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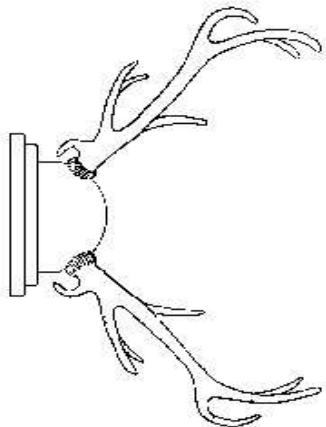
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Address Correction Requested



We Need Your Help!

Please make plans to attend the Extra Territorial Zoning Authority Hearing on July 19th! Before we can begin our new Lodge, we must convince the zoning authority to allow commercial rezoning. There is opposition to our request. I would like to see every member of Deming Lodge 2799 at the hearing. If you can't make it, write a letter. If this request is denied, we are back to square one.

July 19, 2005
5 pm, City Council Chambers, City Municipal Bldg.

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Chicken Breast Dinner, cooked in wine sauce and topped with red and green peppers.

July 23rd, 5-7 pm. Takeouts available.
Donation is \$6.

Elks BINGO

Monday Nights at the DAV Hall
Now with bigger payouts, a winner-take-all game and a possible \$400 progressive call game. Open to the public. Must be 18.
Doors Open at 6 pm Early Bird Bingo at 6:30 Regular Bingo at 7:30

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

Elected Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER- Dave Johnson
LEADING KNIGHT - Joe Grove PER
LOYAL KNIGHT- Roxy Dubiskas
LECTURING KNIGHT- Mary Lou Carlos
SECRETARY- Mike Hedrick
TREASURER- Susan Burdette
TILER- JoAnn Olsen

Appointed Lodge Officers

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

Board of Trustees

TRUSTEE 1 YR.- Ollie Cooper
TRUSTEE 2 YR.- Harriet Kirich PER
TRUSTEE 3 YR.- Vern Schreiber
TRUSTEE 4 YR. (Chairman)- Frank Chiprich
TRUSTEE 5 YR.- Mike Rudloff

Committee Chairmen

AMERICANISM - Fred Kent PER
CEREBRAL PALSY - Harriet Kirich PER
C & B TRUST - JoAnn Olsen
NATIONAL FOUNDATION - Carl Olsen PER
VETERANS SERVICE - Headlee Burdette
LODGE ACTIVITIES
Meals: Roxy Dubiskas
Pool Tournament: Richard Hughes
Decorating: Pat Johnson
YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Anna Enciso
HOOP SHOOT - Kenny Stailey
SOCCER SHOOT - Manny Carlos
PER ASSOCIATION - Carl Olsen PER
DRUG AWARENESS - Brian Forde
RITUAL- Dave Cummings PER
EDITOR/CYBER-ASSISTANT- Dave Johnson
MEMBERSHIP - Barbara Schreiber
LAPSATION - Vern Schreiber
ADV. & PUBLICITY- Mary Lou Carlos
BINGO MANAGER - Richard Hughes
CLUB MANAGER - Fred Kent PER
BUILDING COMMITTEE.- Mike Rudloff

Lodge Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursdays, except July & August, then 3rd Thursday only at 7:30 pm

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Secretary's Corner

From Mike Hedrick- Secretary

Our membership count for the month remains unchanged. There was no balloting and no initiation. Also no transfers or reinstatements. That means we remain at 157.

However, we do have three applications that will come up for a vote on July 21st. They are Christina Krol, proposed by Pat Johnson; Dale Rice, proposed by Carl Olsen PER; and Aurel "Ed" Brewer, proposed by Nancy McBride.

Two other candidates have put off their investigation until Fall. They are Gary and Barbara May, proposed by Vern Schreiber.

Also on the 21st, two candidates will be proposed for membership. They are James P. O'Leary, proposed by Carl Olsen PER, and Robert McAlpine proposed by Stan Reid.

