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HOME OF THE GOLDEN ELK



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COLORADO'S FRIENDLIEST LODGE

FEBRUARY 2026

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



Dinner & Dance

**February 10th
Dance the Night Away
with Danny J
RSVP by Feb. 1st**

Dinner choices are:

Steak Baked Potato, Veggie, Salad and Dessert or
Salmon, Rice Plaf, Veggie, Salad and Dessert.

\$35.00 per person.
\$15.00 Dance only.
\$25.00 Dinner only.

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Super Bowl Potluck – February 8, 2026 – 4:00 pm
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**Come Down on March 14th,
Our Dinner Special will be Corn Beef,
Potato and Cabbage from 5 to 7.**

ER Message

Dear Members:

For February we have some wonderful events planned.

Sweetheart Ball: Bring your special someone to the Lodge on February 7th for a great dinner and then dance the night away with the sounds of Danny J.

Super Bowl Potluck: On February 8th we'll hopefully be watching the Broncos in Super Bowl 59, but even if

we aren't, we'll still have a good time watching and eating the wonderful potluck at half time.

Craft & Sip: Our seasonal Craft & Sip is on Saturday, February 28th. Come and showcase your artistic talents.

I hope to see you at a Lodge meeting, in our social quarters or at one of these special events.

Fraternally,
Trudy Overhultz, Exalted Ruler



January Class named in honor of New Year

Front row: Sue Kimball, E.R. Trudy Overhultz, Charles Ladner, Chris Pettigrew.

Back row: P.E.R. Rancy Hannah, Jerrod Firebaugh.

250th ANNIVERSARY HATS

We now have 250th Anniversary of the U.S.A. HATS available for just \$10 each which help fund our Membership Committee! They are adjustable and come in black, red, tan or navy. You can see them in the jewelry case right inside the Jolly Cork Room. Just ask the bartender or any officer to help with your purchase.



LODGE VISITATIONS ARE BACK!

Westminster #2227 has partnered with Arvada #2278 to schedule visitations to other lodges in our district and around the Denver metro area! Most will be scheduled on the host lodge meeting nights but we will also hold some around social events. We will announce all upcoming visitation during our Tuesday lodge meetings and will create an event on our Face book page. If you have any questions, call or text Donna at 303-877-6309.

Sickness & Distress

Tom Root in hospital with Pneumonia.

Jay Rugg had a knee replacement.

Jim Ranger fell and broke his shoulder.

Jan. Elk of the Month Joe Sweetalla



Welcome in 2026 by coming to Craft & Sip February 28, from 1pm to 4pm. Sign up with the bartender at the Lodge. You can pick if you want your project to be a shelf sitter or a hang on the wall. Come join us-\$38 includes all necessary materials, a glass of wine or beer, snacks and FUN!!



Calendar Events

Please come down and enjoy your Lodge

Feb. 2 Chili Cheese Dogs 5:00-8:00,
Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
Feb. 4 Dinner 5:00-7:00, BINGO 6:30
Feb. 5 Italian Sausage Sandwich 5:00-7:00
Darts 7:30
Feb. 6 Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken 5:00-7:00
Karaoke 7:30, Scuffed Shoes 7:00-9:30
Feb. 7 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5:00-7:00,
Sweetheart Ball 7:00-11:00
Feb. 8 SUPER BOWL Pot Luck (Main Dish
provided by House Committee) 4:00
Feb. 9 Chili Cheese Dogs 5:00-8:00,
Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
Feb. 11 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30
Feb. 12 Tacos 5:00-7:00, Darts 6:00
Feb. 13 Lasagna Dinner 5:00-7:00
Feb. 14 Stamp Camp 9:00-2:00
Feb. 15 Jazz Club 2:00-5:00
Feb. 16 Chili Cheese Dogs 5:00-8:00,
Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
Feb. 17 Membership Committee Meeting 7:00
Feb. 18 Dinner 5:00-7:00, BINGO 6:30

