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# Belen Rail Runner

MAR 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Greeting Fellow Elks:

starts at 6 pm and costs \$5 a person.

Many-Many thanks to the officers and members who helped make the Sweetheart dinner and dance such a great success. Congratulations to Steven and Maxine Padilla for winning Sweetheart King and Queen. It was such an inspiration to see so many people attending and helping out. Thank you again everyone!

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 17th as we are going to have a St. Patty's Day celebration with a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner! Dinner

The state convention is March 30-April 1st this year at the Isleta Hotel and Casino. If you plan to attend, even to hang out in the hospitality suites; please make sure you have your application and fee in to the lodge office by March 17th.

Thank you to our newest members Richard Hicks and Matthew Romero for bringing in new members: Ray Lucero, Paul Barajas, Richard Cordova, Kevin Pena and Alberta Jaramillo. Come to the lodge meetings and say

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Hello to our newest members. Lodge meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month starting at 7:30 pm. We would love to see you and hear from you as to what ideas you would like to see the lodge do for members and the community. We also have committee chairman positions available so if you'd like to work on the Elks Drug Awareness Program or Hoop Shoot or any other committee the BPOE sponsors, please contact Phyllis at 864-3930.

Below is our new officer nominations. Officer installation will be March 23. I want to thank everyone this year for all your help, especially during my paternity leave. I have enjoyed being your ER but it is time to pass the gavel on:

ER -- Kenny Maestas  
 Leading Knight-Tony Kerns  
 Loyal Knight -Matthew Romero  
 Lecturing Knight-Richard Hicks  
 3 year trustee -Tom Walton  
 2 year trustee -Pamela Padilla  
 1 year trustee -Felix Padilla  
 Secretary -Phyllis Mitchell  
 Treasurer -Steven Padilla

Thank you for a great year. Until next month,  
 Remember.....ELKS CARE and ELKS SHARE!

Nancy Drake,  
 Exalted Ruler



## Good ol' Irish Jokes

Not only do the Irish love their whisky.....they also love a good joke.

Here's a few to get your Irish spirits up:

An Irish priest is driving too excessively along a county road when he gets pulled over. The policeman notices an empty wine bottle in the seat and smells alcohol on the priests' breath. "Have you been drinking sir" asked the policeman? "Certainly laddie, I've been drinking water" "Then why do I smell wine?" asks the policeman. "Saints preserve us, he's done it again!" cried the priest.

Brian O'Malley was on vacation in America and goes into the local pub and orders 3 shots of whiskey. The bartender asks "Do you want all 3 shots in one glass?" "No, laddie, you see my two brothers are back in the old country and every time I stop in to a pub...I order a shot for each of them" The following week Brian returns to this same pub but this time only orders two shots of whisky. "I hope nothing happened to one of your brothers" the bartender stated. "Ack no.....I just decided to quit drinking.

*Life is like a cup of Tea.....it's all in how you make it!*

~Irish Proverb

## 2017-2018 Lodge Officer Nominations

ER..... Kenny Masetas  
 Leading Knight..... Tony Kerns  
 Loyal Knight ..... Matthew Romero  
 Lecturing Knight.. Richard Hicks  
 3-year Trustee..... Tom Walton  
 2-year Trustee..... Pamela Padilla  
 1-year Trustee..... Felix Padilla  
 Secretary..... Phyllis Mitchell  
 Treasurer..... Steven Padilla

*Officer Installation March 23rd!*

## State Elks Convention

Isleta Resort and Casino March 30  
 through April 1, 2017.

Application fee \$25 must be received in  
 lodge office by March 17th.



## St. Patty's Day Dinner

Join us for Corned Beef  
 and Cabbage

Friday, March 17th  
 From 6:00-8:00 pm

Cost is \$5 a person. Call the lodge at  
 864-3930 or 363-9900  
 to purchase tickets in advance

## MARCH Birthdays

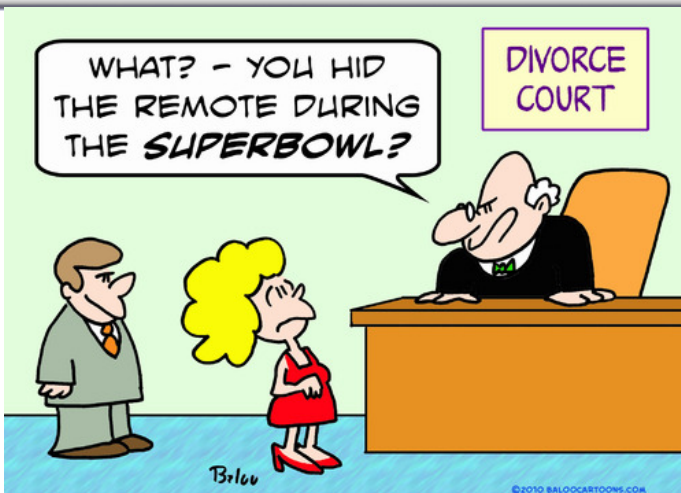
Lawrence Contreras..... 3  
 J.T. Clark..... 6  
 Paul Shore ..... 11  
 Stanley Vielma ..... 11  
 Robert Willard..... 16  
 Magdelene Padilla..... 19  
 Warren Reynolds..... 22  
 Stanley Gauna ..... 29  
 Kenny "Eugene" Maestas..... 29

**Come in for your FREE birthday drink!**

## Lodge Officers 2015-2016

Exalted Ruler..... Nancy Drake  
 Leading Knight..... Mickey Drake  
 Loyal Knight..... Anthony Kerns  
 Lecturing Knight..... Donocio Gabaldon Jr.  
 Esquire..... Vacant  
 Secretary..... Phyllis Mitchell  
 Treasurer..... Steven Padilla  
 Tiler..... Vacant  
 Inner Guard..... Vacant  
 Chaplain..... Joseph Padilla  
 3-year Trustee..... Pamela Padilla  
 2-year Trustee..... Felix Padilla  
 1-year Trustee..... Tom Walton  
 Newsletter Editor..... Susan Jackson

## HUMOR Among Us



March 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Early Bird Bingo 6:45 pm	8	9 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11
12 Hall Donation LL Jr. Wrestling	13	14 Early Bird Bingo 6:45 pm	15	16	17 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner 6 pm \$5 person	18
19	20	21 Early Bird Bingo 6:45 pm	22	23 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	24	25
26	27	28 Early Bird Bingo 6:45 pm	29	30 Spring Convention March 30-April 1st Isleta Resort	31 Spring Convention March 30-April 1st Isleta Resort	1 Spring Convention March 30-April 1st Isleta Resort