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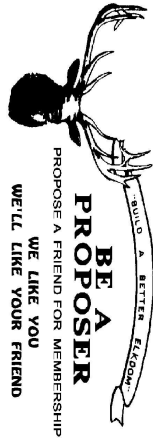
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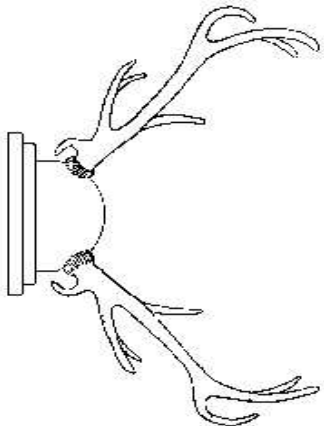
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Happy Birthday Deming Lodge 2799

Join us for a meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy and your choice of corn or green beans on Saturday, February 5th. As part of the meal, Cake will be served to celebrate the beginning of our 8th year as a Lodge (The Deming Lodge was instituted on Feb. 1, 1997). Donation is \$5. Members and guests, and takeouts will be available by calling 546-2799 during the dinner (5-7 pm).

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Elks BINGO

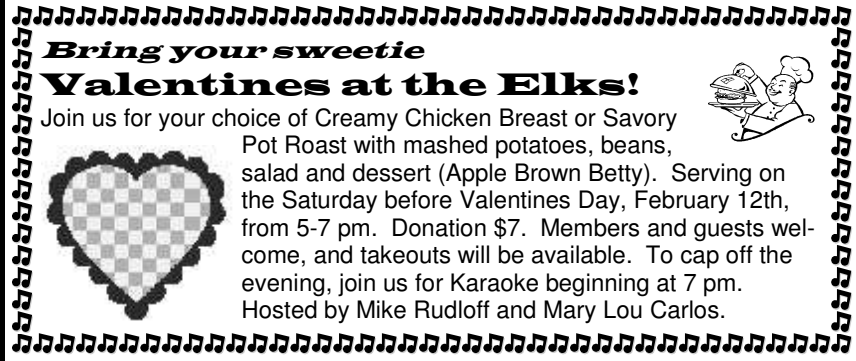
Monday Nights at the DAV Hall
Now with bigger payouts, a winner-take-all game and a possible \$400 progressive call game. Free Cookies on the 14th!

- Doors Open at 5:30 pm
- Early Bird Bingo at 6
- Regular Bingo at 7

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Bring your sweetie Valentines at the Elks!

Join us for your choice of Creamy Chicken Breast or Savory Pot Roast with mashed potatoes, beans, salad and dessert (Apple Brown Betty). Serving on the Saturday before Valentines Day, February 12th, from 5-7 pm. Donation \$7. Members and guests welcome, and takeouts will be available. To cap off the evening, join us for Karaoke beginning at 7 pm. Hosted by Mike Rudloff and Mary Lou Carlos.



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

Elected Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER- Fred Kent
 LEADING KNIGHT - Ted Lautner PER
 LOYAL KNIGHT- Dave Johnson
 LECTURING KNIGHT- Roxy Dubiskas
 SECRETARY- Mike Hedrick
 TREASURER- Susan Burdette
 TILER- JoAnn Olsen

Appointed Lodge Officers

ESQUIRE- Mary Lou Carlos
 INNER GUARD - Anna Enciso
 CHAPLIN- Stanley Reid
 ORGANIST- Barbara Schreiber

Board of Trustees

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

Committee Chairmen

AMERICANISM - Fred Kent ER
 CEREBRAL PALSY - Harriet Kirich PER
 C & B TRUST - JoAnn Olsen
 NATIONAL FOUNDATION - Carl Olsen PER
 VETERANS SERVICE - Headlee Burdette
 LODGE ACTIVITIES - vacant
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 DRUG AWARENESS - Harriet Kirich PER
 RITUAL- Dave Cummings PER
 EDITOR/CYBER-ASSISTANT- Dave Johnson
 MEMBERSHIP - Barbara Schreiber
 LAPSATION - Vern Schreiber
 ADVERTISING - Mary Lou Carlos
 BINGO MANAGER - Richard Hughes

Lodge Meetings

1st & 3rd Thursdays

7:30 pm

Instituted February 1, 1997

Secretary's Corner

From Mike Hedrick- Secretary

January was a slow month for new members. There were no transfers or initiations during the month. That means our member count remains at 146. Dues for 2004-05 were waived for Henry Tilley, who is critically ill. That means we are down to one member who has not paid his dues, Hank Nelson.

