to get back in, now would be the time.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if anyone has any questions or would like additional information on anything.

Fraternally,

Briana Reagon, Secretary



★ R.E.D. FRIDAY ★

REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

Remember Everyone Deployed

★ UNTIL THEY ALL COME HOME. ★

— AS ELKS, —
WE STAND FOR
THOSE WHO SERVE.
WE REMEMBER.
WE SUPPORT.

ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

*ALL GAVE SOME
SOME GAVE ALL*

Elks
usa

A FRATERNAL ORDER
WITH A PATRIOTIC HEART.

★ SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. HONOR THEIR SACRIFICE. NEVER FORGET ★

#REDFriday | #RememberEveryoneDeployed | #UntilTheyAllComeHome | #ElksCareElksShare

Station of..... CHARITY

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome back to the lodge! After our summer break, we return to regular meetings beginning **Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m.** From that point forward, our meetings will continue on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.** I encourage everyone to come out and join us—we'd love to see some new faces in attendance.



As we prepare for the **2027–2028 fraternal year**, we're looking for members interested in serving as officers or filling appointed positions. If you've ever wanted to become more involved in the charitable work that supports our lodge and social quarters, now is the perfect time. We need more members to help lead our lodge into the future. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, give me a call at [\(201\) 675-5590](tel:201-675-5590) or stop by a lodge meeting.

Our **Yard Sale** was a tremendous success! Together we raised **over \$1,100**, with the proceeds benefiting the **Clem and Evelyn Audin Foundation**, improvements to our front foyer, and replenishing our Special Events Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and came out to support the event.

Our **Fourth of July celebration** was another success. Even without fireworks this year, our parking lot was filled with fellowship, community spirit, and plenty of burgers and cold beverages served from the Elks tent. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who made both events run so smoothly.

Looking ahead, **Oktoberfest** is our next major event, and we're excited to make it another great success. I'm also hoping to launch an annual **"Yo—Say NO to Drugs, Yo!"** program. While we're still working out the details, I'm happy to share that **Duncan International** and the **Mile High Yo-Yo Club** have already expressed interest in partnering with us. If you'd like to help organize or volunteer for this event, please let me know. Once planning is complete, we'll schedule volunteer shifts so everyone has an opportunity to help while still enjoying the festivities.

Looking even further ahead, **Grand Lodge comes to Denver in July 2027**, and I want our lodge to stand out as a must-visit destination for Elks from across the country. We're currently selling commemorative **koozies**, with all proceeds supporting our Grand Lodge efforts. You'll also notice coasters around the lodge—and a QR code in this newsletter—that highlight everything there is to see and do in Clear Creek County and at **Idaho Springs Elks Lodge #607**. Be sure to scan the code and check it out!

If you'd like to help showcase our lodge during Grand Lodge, please join the planning committee. Our first meeting is Monday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

I look forward to seeing each of you back at the lodge soon.

Fraternally yours,

Todd Russell, Leading Knight

House Committee UPDATE

Hello! I hope you are all enjoying some lazy summer days. We have had a lot going on at the Lodge so far including our annual yard sale/BBQ, the annual Horseshoe tournament and of course the 4th of July. We have the Mining Days coming up on August 29 and 30 and Oktoberfest in September. We are also doing our Lodge cleanup coming in August. Check the weekly email for the actual date. Please come help us beautify our Lodge. We are also planning a front entry remodel, and we are doing some fundraising to help with the expenses. Please help if you can.

We are always looking for volunteers whether it be cooking Friday night dinners, bartending, cleaning or help setting up or dismantling for our events. If you are not receiving our weekly email updates, please let us know so that you can stay informed of what is happening at your local Lodge.

Thank you,

Ranee Weldy-Dubrava, House Committee

Email: housecommittee607@gmail.com



July 9th Euchre Players

Sara and Todd Russell with Michael Jay



**Thursday,
August 13
& Sept 10
at 6pm!**

Winners of the LDB Annual Horseshoe Tournament:

The first round had **30** contestants and the winners were:

1st Place – John Welsh – Ray Peoples
2nd Place – Carlos Carreas – Jeff Martinez
3rd Place – Mike Duran – Aaron Charon

The second round had **20** contestants and the winners were:

1st Place – Ray Peoples – Carlos Carreas
2nd Place – Joe Romo – Raphael Diez
3rd Place – Carlos Villasenor – Joe Garcia



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CENTRAL NORTH-WEST DISTRICT 1320

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CRIBBAGE

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CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS

ARE PLAYED ON THE

3rd SATURDAY

of every month at 3pm!

