THE NEW VIEW CORONA ELKS LODGE #2045

SEPTEMBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXALTED RULER SEPTEMBER 2025



The month of August was filled with great fellowship and successful events. We started with the Luau hosted by PER Joyce Nohavec and closed the month with the Classic Car Show for Veterans hosted by Brian Governer. Both events raised important funds for our Lodge, and I want to sincerely thank everyone who contributed their time and effort.

We also wrapped up our VP visitations and transitioned into DDGER visitations, including the honor of hosting Jesse and Karen Vargas right here at Corona Lodge. The evening was a wonderful success, and we've

heard many positive comments, especially about the special activity for the spouses, which was such a hit that other lodges have already asked how they can replicate it. I am especially proud of our First Lady, Melinda McDowell, for creating such a thoughtful and fun project. She plans to hold another activity soon so members who couldn't attend will have the opportunity to make their own personalized Elk welcome mats.

Speaking of Jesse and Karen Vargas, they are longtime members of the Fidelity Club—and this past month, First Lady Melinda and I, along with several officers, joined as well. A friendly competition has now begun among the lodges in our district for the Fidelity Cup. Contributing is simple: just \$5 a month makes a difference. Please see me or Jesse Vargas if you'd like to join this important effort.

We also held our monthly Steak Night, though attendance was a bit lower than usual. I encourage all members to bring family and friends to this event whenever possible—it's a great time, the food is outstanding, and the value is better than any local restaurant. Your participation directly helps us raise the funds needed to keep our Lodge strong.

This month, we were honored to initiate two new members, Maron Etienne and Kathy Scalzo with several more in the pipeline. Membership is the heartbeat of our Lodge, and the more we grow, the greater our impact on the community.

Looking ahead, I am proud to announce our Elk of the Month for September: James Willingham. James has gone above and beyond in promoting our upcoming Hoop Shoot on September 6 at Corona City Center. From passing out more flyers than anyone else to knocking on doors and raising awareness at children's events, James has exemplified true Elk-Ability. His dedication and energy inspire us all, and we are grateful for his service as our Lodge Chaplain.

Finally, we have a big opportunity to show the strength of Corona Lodge at our Cornhole Tournament & Hot Wing Cook-Off on September 13. This fun event will raise funds to help us bid on a pig at the Elks Rally Race auction, where I will have the privilege of serving as auctioneer and race host. Please come around 10:30 AM, enjoy the fellowship, and help us make sure Corona Lodge is recognized as a major contributor to this important cause.

Fraternally yours,

Patrick McDowell

Exalted Ruler, 2025–2026

SEPTEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH

James Willingham



25/26 MEMBERSHIP

| STARTING 4/1/25 | 402 |
|-----------------|-----|
| INITIATED | 9 |
| AFFILIATED | 0 |
| REINSTATED | 2 |
| TRANSFERRD OUT | 2 |
| DEATHS | 2 |
| TOTAL MEMBERS | 409 |

50 DELINQUENTS



ELK OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025



JAMES WILLINGHAM

SHINING EXAMPLE OF ELK-A-BILITY

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ELKS OF THE MONTHS

2025-2026 ELK YEAR

april - Tina Dean
May - Cindy Henrichs Moore
June - Ron anderson
July-Richard Paul
August-Robert Tye
September-James Willingham







2025/2026 ELECTED OFFICERS

"EXALTED RULER: PATRICK MCDOWELL

" LEADING KNIGHT: RASHELL TYE

" LOYAL KNIGHT: ROBERT TYE

" LECTURING KNIGHT: DEBRA TYNER

" SECRETARY: KELLI JOSE

"TREASURER: KAREN DILLON

" 5 YR TRUSTEE: RON ANDERSON, PER

"4 YR TRUSTEE: JESSE VARGAS, PER

"3 YR TRUSTEE: JASON SCOTT

"2 YR TRUSTEE: AMELIA NIEVES, PER

" 1 YR TRUSTEE: ALAN SRUTOWSKI

APPOINTED POSITIONS

" ESQUIRE: BRIAN RATLIFF, PER

" CHAPLAIN: JAMES WILLINGHAM

" INNER GUARD: TOMMY LAMM

"TILER: JARED CALSING

" ORGANIST: PATRICK AKES, PER



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WE ARE ON THE WEB CORONAELKS.COM



