

Great Basin Elks Lodge #1472  
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### Message from the Exalted Ruler

The 2023-24 Elk Year has been an exciting time for our Lodge. At the beginning of the year, we got to see Associate Member Frank Reynolds III be elected to the office of the Nevada State Elks Association President. At the same time our own Ben Reed Jr. was elected Vice President North, on the heels of his own productive year as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for our district. Having a State Officer in our Lodge certainly shows the growth of the "new" Great Basin Lodge in just the few years since we received our Charter.

While other Lodges in the state celebrated accomplishments such as 100 Year Anniversaries or have plans to build a new lodge, we are still fundraising and looking forward to building our own Lodge. In a huge leap forward this year Frank and Marie Reynolds have asked the Lodges they visit not for gifts, but for donations to our building fund. Nevada Lodges have given us money directly and held fundraisers to support our building fund. Over the last year we have raised thousands of dollars through Frank's thoughtfulness and the benevolence of the Nevada Lodges. We recently surpassed \$60,000 in the building fund account which is now invested and earning interest.

Over the last year, our State President Frank has been using "Be an Elk, not a member" as his motto. This really speaks to me; it means participating in the aspects of Elkdom that make us Elks. This could be our Lodge programs for veterans, scholarship, community activities, drug awareness, Americanism, State Major Project, Hoop Shoot and many others. I assure you that there is a program that the Lodge offers that everyone can participate in whether attending meetings is in the cards or not, and I certainly have appreciated the opportunity to be the Exalted Ruler this year overseeing the Lodge and the supporting Elks that give so much to the communities that we serve.

### 2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Exalter Ruler..... Lee Cabaniss  
Leading Knight..... Daniel White  
Loyal Knight.....Danny Alexander  
Lecturing Knight.....John Muije  
Esquire.....Tyler Trouten  
Tiler..... Glen Hanington  
Inner Guard.....James Holdren  
Chaplain.....Allie Cabaniss  
Treasurer.....Stefanie Covert  
Secretary..... Lora Douglass

The Lodge had a successful year in our signature charity programs of Veterans, Campout, Community, and local Scholarship. We have received thousands of dollars in grants from Grand Lodge and NSEA to support our programs. We have been able to support the Great Basin Veterans Resource Center, the Elko Senior Center, The Carlin Cupboard Food Pantry, and others. The Campout at Hole in the Mountain continues to be well attended with many Elk from our Lodge, other Nevada Lodges, out of state Lodges, and State Officers. Scholarship fundraisers at the Campout and Christmas Party have raised thousands of dollars that go to local students directly impacting our community. Additionally, the Lodge participated in Festival of Trees which helped raise funds for other local charities and participated in community events like Art in the Park, Elko Home Show, and the Sportsman's Expo. Hoop Shoot provides an athletic competition for children in our community and winners from our Lodge went to Austin, and on to Hawthorne to participate in ever higher levels of the competition.

It is hard to give a synopsis of almost a complete Elk Year, because for even our small Lodge we do so many things over a year. But there is still more to do this year! Elections are coming up soon, installation of the Elk Year 2024-25 Officers, the annual awards ceremony, and then on to NSEA State Convention in Las Vegas. It looks like Great Basin #1472 is making headway in Elks National Foundation as well, with the Lodge taking #1 in the state in per capita giving as of the last meeting. If you have not considered giving to ENF please do, for every \$1 that we give approximately \$1.50 comes back to the Lodge to support our good works.

I will remind the membership that renewal notices are out and dues for next Elk Year will soon be due, so don't forget to renew! Membership matters and all of our Elks support the important programs within the Lodge. Consider inviting someone to join the Lodge we can do so much if we do it together, and getting like-minded US Citizens to become Elks certainly spreads out the work.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Exalted Ruler for the past two years, and I look forward to working with the newly elected officers as I transition to whatever role being a Past Exalted Ruler provides me within our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Lee Cabaniss, PER  
Exalted Ruler

## Elks Membership

What does it mean to be an Elk member? Some of us volunteer for everything and attend every meeting and then some of us just want to belong and pay our dues every year and not have to worry about volunteering. Having both is what makes our lodge function. Even those who do not support in person are supporting us financially. Regardless of your participation, we appreciate your support. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while and would like to start attending, please know that you are always welcome and appreciated. If you would like to become more involved behind the scenes, please contact one of our committee members or your initiating sponsor. We need you.