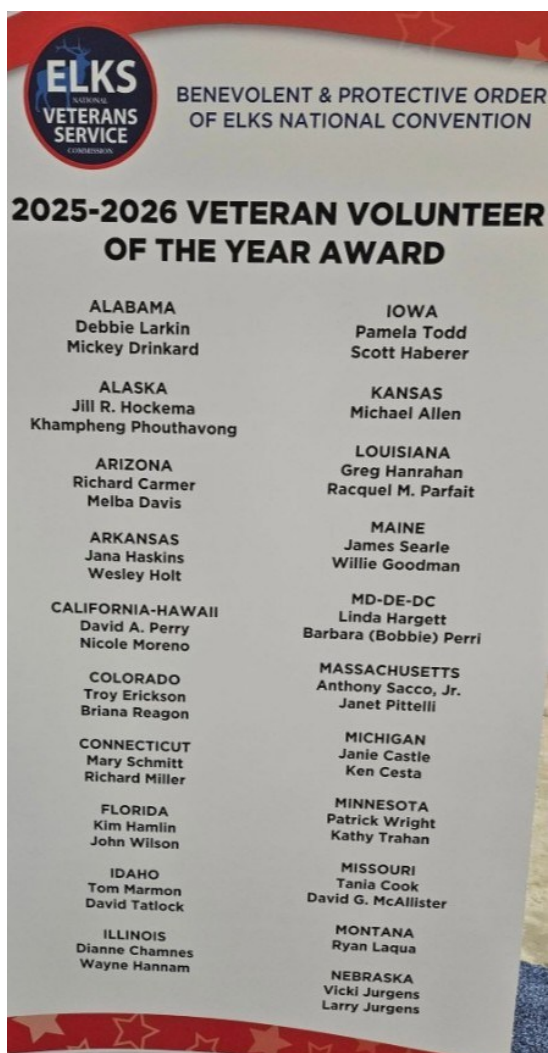
Aug. 15 & Sept. 19

Just one!
The Power of One!

- One New or Reinstated Member!
- One Donation!
- One Volunteer Hour!
- One event attended!
- One Ticket purchased!
- One Prayer!
- One Kind Word!
- One meeting attended!
- One hug!
- One handshake!
- One journey!
- One spirit lifted!
- One good example set!
- One project completed!
- One detail!
- One Smile!

If we all did just one of each,
 think of the exponential power of **One!**

Special EVENTS



Top: ER Nick Weichel and Veterans Chair Biff Eckles recognized the Veteran Volunteers of the Year for our Lodge Bree Reagon & Troy Erickson.

Bottom: Congratulations to the DDGER Troy Erickson being installed at Grand Lodge in Chicago.

w**ELK**come our new members who were initiated in **June**.



Lisa Bennetts, Jerome Cotton, Doug Welscott and Jack Dixon



Sean Bodine, Kathleen Ashpaugh, Teri Long, Patti Tyler, Michele Cathcart and Joel McCoy

Elks National Foundation NEWS



Elks Most Valuable Student

The countdown is on! Applications for the Most Valuable Student scholarship open this Saturday, August 1.

If you know any incoming high school seniors, encourage them to apply! No relation to the Elks is necessary to win one of these scholarships, which range from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year.

MVS scholars gain more than just financial aid—they gain an appreciation of service, a network of like-minded peers, and an [#ElksFamily](#) for life.

Find eligibility requirements and other important details at:

<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>



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HELP US
*Build for the Future,
Preserve Our History.*

BUILDING ENTRYWAY REMODEL PROJECT

Our entryway is the first handshake of our Lodge—welcoming members, guests, and our community. Help us restore its beauty and honor the history of Idaho Springs Elks Lodge #607.

YOUR DONATION WILL HELP US:



PAINT THE WALLS
Create a warm, welcoming and refreshed space.



REFINISH OUR WOOD FLOORS
Restore the original beauty that has stood the test of time.



APPLY HISTORIC DECORATIVE WHITE TIN CEILINGS
Preserve our Lodge's historic character for generations to come.



