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Exalted Ruler Message

As my time as Exalted Ruler comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you. It was an honor and privilege to serve our lodge this past year. Together, we have worked hard to support our community, strengthen our programs, and keep the spirit of Elkdom alive. I want to take a moment to thank my amazing lodge officers and committee chairs. I'm telling you that you guys rocked it out this year! The passion and the drive you brought to everything we did truly show your love for Elkdom, and it's because of that commitment that our lodge continues to grow and thrive. None of our successes would have been possible without the dedication, hard work, and heart each of you bring to this lodge. Thank you for your support, your volunteerism, and your friendship. It has been an honor to serve alongside you all. Together, we accomplished so much and had a lot of fun along the way. I couldn't have asked for a better team to share this year with. As I now prepare to pass the gavel to our incoming Exalted Ruler, Matt Gore, and our newly elected officers for 2025-2026 I do so with full confidence that the future of our lodge is in great hands. I encourage all of you to continue showing up, getting involved, and supporting our new leadership as they take us into another successful year.

Thank you again for the memories, the hard work, and the heart you put into this lodge.

Elks Care ,Elks Share-and this group proves that every single day.

**Fraternally yours,
Tammy Gehovak
Past Exalted Ruler**

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Elks Lodge Brenham

Check out our website
www.elks979.com and our
Facebook page for calendar
updates, tickets for upcoming
events, and other information.

The Lodge is Open

Monday thru Friday

5:30 pm - 9 pm

Saturday and Sunday

Noon - 9 pm

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT Dinner @ the Lodge

6:30 — 8 p.m.

Invite Your Family and Friends!

Cooks for the month are:

Apr 4	NO FNC
Apr 11	Board Of Directors
Apr 18	Sweetheart
Apr 25	House Committee

Howdy All! I want to first thank all the outgoing officers for their work at the lodge this past year. It takes a lot of hard work to make everything happen. I'm excited about this upcoming year and have so many activities that we are planning. We will be having the Easter Egg Hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny on April 13th followed by the Ladies Salad Supper on April 15th. If you haven't gotten your tickets please do so. They can be purchased at the Elks Lodge or contact Lila Steele. This event is always a lot of fun ladies!

Now I'm sure everyone is aware it's getting warmer so the pool will open if you can bare the cool water. We will be having the 5th Annual Lew Kieke Golf Tournament on June 14th, and hope we can get lots of players for it this year. It keeps getting better and better every year. Also, the scholarships that are awarded are for relatives of lodge members. So if you know anybody that is needing help either as an incoming freshman or a senior already in college or a trade school, please reach out to myself or anyone on the golf committee.

There's so much that will be happening at our lodge, and I will keep you all informed with the events coming up. I hope you all come out and enjoy our Friday night cooks and support our new sweetheart, Tammy Gehovak. Again, I would like to thank you all and look forward to helping our community. If you need something please reach out and let myself or any of our lodge officer know. Let's have a wonderful year!

P.S. If you think you have what it takes to be the Best Chef of the lodge, then I have a contest for you! Details to come very soon!

**Fraternally Yours,
Matt Gore
Exalted Ruler**

Lodge Committees & Lodge Trustees

- Auditing & Accounting Committee – Brett Coghlan
- Activities Committee – Chris Helton
- Community Project & Activities Subcommittee – Chris Helton
- Youth Activities Subcommittee – Amy Williams
- Hoop Shoot & Subcommittee – Lila Steele
- Drug Awareness Subcommittee – Rory Taylor
- Fraternal Committee – Joanne Hollingsworth-Jacob
- Americanism Committee – JD Willms
- ENF Subcommittee – Joanne Hollingsworth-Jacob
- Flag Day Subcommittee – Lila Steele
- Elks Memorial Subcommittee – Tammy Gehovak
- Membership Subcommittee – Beverly Vesper
- Lodge Activities Subcommittee – Abby Gore
- Veterans Services Subcommittee – JD Willms
- Accident Prevention Subcommittee – Scott Sonnenburg
- PER Association – Chairperson – Lila Steele
 - o Randall Sonnenburg
 - o Brett Coghlan
 - o Paul Kendall
 - o Sheri McCord
 - o Klay Beach
 - o Joanne Hollingsworth – Jacob
 - o Calvin Landry
 - o Clayton Wallace
 - o Scott Sonnenburg
 - o Tammy Gehovak
- Standing Relief Subcommittee – Matt Gore
- Public Relations – Alyson Hancock
- Ritualistic Subcommittee – Scott Sonnenburg
- Soccer Shoot Subcommittee – Lila Steele
- Government Relations Subcommittee – Amy Williams
- State Major Project Subcommittee – Clayton Wallace
- Entertainment – Abby Gore
- Scholarship – Amy Williams
- House Committee – Lila Steele
- By-Laws Coordinator – Klay Beach
- Grant Committee – Beverly Vesper

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APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 NO STEAK NIGHT	5 Final Four Watch Party - Hosted By Sweetheart
6	7 House Committee Metting 6:30 pm	8	9 Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.	10	11 Steak Night Board of Directors Cook 6:30 pm	12 Private Rental 1pm - 6pm
13 Easter Celebration 2pm - 5pm	14	15 Ladies Salad Supper Doors Open @ 5 pm	16 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18 Steak Night Sweetheart Cooks 6:30 pm	19
20 Newsletter Entries & Callendar Entries DUE 	21	22	23 Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.	24	25 Steak Night House Committee Cooks 6:30 pm	26 East District Interlodge Meeting @ Beaumont Lodge Private Rental 11 am - 4 pm
27 Cornhole Tournament - Kitchen Open	28	29	30	May 1	May 2 NO STEAK NIGHT	May 3
May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9 Steak Night Board of Directors Cook 6:30 pm	May 10

We are always looking for volunteers, let us know if you'd like to help!
Help is ALWAYS welcomed!



Just a friendly reminder ...

Articles for next month's newsletter
ARE DUE no later than APRIL 20th
Please email or text Alyson Hancock Calendar Info & Reports