



The Evergreen View

Evergreen Elks Lodge #2363

Evergreen, Colorado

FEB
2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ER

Fellow Elks,

As we move into February, I want to take a moment to share several important updates and highlights from our Lodge.

February is an important month in our Elk year, officers are nominated / elected to office for the coming year. Nominations for new officers will take place on the Wednesday, February 4th. As a reminder any member in good standing can nominate themselves or any other member in good standing for the below positions. If there are multiple nominees for one or more officer position(s) then on the 3rd Wednesday we will again open nominations and have a blind vote to select our officers for the 2026-2027 Elk year.

- Exalted Ruler
- Esteemed Leading Knight
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight
- Esteemed Loyal Knight
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 5-Year Trustee

Any eligible members that would like to nominate a worthy fellow member should attend the first Wednesday meeting. Active participation in this process is vital to the continued success and strength of our organization.

The election of officers to positions that have multiple nominees will be held on Wednesday February 18th. I encourage all members to attend and exercise their right to vote for our new officers.

I would also like to share a few reflections from the Elks Winter Quarterly in Colorado Springs (1/30-2/1), of which Julie and I had the privilege of attending. The Winter Quarterly provided an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow Elks, exchange ideas, and gain valuable insight into the continued growth and direction of our Order. The fellowship and training reaffirmed the importance of strong leadership at every level of Elkdom.

Special recognition and thanks go to the officers and members from our Lodge who also attended the Winter Quarterly:

- Chairman Jack Jordan
- Esteemed Leading Knight Paula Belleggie
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight Justin Adams
- Secretary Corinne Foote
- PER - Clayton Huffman
- PER - Steve Nelson

Their commitment to representing our Lodge and investing time in leadership development is greatly appreciated and benefits our entire membership.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. I look forward to seeing many of you at our February meetings and working together to keep our Lodge strong!

Keep an eye on the calendar and e-Blasts for details on the upcoming PER Spaghetti Dinner, St. Patrick's Day Dinner and our annual Fish Fry.

We look forward to seeing you around the Lodge soon.





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Lodge Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30pm.

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2025-2026 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Eric Foote

Leading Knight – Paula Bellegie

Loyal Knight – Randy Alvarez

Lecturing Knight – Justin Adams

Secretary – Corinne Foote

Treasurer – Connie Greenberg

Esquire – Ellen LaRiviere

Chaplain – Dan Venters

Inner Guard – Vacant

Tiler – Vacant

Soloist – Vacant

Trustees:

5 Year: Gene Lewis

4 Year: Jack Jordan

3 Year: David Hardy

2 Year: Brett Stewart

1 Year: Patrick Flemming

Staff:

Editor: Shannon Huffman

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Bookkeeper: Connie Greenberg

Club Manager: Patty Andreea

2025 - 2026 Lodge Committee Chairpersons

Accident Prevention – David Hardy

Americanism – Valli Crockett

Auditing & Accounting – Chris Carruthers

Clem & Evelyn Audin – Connie Greenberg

Community Activities – Shannon Huffman

Elks Memorial Day – Vacant

E.N.F – Jack Jordan

Flag Day – Scott Coffer

Hoop Shoot – Dan Venters

Lapsation – Corinne Foote

Laradon Hall – Vacant

Lodge Activities – Julie Foote

Membership – Justin Adams

Public Relations – Shannon Huffman

Scholarships – Cindy Anderson

Veteran Services – Matt Walker

Webmaster - Shannon Huffman

Youth Activities – Vacant

We have a few Committee Chair positions available! If you are interested in a position, talk to an Officer!

SICK & DISTRESSED

Gene Lewis' Mother passed away.

Steve Nelson's Mother passed away.

Tom Rue is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Dana is doing great after surgery!

Prayers & Love are always appreciated!



MONTHLY DRAWINGS:

\$60

#2676 Carlene Holtz Not Present

#2608 Justin Adams

No 50/50 raffle



COME TO A MEETING FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!!



District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Central North-West District 1320

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PROPOSED & ELECTED FOR MEMBERSHIP

JAMES KEVIN MARCH, DAYNA WEIL, DAVID WAYNE

CITARSKI

**FEBRUARY
ELK OF THE MONTH**
Corinne Foote!

Dependable Lodge Secretary Corinne Foote, who maintains weekly office duties, welcomes new members and updates membership cards, check-in tables at events, and Corinne's all-around supportive nature, we can always depend on you!



