

ELKS TALES

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2018/2019 Officers

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Esteemed Leading Knight
Valery Hasselbrink
Esteemed Loyal Knight
David Vigil
Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Brenda Beach
Secretary
Angelina Sanchez
Treasurer
PER Karen Hasselbrink
Tiler
Chris Ordaz
Chaplain
PER Debbie Johnson
Inner Guard
PDDGER Erik Colard
Esquire
PDDGER Mark Gorman
Trustees
Christina Paquette
PER Carl Hasselbrink
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Lodge meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, except July, August and December, when it meets on the second Tuesday only. 7pm in Lodge Room. All members in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend.

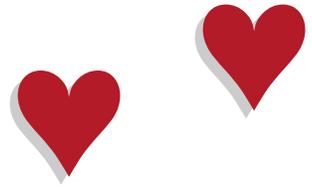
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS BORN THIS MONTH. YOU ARE WELCOME TO A FREE WELL DRINK ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!



Greetings to Everyone:

See you around the Lodge!
Fraternally,

Brandi Pugh
Exalted Ruler



Initiation - January 22, 2019

Your officers left to right with new member Tony Sewalt in center: ER Brandi Pugh, Loyal Knight David Vigil, Leading Knight PER Ginny Pugh, Lecturing Knight Brenda Beach. Back row left, PDDGER Erik Colard, Inner Guard, and PDDGER Mark Gorman, Esquire.

photos in bulletin, several articles and line drawing below courtesy of Trustee Carl Hasselbrink, PER.



Photo above is the "From the Heart" Award received by Karen & Carl Hasselbrink at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. They both do a lot of work for the community - the Memorial Day Flags and the Veterans Day Dinner to mention just two, and of course they help the Lodge immeasurably. Congratulations and many thanks!

PER NIGHT

is the first meeting in February
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

This is the evening when the Past Exalted Rulers take over the meeting, and you just never know what might happen.

Also, we will be holding our Nominations for next year's Officers on that evening - if you are interested in becoming an officer, or nominating someone to be an officer, be sure to attend!!

Officers will be elected on
Tuesday, February 26th, 2019.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2019					1 FRIDAY DINNERS: Call the Lodge 539.6976 to check, as they are sometimes added	2
						
3 SUPER BOWL 53 Mercedes-Benz Stadium Atlanta GA			Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		9 Veterans' Coffee Meeting 10am Club Room Saturday Evening Committee
10 SUNDAY BRUNCH 8:30-11AM	11 Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	12 LODGE 7pm Balloting PER Night Nominations of Officers for 2019-2020	13 Marine Corps League Meeting 7pm Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	14  <i>Valentine's</i> <i>Day</i> BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		16 Boots & Pearls Dance (see page 4) Saturday Evening Committee
	18 Indoctrination 7pm		20 Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	21 BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		23 STATE HOOP SHOOT & BANQUET Salida High School & Lodge Marine Corps League Meeting 7pm
24	25 PER's Meeting 12:30pm Patio Pancake Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	26 LODGE 7pm Initiation ELECTION OF OFFICERS	27 Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	28 BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm	<u>MARCH</u> 1	2 Wild Game Dinner (see announce- ment, p. 4)
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MARCH 2019					1 FRIDAY DINNERS: Call the Lodge 539.6976 to check, as they are sometimes added	2 Wild Game Dinner (see announce- ment, p. 4)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Veterans' Coffee Meeting 10am Club Room RITUAL CLINIC
SCOUTS PINWOOD DERBY - basement			Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		
10 SUNDAY BRUNCH 8:30-11AM Daylight Savings begins 1 hr forward	11 Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	12 LODGE 7pm Balloting	13 Marine Corps League Meeting 7pm Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	14 BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm	15	16 PRIVATE PARTY - BASEMENT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 REHEARSAL DINNER - BASEMENT
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31	<u>APRIL</u> 1 First Day of New Elks Year dues must be current - key locks have been changed	2	3 Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	4 BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm	5	6

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL LODGE MEMBERS

Salida Elks Lodge 808
**Boots & Pearls
Dance**

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Cash Bar: 5:30-6:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Roasted Cornish Game Hens
wild rice / vegetable / green salad / roll
Desserts by Jeannie Pugh



SILENT AUCTION

GREAT FOOD
& MUSIC

Music by:

THE OUTRIDERS
after dinner

Dinner & Dance: \$25 per person

Dance only (after dinner): \$15 per person

Tickets available from the Officers, at the Bar after 4pm, and at the door.

