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Valentine's Day Brisket Lunch

Remember your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14th. Brisket and all the trimmings. Serving from Noon 'till 2 pm. Sponsored by Stan Reid, and prepared by Sue Cooper. Watch the website for details. Beer \$1.25, wine \$1.00 and Champaign available.



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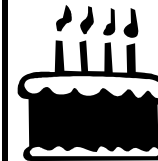
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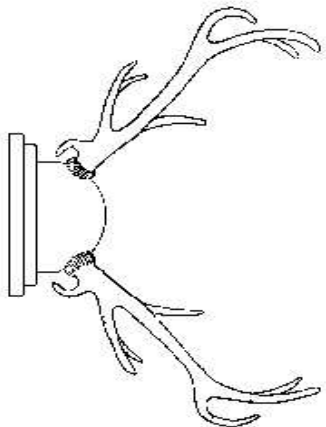


Happy Anniversary

Deming Elks Lodge #2799 will celebrate its anniversary on February 1st. The lodge was instituted on February 1st, 1997. On February 1st, the local lodge will begin its 7th year of existence. Cake and Ice Cream will be served at 6 pm on February 5th prior to the regular lodge meeting. As we begin year seven, we ask members to help in boosting our membership. If you know someone who would like to become part of the Elk fraternity, propose them for membership. With Bingo to start soon, we will need lots of help. Propose a friend for membership. Applications are available at the lodge, 311 E. Maple.

Weekly Dinners Continue

Deming Elks will continue with Friday Dinners on February 6th, 20th & 27th. Menus will be announced. We are looking for members to host these meals. Got a specialty? Please contact the lodge.



Address Correction Requested

**B.P.O. Elks #2799
Officers & Committee Heads**

Elected Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER- Chris Rossman PER
LEADING KNIGHT- Headlee Burdette
LOYAL KNIGHT- Fred Kent
LECTURING KNIGHT- Ted Lauturner PER
SECRETARY- Pat Watson
TREASURER- Stanley Reid
TILER- Richard Wolf

Appointed Lodge Officers

ESQUIRE- James Metz, Jr.
INNER GUARD- Carl Olsen PER
CHAPLIN- Francis Chase
ORGANIST- Barbara Schreiber

Board of Trustees

CHAIRMAN TRUSTEE 1 YR.- Frank Chiprich
TRUSTEE 2 YR.- Arlo Mead
TRUSTEE 3 YR.- Ollie Cooper
TRUSTEE 4 YR.- Harriet Kirich PER
TRUSTEE 5 YR.- Vern Schreiber

Committee Chairmen

AMERICANISM- Chris Rossman PER
CEREBRAL PALSY- Harriet Kirich PER
C & B TRUST- JoAnn Olsen
NATIONAL FOUNDATION- Carl Olsen PER
VETERANS SERVICE- Donna Bellovics
LODGE ACTIVITIES- JoAnn Olsen
YOUTH ACTIVITIES- vacant
HOOP SHOOT- Chris Rossman
SOCCER SHOOT- Carl Olsen PER
PER ASSOCIATION- Ted Lauturner PER
HISTORIAN- Richard Wolf
DRUG AWARENESS- Ted Lauturner PER
LODGE PUBLIC RELATIONS- Frank Chiprich
RITUAL- Dave Cummings PER
EDITOR/CYBER-ASSISTANT- Dave Johnson
ADVERTISING- Dick Salesses
BINGO MANAGER- Carl Olsen PER

Lodge Meetings

1st & 3rd Thursdays

7:30 pm

Instituted February 1, 1997

The Name's the Same

From Dave Johnson- Editor

(Deming)—Since none of the suggestions for a new name for the monthly newsletter "jumped out and said yes", members at the January 15th meeting decided for at least the time being to keep the name "Deming Elks News". While the name may not be as creative as some lodge newsletter names, it does accurately state what the newsletter is all about, bringing news to our members.

On a related topic, some members have asked to have their newsletter delivered electronically via email. With our new format, this can be easily done. The newsletter is already available via our website, however if you would like a copy emailed instead of sent postal, just send your email address. The newsletter is available in pdf (Adobe) format.

To request the newsletter via email, or to make submissions email dave_johnson@demingelks.org. The normal deadline is the 20th of the month prior to the newsletter date. For example, the deadline for the March newsletter will be February 20th.

Karaoke

We are always looking for ways to make the lodge more attractive to our members. One member suggested a karaoke night. What do you think? Let us know.



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Thank you

From Dave Johnson— Editor

Thank you to all the members who have helped with the first three January dinners. After three weeks of regular dinners, the lodge has made a profit of about \$500. Thank you Barbara and Vern Schreiber for the dinners on the 9th and 16th and thanks to Sue and Ollie Cooper and Fred and Marlene Kent for the green chili enchilada lunch on the 24th. I was responsible for the dinner on the 23rd. Thanks to all the workers, and those who donated deserts. I would mention names, but I am sure to leave someone out.

