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COLORADO'S FRIENDLIEST LODGE

APRIL 2026

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

Installation of Officers and the Inaugural Ball will be April 4th, 2026

Installation of Officers will be at 3:00 p.m.

Dinner will be Steak or Baked Chicken (1/2) – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. • For \$25.00

The Inaugural Ball will be 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. • Rhythm Rockers

Please plan to attend this gala event and meet your new Officers for the coming year.

RSVP No Later than March 29th, 2026

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Car Cruise-in – May 24, 2026

The time is here! Come on down and have Breakfast 8:30 - 10:30

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Kentucky Derby May 2nd • Festivities noon to 5:00



Best Dressed, Best Hat
Blind draw on Derby Horse pay 4 places
Wooden Horse race in dining room



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Mothers Day Breakfast – May 10th • 8:30 to 11:00

Westminster Elks Moms eat Free

All others are \$15.00 • Children under 5 Free

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Memorial Weekend Bash

Camper parking on the wall free for weekend

Friday – Famous Shrimp 5-7

Saturday – Blind Golf Cart Races • Darts and Pool 12-5 • Steak Dinner 5-7

Sunday – Breakfast 8:30-10:30, Car Cruise-in

Monday – Memorial Day BBQ, Back Patio, Lodge Closes 6:00

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Dear Westminster Lodge Members,

As this is my first letter to you as Exalted Ruler, I would like to begin by introducing myself. My name is **Chris Setelin**. Many of you may not have met me yet, so I would like to share a little about who I am and why I chose to become an Elk.

I was born and raised here in Colorado. I spent 20 years serving in the United States Navy—years that instilled in me a deep sense of National pride, respect, and commitment to service. Throughout my time in the Navy, I always knew I would return home. Colorado is where my family is, where my wife’s family is, and where my heart has always been.

My introduction to the Elks came through a close friend and shipmate who lived next door to me while I was serving. He became an Elk because of the organization’s dedication to community, children, and veterans. That mission resonated with me. After attending several lodge events with him, I was drawn to the camaraderie and fellowship I saw among the members. I knew I wanted to be part of that experience—though I had always imagined joining alongside him. Since he lives in California and I live here, that didn’t seem likely.

A few years later, during a visit, he convinced me it was finally time to join. He simply said, “Get in the car—we’re going for a ride.” He brought me to the lodge, and before I knew it, with the help my friend Ken and Pee Wee, I was signing my application. It may have felt a little silly at the time, but in truth, it was exactly what I needed.

When I first walked into Westminster Lodge—even though I live in Brighton—I immediately felt at home. I was impressed by the lodge itself: the size, the picnic area, the dining room, the activity spaces, and the backyard where members gather for horseshoes and grilling. More importantly, I felt warmth and welcome from the members. This lodge felt alive, and I knew I wanted to be part of it.

Since joining, I’ve had the privilege of meeting many of our legacy members—people such as Greg Beacom, Gary Coven, Dennis McKelvey, Dana Priola, Tom Root—and many others who have become friends. From early on, I felt called to serve on the lodge floor and to contribute as an officer. My path from new member to Exalted Ruler moved more quickly than I originally expected, but I am honored to be here and deeply committed to serving this lodge to the best of my abilities.

I want to leave you with a thought—something I will continue to emphasize throughout the year. I believe it is time for us to get back to basics: to live by our motto, to embrace our foundational principles, to practice brotherly love, to give of ourselves in charity, and to foster a welcoming lodge that is a safe and supportive space for all members and their families. Westminster Lodge was once recognized as one of the friendliest lodges, and I know we can continue to live up to that legacy.

My first request of our members is simple:

- **Please attend lodge events.**
- **And when you’re here, be friendly. Reach out. Talk to one another.**

Let’s renew our friendships. Let’s renew our fellowship.

You will see me at the lodge often this year—I plan to be present almost daily. If we haven’t met yet, I hope you’ll come and say “hello”. I may be a little shy at first, but once I get talking, you’ll find I’m not shy for long.

I love this lodge. I am honored to serve as your Exalted Ruler, and I ask for your support as we move forward together. I will give this role my very best, but true success will only come if we stand together as one family.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the lodge.

**Fraternally,
Chris Setelin
Exalted Ruler**



Front row: John Hollick, E.R. Chris Setelin, Michelle Wrenfrow, Jimmy Leesekamp.
 Back row: P.E.R. Pee-Wee O'Conner.