One pending application was dropped. Patricia Hobbs proposed by John Franks has decided not to join the Order at this time.

Four applications were read, and balloting will take place on February 3rd. They are: Rod Regan proposed by Steven Eberhard; Irving Rutto Sr. proposed by Richard Kohn; Manny Carlos proposed by Mary Lou Carlos; and Sonia Baca proposed by Mary Lou Carlos. If balloting is favorable, then they four will be initiated on the 17th.

Dues notices will be sent out during February. We have not heard from Grand Lodge or the State Association on this year's assessment. As you know, the Lodge dues are \$48. With Grand Lodge and the State Association, the actual dues last year were \$61.25. Once we get word on the assessments, dues notices will be sent. The notices will also allow you to make voluntary contributions to our Elks charities, such as ENF and C & B, and also for local activities such as the building fund. Remember if you pay your dues before April 1st, you will receive an "Early Bird" sticker, so please pay promptly.

Submissions Welcome:

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Happy Birthday


February not only marks the anniversary of Deming Lodge 2799, instituted on February 1, 1997, but also the Anniversary of the Order of Elks. For those who are new members, or who may not know the history of the organization, here is a reprint of an article on the early History of the Order.

The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune.

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments. When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need. On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon

there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871. Dissension soon erupted. Legitimate actors headed by George F. McDonald wanted to restrict membership to the theatrical profession. This view was opposed by Vivian and his friends. Taking advantage of Vivian's absence due to an out-of-town engagement, the McDonald group summarily expelled Vivian and several of his closest friends. Years later the Order rectified this illegal act, but it gave rise to a controversy whether Vivian was actually the founder of the Order. In 1897, a formal inquiry firmly established his right to this honored title.

The legacy of Charles Vivian continues to this day. In addition to aiding members in distress, the Elks raise money for children with disabilities, college scholarships, youth projects and recreational programs for patients in veteran's hospitals.



Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 6th, 4:30

Hot Dog Bar and snacks with
\$1.25 beer and \$1 wine

Watch the Big Game at the Lodge



From the Exalted Ruler

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is another month gone by. Time sure flies when you are having fun.

This has been a banner year for #2799. Our membership is up by 21% and still growing. This is what fuels the drive for a new Lodge building. We are waiting for the approval of the Grand Lodge so we can start moving dirt. Hopefully it will be received before too much longer.

February is the month for nominations and elections. The first meeting is when the nominations are due. Anyone interested in a position please be at the meeting. Hopefully we can fill all the chairs like we did last year only this time it would be nice if the entire year could be served. The second meeting is for the election. Every member is encouraged to attend both of these sessions. Remember, this is your Lodge and the Officers preside at your convenience.

The District Deputy Clinic was a success. There were around forty attending from most of the Lodges in the Southwest District. Also the meal that was served was delicious. Thank you goes to Carl Olsen for chairing the committee, to Mike Rudloff and Mary Lou Carlos for the excellent food and to everyone who helped make this a great Clinic.

Six of us made a trip to Alamogordo to attend a Lodge meeting and return the jewels that they loaned us to use until we could obtain our own. We had a good time, stayed overnight and returned the next morning.

The bingo is going great but as usual we could use more help. It really is fun. Think about it, this will help us get into our new Lodge by taking the charity load from our Lodge funds and enabling us to use our money for building. The Bingo funds are required to be used for charity and nothing else. See you in Lodge.

**Yours in Elkdom
Fred Kent**

Bingo Report

From Richard Hughes—Manager

Hello everyone. Once again I'm proud to announce that Bingo is doing great!!

First and foremost, I would like to extend my appreciation to Sue Burdette for doing the quarterly report. She has worked many hours and learned all of the forms and how to fill them out properly. Everyone please pat her on the back next time you see her! Thank You Sue.

Valentines Day is upcoming and we plan to serve cookies and have a raffle for prizes on the 14th.

