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DECEMBER 2025

"The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory"

Memorial Service – December 7th

Members and friends, you are cordially invited to attend the Westminster Elks' Memorial Service on December 7, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.

The Colorado Chord Company will provide music.

Light refreshments will follow the service. Our Order has decreed that the first Sunday in December be set apart as a day for Elks' families and friends to gather and freshen the memories of their departed.

"Living or Dead an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken."



Kids Christmas Party
Dec. 20, 2025 • 11:00 - 2:00

Tom & Jerry • Dec. 24th
3:00 - 6:00
Lodge Closes at 6:00

New Years Eve Celebration

Celebrate with your Family
& Friends

Champagne Toast
at 10:00 and 12:00



Dinner Menu • Dinner 6:00-8:00

Finger Food and Pasta Salad
Donations appreciated
RSVP by Dec. 22 2025
Dance on Lodge Floor
\$10. per person • 7-10



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ER Message

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

December is here and with it comes all the Holiday activities at the Lodge.

Gift cards for those in need of a little assistance this holiday season will be prepared and sent. Forms for our members to submit names are at the front desk and will be

accepted through December 12th. The Kids Christmas Party is as much fun for the adult as it is for the kids. Come down and bring your kids or grandkids and be reminded of the magic of the season.

The festivities continue Christmas Eve with your officers preparing and serving

Tom & Jerrys, a time honored Lodge tradition.

Finally, ring the new year with your Elk family and friends with our New Year celebration.

Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday

Trudy Overhultz
Exalted Ruler



Class named in Honor of "Thanksgiving"

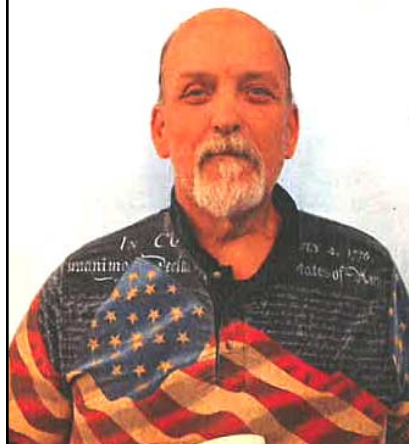
New members in no order:

Brooke Faux, Eric Norris, Kevin Alvey, Valerie Alvey, Evaristo Gomez, Ronald McCuiston, Leah Schlein, Chad McKenzie, Billie Hull, Jacob Bachman Duane Schmitz, Richard Miller, Ronald Redd, JaCynda Redd, Ashley Gutierrez, Nathan Kingery.

Sponsors in no order:

Bill Scharfenberg, Edward Grieco, Jim Quirk, Pee-Wee O'Connor, John Rinkenberger

Nov. Elk of the Month Dennis Botelho



Calendar Events Please come down and enjoy your Lodge

- Dec. 1 Bar Open 4pm, Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- Dec. 2 Bar Open 4pm, Lodge Meeting 7:30
- Dec.3 Bar Open 4pm, Dinner 5-7, Bingo 6:30, Scuffed Shoe Lessons 7:00-9:00
- Dec. 4 Bar Open 4pm, Sloppy Joes 5-7, Darts 6:00
- Dec. 5 Bar Open 4pm, Baked Chicken, 5-7, Scuffed Shoe Lessons 7:00-9:00, Karaoke 7:30
- Dec. 7 Bar Open 10am-6pm, Memorial Service 10:30am, Bronco Potluck 2pm
- Dec. 8 Bar Open 4pm, Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- Dec. 9 Bar Open 4pm, Lodge Meeting 7:30,
- Dec.10 Bar Open 4pm, Board of Directors Meeting 6:30, Scuffed Shoes Lessons 7-9
- Dec.11 Bar Open 4pm, Tacos 5-7, Darts 6:00 ,
- Dec. 12 Bar Open 4pm, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Veg. 5-7
- Dec. 13 Bar Open 12pm, Stamp Camp 9:30-2pm Steak night 5-7,
- Dec. 14 Bar Open 12, Bronco Potluck 2:25
- Dec. 15 Bar Open 4pm, Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- Dec. 16 Bar Open 4pm, Lodge Meeting 7:30,
- Dec. 17 Bar Open 4pm, Dinner 5-7, Bingo 6:30, Scuffed Shoes Lessons 7-9
- Dec. 18 Bar Open 4pm, Tacos 5-7, Darts 6:00
- Dec. 19 Bar Open 4pm, Rocky Mtn Oysters and Shrimp 5-7, Scuffed Shoes Lessons 7:00-9:00 Christmas Party 7:00, Karaoke and Ugly Sweater Contest 7:30
- Dec. 20 Bar Open 12, Kids Christmas Party 11-2
- Dec. 21 Bar Open 12, Jazz Club 2-5, Broncos Potluck 2:05
- Dec. 22 Bar Open 4pm, Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- Dec. 23 Bar Open 4pm, Lodge Meeting 7:30
- Dec. 24 Bar Open 12-6, Tom & Jerry's 3-6, Lodge Closes 6:00
- Dec. 25 LODGE CLOSED, MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Dec. 26 Bar Open 4pm, NO DINNER
- Dec. 27 Bar Open 12pm
- Dec. 28 Bar Open 8am, Breakfast 8:30am-10:30
- Dec. 29 Bar Open 4pm, Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- Dec 30 Bar Open 4pm, Lodge Meeting 7:30
- Dec. 31 Bar Open 4pm, Finger Food available (for donations) 5-7, New Year's Eve Dance Party 7-10, Champagne Toast 10pm.

Sickness & Distress

Adam Ingalls, back to work after hernia surgery.

Rhonda Overman fell and broke her foot. She has three plates abd lot of hardware, has to stay off of it for eight weeks.

Jerri Hughes had major back surgery, she has 8 weeks plus for recovery.

Sharyn Beehover had a knee replacement.

Cary Lopez mother is in home care hospice.

Dezell Hunter, bladder surgery now recovering.

The Vacant Chair

A noble Elk has fallen pierced by the arrow of death. His trials ended, his faults forgotten, his virtues cherished, he rests in peace.

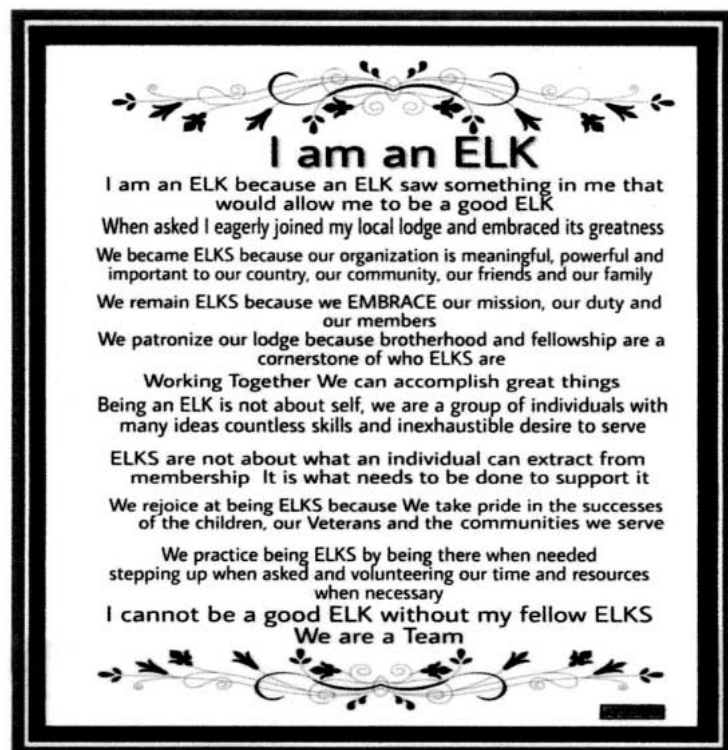
Michael Smith

Born: Aug. 30, 1985

Initiated: Sept. 2, 2014

Deceased: Oct. 17, 2025

"We shall meet but we shall miss him, there will be the Vacant Chair but though we no more possess him still our hearts his memory bear."