BPOE BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

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FIRST LADY MELINDA MCDOWELL

BAR MANAGER: DEBBIE MORETTINI

KITCHEN MANAGER: JERRY DEAN

PAST EXALTED RULERS

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1957-58 Joe Lowery *
1958-59 John Ganahl *
1959-60 James Pauly
1960-61 Orton Schafer
1961-62 Harold King
1962-63 Richard Wade
1963-64 Harry Sothcott
1964-65 Arthur Seidler
1965-66 Robert White'
1966-67 Walter Blake
1967-68 John Harper
1968-69 Ken Moore *
1969-70 Claude Zehnder *
1970-71 Dent Reed*
1971-72 Glen Gundlach*
1972-73 George Lemire
1973-74 Richard Spangler
1974-75 Richard Wade (2) *
1975-76 Paul Kadow
1976-77 Robert Ellis
1977-78 Bill Gallagher
1978-79 Paul Mullowney
1979-80 Frank Keller
1980-81 Robert Ellis (2) *
1981-82 Chuck Manges *
1982-83 Bill Crow
1983-84 Roger Key
1984-85 Cecil Lopez
1985-86 Gib Wilson
1986-87 Casey Sturm '
1987-88 Ron Kershaw
1988-89 Randy Rawson
1989-90 Brad Area
1990-91 Jim K. Held
1991-92 Bill Fehner
1992-93 Terry Kokot *
1993-94 John Keller
1994-95 Barry Shurilla*
1995-96 Brian Ratliff
1996-97 Chuck McIvain
1997-98 David Crisp
1998-99 Fred Reis
1999-00 Robert Hodges *
2000-01 Jerry Koellisch*
2001-02 Brad Area (2)
2002-03 Manny Rodriguez
2003-04 Robert Calsing
2004-05 Susan Reis *
2005-06 Robert Calsing (2)*
2006-07 Kevin Kearby
2007-08 Joe Jordan
2008-09 Joyce Nohavec
2009-10 Robert Brant Sr.*
2010-11 Robert Calsing (3)*
2011-12 Bill Shaw
2012-13 Joyce Nohavec (2) 2022-2023
2013-14 Robert Calsing (4)*
2014-15 Brian Watt
                           Brad Area (3)
2015-16 Bruce McLain
2016-17 Patrick Akes
                           2023-2024
2017-18 Michael Stevens'
2018-19 Jesse Vargas
                           Amelia Nieves
2019-20 Sophia Betencourt
2020-21 Joyce Nohavec (3)
                           2024-2025
2021-22 Ron Anderson
* Deceased
                           Amelia Nieves
(2) Second Term
(3) Third Term
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(4) Fourth Term



