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ELKS TALES

LAS CRUCES LODGE #1119
A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION



"Be the Difference"
Jose Ortiz, ER



**MEMBERS
BE THE
ONE
GET
INVOLVED**

Hello everyone!

The month of September is rapidly approaching. Let's hope it brings cooler temperatures so we can all enjoy a little more time outdoors.

As always, we have many activities at the lodge that could use volunteer support. If you have some spare time, please ask one of the officers how you can help out.

It is also great to see our membership continuing to grow! Please give a warm welcome to our new members when you see them.

Be safe, and we hope to see you all at the lodge soon *Jose Ortiz, ER*



Chaplain's Message

Greetings my brothers and sisters,

We are nearly through the summer as we enter September, the month in which we observe Labor Day. Labor Day was created to honor the American labor movement, celebrate the achievements of workers, and recognize the contribution of laborers to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the United States. It has always been the American spirit to roll up our sleeves and get to work when work needs doing.

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."

If you are a business owner or a manager, please take time to show appreciation to your staff for their time and effort. Members, please show your gratitude to the Lodge staff and express your appreciation for everything they do to make our Lodge such a great place for us every single day.

With brotherly love, your Chaplain,

Secretary's Corner



Hi fellow members and their families. Here we are, already in September. Why does it seem like the years go by so fast? Is it because I'm old? Oops I meant older....The month of September will be another busy month at the Lodge. Labor Day Weekend is upon us already. We have the NMEA Vice President, Mr. Thomas Brown and his wife will be visiting us on Saturday, September 5, 2026,

over the Labor Day Weekend. We have a bar-b-q planned for his visit, with all members invited, so come on down and meet this year's Vice President of the New Mexico Elks Association.

Also, please bring a side dish to share. Let's show him just what a great, friendly Lodge we have in Las Cruces Lodge #1119.

We will be having a Flag Retirement Ceremony on September 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM. So if you have a battered torn flag that needs disposing of, bring it down to the Lodge and join us for this great tradition. Tell all your friends, and family members as well.

We are also hosting a car seat clinic again this year, on September 30th from 8AM to Noon in our front parking lot.

As of August 31, 2026, we have 817 members, but there are still 162 behind on their dues. Please come in and pay those as soon as you can, so you can join us for all the great events we have this month, and the months to follow.

The Lodge is still making minor improvements. We just installed 2 big ceiling fans in the Lodge Room, to help with this heat wave we have been experiencing, and they do make a difference moving the air around in there. It's the little things no one notices, but that do make a difference.

Please be safe out there and may God Bless each and every one of you and your families.

Nell B Rose, Secretary

Proposed for Membership: Justin D Brant, 4860 Sonoran Ave, LC, NM 88012; Proposed By: Jorge Santiago; Yvonne Carson, 1151 N Roadrunner #1501, LC, NM 88011; Proposed By: Jose Ortiz;



Please Help Us If You Can!

The lodge will be putting out the flags all along the rock wall in front of the lodge on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th and Friday, September 11th.

We could sure use some help to put the flags out in the morning at 6:45AM and to return them to storage again at 5:00PM. Please help if you can! For questions please call Don Hanlin at 817-704-9995

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4 Names Drawn September 18.**

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Las Cruces
2026 Golf Tournament

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a Spot on the
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4 Names
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**2-Player Scramble
October 3, 2026
NMSU Golf Course
Check-in & Breakfast 7:00-7:30 AM
Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM
\$150 / person**

**Fees Include:
Cart, Fees, Breakfast, and Lunch
RSVP by September 19th**




**ELKS LODGE 1119
PRESENTS
FRIDAY NIGHTS
AT THE LODGE
LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO**

SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
NEAL McCOWAN**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
CM ADAMS**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Karaoke-DJ Mike**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Kicks Band**

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This month we held 2 Initiations! We WELKomed 1 new member on August 4th and another 8 new members on August 9th. A great group of people and I look forward to getting to know them better and to see them all get involved with all the events and projects at the lodge. Hope that everyone will make them feel welcome and apart of the herd.



Together we can make our corner of the world even better.

Member Orientation and Initiation will be September 13th



Orientation 9AM Initiation 10AM

- 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 9AM in the Uno Mas Room. This is also open to your spouses and non-Elks members the wish to attend and find out more about the Elks.
- New-Member initiation will take place at 10AM 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 Orientation 9AM Initiation 10AM

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.



