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Return Service Requested

Elks Duck Race Breakfast



The Deming Elks Lodge will again put on the annual **Kickoff Breakfast** on August 23rd at the Courthouse Park Pavilion. Menu will be your choice of either biscuits and gravy, OR waffles and sausage. Adults \$4, and kids

(under 12) \$3. Served with Orange Juice and Coffee from 7-11 am. Help is still needed. Contact Breakfast Chairman Bill Snell at the Lodge.

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Elks BINGO

Cash Raffle & Pull Tabs

MONDAYS AT THE MOOSE LODGE

Doors Open: 6 pm

Early Bird: 6:30, Regular Bingo 7. Now with bigger payouts (every regular game min. \$100), a winner-take-all game and a possible \$400 progressive call game. Smokers still welcome. **Door prize on 25th.** **Moose Kitchen. Open to the Public!**



Paramedic & Firefighters Appreciation Night:

ER Mike Hedrick presents a \$500 check to the Steve Bean Memorial Scholarship Fund to Fire Chief Dave Kinman. The monies are used for E.M.T. training. \$400 came from a Gratitude Grant from ENF for meeting our per capita.

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

Elected Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER - Mike Hedrick
LEADING KNIGHT - Javier Gallosa
LOYAL KNIGHT - Ernie Arrey
LECTURING KNIGHT - Daniel Galvan
SECRETARY - Dave Johnson PER
TREASURER - Sue Cooper
TILER - Billy Baker

Appointed Lodge Officers

ESQUIRE - Moni Barba
INNER GUARD - Anna Enciso
CHAPLAIN - Stanley Reid
ORGANIST - Barbara Schreiber

Board of Trustees

TRUSTEE 1 YR.- Frank Chiprich
TRUSTEE 2 YR. (Chairman) - Fred Kent PER
TRUSTEE 3 YR. - Ollie Cooper
TRUSTEE 4 YR. - Bill Snell
TRUSTEE 5 YR.- Jim Lyons

Committee Chairmen

AMERICANISM - Fred Kent PER
CEREBRAL PALSY - Harriet Kirich PER
C & B TRUST - Harriet Kirich PER
ENF - Harriet Kirich PER
VETERANS SERVICE - Pat Johnson
LODGE ACTIVITIES - Lois Cawfield
Meals: Penny Gallosa
Pool Tournament: Ollie Cooper
Entertainment: Dave Johnson PER
YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Anna Enciso
HOOP SHOOT - Javier Gallosa
SOCCER SHOOT - Javier Gallosa
PER ASSOCIATION - Roxy Dubiskas PER
DRUG AWARENESS - Ernie Arrey
RITUAL - Harriet Kirich PER
EDITOR/CYBER-ASST - Dave Johnson PER
MEMBERSHIP - Bill Snell
LAPSATION - Bill Snell
ADV. & PUBLICITY - Dave Johnson PER
BINGO MANAGER - Richard Kohn
CLUB MANAGER - Bill Snell
BUILDING COMMITTEE.- Bill Snell

**Lodge Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursdays
at 7:30 pm (except July, Aug. & Dec.)**

Instituted February 1, 1997



Secretary's Corner From Dave Johnson PER

The Lodge gained two new members in July. Welcome to Herman E. Gentry, Jr., proposed by Pat Johnson, who was initiated on the 17th, and welcome back to Clarence Day, after he reinstated his membership. With those two members, our current court is 208.

Also on the 17th, Robert (Bob) Kreyling, proposed by Richard Bishop, received a favorable vote, and is set for initiation on the 21st. Pending investigation and balloting is Sheryl McConville proposed by Steve Dunning. I have also received a request for reinstatement from Charlotte House, a former charter member of this Lodge. We should be able to vote on her reinstatement on the 21st.

That's the good news. On the downside, Lapsation is not going well. Lapsation Committee member Jo Ann Snell reported that of the 25 who have not paid their 2008-09 dues, nine say they will not pay for various reasons, three are maybes, six cannot be contacted, and some are just not responding to calls. Last year at this time we had only about 13 who had not paid. We have nearly double that this year. If you know a brother or sister Elk who has not paid their dues, please encourage them to get current.

Two officers have told the Lodge verbally that they intend to resign, and both were asked to send something in writing. Until we receive those letters, they remain officers, and should be treated as such. We hope both may find time to continue to serve, however we do understand that sometimes family and work matters must come first. No formal action will be taken to find replacements until the resignations are official.

Don't forget the Great American Duck Race, August 21st-24th, beginning with the Duck Pageant Thursday night, Balloons early Saturday and Sunday mornings, and of course the Elks Breakfast Saturday morning, plus much more.

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Bingo Committee

From Dave Johnson PER—Asst. Manager.