House Committee Events Please come down and enjoy your Lodge

- April 1st Dinner 5:00-7:00, BINGO 6:30
- April 2nd Darts 6:00
- April 3rd Scuffed Shoes 7:00-9:30, Karaoke 7:30
- April 4th Installation of Officers 3:00, Inaugural Ball 7:00-11:00
- April 5th Easter Brunch 9:30 12:30
- April 6th Chili Cheese Dogs 5:00-8:00, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- April 8th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30
- April 9th Tacos 5:00-7:00, Darts 6:00
- April 11th Stamp Camp 9:00-2:00
- April 13th Chili Cheese Dogs 5:00-8:00, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- April 14th PER Meeting 6:30
- April 15th Dinner 5:00-7:00, BINGO 6:30
- April 16th Wings 5:00-7:00, Darts 6:00
- April 17th Rocky Mtn. Oysters & Shrimp 5 ways 5:00-7:00, Karaoke 7:30, Scuffed Shoes 7:00-9:30
- April 19th Denver Jazz Club 2:00-5:00
- April 20th Chili Cheese Dogs 5:00-8:00, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- April 21st Membership Committee Meeting 6:00
- April 22nd House Committee Meeting 6:30, Book Club 7:00
- April 23rd Tacos 5:00-7:00, Darts 6:00
- April 26th Breakfast 8:30-10:30
- April 28th Chili Cheese Dogs 5:00-8:00, Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
- April 30th Darts 6:00

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.

Helen Famiano

Born: June 18, 1950
 Initiated: April 3, 2012
 Deceased: Feb. 19, 2026

"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."

March Elk of the Month Sheri McKelvey



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Happy Birthday April

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| 1 Servantez, Thaddeaus | | |
| 2 Russell, Sophie | 11 Alvey, Kevin D. | 22 Lane, Joseph |
| 2 Frank, Diana O. | 12 Baldwin, Katherine | 22 Lee, Sherry |
| 2 Hoke, Albert L, Jr. | 12 Crawford, Rodney | 22 Miranda, Tiana |
| | | 22 Rivenes, Carol |
| 4 Calvo, Arthur | 14 Jugert, Robert | 23 Cominiello, Joseph |
| 4 Decker, Myra | 14 Low, Jeffrey A. | 23 Lewandowski, Edward |
| 4 Heskett, Randall | 14 Lymburn, Gordon | |
| 4 Munger, Brian G. | 14 Shepard, Dennis | 24 Hartney, Elizabeth |
| | 14 Troy, Thomas S. | 24 Mueller, Joe |
| 5 Schmitz, Robert L. | | 24 Okeefe, Rick |
| | 15 Gilles, Michael C. | 24 Zapfel, Clifford A. |
| 6 Brown, Patricia A. | | |
| 6 Feller, Pennie | 16 Bernatis, Lyndie | 25 Falbo, David |
| 6 Jones, David L. | 16 Dino, Sandy J. | 25 Gomez, Evaristo |
| 6 Studzinski, Michael | 16 Hire, Judith | |
| | 16 Lowery, Clarence, Jr. | 26 Baker, Jerry A. |
| 7 Disberry, Joel L. | | 26 Davis, Danny |
| 7 Fantini, Gina | 17 Baldwin, Keith | |
| 7 Klain, Loren | 17 Kreutzer, Ana | 27 Woodson, Timothy |
| 7 Vigil, Mark A. | 17 Leach, Michele | |
| | | 28 Dickinson, Debra |
| 8 Titony, Stephen M. | 18 Dailey, Pat | 28 Johnson, Jerry L. |
| | | 28 Woodbury, Wallace |
| 9 Lane, Charles | 19 Andresen, Jerry | |
| 9 Kirchner, Marianne | 19 Lopez, Augustine J. | 29 Fenimore, Brent |
| 9 Pettine, Frances R. | 19 Szumowski, James | 29 Fenimore, Brian |
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| | 20 Lacy, Linda | 30 McDonald, Mark D. |
| | 20 Laurita, Jim R. | |

DAILY DRAWINGS IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

Robert Hoery8116	John Treiber7566	Augustine J. Lopez . . .7980
Robert Hoery8116	James Arroyo7576	Gary Loyd8629
Charles Riedel8651	Alexa Stampffl8526	Ryan Calderon8742
Steve Granillo7194	Jacalyn Thompson . . .8063	Robert W. Quinn8295
Edward Jourdan8131	Frank Maestas, Jr. . . .7141	Tiffany Sylvester6972
Cheryl Ford7977	Timothy Woodson . . .7736	Jeffrey Castor4277
Dennis Bohan4662	James Baca8627	Alan Shaughnessy . . .8426
Wiley Timbrook8461	Tiffany Cox8577	Richard Hobson0295
Duane Rowson7295	Ralph Lettieri7444	
Donald Tiglas0667	Jacob Schoneweis . . .8711	