Happy Birthday December

1 Miller, Paul J.	11 McKelvey, James	18 Mestas, George J.	24 Bianco, Richard
2 Bartholomew, Clayton D.	11 McNamara, George L.	18 Ranger, James L.	24 Holcomb, Marianne
2 Graves, James D.	11 Newman, Kristina	18 Stahl, Mary	24 Sullivan, Carol
2 McGinnis, Carrie Ann	12 Dignum, Maureen	19 Pieper, Sandra	25 Allen, Daniel W.
3 Zinanti, Teri	12 Feustel, Sandra A	19 Stormer, Celeste	25 Crockett, Ed
4 Lopez, Vincent J.	13 Yoder, Danette	19 Suchey, Angela	25 Kopp, Jack
4 Quirk, Jim	14 Parsons, Richard A.	20 Burham, Danny L.	25 Magee, Kim
5 Karlin, Stanley J.	14 Schlein, Leah	20 Kentfield, Rod J.	25 Sakala, Henry R.
5 Wingerter, Donald	14 Sylvester, Tiffany D.	20 Priola, Shirley M.	25 Smith, Larry
6 Hoery, Robert N.	15 Allendorf, Jon	21 Parson, Dennis W	25 Streufert, Keith C.
6 King, Kevin	15 Artzer, Joseph U.	22 Beltran, Toni	26 Bowden, Michael
6 Schlaht, John H.	15 Jugert, Rodney F.	22 Johnson, Robert D.	26 Forshaw, Jeremy J.
8 Crosby, Mark S.	16 Marsh, Harry J.	22 Snyder, Vern E.	29 Osborne Ron
9 King, Robert A.	16 Schwertfeger, Frank H.	22 Vigil, Marcus	30 Arroyo, James B.
9 Shubert, Joseph	16 Tinsley, Bonnie	23 Baca, James	31 Kaiser, Mark
10 Hovland, Corey	17 Muser, Joellyn K.	23 Day, Byron M.	31 Pascoe, Jr. Louis J.
10 Wright, Romona	17 Sanchez, Sylvia A.	23 McGinley, Patrick S.	31 Pringle, Lindy R.
	17 Sorokaty, Paul	23 Travis, Laurie	
		23 Venable, James P.	
		23 Youngquist, Jerald	

DAILY DRAWINGS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

Donald Hackenberg7795
David Falbo6942
Ozzie Leiber8723
Sheri McKelvey6864*
Julie Strocky8686
John Montanio7893
Dorothy Mino7884
Naomi Smith8643
Catherine Espinosa8487
Pierre Lopez7713
Robert Diaz8440

Barry Russell6764
Dennis McKelvey6108
John Hamm5763
Jeremy Debard8402
Tara Musquiz8558
Lillian Rodriguez8655
Nicholas Trujillo8641
James Castellaw8135
Scott Reynolds7982
Jenna Tabor8284
Eddie Rodriguez4285

Jeremy Debard8402
Rachael Gregoire8560
Patrick Maestas8444
Sharyn Barhoover8696*
Mary Koschke7782
Larry Clark5530
Angela Sanchez8693
Dawn Golden8363*
Tiffany Sylvester6972