Also thanks to Fred Kent for donating a new cordless phone to the lodge, and to Jerry Thomas for donating the Eagle for the New Year's eve party drawing.

The winner of that Fiber Optic Eagle was Leonard Coffman. The door prize on the 23rd, a fondue pot, was won by Kenny Stailey, and the winner of the door prize on the 24th, a waffle iron, was Ed Mills.

Arlo Mead will host a meat loaf dinner on December 30th. Please note this reflects a menu change. Serving will be from 5-7 pm at the lodge, and the cost will be \$5.

We would like to continue our successful Friday night dinners, but need members willing to sponsor. I can assure you from my experience, you will have plenty of help. If you are interested in hosting a meal, contact the lodge.



Fill The Pig

(Deming)—Help fight Cerebral Palsy. Now through March 15th, the New Mexico Elks Association Cerebral Palsy Program is underway. Got change? Drop it in the red Pig on the bar at the lodge. All proceeds will help fund walkables and treadmills and other aspects of the program.

Cerebral palsy (CP) is a term used to describe a group of chronic conditions affecting body movements and muscle coordination. The word cerebral refers to the brain and palsy to difficulty in control of movement. Cerebral palsy is neither progressive nor communicable. It is caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain. This damage usually occurs during early childhood.

Help our special children of NM.

Delinquent

The same 22 members of our lodge published in the December and January newsletter still owe dues. With the new lodge year just around the corner, these dues need to be paid now. Our bylaws state that a "final request" letter will be sent at least 30 days prior to dropping a member from the rolls. Members in arrears are dropped from the lodge membership list as of April 1st. You know who you are! Keep your membership current. Please send payment today.

Bingo Update

The lodge is still in the process of filing the necessary paperwork with the state. Once the review is complete and the application is accepted, we can begin bingo. We are hopeful this will happen by April.



From the Exalted Ruler

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks to everyone who has been helping with the Friday night meals. They have been very successful and couldn't be made possible without your help.

We are going through many changes and we all need to start working together to make this an achievement. Your hard work has not been going unnoticed. On the bright side, my hours are changing at work and I will be able to attend the meetings.

Elections are coming up and nominations will be open at the next meeting, so keep in mind that we need to fill all the chairs to keep this lodge growing.

**Yours in Elkdom,
Chris Rossman**

Hoop Shoot

The State Hoop Shoot will be held in Las Vegas on February 29, 2004 at 10:00 am, at the Marr Gym on the Las Vegas Robertson High School campus. Reduced prices on motel rooms and meals at certain motels and restaurants will be offered to all out-of-town guests. Reduced rates for swimming at the City Recreation Center will be offered on Saturday night and reduced prices on movie tickets will be available at the local movie theater. On Saturday night the Las Vegas Elks Lodge will be hosting a dinner for all out-of-town Elks which will be followed by a karaoke party. (from New Mexico Elks Association www.nmelks.org)



Trustees Report

From Frank Chiprich- Trustee Chairman

WHAT'S NEW?

We are inviting Elk members, spouses, snowbirds, stray elks and their guests to enjoy a Friday evening at the Elks Lodge. We will be serving dinners, every Friday, alternating with Steak Dinners, Grilled Chicken Breast, BBQ Brisket and sometimes a combination of entrees with all the trimmings.

February is an important month, not just Presidents' Day and Valentines Day but, also a month that brings about an important event at the Elks Lodge, ELECTION of OFFICERS for the year 2004/2005. Members are urged to attend the meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Attend the February meetings and accept a chair that you are nominated to and also important, vote for a candidate of your choice and support all the newly elected officers. Nominations will be opened on February 5th and nominations and election will be held on February 19th.

Become an active Elk, bring your ideas along. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, all input will be greatly appreciated.



*Happy
Valentines
Day*

Deming Elks #2799

Free Finger Foods on Fridays — Sandwiches now being served daily!



Lodge Lounge Open

Monday-Friday 11 am-5 pm; Saturday 1-5 pm
Closed Sunday

We now have the fixings for Strawberry Daiquiris, Egg Nog, Pina Coladas and Margaritas. Come in and try one out!



Watch at
your Elks
Lodge
Lounge!

Open at 1 pm on February 1st
if enough interest. Contact the
lodge to sign up.