**April 3rd & 17th
7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**



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



**April 1st & 15th
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.**



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Open 4 p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Bingo 6:30	2 Open 4 p.m. Darts 6:00 p.m.	3 Open 4 p.m. Scuffed Shoes Dance 7:00-9:30 Karaoke 7:30	4 Open 12 p.m. Installation of Officers 3:00 pm Inaugural Ball 7-11 Steak or 1/2 Chicken 5-7
			5 Open 9 a.m. Easter Brunch 9:30-12:30	6 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	7 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation	8 Open 4 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 6:30
12 Open 12 p.m.	13 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	14 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Balloting PER Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15 Open 4 p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Bingo 6:30	16 Open 4 p.m. Wings 5 pm-7 pm Darts 6:00 p.m.	17 Open 4 p.m. Shrimp & Rocky Mt. Oysters 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes Dance 7:00-9:30 Karaoke 7:30	18 Open 12 p.m.
19 Open 12 p.m. Denver Jazz Club 2pm to 5pm	20 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	21 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Mtg. 7:30 Lodge of Sorrow Membership Committee Meeting 6:00	22 Open 4 p.m. House Committee 6:30 Book Club 7:00	23 Open 4 p.m. Tacos 5 pm-7 pm Darts 6:00 p.m.	24 Open 4 p.m.	25 Open 12 p.m.
26 Open 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30	27 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	28 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Birthday Celebration	29 Open 4 p.m.	30 Open 4 p.m. Darts 6:00 p.m.		

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 Apr. 14, 2026



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>May</i>					1 Open 4p.m. 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes 7:00 Karaoke 7:30	2 Bar Open 12p.m.
3 Open 12 p.m.	4 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	5 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation	6 Bar Open 4p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Bingo 6:30	7 Bar Open 4p.m. Italian Sausage Sandwich 5-7 Darts 6:00 p.m.	8 Bar Open 4p.m. 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes 7:00	9 Bar Open 12p.m. Stamp Camp 9:30-2:00
10 Open 12 p.m. Mother's Day Breakfast 8:30-10:00	11 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	12 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Balloting PER Meeting 6:30 p.m.	13 Bar Open 4p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 6:30	14 Bar Open 4p.m. Tacos 5 pm-7pm Darts 6:00p.m.	15 Bar Open 4p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes 7:00 Karaoke 7:30	16 Bar Open 12p.m.
17 Bar Open 8:30 am Denver Jazz Club 2pm to 5pm	18 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30	19 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Lodge of Sorrow Membership Committee Meeting 6:00	20 Bar Open 4p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Bingo 6:30	21 Bar Open 4p.m. Wings 5 pm-7pm Darts 6:00 p.m.	22 Bar Open 4p.m. Shrimp & Rocky Mt. Oysters 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes 7:00	23 Bar Open 12p.m. Blind Golf Cart Races Breakfast and Regular Burritos
24 Open 12 p.m. Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30 Car Cruise-in	25 Bar Open 4p.m. BBQ Back Patio 11 to 2 Close 6:00	26 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Birthday Celebration	27 Bar Open 4p.m. House Committee 6:30 Book Club 7:00	28 Bar Open 4p.m. Tacos 5 pm-7pm Darts 6:00 p.m.	29 Bar Open 4p.m. Pork Roast Dinner 5 to 7	30 Bar Open 12p.m.
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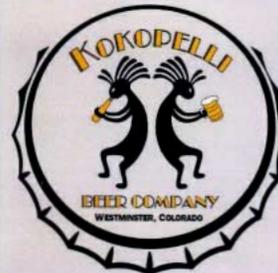
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Est. Loyal Knight PER (Pee-Wee) O'Connor
Est. Lecturing Knight Dianne Shantz (William)
Secretary PER Gary Coven (Connie)
Treasurer..... Ronda Ward (Dan)
EsquireRyan Calderon
Tiler..... Vacant
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4 Yr. Trustee William Scharfenberg (Dianne)
5 Yr. Trustee PCJGF Greg Beacom (Debbie)
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