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LABOR DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION
Member Appreciation & Potluck

WHEN Saturday, September 5th
TIME 2:00 PM
WHERE Las Cruces Elks Lodge #1119

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS POTLUCK DETAILS

Lodge is providing:
 Mouthwatering, slow-smoked Brisket (Main Course)

Bring: A favorite Side Dish or Dessert to share!

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR
Tom Brown
 Meet NMEA Vice President Tom Brown!
 Join us in welcoming our regional leadership to Las Cruces for this special weekend event.

BE THE ONE
NMEA



The American Flag is the proud symbol of our great nation and all the best things that it stands for. Especially since the days following September 11, 2001, our American Flag has been displayed by more and more of our citizens. And, as time goes by, they become tattered, torn, worn and can no longer be flown.

A worn American Flag must be properly and respectfully disposed of and there are specific fed how this must be accomplished. Our lodge can assist you in retiring your worn flag that costs you nothing and guarantees that it will be honorable and respectful retired.



Please join us on Monday, September 21st at 7:00 PM at the lodge, to prepare/fold worn and tattered retirement. You do not need to know how to fold a flag, our experienced members will provide instructions. You are encouraged to bring age-appropriate children to learn the proper way to fold the American flag. Once the flags are properly folded, they will be ready for the Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, September 21st at 7PM.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony will be Monday, September 21st at 7PM. This ritual is open to the public, bring a friend who is not currently a member and show them what we are all about... AMERICANISM. We encourage the public to join us for this reverent ritual showing the respect deserved to the retired American flags.



**Flag Folding Wednesday,
 September 16th 7PM
 Flag Retirement, Monday,
 September 21st 7PM
 Please Join Us**



Did you know that Las Cruces Lodge 1119 first began in 1908? On May 20, 1908. The Lodge was instituted with 52 charter members.

The following were listed as their first officers:

Exalter Ruler- C.D. Case
 Leading Knight- R.E. McBride
 Loyal Knight- John H. May
 Lecturing Knight- Isidoro Armijo
 Secretary- Lauren W. Case
 Treasure- Catarino Armijo
 Inner Guard- C.S. McKinney

Trustee 1 YR.- W.F. Jacoby
 Trustee 2 YR.- T.H. Casey
 Trustee 3YR.- Oscar Lohman
 Esquire- G.W. Frenger
 Tiler- Mark B. Thompson
 Chaplain- J.J. Vernon

Many of these men were prominent citizens in Las Cruces and streets were named after them. One Park was named after one and one small maternity hospital was named after another.

More to come later, Greeley Myers, PSP, PER

On Wednesday, September 16th at 7PM we will be folding all the flags for retirement, We need your help. If we have enough volunteers, it won't take an hour of your time. Please show up and help us get these flags ready for a respectful retirement. Call Don Hanlin or Jose Ortiz if you have any questions.

What Do The 13 Folds of The Flag Mean:

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.



8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.
11. The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.
13. The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

Darts

Sunday 2:00PM
SEPTEMBER 20th

Open to ALL Members.
Join in the Fun!