Message from Ben Reed Jr. District VP,  
Nevada North, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
Past Great Basin Lodge #1472 Exalted Ruler Annual

### Membership Dues

By Ben Reed, Jr., February 15, 2024

Speaking of dues, I just received my annual renewal notice for \$103.00; now what? Where does that go? How should I pay it? Why should I pay it? What if I would like to donate to a specific cause or program? I am often asked these questions at this time of year. Here goes the summary.

The \$103.00 breakdown goes like so: Grand Lodge assessment - \$34, Nevada State Elks Association assessment - \$6, and the Great Basin Elks Lodge #1472 annual dues - \$63. At the local level we have no control over the national and state assessments. They are what they are, a combined \$40. per capita.

Over the past two years, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks raised the national assessment by \$5.00, each year. They remind us of the staggering costs of liability insurance in particular, due to some very high-profile claims associated with alcohol related incidents at local Lodges.

The Nevada State Elks Association, for which I have the pleasure of serving this year as District Vice President, Nevada North, District #5280, has not changed its annual dues assessment in many years (\$6.00). The Officers and Trustees of the Association are cost conscious and strive to keep costs as low as possible. Meanwhile, accomplishing our goals for representation of all Nevada Elk members, now numbering over 6,500 and growing at 16 Lodges statewide. Great things are happening with Elk members participation in Nevada. The Great Basin Elks Lodge is a part of the big picture in Nevada.

At the Local Lodge level, Great Basin Elks leadership also strive to be frugal with funds. We started our new Lodge, March 7, 2015. Many of you were there for the Institution of a New Lodge ceremony. It is hard to believe nine years have already passed. Meanwhile, we have only raised our dues from an initial starting assessment of \$50 annual to \$63 annual, during those nine years. In many ways, we are still in our infancy and are learning what the budget will support.

Our Local Lodge dues assists with the administration of many good works and programs in the community as well as the administrative costs associated with maintaining our local organization. Many programs are discussed in other articles in this newsletter update.

“Time, talent, or money, or a combination thereof”, is a phrase I often use to express the many methods by which we can support Elksdom. Paying your annual dues assessment helps accomplish the four Principles of our Order (Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity) at the national, state, and local levels. The continued membership of all of us in our Order is paramount for our success.

There are three methods in which to pay the annual dues assessment. 1) pay via the online site and the instructions are listed on your invoice. However, Grand Lodge assesses a convenience fee of 3.5% of the total, applied to the payment via this method. 2) mail a personal check with your invoice to the Great Basin Elks Lodge, P.O. Box 657, Elko, NV 89803, and the Lodge Secretary will process your dues. 3) pay in person via cash or check. We continue to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, starting at 5PM, at the Elko Masonic Lodge, 576 VFW Drive, where we rent the meeting space. Check your Lodge By-Laws for the exceptions, whereby we only meet once (second Thursday) during the months of July, August, November, and December.

If you prefer to donate to the Lodge for a specific program or fund, now is the perfect time to do so while paying your annual membership dues. This is common at most Lodges throughout the land. If you pay by mail or in person, you may also designate any additional amount you prefer to donate. Simply let us know where you want to contribute. At the Great Basin Elks Lodge #1472, donation options include, but are not limited to: Local Scholarship Fund, Hoop Shoot Fund, Veterans Fund, Building/Facilities Fund, Drug Awareness Fund, Americanism Fund, Community Activities Fund, State Major Project Fund (assisting abused, neglected, or abandoned children at the St. Judes Ranch for Children in Boulder City, NV), and the Elks National Foundation.

If you donate to the ENF, you may do so directly, or via our Lodge. If you donate to ENF via our Lodge, we will pass your donations to the Elks National Foundation and our Lodge receives credit for the overall amount of donations to this 501(c)3 non-profit. Nevada Lodges last year received back approximately \$1.50 for every \$1.00 contributed to ENF, in the way of grants we use to support the community at the local level.

