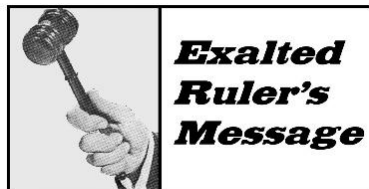




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Exalted Ruler's Message

Hello Athens Elks,

Summer is coming on fast. With the longer days we hope you will take advantage of the Lodge's new operating hours. Starting June 1st, the operating hours will be; Sunday through Thursday 3pm till 11pm, Friday and

Saturday 3pm till 1am. There will be no closing early.

We had some productive meetings in May. Several members joined various committees as a result of our board meeting. If you are interested in helping on a committee, please contact myself or our Lodge secretary.

We have also started emailing reminders about upcoming meetings. If you would like to receive emails from the Lodge, please make sure the Lodge secretary has your email address.

Remember, we are all Elks. So, if you see someone new to you in the Lodge, introduce yourself. You may find you both have a lot in common.

Your humble Exalted Ruler,
Wayne Wilson

PLANNING/SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Planning & Social Committee is excited to announce that we are working to bring back Friday Night Dinners at the lodge! Planned dinner nights may include Steak Night, Momma's Kitchen, BBQ nights featuring the smoker, and possibly even a Fish Night. We are also open to new ideas and suggestions from our members.

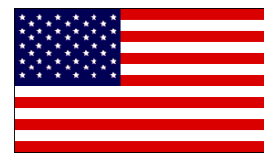
In addition to dinner nights, we will be discussing fresh event ideas to help bring more members and guests into the lodge while also raising money for several of our committees. Our goal is to create fun, welcoming events that help our lodge continue to grow and thrive.

We will need volunteers and support from our members to help make these events successful. If you would like to get involved or help with planning, cooking, decorating, or organizing, please reach out to Leslie Jacobs to see where you can best help support our lodge.

We are excited for this opportunity and look forward to seeing our lodge thrive with new energy, fresh events, and strong member participation!

NOT GETTING NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT UPCOMING MEETINGS?

MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS
SEND TO: bpoe1927@comcast.net



Flag Day Ceremony
Sunday, June 14, 5 pm
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



June Birthdays

02	Keith	Barton
02	Ronald	Duggan
02	Sandy	Ray
02	Jeremiah	Sullivan
03	Heidi	King
05	Wendall	Jerles
05	Jackie	Powers Jr
06	April	Salazar
08	Elmer	Grayson
08	David	Paugh
09	Barbara	Ensley
09	Jordan	Miller
10	Joseph	Millsaps
10	Kimberly	Tacker
11	Rex	Barton
13	Shawn	Amato
15	Jeffrey	Hostetler
18	Daniel	Heil
19	Gary	Galick
22	Ronald	Norwood
22	Frank	Wilson
23	Tom	Oja
25	James	Abbott
25	Jeromy	Branham
26	Jared	Quillen
28	Dorothy	Bell
28	Joseph	Witt
29	Jo	Winitsky



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Success, Service, and the Grace to Lead

Success is often spoken of as though it were a trophy—something visible, immediate, and easily measured. But in truth, success is rarely that simple. In business, success may mean creating value, solving real problems, and building something sustainable. In life, it may mean living in alignment with one's values, with purpose, peace, growth, and integrity. Perhaps the better question is not simply whether someone appears successful, but whether they are building something meaningful and doing so in a way they can be proud of.

That perspective matters especially in a volunteer-driven organization such as ours. Success here is not measured only by outcomes, but also by commitment, cooperation, and faithfulness to the mission we all share. Members contribute to the success of the Board, the Managing Body, and committee leadership when we follow our statutes and bylaws, participate in committees, and remember that this is charitable work. Many of those serving in leadership are giving not only their time, but also their energy, attention, and, in many cases, personal financial support to help make possible the events and programs we all enjoy.

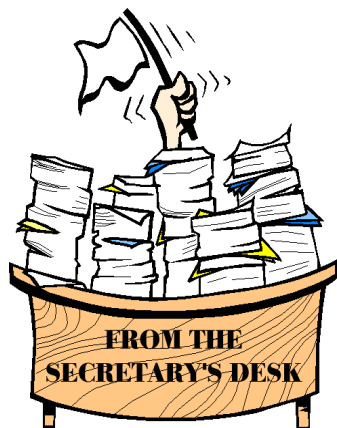
In recent weeks, our Board of Directors and Managing Body have faced criticism, including statements and accusations that have been discouraging and, at times, unfair. Yet it is worth remembering that those now serving were chosen and appointed only recently, and they are still at the beginning of their opportunity to learn, organize, and improve. It is simply too early to judge the effectiveness of any team before that team has had the time to settle, define its working relationships, and understand the full scope of its responsibilities.

The beginning of a term is often one of the most demanding times of the year. New leaders are immediately pulled in many directions by emails, phone calls, text messages, social media requests, and responsibilities that seem endless. They are expected to understand laws, bylaws, statutes, house rules, regulatory requirements, budgets, taxes, memberships, credentials, systems, and countless operational details—often all at once, and often while still learning who to contact, what procedures are already in place, and where the most urgent needs lie. That kind of work is not always visible, but it is real, and it is substantial.

True success, then, may be less about immediate praise and more about steady purpose. It is found in people who remain grounded under pressure, continue doing what is right when misunderstood, and stay committed to serving something larger than themselves. If we want this organization to thrive, then we must give our leaders the same opportunity we asked them to accept: the chance to serve, to work together, to make improvements, and to grow into their roles. With patience, goodwill, and a shared commitment to our mission, we too can be successful.

Chris Anthon

BPOE Lodge 1927 - Secretary



Voting on the following candidates on **June 4:**

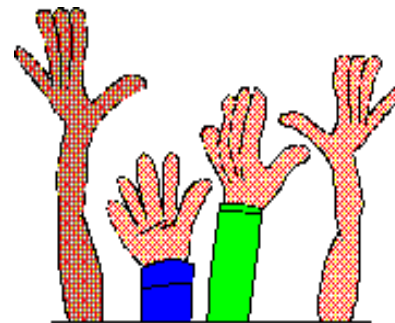
Dwayne McGovran (transfer from Visalia, Ca);
Jacqueline Patterson, (proposed by Chris Patterson).

Initiation will be held on **June 18**

You can now pay your dues online at:

<https://www.elks.org/payonline>

For those who have paid, cards for 2026-2027 year are available from your server. If you want your card mailed to you, send an e-mail to the Secretary at bpoe1927@comcast.net



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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REMINDER: Please make sure you sign your guests into the social club. Guests are allowed 6 visits per fiscal year.

Meetings First and Third Thursdays of each month except January and July. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

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Our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER), George Gray, is available to any member who has issues or needs advice or assistance which may be better addressed by him rather than our ER or officers. Should you ever need to contact George, he can be reached at 423-715-0752.

2026-2027
Lodge Officers

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	Wayne Wilson
<i>Leading Knight</i>	Jesse Contreras
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	Sandy Walker
<i>Lecturing Knight</i>	Mary Vinson-Dyer
<i>Secretary</i>	Chris Anthon
<i>Treasurer</i>	Kristin Schrader
<i>Esquire</i>	Frank Wilson
<i>Tiler</i>	Drew Haren
<i>Chaplain</i>	John Dyer
<i>Inner Guard</i>	Angie Wilson
<i>Trustees:</i>	Tony Robinson
	Tony Johnson
	Tony Hester