CLUB ROOM NEWS

Hello everyone and happy February!

Hopefully you're all staying warm as our winter has finally arrived. I think we've received a pass on the snow so far but I'm sure it's coming.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our Chicken Soup Challenge last month. Congratulations to our first place winner, Jon & Ann. It really was fantastic.

Second place was too close to call, so congratulations to Chrissy, Julie, Scott & Jan and Corinne & Justin for their delicious entries.

It's Super Bowl time. Too bad our Broncos didn't make it, but congrats to them for a fantastic season. Please join us here for the party on Sunday, Feb. 8th. The Club opens at 2:00 and the game starts at 4:30pm. We have 4 big screen TV's and both bars will be open. Be sure to get on our \$20/sq Super Bowl pool asap. Members on that pool eat free on game day (one plate per square) and have a chance to win \$200 on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final scores. We'll be serving a huge buffet in the dining room starting around 4:00pm.

I promise it will be fabulous. **As always, I need volunteers to help- PLEASE!**

Join us for a Valentine's dinner on Friday, the 13th at 6:00pm. Live music will be provided by Guy Tites and Reuben Gonzales in the Clubroom. These guys are a lot of fun.

Dinner will be served in the dining room. Your choice of Roast beef & potatoes or Chicken & pasta, veggies, salad, roll & dessert for only \$20 cash, \$22 credit. RSVP appreciated.

Just a reminder, we will be nominating new officers at our Lodge meeting on Feb. 4th at 6:30pm, then join us at the Lodge meeting on Feb. 18th for voting for our new officers.

Coming up next month, look for our St. Patrick's Day dinner and a PER Spaghetti dinner and maybe SNOW.

That's it for now, see ya in the Club!

Patty



UPCOMING EVENTS

Activity schedule may change! Keep an eye out for E-Blast alerts!

- Every Friday - Bingo @ Slammers, 3:30 to 5:30pm
- Shuffleboard! 2nd & 4th Thursdays! Come on in and have some FUN!
- Sunday, February 8th : Super Bowl! (see ad on page 4)
- Saturday, February 28th: PER Spaghetti Dinner @ 6pm
- Disabled Vet Winter Sports clinic will be April 4-11,2026. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Clayton Huffman.

Interested in Cribbage?

The Idaho Springs Lodge is looking to start regular cribbage matches! Inquire with Clayton for more info!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 1: Dedisse, Jeffrey D – 37 Years
Feb. 1: Lindsey, Robert G – 36 Years
Feb. 2: Cunningham, James M – 3 Years
Feb. 2: Rodriguez, Gustavo – 2 Years
Feb. 3: Caldwell, Craig F – 3 Years
Feb. 3: Gentle, Connie – 2 Years
Feb. 3: Krueger, Robert K – 3 Years
Feb. 4: Dozbaba, S. David – 14 Years
Feb. 5: Pendleton, Eddie Lee – 19 Years
Feb. 5: Smith, Daniel J – 5 Years
Feb. 6: Haver, Leslie – 2 Years
Feb. 6: Heppe, Matthew – 2 Years
Feb. 6: Schalkham, Ray ("Doc") – 9 Years
Feb. 7: Carruthers, Christine M – 24 Years
Feb. 9: Burkhart, Timothy – 6 Years
Feb. 9: Holtz, Carlene – 1 Year
Feb. 9: Miller, Richard M – 12 Years
Feb. 10: Santana, Paul – 3 Years
Feb. 11: Fife, Michelle – 2 Years
Feb. 11: Riffel, George – 3 Years
Feb. 12: Bestall, John B – 5 Years
Feb. 12: Engen, Aaron – 4 Years
Feb. 12: Houston, Jeff Michael – 1 Year
Feb. 12: Travis, Gwyn – 5 Years
Feb. 13: Crosby, Renee – 1 Year
Feb. 14: Hettig, Michael B – 21 Years
Feb. 15: Valerio, Mark – 8 Years
Feb. 16: King, Bob – 52 Years
Feb. 16: Ross, Timothy – 7 Years
Feb. 18: Travis, Patricia – 27 Years
Feb. 18: Ward, Donald H – 50 Years
Feb. 19: Lockwood, Tom – 39 Years
Feb. 20: Livingston, Mark – 5 Years
Feb. 20: Swaney, Patrick – 6 Years
Feb. 20: Williams, Lori – 2 Years
Feb. 21: Jordan, Jack – 33 Years
Feb. 21: O'Connell, Rene' – 2 Years
Feb. 22: Keitlen, Carla – 4 Years
Feb. 22: Lapoint, Scott – 17 Years
Feb. 22: Patel, Brittany – 2 Years
Feb. 22: Taylor, Amy – 1 Year
Feb. 23: Brewick, David – 7 Years
Feb. 23: Hudaseck, Jeffrey – 5 Years
Feb. 25: Foote, Corinne – 2 Years
Feb. 25: Grunska, Randell Paul – 14 Years
Feb. 26: Kingsbury-West, Laura – 23 Years
Feb. 27: Greenberg, Connie L – 19 Years
Feb. 28: Ferguson, Hugh – 2 Years
Feb. 28: Keeler, George – 43 Years
Feb. 28: LaPoint, Jan G – 3 Years