*Every Gift Makes
a Lasting Impact!*

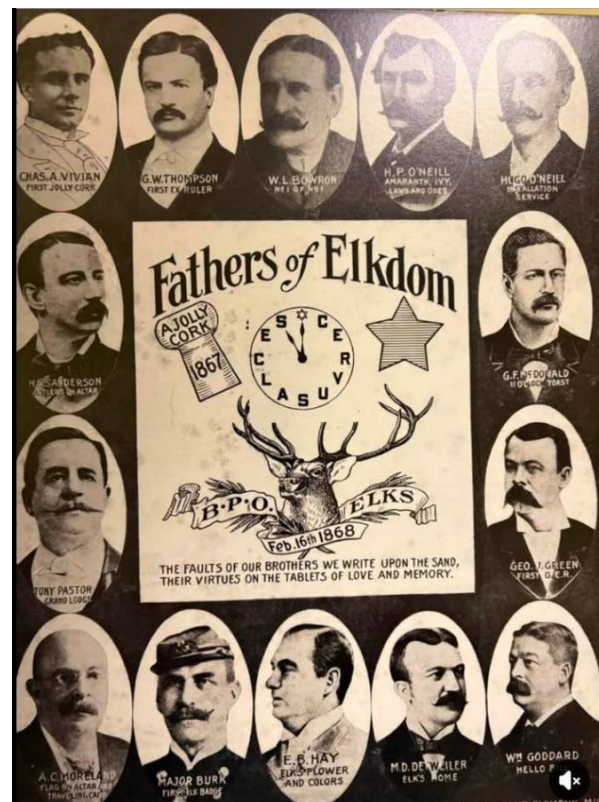


DONATE TODAY!
Together, we can create an entryway we can all be proud of.



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Elks Make a Difference



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Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

August:

- 1 Charles Lewis
- 2 John Curtis & Yvette Castro
- 6 Mason Keen
- 7 David Lewis
- 8 Tina Barber-Matthew & Jim Manheimer
- 9 Brandon Williams
- 14 Richrd Davis & Robert Sena
- 15 Amanda Boscamp
- 16 Gary Atkins
- 18 Joseph Mahoney
- 19 Gary Crawford
- 20 Russell Manual, Jim Thomas & Keith Jorgensen
- 21 Arthur Jiminez, Russ Magyar & Jack Terrazzi
- 24 Larry Linville
- 25 James Hackman & Joe Lochnikar
- 26 Kimberlee Moeller & Timothy Jovanovic
- 27 Robert Davis
- 28 George Kott & Jeremy Friess
- 31 Thomas Reynolds, Michael Wrobel & Ben Whittlesey



September:

- 1 George Sumpter & Jake Wohlers
- 2 William Rutkofsky
- 3 Tom Myers
- 5 Charles West & Jessica Young
- 6 Colleen McKenna & Kaleb McKenna
- 8 Ashley Philbeck, Jack Salewski & James Schuler
- 9 John Kennedy Jr, Mike Kowalewski
- 10 Teri Long
- 11 Isaiah Fox
- 12 David Bergen
- 15 Kathleen Ashpauh
- 16 Lloyd Anderson
- 17 Brian Moran & Mark Prater
- 18 Dawn Thurston
- 21 Robert Bristol & Vicki Duffy
- 22 Michael Puckhaber & Ronda Reagon
- 27 Randy McIlvain
- 28 Kevin Buckley & Kayla Weichel
- 29 Robert Alexander



Columbine Garden Club

Several Columbine Garden club members turned out on July 25, 2026, to dig and divide some of the tall bearded Iris that were planted in the Elks Club garden last summer. Dividing Iris reduces crowding and promotes more flower bloom. Many thanks to Ileana Lavender, Tobi Howell, Victoria Stevens, Kandy Lukow, Michelle Tyler, Susy Foley, and Amy Tomlinson.



Ileana Lavender, Tobi Howell and Kandy Lukow trim iris before planting.



Michelle Tyler and Kandy Lukow planting iris and trimming catmint.



AUGUST 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Open 2pm
2 Open 12pm	3 CLOSED	4 Open 5pm	5 Open 5pm Bingo 5:30pm	6 Open 5pm Euchre 6pm	7 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	8 Open 2pm
9 Open 12pm	10 CLOSED Grand Lodge Mtg 6pm	11 Open 5pm	12 Open 5pm Bingo 5:30pm	13 Open 5pm	14 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	15 Lodge Clean up Day 9am-2pm Open 2pm Cribbage 3pm
16 Open 12pm	17 CLOSED	18 Open 5pm	19 Open 5pm Bingo 5:30pm	20 Open 5pm	21 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	22 Open 2pm
23 Open 12pm	24 CLOSED	25 Open 5pm Lodge 7pm	26 Open 5pm Bingo 5:30pm	27 Open 5pm	28 Open 5pm NO DINNER Queen of Hearts 7pm	29 MINING EVENTS 9am
30 MINING EVENTS 9am	31 CLOSED					

To view a Calendar of events happening
at the elks, visit:

<https://idahospringselks.com/calendar/>



SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Open 5pm	2 Open 5pm	3 Open 5pm	4 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	5 Open 2pm
6 Open 12pm	7 CLOSED	8 Open 5pm Lodge 7pm	9 Open 5pm Bingo 5:30pm	10 Open 5pm Euchre 6pm	11 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	12 Open 2pm
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See ya at the Elks



This is an old-fashioned mining competition,
the way it used to be.

Watch competitors (men & women) compete in
jackleg drilling, hand mucking, spike driving, and the
legendary hand steeling.

It will be an amazing two-day event!

Mark your calendar!

Idaho Springs Elks Parking Lot

1600 Colorado Blvd, Idaho Springs CO

Registration begins at 9am. Free Kid Events.