We are still in need of volunteers to help out. As the crowd grows so does the need for help.

Anyone wanting to help only needs to show up on Monday nights.

There was a Bingo committee meeting held Tuesday the 24th. The results will be presented at the meeting on Thursday the 3rd of February. I'm sure everyone attending will be amazed.

A big Thank You goes out to Roxy Dubiskas and Anna Enciso for giving Mike and Mary Lou a well deserved break in the kitchen. Great Job!! Thank You.

Remember, there are ways to help other than working in the Bingo hall. There is setup, cleanup, kitchen, etc. All who help are doing a great service for the Lodge.

As always I want to thank the workers who make this possible! Without you all that Bingo does would cease. There will be a meeting for all workers in the near future.

And remember, it doesn't matter if you help or play. Come on down Monday nights and we'll all have fun! I Thank everyone for your support of the Elks BINGO.



Sandwiches now being served daily!

**** Lodge Lounge Hours ****

Monday-Friday 11:30 am-7 pm; Saturday 1-7 pm
Broadband Internet Access - Video Game - Closed Sunday

Customer Appreciation Mon.-Sat. 4-7 pm	27 inch TV
Domestic Beer \$1.50, Premium Beer & Well Drinks \$1.75	Pool Table
** Free Finger Food Friday by Erik at noon **	Juke Box



Karaoke

By Mike E.

**Feb. 12 &
Feb. 26** Begins at 7 pm

B.P.O. Elks #2799 Calendar of Events— Feb. 2005

02/01/05 Birthday of Deming Lodge
Deming Elks 2799 was instituted in 1997
02/03-17/05 Lodge Meeting

Regular Lodge meeting at 7:30 pm. Past Exalted Rulers night on the 3rd. Nominations. On the 17th, there will be initiation and Election of Officers.

02/05/05 PER Meatloaf Dinner

The PERs will hold a meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes and corn or green beans, with cake celebrating the beginning of our 8th year as a Lodge. Serving from 5-7 pm. Donation \$5.

02/06/05 Super Bowl Party

Lounge will open at 4:30 pm and remain open 'til after the game. Domestic Beer \$1.25, and Wine for \$1.00. There will be a Hot Dog bar and other snacks.

02/07-14-21-28/05 Elks Bingo

Elks Bingo at the DAV Hall. Doors open at 5:30. Early Bird at 6, and Regular Bingo at 7 pm. Open to the public. Snacks and meals will be served. Free Valentines Cookies and prizes for players on the 14th.

02/10/05 PER Assn. Meeting 7:30 pm

Your choice of creamy Chicken Breast or Savory Pot Roast with mashed potatoes, green beans and salad, with Apple Brown Betty. Donation \$7. Carnations for the Ladies. Hosted by Mike Rudloff and Mary Lou Carlos.

02/12-26/05 Karaoke Night

Karaoke Night from 7 pm till closing. Karaoke by Mike R. Snacks will be available.

02/16/05 Birthday of the Order

The Elks were founded on this date in 1868

02/19/05 Monthly Pool Tournament

Double Elimination 8 Ball Tournament. Entry fee is \$5. Tournament begins at 2 pm. Contact Mike Rudloff 546-8848 (w) 546-4459 (h).

02/22/05 Bingo Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

02/25/05 Governing Board Meeting 7 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Birthday of Deming Lodge	2	3 Lodge Meeting	4	5 PER Meatloaf Dinner
6 Super Bowl Party	7 Elks Bingo	8	9	10 PER Assn. Meeting	11	12 Valentines Dinner Karaoke Night
13	14 Elks Bingo	15	16 Birthday of the Order	17 Lodge Meeting	18	19 Monthly Pool Tournament
20	21 Elks Bingo	22 Bingo Committee Meeting	23	24	25 Governing Board Meeting	26 Karaoke Night
27	28 Elks Bingo					



- 2/8 Mike Hedrick
- 2/10 Mary Irene Mitchell
- 2/12 Barbara Schreiber
- 2/15 Sam D. Baca
- 2/16 Headlee L. Burdette
- 2/16 Ethan Holly
- 2/22 Fred C. Kroemer
- 2/24 Richard Hughes
- 2/25 Roderick J. Kennedy
- 2/29 Stephen J. Eberhard


Free Birthday Drink
At the Lounge
ID may be required!

