

# THE NEW VIEW CORONA ELKS LODGE #2045

AUGUST 2025

## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXALTED RULER AUGUST 2025



Greetings Fellow Elks,

July was a month of pride and progress! Alongside First Lady Melinda, I had the honor of attending the Grand Lodge Convention, where we were joined by Jesse Vargas, Karen Vargas, and Patrick Akes. Together, we participated in the important work of voting on key motions brought forward by the Grand Exalted Ruler. We also witnessed the induction of our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Brian Klatt, who calls on us all to “Be the Difference.”

That message deeply resonates with our values—because being the difference is at the heart of **ELK-A-BILITY**.

This month, I’m proud to recognize someone who exemplifies that very spirit—our Elk of the Month, Robert Tye. Robert has become a cornerstone of our Lodge operations, always stepping up for maintenance, upkeep, and making sure our doors are open for events and fellowship. Thank you, Robert, for your outstanding dedication!

We also celebrated a proud moment as Jesse Vargas was officially installed as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District. Jesse’s long-standing leadership and commitment to the Lodge make him a perfect fit to represent and guide lodges across our district. (Be sure to check out the photo of his installation!)

Looking ahead to August, we have some exciting events on the calendar:

- 🍹 **Luau Night – August 9**
- ⚾ **Storm Baseball Game – August 16**
- 🚗 **Classic Car Show – August 23**

Let’s not forget that August is \$1 Enrollment Month—a great time to invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join our Lodge. Let’s make this the biggest recruitment month yet!

I also want to extend a call for volunteers. If every member gave just a few hours each month, imagine what we could accomplish together. If you’re willing to help—even in a small way—please reach out to me directly.

Mark your calendars:

### 📅 **August 20 – DDGER Visitation at Our Lodge**

This is an all-hands-on-deck night. Please dress to impress as we welcome members from across the district. First Lady Melinda will be hosting a special activity for spouses and non-members while our regular meeting takes place.

And finally, don’t forget that there’s still time to sign up for the 2026 Alaska Cruise! Connect with First Lady Melinda or our Leading Knight Rashell Tye to start your payment plan and secure your spot. We also proudly welcomed three new members in July—let’s keep the momentum going. Aim for three or more each month and help us make Corona Lodge #2045 the very best it can be.

Fraternally yours,

Patrick McDowell, Exalted Ruler, Corona Elks Lodge #2045

## AUGUST ELK OF THE MONTH

- *Robert Tye*



## 25/26 MEMBERSHIP

STARTING 4/1/25	402
INITIATED	7
AFFILIATED	0
REINSTATED	1
TRANSFERRD OUT	2
DEATHS	1
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>407</b>

**52 DELINQUENTS**



# Elk

*of*

THE MONTH FOR  
AUGUST 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO

*Robert Tye*

thank you for your diligence, volunteering, &  
outstanding performance, it is greatly  
appreciated and noticed.

Elk of the Month August 2025



# ELKS OF THE MONTHS

2025-2026 ELK YEAR

April - Tina Dean

May - Cindy Henrichs Moore

June - Ron Anderson

July - Richard Paul

August - Robert Tye

Elks Care  
Elks Shara

Heartfelt 

THANKS

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



# CONGRATULATIONS

## NEW 2025/2026 ELECTED OFFICERS

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“ 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: APPOINTED TEMPORARILY AMELIA NIEVES

“ 1 YR TRUSTEE: ALAN SRUTOWSKI

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

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“ ESQUIRE: BRIAN RATLIFF, PER

“ CHAPLAIN: JAMES WILLINGHAM

“ INNER GUARD: TOMMY LAMM

“ TILER: JARED CALSING

“ ORGANIST: PATRICK AKES, PER





**CORONA ELKS LODGE  
#2045**

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Corona, CA 92879

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BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH**

**2025/2026 OFFICERS**

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**" ORGANIST: PATRICK AKES, PER**

**FIRST LADY MELINDA MCDOWELL**

**PAST EXALTED RULERS**

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 Mallowney  
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)  
2013-14 Robert Calsing (4)\*  
2014-15 Brian Watt  
2015-16 Bruce McLain  
2016-17 Patrick Akes  
2017-18 Michael Stevens\*  
2018-19 Jesse Vargas  
2019-20 Sophia Betencourt  
2020-21 Joyce Nohavec (3)  
2021-22 Ron Anderson