We still have 19 members who have not paid their dues. You know who you are! Please send your payment and get current. Remember, no Lodge privileges until you pay.



ER Dave Johnson, Member Peggy Howe and State Elks President Ray Smith. Smith was presented with a gift of a plaster duck painted by Howe during his official visit on the 18th.



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Pool Tournament

From Richard Hughes— Chairman

I wanted to let everyone know that we held a pool tournament on June 11th. There was a good turnout and everyone had lots of fun.

Ray Baese walked away with the first place money and bragging rights! Rich Hughes was second and Ollie Cooper third. It was a tight race but we all had fun.

Thanks to all who entered. Next month there will be a door prize of an Elks shirt. You must be officially entered in the tournament to win. Yep, that means even if you lose, you might win an Elks shirt just for entering!

The pool tournament is open to all Elks members and their guests, the cost is \$5 per entrant. First, second and third places are paid out on a 50/30/20 split.

So mark your calendar for July 9th. Even if you don't play, come on down and have fun. Hope to see you all there.

Submissions Welcome:

Email: Elksnews@demingelks.org

Bingo Report

From Richard Hughes— Manager

Well as I predicted the \$400 dollars went out to a local player this last month. It usually does when we call 50 numbers, but it could go at anytime. There were about 40 players there and I'd like to thank all the workers who were there

We didn't have much help but those who were there worked double time, again my sincere thanks to you people.

We had a Bingo committee meeting on Tuesday the 28th. Several proposals for funds were discussed, and recommendations will be made at our next Lodge meeting.

Also I'd like to thank Roxy Dubiskas, Mary Chiocca, and Anna Enciso for their help in the kitchen. The food was good and the service was outstanding! Anyone else wanting to help in the kitchen please contact me.

A door prize of a gift certificate to Palmas Italian Restaurant was given out on the 27th, and on July 25th we will give a gift certificate to Rancher's Grill.

I would also like to remind everyone there will be NO Bingo held on Monday July 4th due to the holiday.

From all the Bingo staff we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! Thank you, to all the workers and players. Without you this just wouldn't happen.

Workers, PLEASE remember to sign the Bingo calendar! This is important! It's the only way we know if we'll have workers.

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



From the Exalted Ruler

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Flag Day Ceremony. Most of our officers were present, and I thank them for making the effort to attend. Also I would like to personally thank Vern Schreiber, who served as our Flag Day speaker, Ritual Coach Dave Cummings PER for lining up our color guard, and Don and Evagene Wall for providing the music. Also thanks to the local girl scouts for acting as our color guard for the eight flags. At their request a \$100 donation will be split between our State Project, C.P., and Muscular Dystrophy. We held the ceremony outside this year by the flagpole. We learned that if we again do an outdoor ceremony in the summer, we need to arrange for shade. While the ceremony went well, it WAS very hot.

I encourage everyone to read the report from the Building Committee. The future of our Lodge will be decided at the hearing on July 19th. Will we be allowed to build a new Lodge? That decision will be made by the Extra Territorial Zoning Authority. If at all possible, please make plans to attend this meeting and support the rezoning request. Remember, strength comes in numbers. Also, invite your friends to attend. Elks, supporters of the Elks and the general public are encouraged to attend. If we are shot down at this hearing it may be years before we can even think of a new Lodge.

Also, thanks to the PER Association for a very successful prime rib dinner. Everyone, including our State President

Ray Smith and his wife Betty, enjoyed the meal prepared by Holiday Inn Chef and Member Johnny Baeza. President Smith also met with officers to outline his plans for the upcoming year, and we personally discussed our rezoning problem. While the meal didn't raise a lot of money, a small profit was made, and the meal was enjoyed by all.

The Lodge also received a certificate of participation in the Youth Week Brochure Contest from Grand Lodge. The six page brochure featured pictures of our Youth Week activities the first week in May. While we did not place in the top three, congratulations still go out to Youth Activities Chairman Anna Enciso for a job well done. The brochure is available for inspection at the Lodge.