Feb. 19 Wings 5:00-7:00, Darts 6:00
Feb. 20 Rocky Mtn. Oysters & Shrimp 5 ways
5:00-7:00, Karaoke 7:30,
Scuffed Shoes 7:00-9:30
Feb. 22 Breakfast 8:30-10:30
Feb. 23 Chili Cheese Dogs 5:00-8:00,
Line Dancing 6:30-8:30
Feb. 25 House Committee Meeting 6:30,
Book Club 6:00
Feb. 26 Tacos 5:00-7:00, Darts 6:00
Feb. 27 Fish & Chips 5:00-7:00
Feb. 28 Craft & Sip 1:00-4:00

Wanted Club Manager

**Must have light bookkeeping
experience. Varied hours and duties.
Minimum wage paid. If interest call
303-429-2227
extension 2 for Gary or
extension 3 for Sandi.**

Westy Wash Days 2025 End of Year Report

February 2026

This is a slightly belated report of the Westy Wash Days activity from the inception of the current grant in May 2025 through the end of December 2025. Finally I have to send a big thank you to all who have contributed time, money and excellent suggestions for the success of our project. Notably, our largest donation came in the form of a check for \$1,000 from the Andersons,, neighbors of Jeff and Sharyn Barhoover. We continue to grow and serve more of our less fortunate community members each month.

Now I can report what we've done in the last 8 months. (May through December 2025). We track the number of adults who sign in to each site each month, the number of children they report, the number of those who are homeless and the number who are U. S. military veterans. The total number of adults signed in was 658, children identified 829, homeless people 229 and U.S. veterans 19. These numbers are a little vague, so I averaged these over eight months. We served an average of 82 adults, 104 kids, 29 homeless people and a little over 2 veterans every month. To compare, the first six months of Westy Wash Days we served an average of 55 adults, 70 kids, 15 homeless and 4 veterans. I have to say I am exceedingly proud of the program and all the help we have to keep things going. With permission of the lodge, I would very much like to

apply for a third grant year.

As a reminder, Westy Wash Days provides money for laundromat services to the participants, hygiene kits, socks, fresh fruit and snacks, water and books every month. We are at the Hidden Lake Laundromat, 5055 West 72nd Avenue (72nd and Sheridan) on one Thursday a month and at the Plaza Coin Laundry, 7243 Federal Blvd.(72nd and Federal) on one Saturday a month. The Westminster City Parks and Rec Department Homeless Navigators are putting the word out when we are offering our services, and they are also supplying fresh fruit and water for our participants. I am very happy to report that one of our new members, Courtney White, is a founder and head of a non-profit Sparkling Kindness whose mission is to provide hygiene products to our population through programs like ours. Sparkling Kindness has graciously taken over the provision of hygiene kits since December 2025. This is such a blessing! They are also providing socks from Bomba's!!!

If you would like to join us on Wash Day for the remaining two months in our grant, the dates are February 19 and 21, and March 19 and 21. Again, thanks to everyone who has helped us and see you on Wash Day.