We could go on at length about the many good works of the Order at the national, state, and local levels, but suffice it to say here, the continued and sustaining membership of all of us is paramount to our success. If you have additional questions about annual membership dues or how to donate, please contact me at [www.reedranch2@gmail.com](mailto:www.reedranch2@gmail.com)

Thank you all for your continued support of the Great Basin Elks Lodge #1472.

## Follow Elks News and Events on your “My Elks” App

If you have a Smart Phone, there are two free apps available for you if you plan on traveling to other lodges. The first app is called “My Elks” where you can get the latest Elks news and updates. It’s free and easy to use and lets you access all the information and services you need as an Elks member. You can download it from the Google Play store or the Apple App Store by searching My Elks.

- You can contact nearby lodges while you are traveling, including access to lodge business hours, directions and website information.
- You can connect with Grand Lodge and the State Association as well as access the official pages of the Grand Lodge and the State Association.

## Traveling in an RV? Looking for a Lodge with Hookups?

The second app you can download is called, “Elks RV Parks.” You can search for lodges all over the country that provide RV accommodations. This easy-to-use app can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store and provides Lodge numbers, directions, costs, dry camping and tent camping options.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Great Basin Elks is looking for Elks volunteers for the following positions:

- **Bartender** We need a bartender twice per month to tend the bar and order alcohol and other beverages for when the bar is open prior to our meetings. Additional days include holiday parties and special events. The bar set up is user-friendly, as are the patrons and previous bartending is not required. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Marti Bein at 775-303-4203.
- **Scholarship Committee** Each year, Elks Lodge #1472 raises money to provide scholarships for local high school students. John and Bobbi Muije are our scholarship chairpersons and could use the extra help in coordinating fundraising events and scholarship disbursement. If you are interested, please contact Bobbi at 775-934-6014.
- **Newsletter** We are looking for someone who is interested in writing a quarterly newsletter for distribution to all Great Basin Elks members. It is not necessary for the writer to attend all lodge meetings; the secretary and committee chairs will provide him/her with all the updated information. If you are interested in helping with the newsletter, please contact the lodge at [greatbasinelks@gmail.com](mailto:greatbasinelks@gmail.com).

- **Backpacks for Kids** Unfortunately, our Backpacks for Kids program is on hold awaiting Elks member(s) who are interested in working with The Northern Nevada Moses Project distributing emergency items in backpacks to local foster children. Please contact Marti Bein at 775-303-4203 for more information.

## **Notice of Elections**

On February 8, 2024, we nominated the Officers for the 2024-2025 Elk year. Election of officers will take place on February 22, 2024. Installation of officers will take place on April 11, 2024. The following positions are appointed by the Exalted Ruler: Esquire, Tiler, Inner Guard and Chaplain.

### **Exalted Ruler**

The Exalted Ruler is the “Chief Executive” of the Lodge and is responsible for effectively administering the affairs of the Lodge and providing the leadership necessary to accomplish Lodge goals. The Exalted Ruler also serves the local Lodge delegate to the Grand Lodge Convention.

### **The Knights**

Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, and Lecturing Knight assist the Exalted Ruler in conducting the affairs of the Lodge.

### **Board of Trustees**

The three member Board of Trustees meets at least once each month to oversee the funds, investments and property of the Lodge.

### **Secretary**

The Lodge Secretary has a variety of administrative responsibilities, including the maintenance of Lodge membership records.

### **Treasurer**

The Lodge Treasurer pays all approved bills and is required to maintain an accurate record of receipts and disbursements.

### **Esquire**

The Lodge Esquire is responsible for organizing the Lodge for meetings, including the preparation of candidates for initiation and introducing visiting Members.

### **Tiler**

The Tiler is responsible for guarding the outer door during lodge meetings and must be thoroughly familiar with the laws and rituals of the Order.

### **Chaplain**

The Lodge Chaplain performs invocations and benedictions at various lodge functions.

