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Games Needed
From JoAnn Olsen—Lodge Activities Chairman
 We are asking members to please donate games, in good condition, for the lodge. Regular playing cards, pinochle cards, phase 10, cribbage board or dominoes (double six) are some suggestions.. We are also in need of Christmas decorations. The Christmas party is Sat., December 20th at 6 pm (see calendar). Please leave your games or decorations at the lodge or contact JoAnn Olsen.

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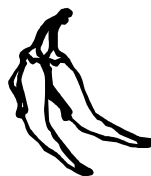
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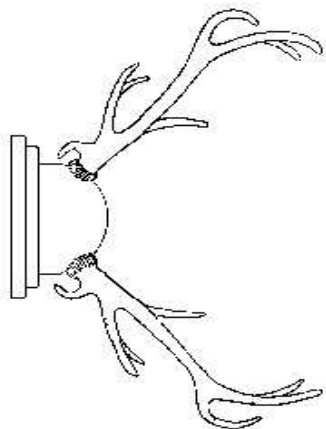
Members and guests can enjoy a lunch on Friday, December 12th. The menu will be green chili stew and chili con carne with corn bread or crackers, macaroni salad, dessert and beverage. Open to members and their guests, and takeout plates will be available. Serving begins at 12 noon at the lodge, 311 E. Maple. Cost is \$4.00.

Deming Elks on the Internet

- The latest lodge information is now available via our updated webpage at www.demingelks.org. Members in good standing can also have their own demingelks.org email address.
- Send requests to dave_johnson@demingelks.org.



Address Correction Requested



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EXALTED RULER- Chris Rossman PER
LEADING KNIGHT- Headlee Burdette
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Appointed Lodge Officers

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TRUSTEE 4 YR.- Harriet Kirich PER
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AMERICANISM- Chris Rossman PER
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Lodge Meetings

1st & 3rd Thursdays

7:30 pm

Instituted February 1, 1997



**New Look-
New Name!**

(Deming)—Beginning this month our lodge newsletter is taking on a new more modern look. Our mission is to bring timely, interesting information to all our lodge brothers and sisters. To this end, we have updated our website. The website will be updated frequently, so for the latest information just visit www.demingelks.org. Lodge members can also sign up for their own demingelks.org email address. If you would prefer the newsletter via email instead of snail mail, just let us know.

Along with the new newsletter format we feel a new name for the newsletter or bulletin is in order. In the past the monthly report to members was simply called "Deming Elks News". We are looking for a more creative name.

One suggestion for our publication is the "Elks Bugler". This was suggested by Vern and Barbara Schreiber. The idea came about after reading an article in "The Elks Magazine" which read.. "All elk have two unique, upper canines, approximately the size of a gumdrop, that resemble ivory." These tusks are sometimes referred to as bugler teeth.

Some other ideas: The Las Cruces lodge calls their newsletter "Elk Tales"; Carlsbad, "Hello Bill"; Grants-Milan, "Herdsman"; Silver City, "Elks Echoes"; T or C, "T or C Elkstooth" and Farmington, "Elks Echo".

The winner of the *Name the Newsletter* contest will receive a pair of tickets to one of our regular monthly lunches. Submit your suggestions via postal mail at PO Box 112, Deming, NM 88031, drop it by the lodge, or shoot us an email at dave_johnson@demingelks.org.



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Merry Christmas

These businesses have donated to help pay the cost of the monthly newsletter. Advertising Guidelines: You do not have to be an Elk. You do not have to be a business. The monthly donation is \$10. Contact the Lodge for information.

Americanism Essay Contest Announced

(Deming)—The BPO Elks, along with the Deming Elks Lodge #2799, are encouraging students to enter the Americanism Essay Contest for 2003-2004. The theme this year is "Why I am Proud to say the Pledge of Allegiance". Eligible Participants must be enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th Grades during the school year 2003-04 preceding June 30, 2004.

Essay length is not to exceed 200 words. Essay must be legibly written, printed or typed. Essay must be submitted for judging to Elks Lodge #2799, who is administering the contest at Deming schools or directly to the Lodge at 311 E. Maple in Deming. Entrant must be identified on the Essay by Name, Home Address, Grade, School Attended and Sponsoring Elks Lodge (Lodge #2799). The deadline for essays is January 10, 2004. Any additional information needed may be obtained by contacting the Deming Lodge at secretary@demingelks.org or calling (505) 546-2799.

There are two divisions, Division I (combined grades 5-6) and Division II (combined grades 7-8). National Winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Division will be awarded at the Minneapolis 2004 Grand Lodge Convention. Top prize in each division is a \$500 savings bond.