*\* Deceased*

*(2) Second Term*

*(3) Third Term*

*(4) Fourth Term*

**2022-2023  
Brad Area (3)**

**2023-2024  
Amelia Nieves**

**2024-2025**

**Amelia Nieves**



## **AUGUST 2025**

### **CORONA ELKS #2045\*CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**08/01/2025 LODGE CLOSED FOR ROOF REPAIR**

**08/05/2025 TACO TUESDAY** Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm

**08/06/2025 WEDNESDAY MEETING** – Lodge Opens at 4:30 pm Dinner Served from 6-7 or until gone, Meeting at 7:30 **BALLOTING**

**08/08/2025 POTLUCK – ACTIVITY TBD & SETTING UP FOR SAT. LUAU - LODGE OPENS AT 4:30 PM**

**08/09/2025 LUAU – LODGE OPENS AT 4PM BUY YOUR TICKETS – RSVP IT IS SURE TO BE A GREAT TIME, PIG ROAST, HAWAIIAN DANCERS**

**08/12/2025 TACO TUESDAY** Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm

**08/13/2025 WEDNESDAY HOUSE COMMITTEE – HAMBURGERS LODGE OPENS AT 4:30 PM**

**08/13/2025 DD VISITATION MORENO VALLEY**

**08/15/2025 FRIDAY STEAK NIGHT – RSVP TO [ELKS2045@DSLEXTREME.COM](mailto:ELKS2045@DSLEXTREME.COM)**

**08/16/2025 STORM BASEBALL OUTING SEE FLYER**

**08/19/2025 TACO TUESDAY** Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm

**08/20/2025 WEDNESDAY– DDGER DINNER OFFICIAL VISITATION RSVP SEE FLYER – REGULAR LODGE MEETING – ACTIVITY FOR NON-MEMBERS/SPOUSES IN SOCIAL QUARTERS**

**08/22/2025 FRIDAY POTLUCK – ACTIVITY/ENTERTAINMENT TBD**

**08/23/2025 CAR SHOW – SEE FLYER – A GREAT TIME ALL DAY LONG**

**08/26/2025 TACO TUESDAY** Doors open @ 4:30 pm, dinner service 5:30pm

**08/27/2025 WEDNESDAY MEETING** – Lodge Opens at 4:30 pm Dinner Served from 6-7 or until gone, Meeting at 7:30 **INITIATION**

#### **SAVE THE DATES AND REMINDERS SEPTEMBER**

- **FOOTBALL STARTS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> & EVERY SUNDAY LODGE OPENS AT 9AM FOOD SERVICE AT 11AM**
- **SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AND HOT WING COMPETITION**
- **SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> POKER RUN**


#### **SEPTEMBER DD VISITATIONS**

- **SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> FONTANA/RIALTO \* SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> RIVERSIDE**
- **SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> REDLANDS \* SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> ONTARIO**
- **SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> YUCAIPA**



# AUGUST

# 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 CLOSED	2
3	4	5 TACO TUESDAY - (LE/WILD DD)	6 MEETING MEAL KELLI J.	7 VP HEMET	8 POTLUCK	9 LUAU - CHAIRS JOYCE/D. TYNER (VP HOMECOMING SB)
10	11	12 TACO TUESDAY	13 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEAL BRAD (MV DD)	14	15 STEAK NIGHT 	16 STORM GAME SEE FLYER
17 DD CLINIC FONTANA	18	19 TACO TUESDAY	20 DD DINNER AND MEETING - BALLOTING	21	22 POTLUCK	23 CAR SHOW
24	25	26 TACO TUESDAY	27 INITIATION MEAL JERRY D	28	29 POTLUCK ACTIVITY TBD	30 LABOR DAY WEEKEND
31 LABOR DAY WEEKEND	1	2	3	4	5	6

# Do you have a passion for cooking and sharing?

**Become a Major Project  
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Go to: [chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/](https://chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AUGUST



## AUGUST BIRTHDAY DRINK COUPON

**Member Name**

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**Member #**

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Coupon good for Free  
Well, Wine or Beer