We have one meal scheduled for July. With some help, I will be hosting a dinner featuring a chicken breast cooked in a wine sauce and topped with sautéed red and green peppers. The meal will be held on the 23rd from 5-7 pm at the Lodge. Donation is \$6, and takeouts will be available.

Remember, during the summer (July and August) we have only one meeting each month. We will be balloting on several candidates on July 21st, and plan initiation in August. The Ritual team is making some progress, but summer schedules have forced the cancellation of several practices. We have only one practice scheduled for July, but plan to get back on the weekly schedule in August.

It may be hot outside, but it is cool inside. Stop by the Lodge, we would love to see you.

Yours in Elkdom,
Dave Johnson



Flag Day: Top Left: Girl Scout Color Guard and Evagene Wall on the keyboard. Above: Lodge Officers. Right: Flag Charge. ER Dave Johnson and Trustee and Speaker Vern Schreiber.



Sandwiches now being served daily!

**** Lodge Lounge Hours ****

Monday-Friday 11:30 am-7 pm; Saturday 1-7 pm
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Domestic Beer \$1.50, Premium Beer & Well Drinks \$1.75
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B.P.O. Elks #2799 Calendar of Events— July 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 NO Elks Bingo	5 Ritual Practice	6	7	8	9 Monthly Pool Tournament
10 Grand Lodge Convention	11 Grand Lodge Convention Elks Bingo	12 Grand Lodge Convention	13 Grand Lodge Convention	14 Grand Lodge Convention PER Assn. Meeting	15 Building & Visitation Committee Meeting	16
17	18 Elks Bingo	19 Rezoning Hearing	20	21 Trustees Meeting Lodge Meeting	22 Governing Board Meeting	23 Chicken Breast Dinner
24/31	25 Elks Bingo	26 Bingo Committee Meeting	27	28	29	30



7/2 Gene D. Schubert
7/4 Rachel Moriarty
7/7 Vernon Schreiber
7/7 Tim King
7/9 Douglas Tharp
7/11 Jerry Thomas
7/11 Jimmy A. Enriquez
7/12 Chris Rossman PER
7/30 Dorman Hoskinson
7/31 Robert D. Glover

Free Birthday Drink
At the Lounge

7/10/05 NO Elks Bingo
7/05/05 Ritual Practice 7 pm
7/09/05 Monthly Pool Tournament

Double Elimination 8 Ball Tournament. Entry fee is \$5. No advance sign up needed. Tournament begins at 2 pm. Members and guests. Contact Richard Hughes at 494-5952. Finger foods will be available.

7/10/05-7/14/05 Grand Lodge Convention
Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Reno, NV. All Elk members are welcome.

7/11-18-25/05 Elks Bingo
DAV Hall on Diamond. Doors open at 6, Early Bird Bingo at 6:30; Regular Bingo at 7:30 pm. Open to the public. A door prize from Rancher's Grill will be given away on the 25th.

7/14/05 PER Assn. Meeting 7 pm

7/15/05 Building & Visitation Committee
There will be a joint meeting of the Building Committee and the Committee appointed to visit with protestors at 6:30 pm to map strategy for Tuesday's rezoning hearing.

7/19/05 Rezoning Hearing

Rezoning Hearing at 5 pm at the City Council Chambers. **ALL ELKS SHOULD ATTEND.**

7/21/05 Trustees Meeting

The Trustees will meet at 6:30 pm prior to the Regular meeting.

7/21/05 Lodge Meeting

Regular Lodge Meeting at 7:30 pm at 311 E. Maple. NO initiation.

7/22/05 Governing Board Meeting 7 pm

7/23/05 Chicken Breast Dinner

Chicken baked in wine sauce topped with sautéed red and green peppers, served with baked potato and green beans. Serving 5-7 pm. Cost is \$6. Hosted by Dave Johnson, Mike Hedrick and Anna Enciso.