ENF Scholarships Available

(Deming)—The Elks National Foundation will be offering several scholarships, with deadlines in January. The Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest awards \$2.216 million to 500 high school seniors nationwide. To apply you must be a High School Senior and US citizen. Judging is based on leadership and financial need.

Two students will receive \$60,000 in scholarship monies at a rate of \$15,000 per year. Applications are now available at www.elks.org/enf at the local Elks Lodge at 311 E. Maple, at Deming

High School, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Elks National Foundation. Applications will be sent through December 31st.

Other scholarships include the ENF Legacy Award, for a child, grandchild, step-child or step-grandchild of an Elk in good standing and a high school senior. Judging is based on SAT or ACT scores, high school transcript, legacy award application form, and a biographical questionnaire. Up to 500 one-year \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications for the Most Valuable Student and Legacy Awards must be turned in before January 9, 2004.

Other scholarships include Emergency Educational Grants for a child of an Elk who is deceased or totally incapacitated with financial need, and two scholarships through the Boy and Girl Scouts. For information on the Eagle Scout Scholarships, contact the National Office of the Boy Scouts of American, PO Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079, or visit www.scouting.org/nesa/scholar. Or for information on the Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship, contact your local Girl Scout council or visit the Girl Scouts' website at jfg.girlscouts.org.

Scholarship information is available at the local Elks Lodge at 311 E. Maple, email secretary@demingelks.org or by calling the lodge at (505) 546-2799. For specific information contact Scholarship Chairman Frank Chiprich.

Delinquent

The following members are delinquent as of November 20, 2003. James Howeth, David Hammond, Ron Bivens, Anita Palochko, Margaret Maxwell, Daniel Archuleta, Thomas Kenny, Larry Dillon, Lawrence Ceranski, Richard Puckett, Ruby Hervol, Neale Howeth, Dana Bivens, Van Jacobsen, Eugene Chambers, Cleatus Jackson, Theodore Madsen, William Ellis, Gloria Chambers, Gerald Bradley, Gilbert Stoller, and Richard Courtney. Please send payment.



Happy Holidays
From B.P.O.E. #2799



From the Exalted Ruler

My Brothers & Sisters,

At this time I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the recent DD visit, your hard work did not go unnoticed. Overall, the visit went well and may we continue to improve our lodge.

In addition, Elk members have been hosting a wide number of dinners and socials that have been very successful. I would like to urge everyone to continue to find ways to open our lodge to the community.

As you know my work schedule hours are very difficult at this time because I am unable to be at many activities. Thanks to everyone who has pitched in to help make the lodge a true success.

As the holidays approach, I would like to wish everyone the best to you and your families.

**Yours in Elkdom,
Chris Rossman**

Trustees' Report

From Frank Chiprich- Trustee Chairman

Recently Elks DDER (District Deputy Exalted Ruler) John Holbrook visited Lodge #2799 to conduct an annual review of the Lodge operations and also to attend Lodge #2799 meeting. DDER John Holbrook complimented the Lodge #2799 Trustees for a job well done.

The Lodge #2799 Trustees are investigating ways to make the Deming Elks Lodge more successful, both fraternally and financially. We are working on getting Bingo successfully started in January, 2004.

This will help us grow financially strong. We also recommend that Deming Elk members become more active and participate in all Elks Lodge projects and promotions.

Soccer Shoot

From Carl Olsen— State Soccer Chairman



The regionals in Oklahoma City for 2003-2004 belong to Oklahoma. Oklahoma took five 1st place and Colorado had one.

The six from New Mexico placed as follows:

U-10 (8 & 9) male: James Flores, Alamogordo, 3rd place.

U-10 (8 & 9) female: Cassi Baton, Grants-Milan, 5th place.

U-12 (10 & 11) male: Michael Poudrier, Deming, 3rd place.

U-12 (10 & 11) female: Melissa Marshall, Carlsbad, 5th place.

U-14 (12 & 13) male: Kevin Barnhart, Carlsbad, 4th place.

U-14 (12 & 13) female: Courtney Heath, Roswell, 5th place.

Next year will be New Mexico's year again.

Newsletter

From Dave Johnson— Cyber Assistant

(Deming)—It seem strange to call this *the Newsletter*, but until we get a permanent name, I guess it will have to do. This bulletin, along with our webpage, are vital links to our members. I don't feel just because we are a small lodge, we have to have small town ideas. A lot of the time I feel our Deming Elks members just aren't getting involved because they don't know what is going on. We hope to remedy this by providing timely information. If you have suggestions contact Dave Johnson.