### **Inner Guard**

The Inner Guard may perform various dues required by the Laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

**Great Basin Elks 1472****Officers 2024-25**

(revised Feb 2, 2024)

**Officers Elected by Lodge Members:****Nomination / Appointment 24-25**

Exalted Ruler	Lee Cabaniss	Daniel White
Leading Knight	Dan White	James Holdren
Loyal Knight	Danny Alexander	Glen Hanington
Lecturing Knight	John Muije	Ron Covert
Secretary	Lora Douglass	Marti Bein
Treasurer	Stefanie Covert	Stefanie Covert
Trustee 3 Year	James Douglass	Lee Cabaniss
Trustee 2 Year	Matt Griego	James Douglass
Trustee 1 Year	Walt O'Brien	Matt Griego

**Officers Appointed by Exalted Ruler:**

Esquire	Tyler Trouten	Ty Trouten
Inner Guard	James Holdren	
Tiler	Glen Hanington	
Chaplain	Allie Cabaniss	Allie Cabaniss

**Committee Chairs:**

Grants	Marti Bein
Bar Services	
Building Fund	James Douglass
Lodge Activities	Carrie Rowley
Scholarship	Bobbi Muije
Hoop Shoot	Frances Crotts
Hides	James Holdren
State Major Project	James Holdren, Lee Cabaniss
Campout	Ty Trouten, James Douglass
Veterans	Danny Alexander
Investigation	Glen Hanington
New Member Orientation	Ty Trouten, Lee Cabaniss
Accidents / Safety	Matt Griego
Drug Awareness	Lee Cabaniss
PER President	James Douglass
PER Secretary	Ben Reed, Jr.
Youth Activities	Ty Trouten
ENF	Lora Douglass
Presiding Justice	John Muije
Americanism	Danny Alexander
Audit & Accounting	Allie Cabaniss
Alternate Rep to Grand Lodge	Ben Reed, Jr.

## Great Basin Elks Lodge Supports Our Community

Wednesday January 17, Great Basin Elks Lodge 1472 presented the \$2000 Spotlight Grant to the **Carlin Cupboard Food Pantry**. The Carlin Cupboard Food Pantry is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Carlin United Methodist Church.



The [Great Basin Elks Lodge 1472 - Elko, NV](#) presented The Terrace at Ruby View Senior Center the Gratitude Grant a \$3000 check for their food pantry and Meals on Wheels programs. Matt McCarty, Director, receives the check from Great Basin Elks members.





**Wreaths Across America** Great Basin Elks #1472 was one of many sponsors helping to honor our veterans in laying out wreaths at the Elko Cemetery.



## Sportsman's Expo

The Great Basin Elks Building Fund will have a booth at the Elko Sportsman's Expo on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The Expo is free to attend, will have door prizes, and will be located in the Elko Conference Center. Doors will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10am to 2pm on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come stop by and say hello!



## Hoop Shoots

Elks clubs across America and our own lodge here in The Great Basin continue to sponsor the annual Hoop Shoots challenge, an opportunity for local youth to compete in local, state and national basketball competitions. Frances Crotts, our Great Basin Lodge #1472 Hoop Shoots Director, is proud to announce this year's winners.

### Elks announce Hoop Shoot winners

ELKO – Great Basin Elks No. 1472 hosted its local Hoop Shoot competition Nov. 11 at Adobe Middle School.

First place winners will advance to the district competition in Austin, Nevada in January.

First place winners in the 8-9 age group were Aubree Sampson in the girls' category with 18 out of 25 free throw shots, and Gideon White in the boys' category with 7 out of 25 free throws. Berklee Garcia placed second in the girls' category.

First place winners in the 10-11 age group were Brayden Sampson with 6 out of 25 free throw shots in the boys' category, and Meela Garcia with 11 out of 25 free throws in the girls' category. Sahara Johnson was second place and Annie McConnell third in

the girls' category.

The first place winner in the 12-13 age group was MJ McConnell with 19 out of 25 free throws. Valentin Kulisek took second place and Julian Rodriguez placed third.

Great Basin Elks No. 1472 expresses special thanks to: Adobe Middle School's Vice Principal Jorge Zataray and Principal Emily Nielson for allowing us to use their gym; Elko County Sheriff's office; Elko radio stations, PAL; Carlin Gathering Place and the Chamber of Commerce for communicating the Hoop Shoot; the 13 contestants and their families; and the 16 Great Basin Elks volunteers and helpers.