SEPTEMBER 2025 CORONA ELKS #2045*CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| 09/01/2025 | HAPPY LABOR DAY |
|--------------|---|
| 09/02/2025 | TACO TUESDAY Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm |
| 09/02/2025 | DD VISITATION AT FONTANA/RIALTO ELKS LODGE |
| 09/03/2025 | WEDNESDAY MEETING - Lodge Opens at 4:30 pm Dinner Served from 6-7 |
| | or until gone, Meeting at 7:30 |
| 09/04/2025 | DD VISITATION AT RIVERSIDE ELKS LODGE |
| 09/05/2025 | ITALIAN NIGHT - NEW MEMBER WELCOME - LODGE OPENS AT 4:30 PM |
| 09/06/2025 | HOOP SHOOT CORONA CITY CENTER 9AM-NOON 8YRS-13YRS |
| 09/07/2025 | FOOTBALL SUNDAY - LODGE OPENS AT 9AM FOOD SERVICE 11AM |
| 09/09/2025 | TACO TUESDAY Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm |
| 09/10/2025 | WEDNESDAY HOUSE COMMITTEE - HAMBURGERS LODGE OPENS AT |
| | 4:30 PM |
| 09/10/2025 | DD VISITATION REDLANDS ELKS LODGE |
| 09/11/2025 | DD VISITATION ONTARIO ELKS LODGE |
| 09/12/2025 | POTLUCK LODGE OPENS AT 4:30 PM |
| 09/13/2025 | CORNHOLE AND WING COOK OFF CONTEST SEE FLYER |
| 09/14/2025 | FOOTBALL SUNDAY - LODGE OPENS AT 9AM FOOD SERVICE 11AM |
| 09/16/2025 | TACO TUESDAY Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm |
| 09/16/2025 | DD VISITATION YUCAIPA ELKS LODGE |
| 09/17/2025 | WEDNESDAY MEETING - Lodge Opens at 4:30 pm Dinner Served from 6-7 |
| | or until gone, Meeting at 7:30 BALLOTING |
| 09/19/2025 | FRIDAY STEAK NIGHT - RSVP TO ELKSE2045@DSLEXTREME.COM |
| 09/20/2025 | DD AUDIT AT CORONA ELKS LODGE 10AM |
| 09/21/2025 | DISTRICT PER ASSOCIATION PICNIC HEMET NOON |
| 09/21/2025 | FOOTBALL SUNDAY - LODGE OPENS AT 9AM FOOD SERVICE 11AM |
| 09/23/2025 | TACO TUESDAY Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm |
| 09/24/2025 | WEDNESDAY MEETING - Lodge Opens at 4:30 pm Dinner Served from 6-7 |
| or until gon | e, Meeting at 7:30 INITIATION |
| 09/26/2025 | FRIDAY BUNCO NIGHT SEE FLYER |
| 09/27/2025 | POKER RUN SEE FLYER |
| 09/28/2025 | FOOTBALL SUNDAY - LODGE OPENS AT 9AM FOOD SERVICE 11AM |
| 09/30/2025 | TACO TUESDAY Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm |
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SAVE THE DATES AND REMINDERS OCTOBER

- INTERNATIONAL NIGHT SAT. OCT. 4 TH 4PM
- LEADING KNIGHT'S CLINIC RIVERSIDE SAT. OCT. 4TH 9AM
- ELKS RALLY HEMET OCT. 9-12TH
- DD HOMECOMING LUAU AND PIG ROAST SAT. OCT. 25TH
- HALLOWEEN PARTY Oct. 31st- TRUNK OR TREAT, HALLOWEEN PARTY, DJ, APPITIZERS \$5

SEPTEMBER

2025 FOOTBALL MEETING SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY 31 2 TACO TUESDAY 1 LABOR DAY 3 MEETING 4 (RIVERSIDE 5 ITALIAN 6 HOOP SHOOT 9AM-NOON (FONT.RIALTO MEAL KELLI J. DD) NIGHT CORONA CITY DD) CENTER 11 ONTARIO DD 7 FOOTBALL 9 TACO 10 HOUSE 13 CORNHOLE HOT 12 POTLUCK COMMITTEE MEAL WING CONTEST TUESDAY I WANT BRAD/CAROL (REDLANDS DD) 16 TACO 17 BALLOTING 14 FOOTBALL 15 18 19 STEAK 20 MEAL TUESDAY NIGHT PATRICK/MELINDA YUCAIPA DD 21 FOOTBALL & 23 TACO 24 INITIATION 25 22 26 BUNCO 27 POKER RUN DIST. PER ASSOC. TUESDAY MEAL JERRY D. 10:30 AM PICNIC HEMET 28 FOOTBALL 30 TACO 29

Do you have a passion for cooking and sharing?

