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Important Dates

- 11/29 Christmas Project Tree
- 11/30 BOG/BOD Meeting
- 12/1 Lodge Meeting
- 12/4 Stan & Gail Party
- 12/5 Memorial Service
- 12/18 Santa Breakfast
- 12/24 Lodge Open
- 12/25-26 Lodge Closed
- 12/31 New Years Eve Gala

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From The Exalted Ruler

"Our time upon the stage of action is but brief, yet in the drama each must play a part. The character is left for each to choose; a villain if we will, or person of honor, holding high above all things – high as Hope's great throbbing star above the darkness of the dead – respect for virtue, and love of family and home and friend." ~Initiation Ritual

Realizing I have asked the following question several times over the course of the last year and a half I can't help but ask again as Christmas draws near. "Why are you an Elk?" Stop and ask yourself that question and really think about your answer. I have no doubt most of you are like me in that you joined for the social aspect to come with a friend and unwind occasionally and there is nothing wrong with that. But why do you remain an active member? Only you can answer that question. For me, the answer lies in the quote above from the Initiation we all have gone through. To me it speaks to the heart of Elksdom, of belonging to something greater than ourselves. Of going through life, keeping our

eyes fixed above, and being a person of honor, virtue, and generosity. I am an Elk because I have opportunity to follow a principle instilled in me "that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith". I am an Elk because of what and who Elks are. Elks are the preeminent charitable organization in the nation. We help those in need. We care for our youth and Veterans. We emphasize Patriotism, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Our time is but brief, how we live determines our legacy. I take great pride and it is my honor in leading this Lodge of some of the finest people I've ever known. Christmas is about celebrating an "unspeakable gift" to mankind. The Christmas story tells of wise men following Hope's great star to find that gift given. "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto others, for we pass this way but once. We cannot retrace our steps nor call back the days that are gone; but the passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friendship, to lighten each other's

burdens, to bring rest to the weary, and to comfort those who mourn – this is Brotherly Love." As a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks I ask each of you to once again remember your Obligation and commit to be 'wise' and follow Hope's great throbbing star holding high above all things respect for virtue, and love of family and home and friend! Get involved within the Lodge and assist in making a greater impact on our community. So again, Why are you an Elk? May each of you have a wonderful Christmas full of joy! Merry Christmas from The Housley's

Christmas Eve

Friday December 24th Christmas Eve the Lodge will be open and doing a gift exchange and then will be closed Christmas Day and remain closed Sunday December 26th to allow our staff to enjoy Christmas with their families.



From the Desk of the Lodge Secretary

Our current membership is at 218! We have four members waiting for Orientation/Initiation and one new candidate who is in the application process.

Please remember that anytime you donate your time, money or goods, those acts are considered a charitable contribution to our Lodge. I

ask that each Elk log in their time and effort in the notebook just below the Bulletin Board. Estimate your round trip mileage for the activity. For example, if you bring in something to eat for any activity, please think about the time that it took you to get the ingredients, their cost, and your time to cook them. Receipts

are needed for amounts greater than \$20.00. For amounts less than \$20, you can estimate.

Please collect your empty plastic bags from local stores and bring them to the Lodge. (These are for the Gospel Mission.) There is a box for them in the Social Quarters. In that same box, you may

also continue to contribute toiletries for the showers that they provide for the homeless. Connie Shivner from the Gospel Mission will pick them up for use at their facility.

REMINDER: Please let me know if there are any changes to your address/email/phone. You can call me at the Lodge (575-538-3081) or email me at scelks413@yahoo.com.

ELKS OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Andrew Housley
Leading Knight.....Casey Kimberly
Loyal Knight.....Frank Carillo
Lecturing Knight.....Tommy Rios
Esquire.....Gary Ford
Chaplain.....Margie Ford
Inner Guard.....Danny Flores
Tiler.....Connie Shivner
Secretary.....Christine Carillo
Treasurer.....Stan Wilson

TRUSTEES

1 YearGene Bratcher
 2 YearBarbara Barris
 3 YearDave Kuthe
 4 YearWanda Hall
 5 YearMichele Blackman



PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

These candidates' names have been read on the Lodge floor and are awaiting the next steps in the

Candidate	Proposed by
Abel Pino	Danny Flores
Melissa Reed	Connie Shivner
Jennifer N. Burton	Andrew Housley
Donald S. Burton	Andrew Housley
Tamar Lando	Steven Puttkammer

IMPORTANT REMINDER

~ Elks are persons of good character. When in the Lodge remember that foul language, inappropriate behavior and excess are not acceptable. Also your guest must be pre-invited and signed in by you and must leave when you leave. You are also responsible for your guests behavior. What makes our lodge special and comfortable is that we are family. Please respect all the rules and respect other members as family!

Thank you.

Congratulations

Casey Kimberly and Bruce Curtis both received a letter and pin from our Grand Exalted Ruler, T. Keith Mills congratulating them for Excellence in membership procurement. Check our bulletin board for the list of TOP PROPOSERS!