Dianne Shantz, Esquire

Happy Birthday February

| | |
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| 2 | Miller, Richard E. |
| 3 | Ehret, Barbara |
| 3 | Valdez, Dayon |
| 4 | Calderon, Ryan |
| 4 | Moran, Timothy P. |
| 5 | Lutz, James |
| 5 | Petri, Bernard H. |
| 6 | Archuleta, Jacqueline |
| 6 | Smith, Steven |
| 7 | Friedley, Thomas R. |
| 7 | James, Dave |
| 7 | Moul, Gary |
| 8 | Mier, Calvin |
| 8 | Whitenburg, Barbara |
| 8 | Ziegelman, Kevin D. |
| 9 | Richardson, Linda |
| 10 | Ridel, Charles |
| 10 | Maestas, Frank E. |
| 10 | Quintana, Anthony |
| 10 | Sanchez, Krystle |
| 11 | Gates, Bruce |
| 11 | Lewis, Shaun Ryan |
| 11 | Turco, Jeremiah A. |
| 11 | Woodcock, Robert W. |
| 13 | Ellison, Jr., Richard M. |
| 13 | Stoltz, Dennis |
| 13 | West, Vicki A. |
| 14 | Biggs, Kevin E. |
| 14 | DeMers, Joseph |
| 14 | Wilson, Roger |
| 15 | Gonzales, Joseph |
| 15 | Scharfenberg, Joseph |
| 15 | Sweeney, Joseph |
| 15 | Yanker, Ronald E. |
| 16 | Burnett, Gary |
| 16 | Gordan, Wayne |
| 16 | McGinnis, James Franklin |
| 16 | Orr-Webb, Charlene |
| 18 | Dewitt, Richard D. |
| 18 | Petri, Richard A. |
| 18 | Renslow, Joshua J. |
| 19 | Ewing, Lena |
| 19 | Kingery, Nathan |
| 19 | Tiglas, Donald J. |
| 20 | Bottomley, Timothy A. |
| 20 | Duensing, Thomas A. |
| 20 | Redd, Ronald |
| 20 | Root, Rose M. |
| 24 | Hudson, Douglas R. |
| 24 | Olivieri, Michael |
| 25 | Portz, Leonard |
| 25 | Schultz, Laura |
| 26 | Croke, James A. |
| 26 | Fenimore, Stephen B. |
| 26 | Hassett, Richard M. |

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| 26 | Zimbelman, Jack |
| 27 | Gaunt, Joan |
| 28 | Reed, Patricia |

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| 28 | Setelin, Jazmine |
| 29 | Kohler, Roman |



The basement area known to most as Frey Hall is now called THE RACE PLACE! This is a club of race car enthusiasts who both build and race model cars of various sizes. They are OPEN to the public (all ages) on Wednesdays and Fridays with practice

starting at 4 pm and races at 7pm. You can pay \$6 per car for racing or just come and watch! Talk to Mike Bowden or Thomas Hanes about hold a birthday party or a special event with The Race Place.

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.

Dennis McKelvey

Born: Feb. 1, 1943
 Initiated: Jan. 3, 1989
 Deceased: Dec. 9, 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."

DAILY DRAWINGS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Steven Stegall | 3595 | Valerie Alvey | 8754 | Claude Abeyta | 8047 |
| Thomas Bindor | 8608 | Richard Dukata | 2497 | William Jackson | 8606 |
| James Kurth | 7878 | Michael Vasquez | 6767 | Jerome Grant | 8476 |
| Valerie Alvey | 8754 | Lindy Pringle | 6414 | Robert Bramble | 7449 |
| Luis Dela Pena | 8196 | Dale Thompson | 1401 | Jeanette Cook | 8735 |
| Mark Haroldson | 7888 | Tiffany Sylrester | 6972 | Danny Burham | 8715 |
| Lillian Rodriguez | 8655 | Richard Hassett | 7847 | Mary Vachon | 8726 |
| Roger Maxwell | 6862 | Paul Muenzer | 8515 | Ronald Byrd | 4833 |
| Joseph Schmidt | 6349 | Tiffany Cox | 8577 | Marc Marble | 8427 |
| Roger Maxwell | 6862 | Janet Olivieri | 8219 | Robert Schmitz | 468 |



Feb. 6th & 20th
 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Every Thursday
 starting at 6:00 p.m.



Feb. 4th & 18th
 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.