TUESDAY



HAPPY! BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY DRINK COUPON

Member Name

Member #

Coupon good for <u>Free</u>
Well, Wine or Beer

| John | Dalzell | 09 | 01 |
|--------------|---------------|----|----|
| Clinton | Jones | 09 | 01 |
| Jason | Scott | 09 | 01 |
| Robert | Marshall | 09 | 02 |
| John | Knaak | 09 | 03 |
| Mark | Impalli | 09 | 04 |
| Glen | Fletcher | 09 | 05 |
| Robert | Peterson | 09 | 06 |
| Cathy | West | 09 | 07 |
| Deborah | Morettini | 09 | 09 |
| Stephen | Riddle | 09 | 10 |
| Luis | Rosas | 09 | 11 |
| Diane | Lamon | 09 | 12 |
| Lucille | Mendez | 09 | 12 |
| Jeanne | Rosati | 09 | 12 |
| Paul | Critchfield | 09 | 13 |
| Kathleen | Aguilar | 09 | 15 |
| Gary | Cowan | 09 | 16 |
| Arnold | Deedrick | 09 | 16 |
| Michael | Ransbury | 09 | 16 |
| Grant | Brickner | 09 | 17 |
| Bruce | Logan | 09 | 18 |
| Clifton | Dell | 09 | 19 |
| John | Lucio | 09 | 20 |
| Terri | Martinez- | 00 | 00 |
| (Marguerite) | Modena | 09 | 20 |
| Raymond M | Russell | 09 | 21 |
| Jeanne | Stultz | 09 | 21 |
| Neil | Wierenga | 09 | 21 |
| Patrick | Akes | 09 | 22 |
| Donna | McIntosh | 09 | 22 |
| Michelle | Watts | 09 | 22 |
| James | Longerbone | 09 | 23 |
| Sheila | McAnally - | 09 | 23 |
| Dwight | Page | 09 | 23 |
| Jared | Calsing | 09 | 25 |
| Rebecca | Calsing | 09 | 26 |
| Terry | Wright | 09 | 26 |
| Sue | Way | 09 | 27 |
| Tim | Playter | 09 | 29 |
| Dean | Seif | 09 | 29 |
| Donald | Horton | 09 | 30 |







THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

CONTEST LOCATION: CORONA CIRCLE CITY CENTER 365 N. MAIN ST. CORONA 92880

HOSTED BY: Corona Elks Lodge LODGE NO. 2045

DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 TIME: 9 AM - NOON

DIRECTOR: PATRICK MCDOWELL CONTACT: 626-391-9333

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2026. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.



CORONA ELKS LODGE #2045

GRAHOLE Cournament

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
START TIME 1 PM FOR TEAM COMPETITION ONLY
WE CAN PAIR YOU \$20 PER PERSON OR \$40 PER TEAM
COMPETITION END TIME 4PM
LODGE OPENS AT 10:30 AM

BUFFALO /ELK WING CONTEST BEGINS AT 11 AM SIGN UP ON BOARD TO PARTICIPATE \$10 FOR FOOD IF NOT PLAYING.
FOOD INCLUDED IF PLAYING

LET THE GAME BEGIN

cheer on your favorites

TO REGISTER SIGN UP AT LODGE OR CALL PATRICK M. 626-391-9333

PROCEEDS FOR PIG AUCTION AT RALLY BENEFITING CHEMPI MAJOR PROJECT members & guests no charge to watch and

CORONA ELKS LODGE #2045

STEAK

NIGHT WITH DJ/KJ JAKE 9/19 \$25 Steak (\$22.98 + 8.75% tax - \$25)

\$15 Chicken (\$13.79 + 8.75% tax = \$15)

\$10 Salad Bar Only (\$9.19 + 8.75% tax = \$10)

3RD FRIDAY/DOORS OPEN 4PM GRILL STARTS AT 6 PM

RSVP TO ELKS2045@DSLEXTREME.COM



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

SUPPORTING OUR CHARITIES AND LODGE

\$50 EACH PERSON START TIME 9 AM CORONA ELKS APPETIZERS INCLUDED

EACH STOP INCLUDES SMALL BITE APPETIZERS AND DRINKS WITH A MYSTERY DINNER AT THE FINAL LOCATION.

