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Station of..... **FIDELITY**



Hello Elks,

A new fraternal year means new Officers and Committee Members. Be sure to stop by and enjoy the Lodge with them! The House committee has some exciting plans for the entryway in prep for Grand Lodge 2027, so look for the information in this newsletter..

The past few months have been busy and no slowing down. Our officers will be competing in Ritual for the 3rd years in a row! This year, District Ritual will be held at Westminster Elks #2227, June 13th, followed by District Flag Day that will be held at Northglenn Elks #2438 June 14th.

I shared some pictures for this newsletter for you to enjoy including the Scholarship committee presenting the scholarship's on Senior Recognition night at Clear Creek High School. Congradualtions to Maggie, Elliot and Kriston! Our Lodge awarded over \$14,000 this year in scholarships between Clear Creek, West Grand and Middle Park.

The Easter egg hunt went well this year and the weather cooperated. A Big shoutout and Thank you to Lisa White as she has supported the Lodge for the 25th year.

Fraternally yours,

Nick Weichel, Exalted Ruler



Leading Knight Todd Russell delivered stuffed animals and toys on May 20th to Laradon Hall and had a tour of their campus.





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IDAHO SPRINGS

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	Brian Corbett
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!

It's been a great start to the year so far! I'm very excited for all the fun things and events we're going to be doing this summer. Please be sure to stay tuned!

If you're not receiving the weekly email blast, please let me know so that I can get you added to that list. A lot of information on what's going on comes out in that.

For those of you who were dropped, the free reinstatement period has now ended. You can fill out a reinstatement application for \$1 if you wait for the months of July & August. Otherwise, it's a \$50 application fee.

We've had a good start with getting new members for this year so far; as always, we're looking for more. Feel free to bring some friends in for Friday night dinners or to just check out the social quarters and get a tour. Events are also a fantastic way to introduce new people to the Lodge to see what we do.

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

Fraternally,

Briana Reagon, Secretary

Dues Notice is located on pg. 11

Vacant Chair

Wayne H Preskar

Initiated: November 24, 1964

Years in Elkdom: 62 years

Born: October 25, 2025

Died: October 25, 2025

James Fitzpatrick

Initiated: October 23, 1984

Years in Elkdom: 43 years

Born: January 25, 1943

Died:



Ronald Frye

Initiated: April 24, 1979

Years in Elkdom: 47 years

Born: February 22, 1937

Died: December 25, 2025



CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS

ARE PLAYED ON THE

3rd SATURDAY

of every month at 3pm!

June 20 & July 18

**Thursday, June 11 &
July 9 at 6pm!**



Station of..... CHARITY

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your votes appointing me to the Leading Knight officer position, with responsibility for Charity. I look forward to working alongside our officers to continue doing good things for the lodge and promoting the values of Charity, Brotherly love, Loyalty, and Fidelity.



This year, we are looking for loyal members who may someday want to become the Exalted Ruler of our lodge and move through the chairs to learn more about lodge operations and leadership. If you have interest in becoming more involved, please give me a call at 201-675-5590.

Our officer team has been actively participating in ritual competition, practicing pomp and circumstance and memorization while competing against lodges across the state. Westminster Elks Lodge is hosting the competition on June 13 at 1:00 PM, and we would love to see YOU come out and show support.

Friday night dinners continue to grow in popularity. When it's my turn in the kitchen, I enjoy preparing A baked potato bar, which has been very well received by the membership. I look forward to continuing this tradition in the future. As always, if your passion is cooking for large groups (10-30), give me a shout and we'll get you on the schedule.

Life has a way of moving us into new positions, and the same goes for me. I no longer work from home, and you may now see me at Main Street Restaurant in downtown Idaho Springs serving fresh-squeezed orange juice mimosas, and award-winning Bloody Marys. Because of this job change, it has sometimes become difficult for me to continue running the Cribbage Tournament held on the third Saturday of every month at 3pm. If you have attended before and would like to help host the tournament, please give me a call. This event has been running for nearly 4 years, and I would love to see it continue.

July 4th is right around the corner, and while the town of Idaho Springs will not be hosting fireworks this year, our Elks volunteers will still be cooking food and serving beverages in the parking lot. We also plan to set up horseshoes and other lawn games for everyone to enjoy. Current plans are for activities from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, though times may change, so please check the lodge website for updates.

Don't forget that our game room on the third floor is cleaned up and ready for enjoyment. The pool table and ping pong table are standing by and waiting for some friendly competition. I look forward to seeing you around the lodge.

And remember: "The real benefactors of mankind count their store in what is given, not in what is saved."

