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State President Visits



State Elks Association President Sam Serna will make an unofficial visit to the Lodge on Saturday, August 21st. At the same time we will be Saluting the Wildcat Baseball and Softball teams for their outstanding performance during the just concluded season (See story inside). Let's have a good turnout. **Mark your calendars now. Saturday, August 21st beginning at 5 pm.** Officers are asked to arrive early.

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Elks Host Duck Race Breakfast




The Deming Elks Lodge will host the annual Duck Race kickoff Breakfast Saturday, August 28th from 7-11 am. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuit with jelly and orange juice or coffee. Adult plates are \$5, kids plates \$3.50. We need lots of volunteers for this fundraiser to be successful. If you can help serve at the Park, or prepare the food at the Lodge, or work the booth, please contact us at 546-2799.

Back for a Buck



During August, any member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, can be reinstated for just \$1, plus pro-rated Lodge Dues. Since we are already about four months into the Lodge year, dues from now until March 31, 2005 would be about \$40. A routine Lodge vote is required for Reinstatement.

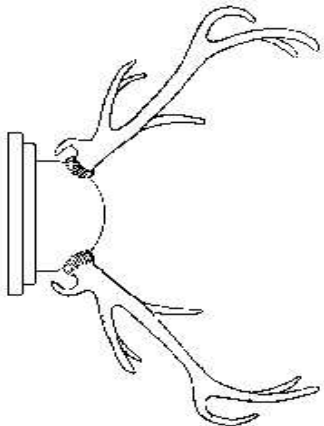
July Meals



- Fri., Aug. 6, Brisket & Chicken**
(fundraiser for Dance Team)
- Sat., Aug. 14th, Fish Fry**
- Sat., Aug. 21st, Hamburgers**
(Salute to Wildcat Baseball/Softball)
- Sat., Aug. 28th, Duck Breakfast**
(Courthouse Park Pavilion)



Back for a Buck
July & August Amnesty for Reinstatements



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

Elected Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER- Fred Kent
LEADING KNIGHT- James Metz, Jr.
LOYAL KNIGHT- Dave Johnson
LECTURING KNIGHT- Roxy Dubiskas
SECRETARY- Mike Hedrick
TREASURER- Susan Burdette
TILER- James Metz, Sr.

Appointed Lodge Officers

ESQUIRE- Chris Rossman PER
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
YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Chris Rossman PER
HOOP SHOOT - James Metz, Sr.
SOCCER SHOOT - Carl Olsen PER
PER ASSOCIATION - Ted Lautner PER
DRUG AWARENESS - Harriet Kirich PER
RITUAL- Dave Cummings PER
EDITOR/CYBER-ASSISTANT- Dave Johnson
MEMBERSHIP - Dick Salesses
LAPSATION - Vern Schreiber
ADVERTISING - Dick Salesses
BINGO MANAGER - Carl Olsen PER

Lodge Meetings

3rd Thursday during

August 7:30 pm

Instituted February 1, 1997

Ahhh.. Cold!

Thank You

If the beer at the bar seems a little colder, it is not your imagination.

Thanks to a generous donation from Jim and James Metz the compressor on one of the bar coolers has been replaced.

The compressor and labor were donated by the Metzses to the Lodge.

Also thanks to Member Leonard Coffman for helping on the project.

Belated Thank You goes out to Ollie Cooper and Jerry Thomas who helped repair the courtyard wall in June.

Also thanks to the many who volunteered their time to make the weekly meals successful. We are on the right track, let's keep up the good work.

Bartenders Wanted



At a recent House Committee meeting, it was decided the bar can stay open later if there are enough volunteers.

We know of about eight members who are certified to serve alcohol. If you are certified, or would like to get certified and help, please contact the Lodge Secretary. A certification class should be held sometime in August.

We are also looking for input on what nights we should stay open late. Right now we are thinking Friday and Saturday, and maybe Wednesday.

If this happens, it will need to be done with volunteers. Several members have said they would utilize the bar facilities if they were open later than 5 pm. Since we are trying to attract new members, later hours would be helpful for those members that work.

We are considering staying open until 7 or 9 pm on nights with customers.



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Secretary's Corner

From Mike Hedrick - Secretary

Welcome to our new member! Richard Hughes, proposed by Roxy Dubiskas, was initiated at the meeting on July 15th.

Balloting that night left four new candidates set for initiation at our regular meeting on August 19th. They are Roger Bladow, proposed by Ed Mills; Consuelo (Connie) G. Smith, proposed by Ed Mills; Mary Lou Carlos, proposed by Mike Rudloff; and Trudy Warren, proposed by Ed Mills.

