



ELKS TALES

LAS CRUCES LODGE #1119**A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION**

Exalted Ruler's Message:



Jeff Dray, Exalted Ruler

Greetings my brothers and sisters,

It's that time of year where it's extremely hot and we understand the frustration this can cause you. We got a second portable cooler to help keep things cool in the lounge or be used on the patio as needed. This was previously approved at a floor meeting but we never moved forward on it because we refurbished all the coolers on the roof and replaced two so we hoped it wouldn't be necessary. However, it became apparent that it was needed. Still, evaporative coolers are limited in their effect, so we continue to explore other options and research in an effort to identify a solution that is viable and a reasonable cost. This solution has always been elusive but recently air conditioners have become more efficient and draw less electricity so we may be able to make it work now without re-wiring the whole building.

In the first week of July, I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas and was joined by Keith Egan, Patti Egan, Al Lambeth, and Jamie Cushing. It was an awesome event that would make any Elk proud!

There were over six thousand registered attendees from all over the country and some of the territories of the United States. The new Grand Lodge officers were elected and sworn in, resolutions were voted on, and all the committee reports were given. After the business sessions each day I was able to attend some of the seminars that were being given to gain more insight and inspiration on how to grow our Lodge and Elksdom. For my full report on the convention, I'll have copies available at the August floor meeting or I can email you one upon request.

In August we don't have any special events scheduled other than the state Vice President, Daniel Gutierrez, will be visiting our Lodge on August 11th if you'd like to meet him and give him a friendly hello, he'll be joining us for our new member initiation and luncheon.

As for the Leading Knight vacancy I would ask that you all refrain from speculation or rumors and to please respect Mike Clifton's privacy and remember his service to this Lodge above all else. I'm looking forward to seeing what ambitious candidates are willing to step forward and join the Board. The August floor meeting is your opportunity to get nominated!

I thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the meetings and around the Lodge!

Chaplain's Message

Renee Kopacko

Elks Family,

Mahatma Gandhi said: "Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."

These words could be applied to our Elks family. I am constantly encouraged and inspired by the outreach to our community provided by our Lodge. Most recently, the support offered to first responders and displaced families in Ruidoso. Thank you to all who supported the donation of supplies, and to all who actually delivered goods to the Ruidoso community. Additionally, our Lodge has provided support and assistance to the Veterans home in Truth or Consequences. Many of these brave Veterans are lonely and have few visitors. This is what we are truly called to do. To reach higher, to give more, and to assist our brothers and sisters in need. This is what makes the Elks an organization worth belonging to.

Please consider becoming involved in the numerous community outreach activities of our Lodge. Additionally, please also keep our Chaplain Larry Brooks in your prayers as he concludes the business of settling his daughter's estate. ***God bless you, and God bless our Lodge.***

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
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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: Dan Spealman, 4242 Wildcat Canyon Dr., LC, NM 88011 proposed by Mark Anderson; Christopher Holguin, 8570 Hermanes SW, Deming, NM 88030 proposed by Martin Benevidez;

Reinstatement: Ronald Peterson, 5278 Singer Rd., LC, NM 88007

Cert. of Status: Jared Madrid, 5535 Ledesma Dr., LC, NM 88007 from closed Lodge Elephant Butte 2885

At the Floor meeting on August 6, 2024 we will be discussing proposed bylaw changes and taking nominations for the Leading Knight position. Make an effort to attend.

Thanks, Jamie

Have you considered how you can serve your lodge?

Here's an opportunity:

We have vacancy on the board for Leading Knight. At the August 6th Floor Meeting we will be taking nominations for Leading Knight. And on September 3rd meeting. If you are able and willing to serve in this office or have someone in mind for this office, be sure to attend the August meeting.

Below is brief description of the duties.

LEADING KNIGHT

1. Assist the Exalted Ruler. This is your first responsibility, support his/her programs, be cooperative.
2. Preside in the absence of the Exalted Ruler, provided a PER has not be designated. Presiding in the absence of the Exalted Ruler falls in order of rank.
3. Attend all Board of Governors meetings (BOG), held monthly.
4. Attend all DDGER Clinics unless excused for good cause.
5. Attend District and State Association meetings (Conference and Convention). As second in command the Leading Knight should be as well informed as is the Exalted Ruler.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

WELCOMING 13 NEW MEMBERS

On July 14, 2024 we welcomed 13 new members to our Lodge. What a great sight to behold. We look forward to getting to know these members better and having them get involved.

3 of our new members jumped right in and assisted with finishing putting items into the backpack for veterans. Please make them feel welcome when you see them in the lodge.

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!

REMEMBER: These meetings are open to all current members. Please show up and welcome our new members each month.

Member Orientation and Initiation will be August 11th



**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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Aid for Ruidoso



At the Grand Lodge Convention, Glenda Greene, the New Mexico State President, called for a meeting of the NM Elks Association members. She discussed the resolutions that were voted on the following day. In addition she want to develop a strategy for the NMEA to assist Ruidoso with their ongoing recovery efforts.

It was decided to better organize and manage efforts in helping those in need of assistance in Ruidoso the state would be split in half with one representative from the Northern half of New Mexico lodges and Al Lambeth and the Las Cruces Lodge were selected to organize and manage the Southern half of the state. Both Representatives will communicate directly with the Ruidoso Lodge. This will allow for "real time" updates of needs of the community. Throughout the fire and now extensive flooding the needs of the community are ever changing.

Currently, they're reporting they have sufficient donations but need more support for the small businesses in Ruidoso. We're working on a plan to give them aid but for the meantime if you're able to make a trip up there most of the shops are open and need business. We'll keep you updated as the situation changes.