*Winner



**Dec. 5th & 19th
7:30p.m. to 10:00p.m.**



**Every Thursday
starting at 6:00p.m.**



**Dec. 3rd & 17th
6:30 to 9:00p.m.**



December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	2 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation	3 Open 4 p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes Lessons 7:00-9:00 Bingo 6:30	4 Open 4 p.m. Sloppy Joe Sandwich 5-7 Darts 6:00 p.m. Interviews 6:30	5 Open 4 p.m. Baked Chicken Dinner 5-7 Scuffed Shoes Dance 7:00-9:30 Karaoke 7:30	6 Open 12
7 Open 10 to 6 p.m. Memorial Service 10:30 Broncos Potluck 2:00	8 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	9 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Balloting PER Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10 Open 4 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 Scuffed Shoes Lessons 7:00-9:00	11 Open 4 p.m. Tacos 5 pm-7 pm Darts 6:00 p.m.	12 Open 4 p.m. Meatloaf Mashed/ Veg. 5 to 7	13 Open 12 Steak Night 5 to 7 Stamp Camp 9:30-2:00
14 Open 12 to 6 p.m. Broncos Potluck 2:00	15 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	16 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Mtg. 7:30 Lodge of Sorrow Membership Committee Meeting 6:00	17 Open 4 p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes Lessons 7:00-9:00 Bingo 6:30	18 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Closes at 6 p.m. Employee Christmas Party	19 Open 4 p.m. Shrimp & Rocky Mt. Oysters 5 to 7 Ugly Sweater Contest Karaoke 7:30	20 Bar Opens 12 Kids Christmas Party 11-2
21 Open 12 to 6 p.m. Broncos Potluck 2:00 Denver Jazz Club 2pm to 5pm	22 Open 4 p.m. House Committee Meeting 6:00 Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	23 Open Lodge Meeting 7:30 Birthday Celebration	24 Bar Open 12-6 pm Tom & Jerrys 3-6pm	25 Open 4 p.m. Christmas Lodge Closed	26 Open 4 p.m. No Dinner	27 Open 12
28 Bar Opens 8:30 - 6 p.m. Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30	29 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	30 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30	31 Open 4 p.m. New Years Eve. Champagne Toast 10 and 12 Finger Food Pasta Salad Donations appreciated Dance Lodge Floor 7-9m \$10 per person			

HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 EVERY DAY AND ALL DAY TUESDAY.

ATTENTION ALL PAST EXALTED RULERS (PERS)

The second Tues. of each month is our monthly PER meeting in the Antlers Room of the Lodge beginning at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Dec. 9, 2025



January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy New Year				1 Open 12-6 New Year Day	2 Open 4p.m. Smothered Tamales Scuffed Shoes 7:00 Karaoke 7:30	3 Bar Open 12p.m. Broncos Potluck TBD
4 Bar Open 12-6 Broncos Potluck TBD	5 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	6 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation	7 Bar Open 4p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes 7pm Bingo 6:30	8 Bar Open 4p.m. Tacos 5pm-7pm Darts 6:00p.m.	9 Bar Open 4p.m. Beef Tips & Noodles 5-7 Scuffed Shoes 7:00	10 Bar Open 12p.m. Steak Night 5 to 7 Stamp Camp 9:30-2:00
11 Bar Open 12-6pm	12 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	13 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Balloting PER Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14 Bar Open 4p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 Scuffed Shoes 7pm	15 Bar Open 4p.m. Wings 5pm-7pm Darts 6:00p.m.	16 Bar Open 4p.m. Shrimp & Rocky Mt. Oysters 5 to 7 Karaoke 7:30	17 Bar Open 12p.m.
18 Bar Open 12-6pm Denver Jazz Club 2pm to 5pm	19 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	20 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Lodge of Sorrow Membership Committee Meeting 6:00	21 Bar Open 4p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes 7pm Bingo 6:30	22 Bar Open 4p.m. Pizza and Salad Darts 6:00p.m.	23 Bar Open 4p.m. Taco Soup 5-7	24 Bar Open 12p.m.
25 Bar Open 8:30-6pm Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30	26 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	27 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Birthday Celebration	28 Bar Open 4p.m. House Committee 6:30	29 French Dip Darts 6:00p.m.	30 Bar Open 4p.m. Pork Roast Mashed Potatos Dinner 5 to 7	31 Open 12 to 9pm

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