Congratulations Ed Mills on five new members. Let's all work to do the same. Every three members earns you the Grand Exalted Ruler's pin. With 11 members you get an Elks watch. This is a great way to start off our year.

Also, we still have at least four members who have failed to pay their dues. Next month we will name names.

Clean the Kitchen

Volunteers for the weekly meals need to clean up after themselves a little better.

We have now received two complaints from the D.A.V..

Be sure the kitchen area is left in the same condition it was before the meal.

If needed, map the floor and wipe down the counters.

If we plan to continue using the joint facilities, then we need to start doing a better job on clean up. Please, when it comes to the kitchen, keep it clean!

Duck Race/C.P.



The New Mexico Elks Association Major Project is Cerebral Palsy.

Donation Tickets are available at the Lodge, and will also be available at the Elk's booth during the Duck Race in August. Suggested Donation is \$1 per ticket, \$5 for seven tickets, or \$10 for a full book of 14.

A drawing will be held in October, and the top prize will be \$20,000 cash or a vehicle of your choice up to \$20,000. 2nd place is \$750; 3rd, \$500; 4th, \$400; 5th, \$300; 6th, \$200; and 7th, \$100.

All proceeds will help fund walkables and treadmills and other aspects of the program.

Volunteers are needed to help man the Elk's booth and to help with the Breakfast. Leave a message at the Lodge, 546-2799, or contact C.P. Chairman Harriet Kirich PER at 494-1114.



From the Exalted Ruler

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After seven weeks of travel we are finally back home. It is comforting to know that the organization goes on even without me. We traveled on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera and then made a one day turn around, loading the 5th wheel and hit the road again. The next leg took us to Kansas where we visited my two sisters and Marleen's sister. We took a break from there and traveled to Minneapolis, MN for the Grand Lodge Convention. We arrived back here the 15th in time for the Lodge meeting.

Grand Lodge was an experience that was new to me. The business portion took up most of the day and the hospitality rooms took up most of the evenings. The New Mexico Margarita party was a smashing success. It was really fun serving the hundreds of guests and keeping their glasses full. Met many people from all over the nation and got some insight into how Lodges operate in different areas.

Our drive to increase the membership is going on with results beyond my expectations. Now you can see there are prospective members out there only waiting for someone to ask them. Keep up the great work and we can increase the membership enough to start some of the projects we have planned.

I want to thank everyone who kept things going during my absence. With any luck I will be around for the rest of the year.

Yours in Elkdome
Fred Kent



Duck Race Aug. 26-29

Trustee's Report

From Frank Chiprich—Trustee Chairman

Elks Lodge #2799 is on the move with new members and activities!

The Elks Lodge 2799 is successfully bringing in new members and very active with social, community, school student activities and National Elks Honor Scholarships. The lodge has a lot to offer to our members and is formulating plans and ideas to make it more successful. All of this is being accomplished by the Elk officers and a group of dedicated members, who volunteer their time and energy to help to keep things going. Your participation and input are always welcome and appreciated.

VOLUNTEERISM is always a key to a successful organization!

Elks Lodge 2799 is in the final stages of organizing the Bingo program, which is scheduled to start in August. The Lodge and Bingo management are inviting interested members to volunteer and become a part of the Bingo Team and help with the Monday Night Bingo games. We are also inviting all Elk member bingo players and other members to play and bring a friend. Elk Bingo is also open to the public.

Land Donation

Even though the membership has already informally approved the generous gift of 18.3 acres of land for a new Lodge it must now be officially presented in writing.

First reading will take place at the Lodge meeting on August 19th. It will then be held over, published in the newsletter, and a final vote will be taken in September.



The Lodge was recently cleaned by volunteers. For those who didn't leave early, everyone else pitched in for pizza. Volunteers were Ritual Coach Dave Cummings, Leading Knight James Metz, Loyal Knight Dave Johnson, Lecturing Knight Roxy Dubiskas, Secretary Mike Hedrick, Tiler Jim Metz and Inner Guard Anna Enciso. We hope to make this a regular ritual (no pun intended). If you would like to volunteer, contact Secretary Mike Hedrick.

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



**** Lodge Lounge Hours ****

Monday-Friday 11 am-5 pm; Saturday 1-5 pm
Broadband Internet Access - Video Game - Closed Sunday

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

TV
Pool Table
Jukebox

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Brisket/Chicken Dinner	DD Training Clinic
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Ritual Practice						Monthly Pool Tournament Fish & Chips
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Ritual Practice				Lodge Meeting		Salute to Wildcat Baseball State Elks President visit
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						Duck Race Breakfast
29	30					
	Elks Bingo					

8/06/04 Brisket/Chicken Dinner
Fundraiser for the High School & Mid-High Dance Team. Brisket and chicken with potato salad and vegetable. \$5. Serving 5-7 pm.

