

A message from your Exalted Ruler

Greetings Fellow Elks,

It is my pleasure to report that all of our Lodge Grants (Gratitude, Beacon, and Promise) have been approved through the Elks National Foundation. These are the monies that fund our Splash out Drugs event, Kids Bingo, and our Halloween activities, just to name a few events. If you haven't donated, or don't know how to donate to ENF, please let me know and I will gladly walk you through the online process or accept your donation as ENF chairman.

On September 19, 2015 we will have our official District Deputy visit. Our new DD, Greg Bose, is a positive force within the Elks and I'm happy to be working closely with him for the answers and guidance to our Lodge questions. During the visit on the 19th, we will also be having a brisket dinner. All members are invited to come out for the meeting, as well as enjoy the fellowship of Elkdom afterwards and get to know our new District Deputy. Cost of the brisket dinner will be \$10 per plate. Proceeds of this sale will benefit the NMEA C&B Trust. Please RSVP by September 15 to ensure we have enough food for everyone.

Augusts' Elk of the Month was Martin Arambula. Martin is a Life Member of our lodge and is the current Commander of the VFW. Martin and his wife, Nellie, unselfishly gave a very generous donation to Kids Bingo and also devoted much of his time the day of the event. He is an loyal supporter of any Youth, Drug Awareness, Veteran, and Americanism activities our Lodge holds. We appreciate his dedication to our community, especially to our Lodge. Congratulations Martin!!!!

I would like to welcome Chris Helbig to the list of officers as Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Chris accepted the nomination with enthusiasm. Chris is currently our Veterans chairman and always takes the lead on Accident Prevention and Building Maintenance. He was 2014-2015 Elk of the Year and is willing and ready any time he is called upon.

It's with a very heavy heart to announce the passing of Life Member Ramon V. Renteria. Ramon was a member of Lordsburg Lodge for 44 years. He was recently granted Life Membership within our Order. According to his daughter Irma, he was so excited to have received Life Membership and fully recognized the honor that was bestowed upon him. Ramon was an avid supporter of the Veterans and Cerebral



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Palsy programs (and even won the \$20,000 CP raffle several years ago). He served in the United States Army as a Technician 5th Grade (Armorer) in 1945. He was stationed in Germany at the close of World War II. Ramon was 97 years old. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers and they travel the difficult road of grief. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Charles McGhee, Chris Sanchez, and Frank Madrid for the donation of their time and expertise in trade skills. In July, Charles and Chris installed our new card reader for the Lodge. This involved some tricky electrical expertise and lots of patience. This process took 2-3 days of tracing wires, rehanging doors, new locks....etc. It was a trying experience for all involved. Frank recently repaired our refrigeration unit. As Frank said when I approached him for a price for his service "I'm a member. I may not be very active, but I'm there in spirit". I thought this was a very nice gesture and generous that he didn't charge us for his refrigeration work. Between these 2 "Elkly" gestures, the savings to the Lodge was well over \$700 in maintenance charges.

As a very busy summer winds down and we prepare for our winter activities, I want to take the time to thank each and every one of you for your continued loyalty to our Order of Elks. Without the vested members of our Lodge our community would greatly suffer.

> Fraternally Yours, **Glenda Greene** Exalted Ruler



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Membership gains recognized by Grand Lodge

Four lodges were presented with Citations of Merit at the El Paso District Deputy Clinic on August 8 for net gains in membership. Exalted Rulers pictured above with their lodge's certificate are George Torres (Deming), Glenda Greene (Lordsburg), Joe Alejandrez (Las Cruces) and Charles Douglass (Alamogordo). They are pictured with Grand Lodge District Leader Greeley Myers.



By BRENDA HOOD/Secretary

Please mark your calendars for Patriot Day, September 11, 2015, and join us in welcoming at least four new members, possibly five!

At our regular meeting on August 26, 2015, three new members were elected to membership. They are Clint Bowers and Gary and Kandi Mann.