Lodge of Sorrows:

To our absent member:

ROBERT (Bob) LEE BARNETT, 92, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024. Bob was an Elks member for 56 years and the organist for Elks Lodge #1119 for 50 plus years. Bob will be missed by many, many members. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to all that loved Bob.

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ELK'S CREED

Believe in the goodness in thyself as well as others.

Protect childhood with tenderness,

Old age with respect,

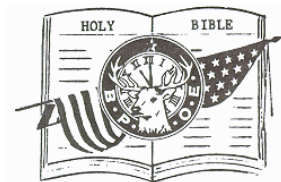
Cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.

Observe faithfully the Golden Rule.

Enjoy the good things of earth. Keep within thee the Glorious Sunshine of youth and remain always of good cheer.

ELKS MOTTO

"The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues on the tablets of love and memory"



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BPOE August 2024



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**Watch
Facebook
for
Entertainment
Updates
& Specials**

Please remember all lodge functions and meals are for Members & their bona fide guests. Be sure to sign in your guests upon entering.

Applications for membership are available from the bartender.

Meals served 5:00pm-7:00pm or while supplies last whichever comes first.

1 Pork Ribs
or Enchilada
Plate



2 **ENT: Neal
McCowan**

Steak w/
Relleno
OR
Baked
Chicken

3 Assorted
Burritos



4 
**DARTS
2:00PM**

5 Green Chile
Cheese Burgers
w/fries
or
Hamburger
Steak
Smothered in
Queso

6 **Members
Meeting 7PM**

Rolled Tacos
or
Elks Nachos
w/ Chile con
Queso

7 Burrito



8 Pork Ribs
or Enchilada
Plate



9 **ENT: Guitar Slim**

Steak w/
Relleno
OR
Baked
Chicken

10 Assorted
Burritos



11 
10am Orientation
11AM Initiation
Luncheon to follow

12 Green Chile
Cheese Burgers
w/fries
or
Hamburger
Steak
Smothered in
Queso

13 **6:30PM
BOG Meeting**

Rolled Tacos
or
Elks Nachos
w/ Chile con
Queso

14 Burrito



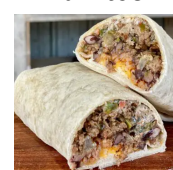
15 Pork Ribs
or Enchilada
Plate




16 **ENT: Genie & the
Starliners**

Steak w/
Relleno
OR
Baked
Chicken

17 Assorted
Burritos



18 
**DARTS
2:00PM**

19 Green Chile
Cheese Burgers
w/fries
or
Hamburger
Steak
Smothered in

20 **No Meeting**
Rolled Tacos
or
Elks Nachos
w/ Chile con
Queso

21 Burrito



22 Pork Ribs
or Enchilada
Plate



23 **ENT: Dr. Floyd**

Steak w/
Relleno
OR
Baked
Chicken

24 Assorted
Burritos



25

26 Green Chile
Cheese Burgers
w/fries
or
Hamburger
Steak
Smothered in
Queso

27 **No Meeting**

Rolled Tacos
or
Elks Nachos
w/ Chile con
Queso

28 Burrito



29 Pork Ribs
or Enchilada
Plate

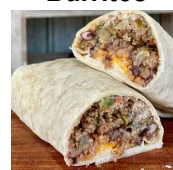


30 **ENT:**

Steak w/
Relleno
OR
Baked
Chicken

31

Assorted
Burritos



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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Jose	Jacquez	08-01	B	Leonard	08-20
Kevin	Maddox	08-01	Robert	Reynolds	08-20
Kristine	Ramirez	08-03	Harry	Brown	08-21
Jessica	Sepulveda	08-03	Gilbert	Garcia	08-21
Lupe	Valdez	08-03	Aaron	Horvath	08-21
Joseph	Ybarra	08-04	Mary	Iadicicco	08-21
Marty	Faile	08-05	Fred	Hubbard	08-22
Lynn	Fletcher	08-07	William	Lamkin	08-22
Robert	Laubenthal	08-07	Steven	Amador	08-25
Rogue	Chavez	08-08	Juan	Jimenez	08-25
Bobby	Hernandez	08-08	Robert	Carabotta	08-26
Genevieve	Herrera	08-09	Dennis	Fresquez	08-26
David	Smith	08-09	Ricardo	Jacquez	08-26
James	Cosper	08-10	Lawrence	Madrid	08-26
Larry	Enriquez	08-10	Crystal	Medina	08-27
Margie	Madrid	08-10	Reynaldo	Barela	08-28
Walter	Meyer	08-10	Andrew	Villegas	08-28
Theodore	Reyes	08-12	Doug	Hall	08-29
Justin	Coburn	08-13	Lonald	West	08-29
Michael	Parker	08-14	Terry	Getz	08-30
Armando	Sanchez	08-17	Gerard	Madden	08-30
Deborah	Valentine	08-17	Ramon	Alvarez	08-31
Nancy	Farren	08-18	Hector	Gurrola	08-31
Laurel	Reed	08-18	Kim	Hayes	08-31
Thomas	Williams	08-19	Robert	McMullan	08-31
Manny	Ybarra	08-19			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELKS!

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



Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Jeff Dray
Leading Knight	Keith Egan
Loyal Knight	Victor Rose
Lecturing Knight	Jose Ortiz
Esquire	Don Hanlin
Inner Guard	John Manning
Tiler	Bernardo Barela
5 year trustee	Patti Egan
4 year trustee	Mike Parker
3 year trustee	Nila Matsler
2 year trustee	Al Lambeth
1 year trustee	Kim Hayes
Secretary	Jamie Cushing
Treasurer	Scott Hayslett
Organist	Carl Barone
Chaplain	Larry Brooks