Submissions are welcome. We plan to try to put out a newsletter by the end of each month, with a monthly deadline of the 20th of the previous month. Oh, if you have any comments on the webpage, I'm also the guy to talk to. Hope you like what you see.



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

12/04/03 Lodge Meeting
Regular Lodge meeting, 311 E. Maple, 7:30 pm.

12/12/03 Chili Stew Lunch

The menu will be green chili stew and chili con carne with corn bread or crackers, macaroni salad, and dessert. Serving begins at noon. Members and guests, takeouts available. Cost \$4.

12/18/03 Lodge Meeting
Regular Lodge Meeting, 311 E. Maple, 7:30 pm.

12/20/03 Christmas Party and gift exchange. Men bring gifts for the ladies, ladies bring gifts for the men. Gifts should be no more than \$5. Starts at 6 pm.

12/25/03 Christmas Day



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Lodge Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Chili Stew Lunch	13
14	15	16	17	18 Lodge Meeting	19	20 Christmas Party
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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| 12/5 Maryellen Janke | 12/13 Kevin Slatter | 12/22 Florence Irwin |
| 12/6 Abel Delgado | 12/17 Robert Turner | 12/26 Sandra Hawley |
| 12/8 David Harrington | 12/19 Von Rue Crawford | 12/28 Robert Phillips |
| 12/9 Dick Salesses | 12/19 Donald Shearer | 12/29 Margaret Maxwell |
| | 12/21 Doris Cummings | |

Sickness & Distress: This month the following members are suffering from various illnesses. James Sloan, Lester Scott, Tiler Richard Wolf and Secretary Pat Watson. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Remember, Sickness and Distress is ALWAYS in order. Please notify the lodge with additional names.

Stray Elks: The following Elks strayed from their home lodge and made a recent visit to Deming. 11/8/03, Jack Stroman, #1119, Las Cruces; 11/12/03, Joe & Sandy Haba, #684, Frederick, MD; 11/12/03, Manuel Wood, #2750, T or C; 11/13/03, R.L. Martin, #1119, Las Cruces; 11/14/03, Robert Muenich, #2113, Titusville, FL.

Eddie the Elk says..

This is the sixth "Eddie the Elk says" column. If you haven't read all of them, or if you would like to review them, just go to demingelks.org and you will find them on our new website. If you haven't checked it out yet, you're really missing the best of the Deming Elks News.

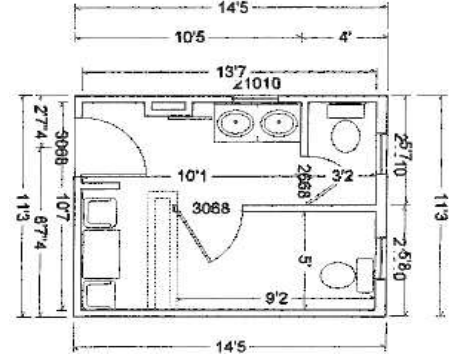
In the last column we mentioned that we were going to try to get our sidewalk and parking lot done. Unfortunately the opportunity for that won't come until next summer.

We have other projects to devote our time and efforts to. Number 1 is the new Ladies Room. We are going to change the location of the lady's room to where the men's room was. The reason for this change is in phase five (5) we will be moving the present bar to another room that will also be built in phase five.

I can tell you that Handicap Bathrooms don't come cheap, but when you consider that our snowbird members are returning or have returned we are counting on them to share some of this burden. Besides that, the weather is turning a little colder and we can devote our time and efforts to the inside and postpone the outside courtyard and patio until the Spring of 2004. As the saying goes, "Rome wasn't built in

a day" and we are flexible. Let's show you a drawing of the proposed ladies room. I think it's very nice and hope you will too.

I like the sitting room included in the line drawing. We are planning on a small TV in the corner of that area and a lamp and phone on the table between the two chairs. Don't ask me why we provide a sitting room in a bathroom, but I'm sure it's a "girl thing" and I'm not supposed to know about that.



As you can see, the overall size of this room will be 14.5 feet in length and 11.3 feet in width. As I mentioned earlier, I'm not going to shock you with the price, but anything you can do to help us raise the money for this project will be most appreciated.

Remember, Every Elk can make a Difference and Every Elk should Try.

Thank you Secretary Pat Watson for preparing and donating the supplies for our November 14th spaghetti lunch. Pat reports 56 meals were served.