LAS CRUCES ELKS LODGE #1119
PRESENTS

8 Ball Tournament

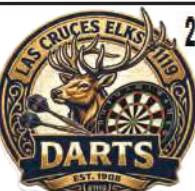
POOL TOURNAMENT

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT
START TIME: 7:00 PM

MEMBERS & BONA FIDE GUESTS WELCOME



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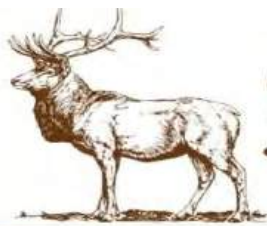
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elks #1119 Secretary Office Hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12Noon-4PM		ALL MEMBERS MEETING 7PM & NEW MEMBERS  3-Tacos Crisp or Flour OR 4 Taquitos with Queso \$6 Beans & Rice \$3	 BURRITOS \$6 ask your Bartender	 Wings w/ Fries or Rings \$10 OR Chili Cheese Dog w/ Fries or Onion Rings	ENT: Neal McCowan Chicken Flautas with your choice of Guacamole or Queso Riice, Beans, & Salsa	MEMBER APPRECIATION LABOR DAY POTLUCK 2PM
  Green Chile CheeseBurger w/Fries or Rings \$11	 3-Tacos Crisp or Flour OR 4 Taquitos with Queso \$6 Beans & Rice \$3	 BURRITOS \$6 ask your Bartender	 Wings w/ Fries or Rings \$10 OR French Dip w/ Fries or Onion Rings	 BBQ Chicken Breast. Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob & Roll	 BURRITOS \$6 ask your Bartender	
 Orientation 9AM Initiation 10AM	 Green Chile CheeseBurger w/Fries or Rings \$11	 3-Tacos Crisp or Flour OR 4 Taquitos with Queso \$6 Beans & Rice \$3	Flag Folding 7PM  BURRITOS \$6 ask your Bartender	 Wings w/ Fries or Rings \$10 OR Chili Cheese Dog w/ Fries or Onion Rings	ENT: KARAOKE DJ Mike Chicken or Beef Fajitas, Flour or Corn Tortilla, Rice, Beans & Salsa	 BURRITOS \$6 ask your Bartender
 Flag Retirement Ritual  Green Chile CheeseBurger w/Fries or Rings \$11	 3-Tacos Crisp or Flour OR 4 Taquitos with Queso \$6 Beans & Rice \$3	 BURRITOS \$6 ask your Bartender	 Wings w/ Fries or Rings \$10 OR French Dip w/ Fries or Onion Rings	ENT: Kicks Band Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies, & Roll	CAR SEAT CLINIC 9-11AM  BURRITOS \$6 ask your Bartender	
 Darts Tournament 2PM	 Green Chile CheeseBurger w/Fries or Rings \$11	BOG/BOD Meeting 6PM  3-Tacos Crisp or Flour OR 4 Taquitos with Queso \$6 Beans & Rice \$3	 BURRITOS \$6 ask your Bartender	Please remember all lodge functions and meals are for Members & their bone fide guests. Be sure to sign your guests in upon entering. Encourage your guests to join. Applications for membership are available from the Bartender. Meals served 5PM-7PM unless otherwise noted. Served while supplies last.		

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MEMBERS

Starting this month, the Elks tales newsletter will be sent by email only. Printing and mailing expenses are high and most people want it by email anyways. We will have a few printed copies at the lodge that you can come by and pick up after the first of the month.

If you don't get your newsletter in the email by the fifth of the month, please send your name member number and correct email address to elks1119@gmail.com and/or elkstales1119@gmail.com. The newsletter will be sent to members only.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Raymond Galaz	09-01	Walter Bernard	09-16
Juan Holguin	09-01	Dennis Pacheco	09-17
Leticia Madrid	09-01	Joseph Jojola	09-18
Thomas Marsh	09-01	Jon Patrick	09-18
Roman Gonzalez	09-02	Phillip Apodaca	09-19
Jose Ruiz	09-02	Ann Carrozza	09-19
Abel Nevarez	09-03	Fred Fernandez	09-19
Raymundo Payen	09-04	Jazzmine Garza	09-19
Reynaldo Placencio	09-04	Daniel Jacquez	09-19
Christopher Histed	09-06	Martin Lucero	09-19
Michael Gibson	09-07	Emily Montoya	09-19
Wesley Miller	09-09	Susan Pratz	09-19
Mary Arrey	09-10	Daniel Tingen	09-19
Nila Matsler	09-10	Lou Archer	09-20
Sebastain Ortiz	09-10	Orlando Orona	09-20
Scott Pipkin	09-10	Margarita Guzman	09-21
L D Casey	09-11	Darlene Kegel	09-22
Donald Quine	09-11	Vince Triste	09-22
James Schoonover	09-11	Tracy Perry	09-23
Zachary Trower	09-11	Louis Polanco	09-23
Kristina McCuan	09-12	Karissa Aguirre	09-24
James Patton	09-12	Paul Gardom	09-24
Joseph Quilenderino	09-12	Nedra Hamilton	09-24
Russell Roberts	09-12	Johnny Tapia	09-24
Oscar Arroyos	09-13	Arthur Trujillo	09-24
Luis Blanco	09-13	Richard Houston	09-25
Matthew Cordova	09-13	Cecilia Sanchez	09-25
Melinda Gonzalez	09-13	Luis Caraveo	09-26
Gilbert Garcia	09-14	Jeanne Stagner	09-26
Lorraine Kelley	09-14	Calyd Ruiz	09-28
Lester MacPherson	09-14	Mark Gentry	09-30
Andrew Degler	09-15	Glen Long	09-30
Annette Romero	09-15	Lorenzo Padilla	09-30
Victor Rose	09-15	Christine White-Burt	09-30



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3-year trustee	Patti Egan
2-year trustee	Mike Parker
1-year trustee	Kim Hayes
Secretary	Nell Rose
Treasurer	Jeanne Boyle
Chaplain	Jeff Dray

Come into the lodge on your birthday for your free gift.