This is a wonderful Charity Event so that our charitable endeavors can continue throughout the year! Come support your Elks and your Local Community.

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ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER

Saturday, March 2nd

for Elk members in

good standing

(dues are paid)

and their significant other
only

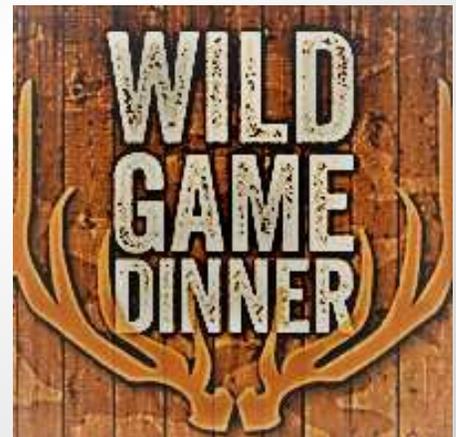
Membership cards checked
at the door

Cocktails: 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

(complimentary)

Games Upstairs After
Dinner



Wild Game Dinner

The Annual Wild Game Dinner will be on March 2nd, a Saturday. This member event has taken place for many, many years. Personally I have helped with it for 19 years. Wild game, fish and fowl are donated by lodge members and our team of cooks prepare a complimentary dinner downstairs followed by games upstairs.

The whole night and all of the lodge and club floors including the poker room and pool room are OPEN TO ELKS MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND A SIGNIFICANT OTHER ONLY.

Membership cards will be checked at the door starting at 5:30 pm until club closing.

This night brings in old members you may not have seen in awhile and a chance for them to meet our new members. It's an evening of food and good fun. If you have someone you have been wanting to join our Lodge if you hurry this February they have a chance to be able to attend this event as a member.

Call me with any questions or if you have meat to donate.

In Elkdom,

Jimmy DeLuca PER

719-821-0915 cell phone

Events Around the Lodge and Beyond

ENF Grant News from Linda

Our Lodge has received the **Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant**.

In prior newsletters you have seen photos of how we have helped the community with the other ENF grants we received. Gratitude Grants must be used to support local, charitable activities. In that way this Grant is the same as the other's, but it does differ a little: Gratitude Grants are the ENF's way of saying thank you to every Lodge that meets the National President's per-member goal for giving to the ENF.

Every Lodge that met the GER's per-member-giving goal in the prior fiscal year is eligible for a \$2,000 grant. Additionally, Lodges in which more than 15 percent of its members donated at least \$10 to the ENF in 2017-18 (per the ENF Membership Support Report) will be eligible for a bonus of \$500. (www.elks.org/enf) We did reach the per member giving goal last year and met eligibility for \$2000. We will be giving out donations in February to some of our local charitable non-profits; to support programs helping our community.

Donation recipients will be:

Family and Youth Initiatives \$1000.00

Boys and Girls Club of Chaffee County \$300.00

The Alliance (formerly The Alliance against Domestic Abuse) \$300

Ark-Valley Humane Society \$250.00

Watch for photos in the March newsletter.

As we gear up for next year's "Gratitude Grant" we need to meet this years ENF per capita goal which is \$4.85 per member. Members donations as of this writing bring us to \$5.05 which means we have met our per capita making us eligible for next year's grant.

The second part is increasing member donations to be eligible for the extra \$500. The Elks National Foundation helps us provide so much locally to our community - the Grants, Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot, the Drug Awareness program, Scholarships and more. The members donations to ENF are instrumental to this resource. You can donate as much as you want but just a \$5.00 donation helps us in our per member goal.