(ALL STOPS ARE HOMES MAP GIVEN AT THE LODGE IN THE MORNING)

BOOK NOW DONT WAIT



Corona Elks Lodge #2045

BUNCO 15 BACK



Friday September 26
Buy-In at 6. Game at 7
Meal or Potluck TBD watch for
communication I week prior

\$20 PER PERSON
FUN & PRIZES
(A PORTION GOES TO
CHARITY)
CHAIR IS CAROL CONWAY

Corona Elks #2045



International Night

Saturday OCTOBER 4TH 2025 Doors open at 4pm, Food Served at 5pm \$10 donation to sample all countries

Sign up on the Clubroom Whiteboard for a Country or email the Lodge

This is always a fantastic event

Best Food Contest

Best Country Table Decorating Contest

All Proceeds go to Elk Charities









Join us at the halloween party with DJ Furentes & costume contest includes appetizers (while supplies last)
7pm ends at 11 pm

Donation of \$5 incl tax covers entertainment

CORONA ELKS LODGE #2045

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Step into a night of

Mystery & Intrigue

WEDNESDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2025 6:30 pm to 12:30 am



Early Bird Tickets \$40 until Dec.15

Pance the night away with a Live Band.

Heavy Generous Appetizers

Spectacular toast at 9pm and 12am

Don't miss out on this magical evening! Don your finest attire and most mysterious mask (optional)

Band is Rockn'Rose

PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS ONLY AT BAR OR SQUARE





912 E. 6th Street Corona, CA

(Private Event for Elk members and their guests)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Taco Tuesday Teams Wednesday Cooks Steak Night Delivery Steak Night Clean Up

Contact
Patrick McDowell 626-391-9333
Or email the lodge
Elks2045@dslextreme.com
Sign up on the Whiteboard



2025 - 2026 DD Inspection and Visitation Schedule

| Jeweling | 7/19/25 | 6PM | Corona |
|------------------------|----------|-----|-----------|
| DD Clinic | 8/17/25 | 9AM | Fontana |
| Leading Knights Clinic | 10/04/25 | 9AM | Riverside |
| DD Homecoming | 10/25/25 | 6PM | Corona |
| DD Clinic | 4/12/26 | 9AM | Hemet |

| INSPECTIONS | | LDG# | |
|----------------|---------|------|----------------------|
| Sunday 9AM | 7/27/25 | 2697 | Moreno Valley |
| Sunday 12PM | 7/27/25 | 2591 | Lk Elsinore/Wildomar |
| Saturday 9AM | 8/2/25 | 1419 | Ontario |
| Sunday 9AM | 8/3/25 | 583 | Redlands |
| Sunday 12PM | 8/3/25 | 2013 | Fontana/Rialto |
| Saturday 9AM | 8/16/25 | 2393 | Skyforest |
| Saturday 12PM | 8/16/25 | 643 | Riverside |
| Saturday 9AM | 8/23/25 | 1740 | Hemet |
| Saturday 12PM | 8/23/25 | 2801 | Temecula Valley |
| Sunday 9AM | 8/24/25 | 836 | San Bernardino |
| Sunday 12PM | 8/24/25 | 2389 | Yucaipa |
| Saturday 10AM | 8/30/25 | 2314 | Yucca Valley |
| *Saturday 10AM | 9/20/25 | 2045 | Corona |

| VISITATIONS | | LDG# | |
|-------------|----------|------|----------------------|
| Tuesday | 8/5/25 | 2591 | Lk Elsinore/Wildomar |
| Wednesday | 8/13/25 | 2697 | Moreno Valley |
| Wednesday | 8/20/25 | 2045 | Corona |
| Tuesday | 9/2/25 | 2013 | Fontana/Rialto |
| Thursday | 9/4/25 | 643 | Riverside |
| Wednesday | 9/10/25 | 583 | Redlands |
| Thursday | 9/11/25 | 1419 | Ontario |
| Tuesday | 9/16/25 | 2389 | Yucaipa |
| Thursday | 10/2/25 | 1740 | Hemet |
| Monday | 10/6/25 | 836 | San Bernardino |
| Tuesday | 10/14/25 | 2393 | Sky Forest |
| Tuesday | 10/21/25 | 2801 | Temecula Valley |

^{*}Inspection by Yucca Valley Elks Lodge



October 9-12, 2025

Activities | Raffles | Games | Food | Fun

Net proceeds go to the Purple Pig 🖥

RV Camping, \ Hosted By: **Hotel options** or come for the day!

What's the Rally?