7/26/05 Bingo Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

Sickness & Distress: Vern Schreiber continues to be treated for cancer, Bob Kirich is recovering from a knee operation, JoAnn Olsen will be going in for surgery, H.L. Burdette has a seriously broken leg, and James Metz, Jr. suffered injuries after a vehicle accident. Sickness & Distress is always in order. Contact Leading Knight Joe Grove PER or the secretary with names.

Stray Elks: 5/27 Robert Bradberry, #1813 Lordsburg; 5/27 Dale Hartman, #1700 Wauchula, FL; 6/2 John & June Barlow, #2251 Tempe, AZ; 6/4 Dennis Kerr, #1813 Lordsburg; 6/8 Ed Layertt, #1053 Montrose, CO; 6/8 J. LeClair, #2065 Sierra Vista, AZ; 6/10 John Vonesh, #2378 Englewood, FL; 6/10 Dick Pfeleiderer, #821 Hinton, WV; 6/13 Frank Logan, #413 Silver City; 6/15 Gia Olsen, #476 Yuma, AZ; 6/16 Ben Slotter, #888 Long Beach, CA; 6/17 George Hamilton, #1607 Safford, AZ; 6/17 Mayoni Hamilton, #1607 Safford, AZ; 6/17 Skip Mercer, #2131 Willcox, AZ; 6/18 R. C. & Betty Smith, #2083 Los Alamos; 6/19 Loy Kemperthorn, #510 New Philadelphia, OH; 6/21 Dean Findley, #187 El Paso, TX; 6/23 Bill Wagg, #1975 Trona, CA; 6/23 Robert & Lil Jewett, #2195 Rifle, CO

Building Report

From ER Dave Johnson

The future of the Deming Elks Lodge will be determined later this month, and we need everyone's help. Will we be allowed to build our new Lodge, or will we continue in the back two rooms at the DAV? That decision will be left to the Extra Territorial Zoning Authority, who will be considering a rezoning request for our 19 acres off Tapia Road. The property is currently zoned residential, but for construction to begin, the zoning must be changed to commercial.

At our initial hearing in May, about six people personally protested, and the zoning authority was presented with a petition with 30 signatures to deny our request. At that time the hearing was continued. The date for the continuation is July 19th, that's a Tuesday, at 5 pm in the City Council Chambers at the City Municipal Building on South Gold. If we are to convince the authority, which is made up of the three county commissioners and two city councilors, we need to show up in large numbers. We have invited New Mexico State Elks President Ray Smith to also attend. WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT! Please make plans now to attend this important meeting. If you know any of the commissioners or councilors, give them a call and let them know you support the rezoning.

Also, if you haven't already, please be sure to sign one of OUR petitions in SUPPORT of rezoning. We already have about 100 names, but the more the better. You do not need to be in

the vicinity of the new property, since anyone in Luna County has a right to be heard.

We have two committees working on getting ready for the 19th. The Building Committee is working on a site plan, which was requested at the last hearing, to show where the Lodge and infrastructure will be located in relation to the property boundaries. Also, member and Municipal Judge Ray Baese will be drafting a letter showing the Elks, in their current location, have had no complaints or police calls. We have already secured a letter from one of our neighbors on Maple Street stating that we ARE "good neighbors", and are expecting letters from two others.

The other committee is a "Visitation Committee". They will be making arrangements to visit with the protestors and explain all the good work of the Deming Elks. Most Lodge members feel these people are protesting because they have been misinformed about what the Elks Lodge actually does. As a member, you and I know that 75% of our efforts are for charitable and benevolent purposes, however all those signing the petition see are a bunch of rowdy drunks. We need to make sure this misinformation is corrected. Plans now call for personal visits, along with presenting information on the Elks and our local Lodge. If you can help, please contact Vern Schreiber.

The two committees will hold a joint meeting on Friday, July 15th at 6:30 pm to finalize our strategy for Tuesday's meeting. All members are invited to attend.