Multiple TVs, \$1 wine and \$1.25 beer
Pool Table

B.P.O. Elks #2799 Calendar of Events— Feb. 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Super Bowl Party Elks #2799 Anniversary	2	3	4	5 Lodge Meeting	6 Officers Dinner	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Brisket Lunch
15	16 Birthday of the Order 1868	17	18	19 Lodge Meeting	20 PER Dinner	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Weekly Dinner	28
29 State Hoop Shoot						

02/01/04 Super Bowl Party
Bar open from 1 pm 'til after the Super Bowl if enough interest. \$1.00 wine and \$1.25 beer. Advance sign up at the bar.

02/01/04 Elks #2799 Anniversary
Deming Elks begin their 7th year.

02/05/04 Lodge Meeting
Regular Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm, 311 E. Maple. Cake & Ice Cream will be served at 6 pm to celebrate the Deming Lodge #2799 anniversary.

02/06-20-27/04 Weekly Dinners
Menu to be announced. Call the lodge at 546-2799, or check the website, www.demingelks.org. Sponsored by Officers on 6th and PERs on 20th.

02/14/04 Brisket Lunch
Valentines Day Brisket Lunch. Hosted by Stan Reid, prepared by Sue Cooper. Serving from noon until 2. Beer \$1.25, Wine \$1.00.

02/16/04 Birthday of the Order 1868
02/19/04 Lodge Meeting
Regular Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm, 311 E. Maple. Annual Election.

02/29/04 State Hoop Shoot
Las Vegas, NM. For more information call Russell Douglas at (505) 287-2711. www.nmelks.org



Free Birthday Drink
At the Lounge
ID may be required!

- 2/14 Pat Orr
- 2/15 Sam Baca
- 2/16 Ethan Holly
- 2/16 Headlee Burdette
- 2/22 Fred Kroemer
- 2/25 Roderick Kennedy

- 2/8 Michael Hedrick
- 2/9 Darlene Reno
- 2/10 Mary Irene Mitchell
- 2/12 Barbara Schreiber
- 2/12 Gerald Bradley
- 2/13 Gary Sells



In Memoriam: Charles W. Johnson passed away November 18th of cancer in Las Vegas. Also Larry Hawley's mother passed away recently. *The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.*

Sickness & Distress: This month the following members are suffering from various illnesses and injuries. Pat Watson, Richard Schoppe Sr., Wally Lien and Stan Reid. Remember, Sickness & Distress is always in order. Contact the Lodge Secretary with additional names.

Stray Elks: The following Elks strayed from their home lodge and made a recent visit to Deming. 12/26/03 Lawrence Shade, #867, Winchester, VA; 12/30/03 J. S. Richardson, #2081, Kerrville TX; 1/9/04 Karen & Rich Aubery, #1003, Baudette, MN; 1/9/04 Loren & Carol Sorheim, #1003, Virginia, MN; 1/9/04 Clarence Wagner, #611, Florence, CO; 1/9/04 Micki & Andy Gally, #6210, Ventura, CA; 1/16/04 Pat & Ray King, #402, Eau Claire, WI; 1/16/04 Don Onarato, #2353, North Las Vegas, NV; 1/16/04 Tony Moreno, #218, Stockton, CA; 1/19/04 John Gibson, #140, Mt. Vernon, OH; 1/19/04 Robert Berndt, #1163, Walcott, NY.

Eddie the Elk says..

I would like to wish you a very happy and healthy New Year. When we reflect on our many accomplishments in 2003, such as our recognition wall, the many Elks that have purchased plaques, the plumbing and grading, the plans and renditions produced, we feel proud. Congratulations to all that have participated in this building renovation project. But as Al Jolson used to say "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet!" 2004 will be the year of accomplishments for our building phases.

The word "excitement" is the term to use in our renovation projects and I'll tell you why. I have just had a meeting with two of our trustees who have assured me that this is the time to "roll" as far as projects are concerned. They have not only given their monetary support, but also offered their physical support with motivation and construction of our on-going projects. What this all means is that we will be running three projects at the same time. The entrance hall, the in ground plumbing for "Eddie's Corner" and the enlarged new ladies room. This will also include the gutting of the present (former) men's room and framing the enlarged (new) ladies room.

We fully realize that our members will be inconvenienced while the work is being completed, but that is to be

expected. All I can say is to bear with us and we thank you for your confidence, patience and understanding.

Another important point that has been brought to my attention, that I forgot to mention in last month's *Eddie the Elk* column, is the "Snow Birds" want to know how to fill out their checks to get their names on the "Snow Bird Recognition Plaque".



Pay to: BPOE Lodge #2799
Amount: \$100
Memo: Acct #156 Building Fund
(Don't forget to sign it)

Every Elk Can Make a Difference and Every Elk should Try.

Elks #2799 Members..

Need a ride to the doctor in Deming, Las Cruces or Silver City?

Contact: Kevin Slater at the Sunrise RV Park, 546-8565