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ELKS TALES

LAS CRUCES LODGE #1119
A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

Exalted Ruler's Message:



Jeff Dray, Exalted Ruler

Greetings fellow members,

June was a busy month as we celebrated Father's Day and honored our nation's flag with the annual Flag Day ceremony. We initiated several new members into our order as we continue our drive to grow our Lodge and in turn, our outreach. Esteemed Loyal Knight Victor Rose and the Veterans Committee have continued to provide Welcome Home Kits for veterans transitioning into housing.

The last weeks of June were marked by terrible wildfires around Ruidoso. This was the worst I've seen in the 20 years, I've been living here. Destruction and disruption on a scale rarely seen in our region led to an overwhelming response of support from our community. Las Cruces is truly a generous community and the Las Cruces Elks Lodge is a big part of that. Our trustees worked to coordinate our relief efforts and gather donations while we offered to open the Lodge to shelter folks who had been displaced. We were able to fill a 12' trailer of items needed and deliver them to the Inn of the Mountain

Gods for distribution. George and a crew made 200 burritos to be delivered also. The quick response and contributions of our lodge members was awesome. Thank you everyone who contributed and assisted in this effort. As of the time of writing this the fires are still ongoing as well as our efforts to aid those who need it. Your continued support and prayers are appreciated.

The end of the month several of our members and I will be attending the Grand Lodge convention in Austin, TX. There we will participate in meeting to vote on proposed statute changes. In addition, we will meet with New Mexico Elks President, Glenda Greene, and fellow lodges to come up with plans on how to best assist Ruidoso going forward as they continue to fight the fire and rebuild their town.

Finally, I want to ask you all again to familiarize yourselves with the national website (Elks.org) and enroll in a reoccurring payment to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). ENF is how the Grand Lodge funds all the grants we apply for and the amount we contribute can qualify us for more funds. You can choose to pay as little as \$5 a month but if enough members contribute that will go a long way.

Thank you all, take care.

Chaplain's Message

Larry Brooks

Thank you Renee Kopacko for filling in as Chaplain while Larry Brooks is in out of town, taking care of family business. Renee has done an excellent job and her continued assistance is greatly appreciated.

I spoke to Larry the other day. He asked me to send his Thank You's to everyone's prayers, thoughts and condolences. He still has a lot of work to do there but misses home and his family of Elk brother and sisters. Please keep him in your thought and prayers, please.

Do You Have A Submission for the Elks Tales?

EMAIL US ANY STORIES, ARTICLES PICTURES, GOOD JOKES, ETC. THAT WILL MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER INFORMATIVE AND USEFUL. ALSO, IF YOU'D LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS ELECTRONICALLY (IN COLOR) THAT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.

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Secretary's Corner



Dear Members,
If you have not paid your dues, please come in and do so!!!
The new fiscal year started April 1st. Please pay your dues, in person at the lodge or mail to
Las Cruces BPO Elks
P.O. Box 969, Las Cruces, NM 88004 or online at: <https://payportal.revopay.com/index.php/OSG/properties/lascruceselks11191/login>.

Respectively, Jamie Cushing

If you have any questions call me, 575 496 8409.

Proposed for Membership: Franklin McKinnon, 2501 Westmoreland Ave., LC, NM 88005 proposed by Stan McKinnon; Mark Minjarez, 1514 East Mulberry Ave., LC, NM 88001 proposed by Sandra Coe; Leticia Madrid, 1655 Mariposa Dr., LC, NM 88001 proposed by Gilbert Garcia; Veronica Saenz-Zea, 2959 Fountain Ave., LC, NM 88007 proposed by Gilbert Garcia; Reyes Rivera, 8915 Rhonda Ln., LC, NM 88012 proposed by Kevin Fitzgerald; Edward Madson, 4736 Radiant Ct., LC, NM 88011 proposed by Carlos Jimenez;

Reinstatement: Javier Armendaris, 6965 Santa Marta St., LC, NM

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

On June 9, 2024 we welcomed 6 new members to our Lodge. We look forward to getting to know these members better and having them get involved. Please make them feel welcome when you see them in the lodge.

Our lodge has been growing and we are proud to say that we have over 650 members at this time. We look forward to growing even more.

Please extend your hand in friendship. If you have a friend that would be a good match for the Elks Lodge encourage them to join and give them an application.

After the initiation there was a delicious lunch served for new members and guests. served by George and staff. Thank you to all those who helped in the meal and ritual.

Together, we can make our corner of the world even better. There are applications at the bar!