Another resource I can't go without mentioning is Sam Johnson PER; he is our local and district Elks National Foundation Chairman. He has been our local chairman for many years now and works hard to support and raise funds for ENF. If you have any questions about the program give him a call, he is very knowledgeable.

Thank you! As I speak about the importance of resources, knowledge, and our members' involvement. I want to say thank you. There are people that have helped in various ways throughout the years to help keep this Lodge going, such as Sue Marshall. Sue was initiated the same evening I was. We are in our 14th year of membership. She helped with the Elks Tales very soon after she became a member and continues as editor today. There are so many ways she has helped in these past years along with her husband John that I can't even list them here or probably remember them all.

As I remember that, I can't forget others that have worked for many years supporting our lodge: volunteer cooks, wait staff, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, bookkeepers, computer geeks, musicians, monetary donors. I want to remember and thank you all.

Membership is so important. Together you are Salida Lodge #808.

Linda DeLuca PER

Veterans Report



I want to thank everyone who donated all the cookies and cakes and candies to the Annual Cookie Run to Homelake Veterans Center in Monte Vista.

There were over 30 dozen cookies, 30 loaves of bread, a lot of candy and miscellaneous other goodies.

All the veterans were very glad to get them, along with many items of clothing. Thank you all!

Bill Paul PER
Veterans Chair

Lodge Building Keys

On Thursday January 17th the outside door keys to the Lodge were changed. All of the keys which were to be distributed have been.

Further keys may only be distributed by the Board of Directors.

This became necessary because no one could identify who had all of the keys.

This meant too many people were sharing liability with others - unknown. Shared liability becomes daunting if you don't know who else is involved. People who have the keys can't get away from the liability until they surrender the keys. Employees with keys will have to surrender their keys before they get their final paycheck.

Issued keys should not be loaned to others. Keys which are not in the hands of designated holders are subject to confiscation by any Lodge Officer who finds someone in possession of an unauthorized key.

Paper Piles

We don't object to holding papers for periods up to a week, but having too many laying around is a fire hazard.

If you want them you need to go in each week to get them. We really don't want to build "wanna be" bonfires within our 100 + year old Building.

Subtle Changes

The glass doors installed as an airlock in the basement weren't very effective.

They have been winterized with sweeps and a strip across the center. The strip is attached to the door closest to the restrooms. It should be opened first and closed last or much of the ability to stop cold air is lost.

Key Cards

The new card reader is in. On April 1 we will be changing over to a grey key card.

Earlier Key card problems seem to have been resolved.

The mount was moving away from the slot where the cards were inserted.

The cards couldn't be long enough to push the micro-switch which opened the door. This may have been the cause of the buzzer locking.

Goings on around the Lodge We talked about increasing the use of the floor plan to expand income for the owners (members - you).

The Heart of the Rockies Snowmobile Club is looking for a new place to meet and they approached us. They generally meet from November through April. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month and will start meeting in our Lodge Building in February. At least 3 Members of the Club are Lodge Members. Make them welcome and we may gain more members.

Wild Game Dinner

On Saturday March the 2nd we will be having the annual Wild Game Dinner. On that night only Lodge Members and spouses are allowed in the Lodge Building. Have your card (member and/or spouse) with you to attend. I will be handling the gate and them's the rules.

50th Reunion

The Class of 1969 has started planning its 50th reunion. They are planning on July 13th, 2019.

Lighting the Lodge Room

We managed to add another 50% gain in the lighting in the Lodge on 27th of January. Next shift might require changing the fixtures to mogul bases. Doesn't sound like fun but that will be the next big option for upgrading the lighting.

By-Laws update

As promised in earlier copies of the Elks Tales, we worked on updating the by-laws to come into compliance with Grand Lodge Statutes. Said updates were passed by vote during the first meeting in January and approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on the Judiciary 6 days after they were submitted.

As part of the process we reviewed the dues structure and found that what our local lodge charged for dues was a specific amount and that State Association and Grand Lodge were amounts above that and added on.