Sickness & Distress: Arlo Mead is on the road to recovery and is doing fine after his operation. No report on Richard Wolf. Joe Le Duc's wife, Carol, had an operation on her eye lid and she reported that she is doing well. Also member Dana Bivens' mother passed away in January. Remember Sickness and Distress is Always in Order. Contact Leading Knight Ted Lau-turner PER or the Lodge Secretary.

Stray Elks: The following Elks made a recent visit to Deming. 1/3 Loren & Carol Sorheim, #1003 Virginia, MN; 1/4 Joe Grove, #2131 Willcox, AZ; 1/5 Frank Logan, #413 Silver City; 1/5 Buck Rathbun, Eagle River, AK; 1/7 Skip Sickmon, #70 Binghamton, NY; 1/10 D. Kerr, #1813 Lordsburg; 1/10 Terry & Ginny King, #2251 Tempe, AZ; 1/10 John H. Bendi, #2065 Sun Valley, AZ; 1/10 J. LeCelair, #146 Manchester, NH; 1/15 Sam Serna, #1119 Las Cruces; Lucky Myers, #1119 Las Cruces; Gerald Wheeler, #1119 Las Cruces; Ruby & Harold Wright, #1119 Las Cruces; Cres Baca, #2499 Belen; Susie Wootton, #2750 T or C; Karl Stewart, #413 Silver City; 1/15 Tom Wilson, Jeff Stephens, Lyle Weeks, John Holbrook, Jim Bonngard, Michael Steward, Gerald Hill, Jack Scott, all from #1897 Alamogordo; Sherie Scott, #1119 Las Cruces; Cindy Johnson, #2750 T or C; Bettie Brannon, #2750 T or C; Jim Brannon PER, #2750 T or C; John Baum-bergon PER, #2750 T or C; Gary R. Ford, #413 Silver City; Stan Wilson, #413 Silver City; Art Devlin, #413 Silver City; George Torres, #1119 Las Cruces; Rick Goloner, #1119 Las Cruces; 1/21 Ray King, #402 Eau Clair, WI; 1/21 Bob Wiley, #447 Ishpeming, MI

Lodge Lease
From Dave Johnson— Loyal Knight

The officers will soon be meeting with the Disabled American Veteran's commander concerning revisions to our Lodge Lease. That was decided at a recent Governing Board meeting. The current lease will expire on May 31st of this year. The original lease required the Lodge to pay \$50 a month for the Lodge meeting room. When the Lodge obtained a liquor license, the lease was amended to require that the Elks also pay 10% of the bar profits. That clause has never been enforced until recently, and is now being enforced since the Lodge is, according to the DAV, "doing better". The amended lease cannot be found by either the DAV or Elks. Even if it is, under state law the Lodge cannot pay a percentage of its profits since only the organization with the license can profit from it. That means that portion is null and void. The DAV in November asked that the Lodge begin paying a flat \$100 fee for lease of the club (bar) facilities. Since this is in essence a new lease, it must be approved by the membership and signed by the trustees before it can take effect. One suggestion is that the extra \$100 a month be classified as a donation to the DAV, and the funds could then come from Bingo. If approved, that lease would be in effect until May 31st when a new lease would be hammered out. Since at this time our new Lodge building is still months off, many feel we have no choice but to pay the added fee. In addition to the Lodge lease, the Elks also pay \$65 a week for the use of the DAV Hall and kitchen for Bingo, or about \$260-325 a month. Those funds come from Bingo.

 **February Bartender Schedule**

Monday 11:30-4 pm— Sue Burdette
Monday 4-7 pm— Carl Olsen
Tuesday 11:30-4 pm— Dave Cummings
Tuesday 4-7 pm— Roxy Dubiskas
Wednesday 11:30-4 pm— Fred Kent
Wednesday 4-7 pm— Curt Russell
Thursday 11:30-4 pm— Steve Eberhard
Thursday 4-7 pm— Rob Kirich
Friday 11:30-4 pm— Erik Scott
Friday 4-7 pm— Mike Hedrick
Saturday 1-close – open (Dave Johnson)
Schedule subject to change