Several new faces can now be seen at Bingo. Thanks to Alice Carter and Jo Ann Snell for stepping up and helping. Since I am calling several weeks a month, their help at the cashiers desk is greatly appreciated, especially during vacations. Two other members have also expressed an interest in helping. Both Ron and Dana Bivens have been submitted to gaming, and can now work Bingo. Recently Gene Logan also joined the crew, and we thank him for his help with pull tabs. It's good to see members stepping up to help keep Bingo going.

We could still use a few more callers. Manager Richard Kohn calls once a month now, and Pat Johnson may also call sometime in the future. To be a caller, you must be a member for a minimum of six months (at this Lodge), and fill out paperwork allowing for a background check. The Lodge then pays a \$20 fee, and a state issues a special name badge.

The Bingo Committee will also recommend that we pay \$700 to both ENF and C & B Trust out of Bingo charity money already budgeted. That request will be made at the meeting on the 21st.

The August gift certificate, for \$20, will be from Pepper's Supermarket on the 25th.

We will see you at Bingo Monday night at the Moose. Doors open at 6.

4th of July/Float

From Marleen Kent

The 4th of July party at the new Lodge building was a great success with 39 present to eat. More joined later to watch the fireworks display at the airport. The Float Committee wants to thank everyone that participated and we hope to make this an annual occasion. The Float for the Duck Race parade is under way. Our trademark, the outhouse, has been repaired and the float is taking shape. Everyone will be aiming for us this parade since we came out of nowhere to win last year. See you at the parade.

Lodge Lounge Hours

**Mon-Fri 11:30 -7; Sat 1- close
1-6 pm on days with one shift**

**Internet Access for members
Bring your own computer or use ours!**

**Customer Appreciation Domestic Beer
\$1.75, Premium Beer & Well
Mon-Sat 4-6 pm Drinks \$2.00**

**Regular Prices: Domestic Beer \$2.00,
Premium Beer, Wine & Well Drinks:
\$2.25. Top Shelf \$3 or \$3.50**



State Elks President John Holbrook and his wife Hazel made an

official visit to our Lodge on July 25th. Photos (left to right): John Holbrook, Hazel Holbrook (both receiving gifts) and ER Mike Hedrick with Holbrook.

From the Exalted Ruler



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There will be some changes next year after a vote at the Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim.

Members of Grand Lodge (ER's and PER's) voted to raise the Grand Lodge Assessments, and that means EVERYONE will be paying more next year to continue their membership. This is not something that we were in favor of, in fact both voting members of this Lodge, Secretary Dave Johnson PER and myself voted against the increase in what is termed "a division of the house". That means everyone wanting to raise dues went to one side of the room, and those opposed to the other. The vote was very close, however the presiding officer, GER Soulsberger determined that the increase passed. It is our understanding that there will be a \$3 general increase, and a \$1 increase for Veterans, which will bring the assessment to \$15.50, up from \$11.50 this year. In addition, the Lodge approved a \$2 increase in local dues during the bylaw revision earlier this year. That means our dues will go up by \$6 next year, from \$62.25 to \$68.25 for a regular member. In these hard economic times, it is difficult to justify this kind of increase. Just remember, we DID NOT vote for the increase, but have no choice now but to accept it.

Another issue that should be brought

to the attention of our members is some interesting facts revealed about monies collected last year by members nationwide for Katrina relief. Grand Lodge has over \$418,000 left in monies earmarked for the disaster. And what will happen to this money? Well, according to Grand Lodge, the money will be used for "something else". They told those at the convention that money was given out based on application criteria they established. They had money left over after all applications were processed. Instead of using the money for victims of Katrina, it will now be reallocated. Since the issue was brought up as part of the report from the Grand Trustees, nothing could be done but reject the entire report. That didn't fly, so now it will be up to Grand Lodge how to spend the money.

In my opinion, when money is collected for a specific purpose, it should be used for that purpose and not reallocated. A lot of folks have said they will no longer give ANY money to Grand Lodge programs, since they have no assurance it will go to the intended purpose. Remember, that is Grand Lodge. Money given to the New Mexico Elks Association DOES go where it is intended, and we encourage that you continue your donations to the state C & B Trust and Cerebral Palsy.

The major event this month is the Duck Race Breakfast on the 23rd. Contact Chairman Bill Snell if you can help.

Yours in Elkdom
Mike Hedrick


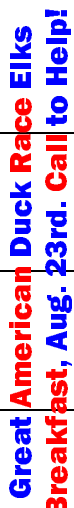


4th of July Barbecue: Members attended and enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs on July 4th at the new Lodge. Manning the grill, Member Michael Miller. The event was organized by the Float Committee and Chairman Roger Bladow.