Stop by the Lodge
for your
free Birthday
Drinks!

NOTICE: The deadline for content submission is the 24th of every month. Submissions after the 24th may not be included in the newsletter!



Super Bowl

at the Elks Lodge

Sunday, February 8 at 4 PM

Buy a \$20 Game Pool square (Chance to win \$200 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Final!) and all the food is included! Or buy a separate food ticket for only \$20 a person. Each person who eats needs a food ticket.

CHECK OUT THIS SPREAD:

Patty's Ribs - Shrimp - WIngs - Tater Skins - Bacon Wrapped Sausages - Deviled Eggs - 7 Layer Dip - Veggies - Fruit and MORE!

On January 7th it was an honor for PDDGER Clayton and the members of the Evergreen Elks Lodge to present to Marge Wamser a Lakewood PER and past president of the Evergreen, ladies, Elks Association, a shadowbox reflecting the memories of her late husband, Carl. Carl was a charter member of the Evergreen Elks Lodge, was the eighth ER for the Evergreen Elks Lodge, and was a PDDGER.

Many years ago, the members of the Evergreen, Elks Lodge built a shadowbox, reflecting on the contributions of Carl while he was a ER. For many years, his memories have hung on the wall in the oak room at our Lodge and it only seemed appropriate that those memories should be hanging on Marge's living room wall.

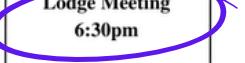
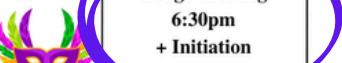
Thank you, Marge for attending the meeting and reflecting on Carl and thank you for the memories!

Submitted by:

Clayton PDDGER 😊



FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Groundhog Day 	3 BOD Meeting 6:30pm	4 Lodge Meeting 6:30pm 	5	6 Slammers Bingo 	7
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15	16 BOD Meeting 6:30pm 	17 Lodge Meeting 6:30pm + Initiation 	18	19	20 Slammers Bingo 	21 PER Spaghetti Dinner @ 6pm! 
22	23	24	25	26	27 Slammers Bingo 	28
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2026 CEA Winter
Quarterly: Official Details

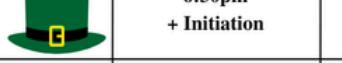
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Starts Friday, January 30 at 1:00PM – Ends
Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 12:45PM

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**Shape the Future of Our Lodge:
 Officer Nominations are Here!**

The strength of the Evergreen Elks Lodge doesn't come from the building or the rituals alone - it comes from the leadership you choose and the vision they bring to our community. As we look toward the 2026-2027 Lodge year, it's time to decide who will steer our ship. Nominations for all elected Officers will be held during our regular Lodge meeting on Wednesday, February 4th.

Why Your Voice Matters

This isn't just a formal procedure; it is your most direct way to influence how our Lodge operates. The Officers elected this month will oversee:

- Our Charitable Impact: Deciding how we support local Veterans, youth programs, and our community.
- Lodge Operations: Managing our finances, facilities, and the events that keep our brotherhood strong.
- The "Elks Culture": Setting the tone for our social gatherings and ensuring the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity are upheld.

Important Dates

Nominations: Wednesday, Feb 4th (First Lodge Meeting)

Elections: Wednesday, Feb 18th (Second Lodge Meeting)

Every member in good standing has the right to nominate and the responsibility to vote. Whether you have a candidate in mind or are considering stepping into a leadership role yourself, we need you there. **A Lodge is only as vibrant as its members' participation!**

Let's ensure the 2026-2027 year is our best one yet. See you at the meeting!



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Happy
Valentine's
Day