V DUE NOW! Y CP TICKETS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN CEREBRAL PALSY TICKETS IS SEPTEMBER 9 (MEETING NIGHT) If you need to make other arrangements, contact Brenda at 575-590-0377 or email brendajhood@gmail.com These three new members, along with Ernesto Valdespino, will take their oath on September 11.

Also at the August 26 meeting, Tiler Eddie Barka proposed Ricky Redman for membership. Ricky's application will be voted on at the September 9 meeting.

On a different note, please be sure to turn in your Cerebral Palsy (CP) tickets to me by that September 9 meeting. I am happy to report that our ticket sales this year are on track and we will definitely exceed last year's sales.

Sadly, please keep the family of our beloved Life Member Ramon Renteria in your thoughts and prayers. To our absent member...

Annual Camping Trip to be held October 3

The Lordsburg Elks Lodge is planning an overnight camping trip on Saturday, October 3, 2015 just off of Highway 90 on the west side of Milemarker 17 (you can't miss it!).

We plan to head out about noon and have lunch/dinner around 3 or 4 p.m. and breakfast will be prepared Sunday morning.

There will be games set up, music and lots of food! Kids are welcome.

If you plan to attend, even if just for a few hours, contact Tyler Massey at 925-308-8628 or masseytyler @gmail.com or Brenda Hood at 575-590-0377 or brendajhood@gmail.com to get the details on what to bring.



Arambula is Elk of the Month for Aug.

Member Life Martin Arambula was voted in by fellow Elk members to hold the title of August Elk of the Month. In the past, Martin has served as an officer in the Lordsburg Elks Lodge and currently is an active member, always supporting lodge youth, drug awareness and veteran events. Martin and his wife, Nellie, not only donate generously to Kids' Bingo, but this year also took time out of their weekend to come down to the lodge and donate their time working both sessions of the event.

Thank you, Martin, for your 34 years and counting of service in the Lordsburg Elks Lodge!

Fall Birthday Party to be held Sept. 19

By STEPHANIE HELBIG/Club Manager

A special Fall Birthday Party will be held in conjunction with our C&B Brisket Dinner on September 19, 2015. During this event, we will be celebrating all of our members who were born in August, September and October. Please get with me if you'd like to add something to the menu that night. If your birthday falls in these months, please make plans to join us while we celebrate you!





Lordsburg Elks participate in 2015 Hidalgo County Fair

Members of the Lordsburg Elks Lodge were out in force during the 2015 Hidalgo County Fair, August 20-22. Above left, a lively display of Elks' programs and events was on display in the Exhibit Building (this entry is now on display at the lodge). Above right, Elroy T. Elk made an appearance in the Fair Parade. Finally, the Elks hosted a food booth for the Mud Drag event on Saturday.

BPO Elks Fraternal Committee encourages Organ & Tissue Donation Program

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes and lifesaving tissue.

The Grand Lodge, Fraternal Committee is asking Elks Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in



their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web sites to help inspire members and citizens in their communities to make these life-saving donations.

The need is paramount. More than 110,000 patients were waiting for organ transplants as of March 2011, according to the Donate life America Web site, www.donatelife.net. Only 28,663 organ transplants had been performed in 2010, and even fewer - 14,502 - organ donations had been made in that year.

We Elks Members can help close the gap! The effort of Lodges to promote the program through their Bulletins and Web site can gain them five points in their quests to be named an All American Lodge. More incentives will be announced in coming years as the program takes shape throughout Elkdom. For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, click on the Donate Life icon to go to the *Donate Life*SM web-site, or by logging onto www.donatelife.net. This is a great way to show that "*Elks Give from the Heart*."

Color Run set for Oct. 17

By CHRIS HELBIG/Veterans Chairman

The Lordsburg Elks lodge 1813 will be having Veterans' Color Run on Oct 17, 2015 to coincide with Discover Hidalgo Days. The run will benefit veterans charities. Medals will be presented to category winners.

There will be more information regarding entry fees, run route and times in the October newsletter.





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