Diane	Rosales	08	01
Paul	Coriddi	08	03
Denny	Directo	08	05
Phillip	Godbold	08	05
Melinda	McDowell	08	06
Jami	Merchant	08	06
Denise	Bianco	08	09
Brandi	Berry	08	10
Cole	Rounds	08	11
Estella	Perez	08	12
John	Malabicky	08	13
Roger	Moody	08	13
Walter	Jenkins	08	14
Anita	McMillan	08	14
James	Soper	08	14
Jeanne	Reinhardt	08	15
Rebecca	Spiegel	08	17
Matt	Antell	08	18
Meg	Sciscento	08	19
Donald E	Unkenholz	08	20
Tina	Dean	08	21
Wayne	Nielsen	08	21
Brian	Draper	08	22
Chuck	Stidham	08	22
Kevin	Hartley	08	23
Audra	Reynolds	08	24
Michael	Broders	08	27
Robert	Dressler	08	27
Mark	German	08	27
Thomas	Lamm	08	27
Mel	Murphy	08	27
Darla	Sparkman	08	31
Michele	Steeber	08	31



# WELCOME



CORONA CA #2045



*Bryan R. Klatt*  
BRYAN KLATT  
GRAND EXALTED RULER  
2025-2026



A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!



CORONA ELKS #2045 PRESENTS



# LUAAU

SAT. AUG. 9 2025

Hawaiian Show ~ Dancers

PIG ROAST

CONTEST BEST  
DRESSED

ADULTS \$30\*\* CHILDREN 5-12 \$15\*\* UNDER 5 FREE

(PRICE INCLUDES TAX)

TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED AT BAR OR QR CODE, OFFICER OR  
EMAIL: ELKS2045@DSLEXTREME.COM

Open 4pm; Dinner 6pm; Show 7pm

- Pork & Chicken Thighs
- Fried Rice & Coleslaw
- Fresh Fruit
- Delightful Dessert





*CORONA ELKS LODGE #2045*

# STEAK

**NIGHT  
WITH  
DJ/KJ  
JAKE  
8/15**

**\$25 Steak**  
( $\$22.98 + 8.75\% \text{ tax} = \$25$ )

**\$15 Chicken**  
( $\$13.79 + 8.75\% \text{ tax} = \$15$ )

**\$10 Salad Bar Only**  
( $\$9.19 + 8.75\% \text{ tax} = \$10$ )

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

**RSVP TO [ELKS2045@DSLEXTREME.COM](mailto:ELKS2045@DSLEXTREME.COM)**





# LAKE ELSINORE STORM BASEBALL

MINOR LEAGUE AFFILIATE OF THE SAN DIEGO PADRES

DIAMOND STADIUM OF LAKE ELSINORE  
500 DIAMOND DRIVE, LAKE ELSINORE, CA

## Corona Elks Lodge #2045

Join the Lake Elsinore Storm on August 16th, 2025

Purchase your game tickets for \$30 by  
scanning the QR code or visiting

<https://www.goticket.com/event/CoronaElks2045>

Gates Open: 4:45 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch: 5:45 PM

\*A portion of each ticket supports Corona Elks Lodge #2045\*



## RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR TICKET

GAME  
TICKET



FREE PARKING  
IN LOT C



\$5 FOOD  
VOUCHER



VOUCHER FOR A  
FUTURE STORM GAME





# CORONA ELKS LODGE #2045

EXALTED RULER PATRICK MCDOWELL,  
FIRST LADY MELINDA & MEMBERS CORDIALLY INVITE  
YOU TO THE OFFICIAL VISITATION OF

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED**

**RULER JESSE VARGAS**

**& FIRST LADY KAREN**

ESQUIRE TO THE DDGER AMELIA NIEVES

AUDITOR TO THE DDGER VINCENT PUTERBAUGH

ACCOMPANIED BY PAMELA

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20, 2025**

COCKTAILS: 5PM/ DINNER: 6PM

LODGE MEETING TO FOLLOW

A SPECIAL ACTIVITY FOR SPOUSES & NON-MEMBERS

DINNER \$20 PER PERSON INCLUDES SALES TAX

MENU: BAKED OR FRIED CHICKEN, CAESAR SALAD, SCALLOP POTATOES,  
BAKED BEANS, ROLL & ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT

DRESS ATTIRE: BUSINESS OR LODGE SHIRT

RSVP TO [ELKS2045@DSLEXTREME.COM](mailto:ELKS2045@DSLEXTREME.COM) BY AUGUST 16TH

OR CALL LODGE OFFICE LEAVE A MESSAGE: 951-734-3090

OR TEXT THE SECRETARY KELLI: 951-751-5434



# 15th Annual Veterans Car Show

## Saturday, August 23rd - 9am - 3pm



### Corona Elks #2045

912 East Sixth Street - Corona, CA 92879

ED GARLAND

951-315-8493

BRIAN GOVENOR

714-240-7400

JOHNNY

909-633-2319

## Raffle Prizes - Music - Food - Drink Specials all day

### CORONA ELKS CHARITY CAR SHOW & SPONSORSHIP DONATION ENTRY FORM

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Vehicle Make:	
Model:	
Year:	

PRE-REGISTRATION:	\$25.00	\$
DAY OF REGISTRATION :	\$30.00	\$
GEARHEAD SPONSORSHIP: (TROPHY DEDICATION)	\$100.00	\$
MOTORHEAD SPONSORSHIP: (JUDGING CATEGORY SPONSOR)	\$50.00	\$
ELK CHARITY SPONSORSHIP: (AWARD CERTIFICATE)	\$25.00	\$
TOTAL DUE:		\$

Make checks payable to: **Corona Elks #2045**

Mail or drop off entry form at: Corona Elks #2045 912 East Sixth Street, Corona, CA. 92879

**E-Z Ups/Canopies**

**LIABILITY WAIVER:** In consideration of acceptance of the right to participate in the Corona Elks Car Show, by execution of the form release and discharge CORONA ELKS #2045, its officials and members, and the CITY OF CORONA, and anyone else connected with this event from any and all known damages, injuries, losses or judgements and/or claims from any case that may be suffered by an entrant to his person or property. Furthermore, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the fore mentioned entities, persons and bodies from any and all liability occasioned by or resulting from conduct of entrants or entrants or any participant cooperating with or under direct control of entrants. I have read and agree to all conditions of the rules governing this event and I agree to observe all rules and decisions of events management.

Signature of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Proceeds to Support  
Elk Charity's**





## 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
<b>Saturday 10AM</b>	<b>8/30/25</b>	<b>2314</b>	<b>Yucca Valley</b>
*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**

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@dslextrême.com***

***Sign up on the Whiteboard***



# 57th Annual



October 9-12, 2025

Activities | Raffles | Games | Food | Fun

Net proceeds go to the Purple Pig



**RV Camping,  
Hotel options  
or come for  
the day!**

**Hosted By:**

**GOLDEN VILLAGE PALMS  
RV RESORT**

3600 W Florida Ave, Hemet, CA 92343 | (951) 260-2340

**What's the Rally?**



Visit the website for all the details  
**[www.ElksRally.org](http://www.ElksRally.org)**



# 57th Annual California Elks Rally

[www.ElksRally.org](http://www.ElksRally.org)
**October 9 - 12, 2025**

Golden Village Palms RV Resort Hemet, CA

**Registration Form - Due 8/16**


Name		
Address, City, St, Zip		
Cell Phone		
Email Address		
Your Lodge	Name:	Number:
Name of your Group		
Group Wagonmaster	Name:	Phone:

## Rig Information

Type: 5 <sup>th</sup> Whl. MH, Toy Hauler, TT	Brand	Length	Slide/s: Both sides, Right or Left	RV Year
Select One			Select One	
<b>Sites</b>			<b>Cost</b>	<b>Qty</b>
<b>Full Hook Up RV Site: 3-night. Min. (Thurs/Fri/Sat) (includes 2 people &amp; 2 vehicles)</b>			\$210.00	
<b>PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2</b>			\$235.00	
If registered on or before 8/16/25 \$210.00, after 8/16/25 \$235.00				
Additional people \$5.00 Per extra adult per day (Max. 6 people/site)			\$5.00	
Early Arrival/Late Departure (Total Days before/after event) \$70/day			\$70.00	
Check in date:			Check out date:	
Pet Fee - Flat fee for all Pets <b>PETS MUST STAY ON LEASH</b>			\$10.00	
Cottage \$175.00/night 2-Bedroom Apartment \$200.00/night			\$175.00	
MUST be approved in advance by Rally Wagonmaster 3-night min.			\$200.00	
<b>MEALS - Prepaid</b>				
Price will increase by \$3.00 each if purchased at the Rally,				
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice, and coffee. Catered by Golden Village Palms Friday Breakfasts # _____ Saturday Breakfasts # _____			\$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, garlic bread and dessert. Catered by Golden Village Palms Opening Ceremony 5:00			\$20.00	
Friday Hawaiian Dinner - Kalua Pig, Teriyaki Chicken, Hawaiian Macaroni salad, white rice, green salad, spam musubi & Dessert. Catered by Golden Village Palms			\$25.00	
Karaoke Night				
Saturday Dinner - Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Dinner Roll & Dessert Catered by Steer N Stein			\$25.00	
Raffle & Variety Show				
Donation to Purple Pig, your lodge gets donation credit				
Make Check Payable To: "Elks Rally" or "CHEMPI"				Total
				\$ 0.00