8/07/04 DD Training Clinic
Training Clinic at the Lordsburg Elks Lodge #1813 from 10 am till noon. The ER, Leading Knight, Secretary, and Chairman of the Trustees must attend.

8/08-15/04 Ritual Practice
Ritual Practice at 11 am followed by Lodge Cleanup.

8/14/04 Monthly Pool Tournament
Single Elimination Pool Tournament. Begins at 1 pm. Entry fee is \$5.

8/14/04 Fish & Chips
Fish and Chips with dessert will be served from 5-7 pm at the Lodge. \$6. Hosted by Lodge Officers.

8/19/04 Lodge Meeting
Regular Lodge Meeting. 7:30 pm. Initiation.

8/21/04 Salute to Wildcat Baseball
There will be a salute to the Baseball and Softball teams. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with chips will be served free to team members. Others \$3. Serving from 5-7 pm.

8/21/04 State Elks President visit
NM State Elks Association President Sam Serna will make an unofficial visit to our Lodge.

8/28/04 Duck Race Breakfast

Serving from 7-11 am at the Courthouse Park Pavilion. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuit with jelly and orange juice or coffee. Adults \$5, kids portion \$3.50. Open to the public.

8/30/04 Elks Bingo
Bingo will tentatively begin at the DAV Hall.



8/13 Nancy Anne McBride
8/20 Dave Cummings PER
8/25 Howard Caperonis
Lodge Lounge open Mon.-Fri. 11 am- 5 pm, Saturday 1-5 pm, and for special events.

8/1 Steve R. Dunning
8/4 Pat Watson
8/5 John Franks
8/7 Harvey Ed Stanford
8/10 Dianna Molina Russell



Sickness & Distress: Carl Olsen PER is back in the hospital. As of July 25th he was in Intensive Care. Also the stepfather of Secretary Mike Hedrick, Steve Lewis, passed away. Remember Sickness and Distress is always in order. Contact the Leading Knight or Secretary with additional names.

Stray Elks: The following Elks strayed from their home Lodge and made a recent visit to Deming. 6/29 Lane Logan, Silver City #413; 7/6 Wayne K. Smith, Sierra Vista, AZ #2065; 7/8 Bob Bradberry, Lordsburg #1813; 7/17 Don Struthers, San Benito, TX #1661; 7/23 Delvin Zerbal, Beaverton, WA #191

Eddie the Elk says..

In our last issue we emphasized the need for us to complete all the legalities in securing the deed on the land. This month I contemplated starting out with the explanation of "Murphy's Law". As we all know Murphy's Law states, "anything that can go wrong, will go wrong." The interested parties and governing principals never got together. In fact they did not return from far off places until this past week.

I tend to feel that this is good news rather than bad news because it's so important to have everything in place with all the I's dotted and the T's crossed. Think of it as a bridge builder who has to have his core samples analyzed, his sight planning completed, engineering drawings checked and changed if necessary. All this and much more goes into these projects before the first pile is drilled or brick is laid.

You must be asking yourself what is this article all about and when is he going to get to the facts pertaining to our new Lodge. Well friends and lodge members, I have nothing to report regarding the progress of our new lodge as no progress has been made. Hopefully next month will bring news of forward movement.

Remember Every Elk Can Make a Difference and Every Elk Should Try.

Pool Tournament

The next Pool Tournament will be on Saturday, August 14th. It's single elimination, and entry is \$5. Advance sign up is not necessary.

'Cats Honored

The Deming Elk's Lodge will play host to the Deming Wildcat Baseball and Softball teams on Saturday, August 21st.

The Wildcats won the Class 4A state baseball title by beating Aztec 18-0 in five innings.

The team finished the season at 23-5.

The Lady 'Cats lost to Las Cruces Mayfield in the State Tournament in a nine-inning win for the Lady Trojans.

A meal of hamburgers, hot dogs and chips will be served free to team members and coaches. Other will pay \$3. Serving is planned from 5-7 pm.

In addition, State Elks Association President Sam Serna will make an unofficial visit to the Lodge that night.

All members are asked to attend. Officers are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes early.

New Jewels

A fund has been setup for the purchase of new ceremonial Lodge Jewels.

Over \$1000 has already been paid or pledged. We need about \$1750 for new jewels for all officers including the trustees.

The Deming Lodge has NEVER had their own jewels and have been operating with jewels given to the Lodge at its institution.

The new jewels will be customized with our Lodge number.

Donations are welcome. Contact the Lodge Secretary.

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