Fraternally yours,

Todd Russell, Leading Knight

House Committee UPDATE

Annual Wing Crawl and Upcoming Events:

The Elks House Committee has thrilling news: our lodge took first place in this year's Wing Crawl, raising support for the Loaves & Fishes Pantry! Our wings were a hit — flavorful, crowd-pleasing, and clearly competition-winning. Huge thanks and cheers to every member who cooked, served, and joined in — you made this victory possible!

Come join us on June 27 for our exciting annual Horseshoe Tournament—where these incredible wings will be available for purchase! We'll also be hosting the legendary John Guy chili cook-off that day. Whether you want to enter the competition or simply savor delicious food and a lively atmosphere, don't miss out!

Idaho Springs Elks Lodge Entryway Remodel Project:

Our lodge's entryway creates the very first impression for both members and visitors, so the House Committee has developed a thoughtful remodel plan to refresh this important space while honoring the building's historic character. After reviewing the condition of the foyer, the committee recommends a series of improvements designed to brighten the area, restore original finishes, and add tasteful architectural detail. The planned work includes repainting the walls with colors chosen to complement the lodge's traditional decor, installing decorative textured tin on the ceilings to recall period craftsmanship, and removing the current carpeting to reveal and restore the original wood floors beneath.

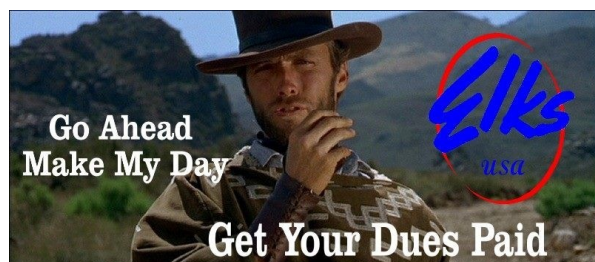
To complete these updates we will need help from our membership. There are several ways to support the project: volunteer time for demolition, painting, and floor restoration; skilled labor for tasks like tin ceiling installation and wood floor refinishing; and financial contributions to cover materials and professional services. If you are interested in volunteering, offering professional expertise, or donating supplies, please contact the Elks House Committee at the email address below. Additionally, a donation box labeled "Elks Entryway Project" will be placed in the social quarters for cash or check contributions.

We welcome any ideas, questions or offers of assistance as we work together to refresh the entryway - preserving the lodge's history while making a warm, inviting first impression for everyone who walks through our doors.

Thank you,

Victoria Stephens, House Committee

Email: housecommittee607@gmail.com



Community EVENTS



ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE



Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 4, 2026



Burro Races - Sunday, May 24



April 18th a Cribbage Tournament winners

1st: Mytch Barnes

2nd Lisa Bennett

3rd: Jerome Cotton



Class of 1961 – 65th Reunion



For information on those who want to attend

Contact Charlie Lewis

801-721-3662

chuck.a.lewis@gmail.com



Please Support your Elks Lodge

Whether it's cooking, cleaning, selling tickets, coming to a dinner, an event or sending a donation... We thank you for supporting the good we do for our youth, our veterans and our community.



<https://www.facebook.com/IdahoSpringsElksLodge607/>



District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Central North-West District 1320

Troy Erickson, DD GER

Phone: (720) 272-9584

Email: troy_erickson@ymail.com

Community EVENTS Cont....



Earlier in May, a group of us from Idaho Springs 607 went to Charlie's Place Animal Shelter to help assist in building some agility equipment & fencing that was purchased with the Beacon Grant money that the Elks were awarded. It was a very successful and rewarding day. We all felt really good about helping the pups getting some new toys to play on; right before Canine on the Creek too! Please stop by and check out the work of the Idaho Springs Elks in conjunction with Charlie's Place and see for yourself just one of many ways the Elks contribute and help.

Additionally, the Idaho Springs Lodge is collecting old hats and gloves on behalf of Charlie's Place. Those will help provide new and different smells for the dogs during their trail exploring adventures. Please feel free to swing by and drop off your old hats and gloves and enjoy the social quarters while you're at it! Submitted by: Briana Reagon, Secretary





IDAHO SPRINGS
ELKS LODGE
#607

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.



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.

YOUR DONATION WILL HELP US:



Every Gift Makes a Lasting Impact!



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



IDAHO SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #607

*— Elks Care – Elks Share
Elks Make a Difference*



**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
SINCE 1901**

OUR LODGE.
OUR COMMUNITY.
OUR LEGACY.