Visit the website for all the details www.ElksRally.org

Instructions on Page 2

57th Annual California Elks Rally



Name

www.ElksRally.org

October 9 - 12, 2025

Golden Village Palms RV Resort Hemet, CA

Hawaiian Theme

Registration Form - Due 8/16

| Address, City, St, Zip | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Cell Phone | | | | | | |
| Email Address | | | | | | |
| Your Lodge | Name: | | Number: | | | |
| Name of your Group | | | | | | |
| Group Wagonmaster | Name: | | Phone: | | | |
| | Rig | Informatio | n | | | |
| Type: 5° Whl. MH, Toy Hauler, TT | Brand | Length | | Slide/s: Both sides, Right or Left | | |
| Select One | | | Select One | | | |
| | Sites | \$ | | Cost | Qty | Total \$ |
| Full Hook Up RV Site: 3-night. Min. (Thurs/Fri/Sat) (includes 2 people & 2 vehicles) PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2 If registered on or before 8/16/25 \$210.00, after 8/16/25 \$235.00 | | | | \$210.00 \$235.00 | | |
| Additional people \$5.00 Per extra adult per day (Max. 6 people/site) | | | \$5.00 | | | |
| Early Arrival/Late Depart | ure (Total Days l | before/after e | vent) \$70/day | \$70.00 | | |
| Check in date: | Chec | k out date: | NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY. | | | |
| Pet Fee - Flat fee for all Pets PETS MUST STAY ON LEASH | | | | \$10.00 | | |
| Cottage \$175.00/night MUST be approved in adv | 2-Bedroom / ance by Rally W | | | \$175.00 \$200.00 | | |
| | MEALS - Prepa | | | | | |
| Price will increase | A Designation of the Party of t | Committee and the committee of the committee of | | 415.00 | | |
| Breakfast: Scrambled egg and coffee. Catered by Golden | Village Palms Fr | | sts # | \$15.00 | | |
| Lunch can be purchased on the patio Friday & Saturday Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chili dogs Riverside Lodge #643 | | | | Pay at Rally | | |
| Thursday Dinner - Pasta: Alfredo Sauce & Meat sauce, salad, gartic bread and dessert. Catered by Golden Village Palms Opening Ceremony 5:00 | | | | \$20.00 | | |
| Friday Hawaiian Dinne salad, white rice, green salad, | r – Kalua Pig, Teri spam musubi & D | yaki Chicken, H essert. | awaiian Macaroni | \$25.00 | | |
| Catered by Golden Village Pal | Charles and the second second | | araoke Night | CART OF | | |
| Saturday Dinner – Steal Catered by Steer N Stein | k, Baked Potato, Sa | | l & Dessert Variety Show | \$25.00 | | |
| Donation | to Purple P | ig, your lo | dge gets don | ation cr | edit | |
| Make Check Payabl | e To: "Elks I | Rally" or " | СНЕМРІ" | া | otal | \$ 0.0 |



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler BRYAN R. KLATT

New events can help bolster membership

Be The Difference by taking the opportunity to offer events that give your Members a place to gather and share in fellowship. You can offer dinners or plan activities that your Members can support and maybe get others to join in.

These events can promote your Lodge to prospective Members as well as help reconnect with your delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism Week is September 8-14. You still have time to download a proclamation for National Patriotism Week and have your city's mayor sign it if you were unable to do so last month.

To all the Exalted Rulers, remember the Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October. Let us make it a good one to continue showing you can **Be The Difference**.

If you have not done so, visit <u>elks.org</u>. Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, then take advantage of the many forms and certificates you can use to recognize program participants and volunteers.

Also, make sure to reach out to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary. Lodge Secretaries, begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices.

If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on elks.org (Membership Toolkit, Lodge billing) or contact your Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership Marketing Area committee person for contests, with the addition of a Typography category under layout, with a table of contents, captions, or headlines.

The Pictorial category is added with good use of photographs or graphics. The General or Effectiveness categories include the overall usefulness to the Members and effectiveness in telling the Elks' story and "Elks Care—Elks Share" to non-Members.

All contest rules and applications can be found on elks.org in the Member's Area under Officers and Committees, Fraternal Committee, Forms and Contests at elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm.

PLEASE PAY ELKS.ORG/PAYONLINE SEARCH CORONA ELKS

SELECT, THEN GO TO MAKE A QUICK PAYMENT

