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Elks Lodge No. 223 Honored with City Key

At the regular City Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, Commission President Sputty Cephas presided over the presentation of a citation and the key to the city to the Improved Benevolent & Protective Order Elks of the World (IBPOEW) Lodge #223.

The citation, ready by President Cephas, honors the organization's years of dedicated service and their unwavering commitment. It states: "Your tireless efforts, integrity, and generosity have enriched the lives of countless individuals and strengthened the bonds of friendship. ... We honor your legacy and celebrate the positive impact you have made, knowing that your influence will endure for generations."

For more than 100 years, Lodge #223 has been a vital part of the community, hosting community events and providing essential services and support for local youth and veterans. The organization has been a cultural and civic hub, providing space and services for community meetings and events.

Dorchester Lodge #223 Exalted Ruler Rev. Dr. William Wallace thanked the Council and said the service to the community of the organization would not have been possible without the commitment of the work of the Progressive of Dorchester Temple #224 at their side. He acknowledged the group and their leader, Daughter Ruler Sharon Chester.

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Commission President Spuddy Cephias reads the citation for IBPOEW
Dorchester Lodge 223. Pictured l-r: Ward 5 Commissioner Brian Roche; Danny
Chester, Troy Cephias, and Greg Meekins, Lodge members; Dorchester Lodge
#223 Exalted Ruler Rev. Dr. William Wallace; Carlos Bowens, Lodge member;
Ward 3 Commissioner Frank Stout and Ward 1 Commissioner Brent Summers.

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