2026 Catch - A - Calf Participant... ELENA VOSTREJS

Our CAC participant is Elena Vostrejs, who is 16 years old and lives in Manzanola, Colorado. She's the officer of her FFA chapter there and participating in the CAC program as a tribute to her mother who passed away last July. This is her first time raising cattle, so it will definitely be learning experience for her. We are eager to watch her in this new adventure.

Submitted by:

Biff Eckles, PER



Congratulation's Class of.....2026



ER Nick Weichel and members Angie Thoennes & Kate Foy presented scholarships to the 2026 Winners at Senior Recognition night. Our Lodge awarded over \$14,000 this year in scholarships between Clear Creek, West Grand and Middle Park.

CCHS Scholarship Winners

Lyle Wohlers Scholarship

Winners:

Maggie Gothman	\$1000
Elliot Dunbar	\$1000

Teen of the Year Winner:

Elliot Dunbar	\$1000
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C.L. Mackey Winner:

Kriston Neill	\$500
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Colorado Elks Winner:

Kiera Ginter	\$1000
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June & July Birthdays

Celebrating our members this month

June

- 1 Rodney Albers, Clive McCormick, Ian Erickson & Robert White
- 2 Alexander Busse
- 3 Sharon Bassit & Doug Howell
- 4 Faye Smith & Lavonne Zimmer
- 5 Sandra Gomke & Kenneth Hager
- 6 Kate Collier
- 7 Michael Hill & Chris Harnish
- 8 Victoria Stephens
- 9 Loren "Biff" Eckles
- 11 Joseph Longmeyer
- 13 Alvin Gurule & Carrie Kraft
- 14 Richard Winfrey
- 17 Alyson Hartwig
- 19 Bruce Armstrong
- 20 Rick Scott & Meghan Grace
- 21 Bart Gothman
- 22 Amy Tomlinson
- 23 Virginia Clark & Samantha Gosnell
- 25 Jonathon Gamet
- 26 Larry Romine & William VanVoorst
- 27 Donald Ebel

July

- 1 Robert Robson
- 2 Noah Kowalewski, Donald Overton & Tom Stubblefield
- 3 Tara Tarasi
- 6 Joe Abeyta & Loren Klimek
- 7 Richard Steele & Michelle Tyler
- 8 Larry Losch
- 9 Latricia Troia
- 10 Ronald Bailor
- 12 Rebecca Huff
- 14 Jackie Barloon & Daniel Halkett
- 15 Angie Thoennes
- 16 Cindy Sterner
- 19 Bonnie Rowe, Joe Santaniello & Robert Algeo
- 20 Robert Hickman
- 21 Jason Tyree
- 22 Peter Clapper
- 24 Travis Pfaff
- 28 Brian Farris
- 29 Nathan Rasmussen & Sean-Mauracher
- 30 Cynthia Jones & Kyle Reiszner
- 31 Keith Buckley & Jeremiah Tomlinson

JOHN GUY'S FAMOUS

Chili COOK OFF

Get ready to taste, vote, and crown the ultimate chili champion!