WELCOMING 6 NEW MEMBERS

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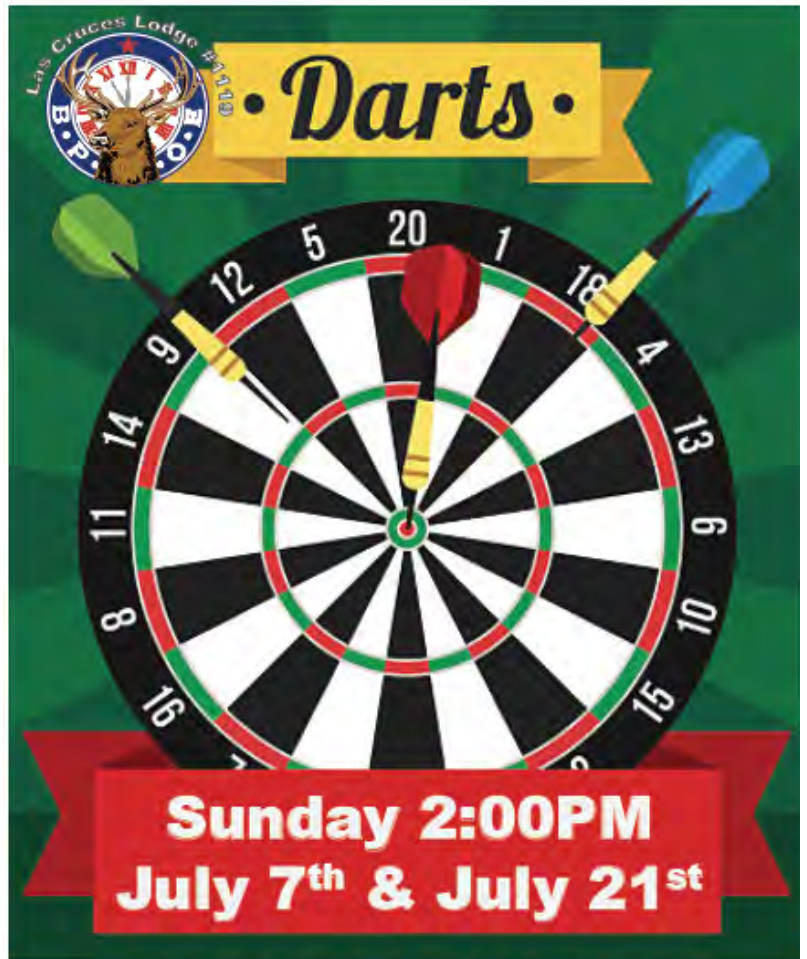
Who prepared 200 Burritos for Evacuees & Fire Fighters t Inn of the Mountain Gods?
George Maestas & crew **Dunn It!**

Who showed up early to help load the 12' trailer of supplies for evacuees & fire fighters?
Mike Parker, Matt Matsler, Nila Matsler, Patti Egan, George Maestas, Mark Martinez, Susie Martinez, Joel & Chris (kitchen staff), Dan Coe, **Dunn It!**

Who delivered all the donations to Ruidoso?
Jaime Cushing, Al Lambeth, Jeff Dray & his daughter
Dunn It!!

Who has extremely generous members who volunteer and donate to worthy causes at a moments notice??
Elks Lodge #1119 Members **Dunn It!**
You know who you are!!

There are several people who work behind the scenes every month. They are getting things done around the lodge without recognition and they don't ask for it. But occasionally, "we" need to know **Who Dunn It!**



Member Orientation and Initiation will be July 14th



New Members to Lodge #1119

Orientation 10AM & Initiation 11AM

- For those who were notified by the lodge secretary to attend please be at the lodge at the time you were told.
- New-member orientation will take place at 10 AM in the pool/game room. This is also open to non-Elk members that wish to attend
- New-Member initiation will take place at 11 AM in the Lodge room. This ritual may only be attended by initiates and current members. Family members are welcome to wait in the lounge area.
- Sponsors please remember to attend these meetings to pin your new member.

After the initiation there will be a light lunch served free for new members and a requested \$5 donation for everyone else.

MEMBERS: Please try to attend this meeting and help us to welcome the newcomers. Let's show them the comradery of our lodge and members and welcome them to the herd. If you now someone who would be a good addition give them and application and sponsor them.



Matt Madrid
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Many Hands Make Light Work




Together we did it!

In just a few days our members came together to help those in need in Ruidoso during the devastating fires and flooding. Donations of needed items were brought to the lodge, donations were sent for the purchase of other items need. Plans were made for delivery on Sunday, June 23. A request for meals for the evacuees and firefighters at the Inn of the Mountain Gods convention center, where they were housed. Our lodge heard the call. Volunteers and staff came to the lodge early Sunday morning and got to work and prepared 200 burritos and salsa. It's amazing how much we can achieve when working together! We have an amazing membership of good people.


THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH DONATIONS AND LABOR!