Great Basin Elks wish the best of luck to our first place winners at the district competition. Have fun!



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Great Basin Elks 10-11 Hoop Shoot winners, from left, Sahara Johnson second place girls; Annie McConnell third place girls; Meela Garcia first place girls; Brayden Sampson first place boys; and Great Basin Elks Hoop Shoot Director Frances Crotts.



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Great Basin Elks 12-13 Hoop Shoot winners, from left, Julian Rodriguez third place; Valentin Kulisek second place; MJ McConnell first place, and Great Basin Elks Hoop Shoot Director Frances Crotts.



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Great Basin Elks 8-9 Hoop Shoot winners, from left, Berklee Garcia second place girls; Gideon White first place boys; Aubree Sampson first place girls; and Great Basin Elks Hoop Shoot Director Frances Crotts.



On January 27, 2024 Hawthorne Elks Lodge #1704 hosted the District Hoop Shoot in Austin, Nevada. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from the local Great Basin Elks #1472 Hoop Shoot on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> were the contestants that competed. We are proud to share that our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Aubree Sampson (above left) from the 8-9 age girls' group advanced to the State Hoop Shoot competition in Hawthorne on Feb. 10, 2024. Congratulations Aubree!

Also pictured are MJ McConnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 12-13 age group (center) and Brayden Sampson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 10-11 age group (right).

### **State Hoop Shoots**

On February 10, 2024, Hawthorne Elks #1704 hosted the Bud Lemmond State Hoop Shoot. There were three participants in each of 6 categories: 8-9 girls and boys, 10-11 girls and boys and 12-13 girls and boys. All competitors hoped to advance on to the next level.

Aubree Sampson, our Great Basin Elks Local and District winner completed 18 out of 25 free throws and won 1<sup>st</sup> place at State! Aubree will advance to Regionals in Boulder City on February 24, 2024, at the Boulder City Recreation Center at 10am.

We are very proud of Aubree and know she will do well at Regionals!





Aubree Sampson and Hoop Shoot Director Al

Babb at the State awards ceremony.



Aubree and Director, Frances Crofts outside the Hawthorne Elks Lodge 1704 after the hoop shoot awards ceremony.

Elks member, Marti Bein (Right) presents members of the Northern Nevada Moses Project (Tabitha Stanley, Left and Elishia Gift, Center) with a \$4000 Beacon Grant for their generous non-profit which helps local foster children and their families.



## **Upcoming Meetings and GBE 1472 Lodge Transition Schedule 2024-25**

(revised 02.02.2024)

**January 11, 2024** Business Meeting, Nominations

**January 25, 2024** Dinner, Activities Committee, Carrie Rowley; Officer Nominations; PER Meeting

**February 8, 2024** PER Night; Officer Nominations

**February 22, 2024** Dinner (PER Assoc, Ben Reed); Reno Officers visit; Elect Officers

**March 14, 2024** Dinner (State Major Project Committee, Ty Trouten); Blue Pig Night fundraiser

**March 28, 2024** Annual Lodge Awards, Exalted Ruler Lee Cabaniss

**April 11, 2024** Officer Installation, Ben Reed, PDDGER; NSEA President Reynolds visit (tentative)

## Birthdays

### January

- 1 Dalana Tognini
- 2 Jeanne Linn
- 3 Gabriel Cogy
- 5 Todd Tognini
- 6 Thomas Trindle
- 12 Loretta Hopkins
- 15 Catherine Woods
- 17 Margaret Marcucci
- 19 Robert Brensel
- 20 Brom Allen
- 29 Danny Dawson

### February

- 2 Kathy Aiello  
Tanya Griego
- 3 Walter O'Brien
- 6 Natasha Schebella  
LaDonna Kaiser
- 11 Kris Sandall
- 16 Richard Norrup
- 20 Dennis Lipparelli
- 22 Kadi Walker
- 23 George Rhoden
- 27 James Holdren

### March

- 3 Stephen Bennett
- 5 Patrick Thuelmer
- 6 Barbara Rackley
- 11 Mischelle Gurule
- 13 Daniel White
- 16 Frank Demaline
- 19 Gary Walker
- 24 Michael Phalhgyi
- 25 Shane Morse  
James Moore



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