# **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

## **JULY**



## **THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING JULY VOLUNTEERS!**

Your time, energy, and dedication help make our Lodge a welcoming place for all. We deeply appreciate all that you do!

Kathy Linzey  
Brian Snowden  
Jerry Dean  
Tina Dean  
Robert Tye  
Cheri Smith  
Melinda McDowell  
Patrick McDowell

Karen Dillon  
Debbie Tyner  
Amelia Nieves  
Mike Romero  
Carol Kokot  
Michelle Watts  
Richard Paul  
Steve Gruber

**'ELKS CARE -- ELKS SHARE.'**

Because of volunteers like you, we continue to grow, serve, and strengthen our community.



**BIOGRAPHY OF**  
**BRYAN R. KLATT**  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**  
**2025-2026**

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.*

**Bryan Robert Klatt** was born in DeKalb, Illinois on December 5 to Robert A. Klatt and DonnaLee (Bettner) Klatt. He is the oldest of two children, with a younger brother, Mark A. Klatt (Layne). Bryan was raised in DeKalb and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1977.

Bryan graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in industrial arts. During his time in college, he was a five-year student equipment manager for the football team, which earned him a half-ride scholarship for all five years.

After college, Bryan worked with his father and brother at the former Kallal's Sheet Metal Inc. in his hometown. He was with the company for more than 25 years, first as an employee, then as a co-owner with his brother. Bryan is a past chairman of the City of DeKalb HVAC Mechanical board and a former member of the DeKalb Public Library board. He is a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in DeKalb and a Third Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 717, as well as a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 586.

During Bryan's senior year of high school, he was introduced to the former Susan Louise Ekstrom, to whom he has been married since October 1983. They have three children: Gregory Robert, Andrew Jordan, and Lucas Richard (BreeAnne).

When his boys attended and played sports at DeKalb High School, Bryan found a way to watch the action and save the school a little money. He volunteered to be the public address announcer, and stayed in the role for more than a quarter century. Bryan's voice could be heard at the school's football games, boys' and girls' basketball games, wrestling meets, baseball and softball games, and other events. He has also assisted Northern Illinois by announcing baseball, softball, gymnastics, football, and

women's basketball. Bryan is a regular volunteer in his community in various school, civic, and athletic activities.

Bryan was initiated into DeKalb, Illinois Lodge No. 765 on November 12, 1985. He served on numerous committees before becoming Exalted Ruler in 1989-1990 and Lodge Secretary from 1998 to 2009. He is an Honorary Life Member and continues to serve the Lodge when needed to fulfill unexpired Officer terms or committees.

For the Illinois Elks Association, Bryan served as North Central District Vice President (1992-1993); State Chaplain (1993-1994); State Americanism Committee Chairman (1993-1994); Third (1994-1995), Second (1995-1996), and First (1996-1997) State Vice President; State President (1997-1998); Chairman of Advisory Committee (2000-2001); Chairman of Convention Committee (2002-2004); Co-Chair of Leading Knight/Officer Training Seminars (1998-2008); Co-Chair of the LouGER Committee for then Endorsed Candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger (2006-2008); and District Leader/Sponsor for the Northwest District No. 2680 since 1999.

Bryan has served the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (1994-1995); as a member (2001-2008) and the Chairman (2005-2007) of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee; and as the Grand Secretary from July 2008 through July 2025.

Bryan and Susan are humbled, thankful, and honored to be chosen as the ambassadors to represent our great Order as the Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady of Elkdom. They are excited to travel to and visit Elks communities throughout America promoting their theme:



**"BE THE DIFFERENCE"**





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