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Your membership doesn't stop with the card. Get Involved, Stay Involved!

Get the most out of your membership! Get **involved**-we need you, stay connected and up to date on what's going on.

■ The Elks Lodge 1119 has a monthly newsletter that goes out early every month. If you would like to receive yours via email and haven't received it by the first week of the month, please send your email address to elkstales1119@gmail.com.

■ Elks Lodge of Las Cruces 1119 also has a Facebook account that we post updates, meals, events, entertainment and other information on. If you have a Facebook account and are not already a Friend, please send a friend request. The page should look like this. Beware of others.



■ Be sure to check out the www.elks.org website. Register as a member, select a username and password and you will need you member number. There is a lot of information on that site. You can see the many community projects that the Elks do, the history of the Elks, find other lodges around the country to visit, see which lodges have RV sites, etc.

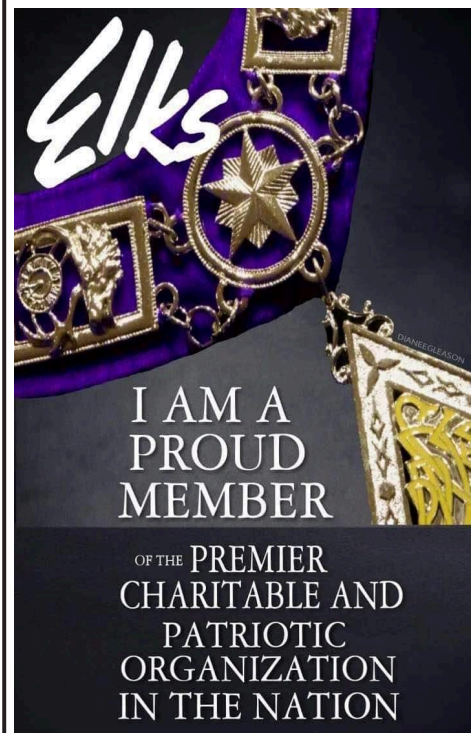
■ Be sure to look up ENF on the elks.org website. See what your contributions can do for our country and our local community.

- Scholarships
- Veterans Services
- Community Investments
- Youth Programs

■ There are many committees and community events that Our Lodge does, and we can always use more help. Here's a few:

- Veteran's Committee
- Activities Committee
- Welcoming New Members
- Trunk or Treat
- Shattered Lives
- Reading-giving books to elementary school children
- Run for the Wall
- Drug Take Back
- Christmas gifts

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**WHAT ARE
YOUR
4TH OF JULY
PLANS?**

**Join us at the lodge
Thursday, July 4th, 1:00PM
for a Potluck & BBQ.
Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.
Bring chips, dips, veggie tray, fruit,
dessert, appetizers, ETC.**

Let's Celebrate together.

Elks Lodge #1119 as the best members! We appreciate you and your dedication to helping others.

Several times in the past few months we have asked for help and many of you answered that call. Assisting with Lodge Clean Up, building with Habitat for Humanity, working many hours on Shattered Lives, assisting with Drug Take Back, spent many hours organizing and laboring on the Run for the Wall, working for the benefit of Veterans, organizing and stuffing Backpacks for Veteran's and donating time and money for those affected by the Ruidoso fire.

You have come through in so many ways... donating items, money and your labor.

Please know that it didn't go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

Thank You

FOR ALL YOU
DO YOU ARE

Appreciated

MORE THAN
YOU KNOW

What is an Elk?

With more than 1.1 million members in more than 2,100 lodges nationwide, the Elks is one of the largest and most active fraternal organizations in the United States; consisting of American Citizens of the United States and its Territories.

The Order of the Elks is a benevolent organization, not a social or business club. It is dedicated to service to our communities and our Country. The various phases of our work, whether it be with the fortunate or unfortunate youths, care of the needy, Veterans Services, promoting of Americanism, or other benevolent activities, offer you a wide choice from which you may choose your areas of interest.

Upon attaining membership in our Order, you will become part of a National Organization, which has members from every prominent city of our Country, who are respected citizens in their communities and are proud to say that they belong to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. The Order of Elks was formally organized on February 16, 1868, in the City of New York, NY. Its

full corporate name is "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America." Its declared purposes are to practice its four cardinal virtues, Charity - Justice - Brotherly Love - and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; and to cultivate good fellowship.

The animal from which the Order took its name was chosen because a number of its attributes were deemed typical of those to be cultivated by members of the fraternity. The elk is distinctively an American animal. The elk habitually lives in herds. The largest of our native quadrupeds, it is yet fleet of foot and graceful in movement. It is quick and keen of perception; and while it is usually gentle and even timorous, it is strong and valiant in defense of its own.