B.P.O. Elks #2799 Calendar of Events— Aug, 2008

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State Cerebral Palsy mailing in Albuquerque.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Elks Bingo	Duck Breakfast Committee	Duck Breakfast Committee	NO Lodge Meeting	NO Pool Tournament	NO Pool Tournament
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Elks Bingo			Trustees Meeting		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Elks Bingo	Duck Breakfast Committee		Lodge Meeting	NO PER Dinner	Elks Duck Race Breakfast
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Elks Bingo	Bingo Committee Meeting		Governing Board Meeting		



8/1 Barbara Shiplet
8/20 David Cummings PER
8/20 Susie Stalley
8/22 Andrew Gally
8/25 Howard Capertonis
8/27 Monte Feldick
8/30 Peggy Howe
8/31 Nancy Hollenbeck

Free Birthday Drink At the Lounge

Cancelled-Summer/Duck Race! Lodge Meeting— 7th Pool Tournament— 9th PER Dinner— 22nd

08/04-11-18-25/08 Elks Bingo
Elks Bingo at the MOOSE LODGE, 110 N. Gold. Doors open at 6 pm... Early Bird at 6:30... and Regular Bingo at 7 pm... Food is served. Now with bigger payouts. Smokers are welcome. There will be a door prize from Peppers Supermarket on 25th...
08/06-19/08 Duck Race Breakfast Committee 6:30 pm
08/07/08 NO Lodge Meeting
08/09/08 NO Pool Tournament
Due to a lack of participation, there will be no pool tournament this month.
08/09/08 DD Clinic
The DD Clinic will be in Silver City at 10 am. The ER, Secretary, Leading Knight and Chairman of the Trustees must attend, unless excused by DD Jack Cook.
08/14/08 Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm
08/21/08 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm
There will be initiation.
08/22/08 NO PER Dinner
This month's dinner is cancelled due to the Duck Race.
08/23/08 Elks Duck Race Breakfast
At the Pavilion at the Park. Menu is biscuits and gravy, OR waffles and sausage, with coffee and orange juice. Cost is \$4, Kids Plate \$3. Serving from 7-11 am.
08/26/08 Bingo Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
6:30 pm at the Lodge.
08/28/08 Governing Board Meeting 6:30 pm



ER Mike Hedrick worked the State's Margarita Party at the convention in Anaheim, CA July 9th. Photo nmelks.org.

Notes from the Club

From Bill Snell—Club Manager



Well we made it through another month. Sales were good even though this is usually the low month of the year.

The bartender situation worked out largely to the efforts of all the gang. But a special thanks go out to Don Damstra who jumped in to fill most of the slots I had open. A great job Don, much thanks, you were a big help.

With the vacationing bartenders back on the job it looks like we are out of the woods for a while. In fact we may be adding a few new bartenders shortly. The more we have the less any one has to work.

Remember, drink wisely and drive safely.


Building Report

From Bill Snell – Chairman

We are making progress. The architect found a mechanical engineer who was interested in our job. Their quote was less than the one we had been hoping to hire from Silver City. Today the second piece of good news arrived in my email box. The mechanical engineer presented our job to an electrical engineer they work with. They are also interested in the job. Their quote came in at \$1,870.00 plus gross receipts tax. If we want to do the fire alarm now there would be an additional amount of \$420.00. This would be a good idea as it would mean we would not have to rip anything out to add it later. May also cost less as we could buy the material at today's cost, and with the building still having open access to the installation area would be better. Again these are good prices, better than any other we have seen. Every one has been given the go ahead. Prints hopefully will be forth coming shortly so that we can clean up any last minute details and apply for permits.

Sickness & Distress: Esquire Moni Barba's sister passed away from cancer. George Chase was to have surgery for a hernia. Daniel Galvan reported that his wife, Nancy, had a cat-scan and three nodules were found in her thyroid. They are awaiting final results. And Mary Chase was reported as doing well. Contact the Leading Knight or Secretary with names.
Visiting Elks: 7/5 Larry Cook, #2081 Kerrville, TX; 7/7 Paul Wellmann, #660 Cheyenne, WY; 7/16 Marshall Switzer, #1747 Farmington; 7/18 Gary Ford PER, #413 Silver City; Gene Bratcher PER, #413 Silver City; 7/19 Joe A. & Clara Montana, #1244 Clovis; 7/25 Sandy Skinner, #2504 Oceano, CA; 7/25 John Holbrook, NMEA St. Pres., #1897 Alamogordo

Back for a Buck!



During August, any member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, can be reinstated for just \$1 (normal \$25 fee waived), plus pro-rated Lodge Dues.
A routine Lodge vote is required for Reinstatement.