No. 2227
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



February 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| 1 Open 12 to 6p.m. | 2 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 3 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation | 4 Open 4 p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Bingo 6:30 | 5 Open 4 p.m. Italian Sausage Sandwich 5-7 Darts 6:00p.m. | 6 Open 4 p.m. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7 Scuffed Shoes Dance 7:00-9:30 Karaoke 7:30 | 7 Open 12 Sweetheart Ball 7-11 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5-7 |
| 8 Open 10 to 6 p.m. Super Bowl Potluck 4:00 | 9 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 10 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Balloting PER Meeting 6:30 p.m. | 11 Open 4 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 | 12 Open 4 p.m. Tacos 5pm-7pm Darts 6:00p.m. | 13 Open 4 p.m. Lasagna Dinner 5-7 | 14 Open 12 Stamp Camp 9:00-2:00 |
| 15 Open 12 to 6 p.m. Denver Jazz Club 2pm to 5pm | 16 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 17 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Mtg. 7:30 Lodge of Sorrow Membership Committee Meeting 6:00 | 18 Open 4 p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Bingo 6:30 | 19 Open 4 p.m. Wings 5pm-7pm Darts 6:00p.m. | 20 Open 4 p.m. Shrimp & Rocky Mt. Oysters 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes Dance 7:00-9:30 Karaoke 7:30 | 21 Bar Opens 12 |
| 22 Open 12 to 6 p.m. Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30 | 23 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 24 Open Lodge Meeting 7:30 Birthday Celebration | 25 Bar Open 12-6pm House Committee 6:30 Book Club 6:00 | 26 Open 4 p.m. Tacos 5pm-7pm Darts 6:00p.m. | 27 Open 4 p.m. Fish & Chips 5-7 | 28 Open 12 Craft & Sip 1 p.m.to 4 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 Feb. 10, 2026



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March 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Open 12 to 6 p.m. | 2 Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 3 Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation | 4 Open 4 p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Bingo 6:30 | 5 Open 12-6 Italian Sausage Sandwich 5-7 Darts 6:00 p.m. | 6 Open 4 p.m. Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo Scuffed Shoes 7:00 Karaoke 7:30 | 7 Bar Open 12 p.m. |
| 8 Bar Open 12-6 | 9 Bar Open 4 p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 10 Bar Open 4 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Balloting PER Meeting 6:30 p.m. | 11 Bar Open 4 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 | 12 Bar Open 4 p.m. Tacos 5 pm-7pm Darts 6:00 p.m. | 13 Bar Open 4 p.m. Quiche Dinner 5 to 7 | 14 Bar Open 12 p.m. Stamp Camp 9:30-2:00 |
| 15 Bar Open 12-6pm | 16 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 17 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Lodge of Sorrow | 18 Bar Open 4p.m. Dinner 5 to 7 Bingo 6:30 | 19 Bar Open 4p.m. Wings 5 pm-7pm Darts 6:00 p.m. | 20 Bar Open 4p.m. Shrimp & Rocky Mt. Oysters 5 to 7 Scuffed Shoes 7:00 Karaoke 7:30 | 21 Bar Open 12 p.m. |
| 22 Bar Open 12-6pm Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30 Denver Jazz Club 2pm to 5pm | 23 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 24 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 Brithday Celebration Membership Committee Meeting 6:00 | 25 Bar Open 4p.m. House Committee Meeting 6:30 | 26 Bar Open 4p.m. Tacos 5 pm-7pm Darts 6:00 p.m. | 27 Bar Open 4p.m. Eggplant or Chicken Parmesan 5 to 7 | 28 Bar Open 12 p.m. Swan Dance 7 to 11 Steak or Salmon 5 to 7 |
| 29 Bar Open 8:30-6pm | 30 Bar Open 4p.m. Chili Cheese Dogs 5-8 Line Dance 6:30-8:30 | 31 Bar Open 4p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:30 | | | | |

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Est. Loyal Knight PER (Pee-Wee) O'Connor
Est. Lecturing Knight Donna Scharfenberg
Secretary PER Gary Coven (Connie)
Treasurer Ronda Ward (Dan)
Esquire Dianne Shantz (William)
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Chaplain Jazmine Setelin
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3 Yr. Trustee Lloyd Decker (Myra)
4 Yr. Trustee Ken Ciancio
5 Yr. Trustee William Scharfenberg (Dianne)
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