A representation of the majestic head of the male, with its spreading antlers, was adopted as the first badge of the Order; and is still the most conspicuous element of its fraternal emblem.



BPOE July 2024



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>Watch Facebook for Entertainment Updates & Specials</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Green Chile Cheese Burgers w/fries or Hot Dog w/fries</p>	<p>2 Sliced Meeting</p> <p>Carne Asada, or Ground Beef or Shredded Chicken Tacos</p>	<p>3</p> <p>French Dip w/fries or Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed</p>	<p>4 </p> <p> 4TH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY 1:00PM Potluck & BBQ. Let's Celebrate together.</p>	<p>5 ENT: TBA</p> <p>Sliced Roast Beef w/ Mashed or Chicken Fried Steak</p>	<p>6</p> <p></p>
	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Green Chile Cheese Burgers w/fries or Hot Dog w/fries</p>	<p>9 6:30 PM Board Meeting</p> <p>Carne Asada, or Ground Beef or Shredded Chicken Tacos</p>	<p>10</p> <p>French Dip w/fries or Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed</p>	<p>11</p> <p> Every Tournament @ 7pm Thursday Sign in early French Dip w/fries or Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed</p>	<p>12 ENT: TBA</p> <p>Shredded Beef Chimichanga smothered Red or Green Chile or Chile Rellenos</p>
<p>14</p> <p> 10am Orientation 11AM Initiation Luncheon to follow ELKS DARTS Sunday July 7th & July 21st Darts 2:00PM Open to ALL Members. Join in the Fun!</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Green Chile Cheese Burgers w/fries or Hot Dog w/fries</p>	<p>16 No Meeting</p> <p>Carne Asada, or Ground Beef or Shredded Chicken Tacos</p>	<p>17</p> <p>French Dip w/fries or Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed</p>	<p>18</p> <p> Every Tournament @ 7pm Thursday Sign in early French Dip w/fries or Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed</p>	<p>19 ENT: TBA</p> <p>Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo</p>	<p>20</p> <p></p>
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<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Green Chile Cheese Burgers w/fries or Hot Dog w/fries</p>	<p>30 No Meeting</p> <p>Carne Asada, or Ground Beef or Shredded Chicken Tacos</p>	<p>31</p> <p>French Dip w/fries or Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed</p>	<p>Please remember all lodge functions and meals are for Members & their bona fide guests. Be sure to sign in your guests upon entering.</p> <p>Applications for membership are available from the bartender.</p> <p>Meals served 5:00pm-7:00pm or while supplies last whichever comes first.</p>		

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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Yvonne Madrid	07-01	Socorro Zubia	07-14
Marcial Sambrano	07-01	Enrique Vigil	07-15
Sheryl Shattuck	07-01	Shantee Broussard	07-16
Michael Sheppard	07-01	Philip Franco	07-16
Barbara Baca	07-02	James Roach	07-16
Robert Dubois Jr	07-03	Mike Ahlmann	07-17
Kevin Fitzgerald	07-04	Robert Dubois	07-19
Guadalupe Ogaz	07-04	Robert McGrath	07-19
Rafael Reyes	07-04	LuAnn Dyer	07-20
Peter Robles	07-04	Armando Lopez	07-20
Eric Sanchez	07-04	Robert Miyagishima	07-20
Rita Guaderrama	07-05	Rey Granados	07-21
Elizabeth Hill	07-05	James Haggerty	07-22
Thomas Parra	07-05	Kenny Jameson	07-22
Richard Deutschman	07-06	Victoria Gonzales	07-23
David Medina	07-06	Paul Lucero	07-23
Danny Nunez	07-06	Steven Maynerich	07-23
Christina Torres	07-06	Belanise Duarte	07-24
James Youells	07-06	Eilene Hinshaw	07-24
Sammy Tellez	07-07	Steven Ochoa	07-24
Gregory Gomez	07-09	Carlos Jimenez	07-25
Mariano Madrid	07-09	Vinal Doody	07-26
Rhonda Moore	07-11	Manuel Camero	07-27
Kipp Nall	07-12	Jacob Ribald	07-27
Jeffrey Padilla	07-12	Robert Pehr	07-29
Robert Lewis	07-13	Michael Sanchez	07-29
Jennifer Matsler	07-13	Lana Smith	07-29
Dale Morrison	07-13	Julio Duran	07-30
Guillermo Baca	07-14	Billy Rabey	07-31
Thomas Moran	07-14		



Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Jeff Dray
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4 year trustee	Mike Parker
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2 year trustee	Al Lambeth
1 year trustee	Kim Hayes
Secretary	Jamie Cushing
Treasurer	Scott Hayslett
Organist	Carl Barone
Chaplain	Larry Brooks

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELKS!

Come into the lounge **On your birthday** to receive your free gift!