Dictionaries Donation



Your lodge was able to donate almost 300 dictionaries along with the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence to every 3rd grader in both Silver and Cobre School districts. Thank you to everyone who helped!

ELKS HAT



We still have a few hats left for sale.
 Perfect for the Fall & Winter
 Ask the Bartender if your interested
 before they are gone!



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 Memorial Service 4:PM	6 Lodge Closed	BOD/BOG Meeting 1 Lodge Meeting 7PM 8	2 Lodge open 1pm 9 Lodge open 1pm	3 Lodge open 4pm 10 Lodge open 4pm	4 Stan & Gail going away Party 11	
12 NFL Lodge opens 11AM	13 Lodge Closed	14 Lodge Closed 15	16 Lodge open 1pm	17 Lodge open 4pm	18 Breakfast With Santa	
19 NFL Lodge opens 11AM	20 Lodge Closed	21 Lodge Closed 22	23 Lodge open 1pm	24 Lodge Open 4pm	25 Lodge Closed <u>Christmas</u>	
26 Lodge Closed	27 Lodge Closed	28 Lodge Closed 29	30 Lodge open 1pm	31 New Years Eve Gala		

A Big Thank You...

We want to thank the Halloween Trunk or Treat participants who were there to treat the 300+ children who participated in our event.

- * Margie and Gary Ford
- * Christine and Frank Carillo
- * Kathy and Dave Hamilton
- * Laurie and Jeff DeGenhart
- * Cheryl and Greg Obst
- * Dee and Rusty Lewis

Memorial Sunday

Each year on the first Sunday of December each Elks Lodge holds a Memorial service for Elks that have passed away. We will be having our service on Sunday December 5th at 4pm in the Lodge room. As we were unable to have our service last year we will be remembering our past members that have past since January 2020. Come out and remember our absent members.



Stan and Gail Wilson

Saturday December 4th at 4pm we will be having a going away party for Stan and Gail Wilson. Stan resigned as Treasurer as of November 30th as they will be moving to AZ soon. Brisket is being provided and we are asking everyone to bring a side dish to share. Cards are available to sign or bring your own. We will be missing Stan and Gail immensely please come out and show the Wilsons love!

Social Quarters News

Just a reminder of social quarters hours

Thursday 1 pm to close

Friday and Saturday 4pm to close

Sunday 11 am to close

For Christmas eve we will be open and having karaoke and I'd like to ask who ever comes in to bring a gift, nothing to expensive so we could do a gift exchange with everyone. And anyone willing to bring something to eat like finger foods would be great and celebrate Christmas together at the lodge. We will be closed Christmas day and the day after.

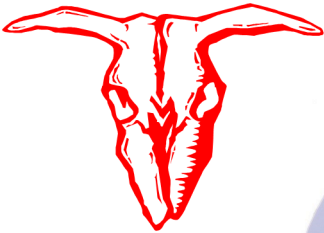
Christmas Project

Beginning the week of November 29th the Christmas Project Tree will be up with ornaments to be pulled to go shopping for children in our communities. Each ornament will either be a boy or girl and will tell you the age of the child and grade. It will also include sizes of clothes and shoes needed and favorite colors and hobbies. Each ornament is numbered and should be signed out so we can keep track of who has each child's information. Then go shopping and have fun and spend at least \$100! With the grants we obtained the Lodge will reimburse you up to \$100. You must provide receipts for the reimbursement. You may spend more than \$100 and if you do please provide receipts that we can show for charitable purposes but we are only able to reimburse up to \$100. You are also more than welcome to take more than one child's info. Please return the gifts wrapped and packaged together with the ornament so we can match it to the correct child not later than December 16th. Our breakfast with Santa and distribution of gift will take place on Saturday December 18th.

New Years Eve

On Friday December 31st we will be ringing in the new year with a steak dinner. Starting at 6pm we will be offering a ribeye steak dinner with the fixin's. Come ring in the new year bring a guest and support the Lodge!

Happy New Year 2022



REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED
RED

Did you Know?

At the 1983 Grand Lodge convention, the Elks passed a resolution endorsing the Liberty Centennial Campaign's work to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and pledging its full support to the campaign. For its part, the Order vowed to raise one million dollars in three years. Elks from across the country enthusiastically responded to the Order's pledge, and by 1986 the Order had exceeded its original goal, contributing more than \$1.38 million to restore this treasured symbol of the nation's promise of freedom and opportunity.

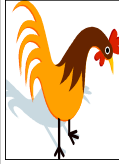
And in 1999, the members of the B.P.O.E. gladly approved a resolution pledging an amount equal to one dollar per member to the National World War II Memorial. The memorial, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. preserves the memory of the more than 16 million people who served in World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions more who made other sacrifices to support those in combat overseas. The Elks exceeded their pledge, generating more than \$1.22 million for this monument of tribute.



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