- Taste the best chili in town
- Vote for your favorite
- Fun for everyone

SATURDAY JUNE 27

ELKS LODGE PARKING LOT

Sponsored by the LDB Classic Horseshoe Tournament

\$10.00 Entry Fee-Have your chili in the parking lot by 9:00

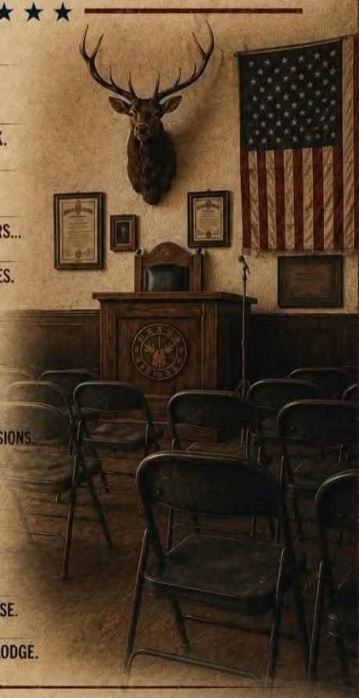


HOW TO HELP A LODGE FAIL

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- DON'T ATTEND MEETINGS.**
If you do, arrive late and leave early.
- NEVER VOLUNTEER.**
Assume the same few people will handle everything.
- CRITICIZE THE PEOPLE DOING THE WORK.**
Especially from the sidelines.
- DON'T WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.**
They'll figure it out on their own.
- SAY THE LODGE NEEDS YOUNGER MEMBERS...**
But never invite any.
- WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO PAY DUES.**
Then wonder why things are struggling financially.
- COMPLAIN ABOUT CHANGE.**
And complain when nothing changes.
- SUPPORT THE LODGE ONLINE ONLY.**
Avoid showing up in person whenever possible.
- TURN SMALL DISAGREEMENTS INTO BIG DIVISIONS.**
One bad interaction? Blame the whole Lodge.
- LET RUMORS SPREAD.**
Negativity travels faster than facts.
- EXPECT PERFECT EVENTS.**
Without offering time, ideas, or help.
- FORGET TO THANK VOLUNTEERS.**
Burnout builds quickly.
- TALK MORE ABOUT PROBLEMS THAN PURPOSE.**
Veterans. Youth. Community. Fellowship.
- ASSUME "SOMEONE ELSE" WILL SAVE THE LODGE.**
While good members quietly drift away.

**A LODGE RARELY FAILS ALL AT ONCE.
IT FADES WHEN GOOD PEOPLE SLOWLY DISCONNECT.**



LDB Classic Horseshoe Tournament & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, June 27
Elks parking lot



CHILI TASTING

CHILI

Chili entry: \$10 — Drop off by 9:00 AM
Horseshoe Tournament begins at 10:00 AM

JUNE 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 	5 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm	6 Open 2pm
7 Open 12pm	8 CLOSED	9 Open 5pm BOD 6pm Officers 7pm	10 Open 5pm	11 Open 5pm Euchre 6pm	12 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm	13 Open 2pm
14 Open 12pm	15 CLOSED	16 Open 5pm Lodge 7pm	17 Open 5pm	18 Open 5pm	19 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm	20 Open 2pm Cribbage 3pm
21 Open 12pm	22 CLOSED	23 Open 5pm	24 Open 5pm	25 Open 5pm	26 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm	27 Open 10am Horseshoe Tournament/Chili Cook-off
28	29	30 Open 5pm Lodge 7pm				
						

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

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



JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Open 5pm	3 Open 5pm Dinner 6pm	4 Open 12pm 4th of July 
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IDAHO SPRINGS #607

2026-2027 DUES NOTICE

DUES ARE DUE PRIOR TO APRIL 1ST, 2026 AND CONSIDERED DELINQUENT APRIL 1ST 2027.

Please fill out *completely* and bring or mail this form, with dues to the Lodge.

Make checks payable to: Idaho Springs Elks 607, PO Box 607, Idaho Springs CO 80452

Phone: 303-567-9996 Email: elks607@yahoo.com

Name: _____ Member # _____

Spouse Name: _____ Need spouse card? Yes _____ No _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

(With a current email, your monthly newsletter will be emailed to save the lodge money)

Are you a current Elks National Foundation Donor? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a Veteran? Yes _____ No _____

CHECK WHICH PAYMENT IS ENCLOSED:

_____ Dues: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 (Full Year)	\$103.00
_____ Life Member Dues: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 (Full Year)	\$48.00

SUGGESTED DONATIONS: (optional)

Building Maintenance	\$ _____
Catch-a-calf	\$ _____
Lyle Wohlers	\$ _____
Teen of the Year	\$ _____
C.L Mackey	\$ _____
Laradon	\$ _____
ENF	\$ _____
Veterans	\$ _____
Youth Activities	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____



TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

We are only accepting check or cash for dues.

MAIL CARD(S) YES _____ HOLD FOR PICK UP AT THE LODGE? YES _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	RECEIPT _____	CARD _____	LEDGER _____	CLMS _____	#YEARS _____
OFFICER _____	PER _____	PAST TRUSTEE _____	PAST OFF/YR _____	PAST ELK/YR _____	

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See ya at the Elks



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

AT THE IDAHO SPRINGS ELKS LODGE

COOKOUT AND DRINKS!

12PM - 5PM

THERE WILL BE NO FIREWORKS THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE FIRE BAN.

Good Food. Cold Drinks. Great Company.

IDAHO SPRINGS ELKS LODGE
1600 COLORADO BLVD, IDAHO SPRINGS, CO

The poster is a festive announcement for a 4th of July cookout and drinks event at the Idaho Springs Elks Lodge. It features a central illustration of the lodge building, a grill with sausages, a large beer mug, and a red fire hydrant. The text is arranged in a celebratory, patriotic style with stars and stripes. A prominent message states that there will be no fireworks due to a fire ban. The event is scheduled for 12PM to 5PM. The poster also includes the lodge's name, address, and a tagline: "Good Food. Cold Drinks. Great Company."