

ELKS TALES

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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

Charity Ball dancers (right) having a great night dancing to The Outriders.

below: Line dancing always gets the dancers up on their feet.

The annual Charity Queen was crowned during the evening, and it was PER Ginny Gorman. Ginny and husband PER Mark are recent additions to our Lodge, having transferred down from Leadville, and they immediately jumped into helping us with all of our events and programs. They are great cooks and prove that every time they serve up dinners or brunches!

Congratulations Ginny, and many thanks to the team led by Leading Knight Valery Hasselbrink for a great evening of fun and donations to help our Christmas Basket program. (See Val's article, page 7.)



Elks Annual Christmas PJ Party!!

Friday, December 14th, 2018

Starts 6:00pm - Club Room
Santa arrives at 7:00pm









Everyone from kids to adults put on your pajamas, bring a potluck dish and come on down!! Parents bring a present for Santa to give your child. We ask you to keep it under \$10.

Questions? Please let us know - 539 2300
 Brandon and Desirae Wilkins

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Our Departed Members

Sunday, December 2, 2018
4 pm

Your Officers will present a service in honor of those members who have left us this year, followed by refreshments in the Club Room. Families and friends of our departed members are invited, as are all Elks who wish to honor their brothers and sisters.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2018	<div> Bell-Ringing at Wal-Mart Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th Sign up with County Chair Ron Carpenter (see notice, p.4) </div>					1 Private Party downstairs
	2 Lodge opens 11 am  BRONCOS v. Bengals 11:00 am Elks Memorial Service - 4pm Refreshments follow	3	4	5 Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	6 BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm	7 FRIDAY DINNERS: Call the Lodge 539.6976 to check, as they are sometimes added Veterans' Coffee Meeting 10am Club Room CRAFT FAIR see info, p. 4 Local Hoop Shoot Salida Middle School (See info. p.4)
9 SUNDAY BRUNCH 8:30-11AM  BRONCOS v. San Francisco 2:05 pm	10 Christmas Basket Application Deadline Deadline to drop off Homelake "Cookie Run" goodies Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	11 Christmas Basket Set-Up	12 Marine Corps League Meeting 7pm Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	13 "Cookie Run" to Homelake - see article, p. 4 NO BINGO	14 Christmas Basket Distribution 10am-7pm Pajama Party with Santa. 6pm start, 7pm Santa arrives. Upstairs. Potluck for attendees.	15 Christmas Basket Distribution 9am-1pm  BRONCOS v. Browns 2:30 pm
16	17	18	19 Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	20 BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm	21 Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner 5pm Free & Open to the Public (see p. 5)	22
23	24 PER's Meeting 12:30pm Christmas Eve Party Tom & Jerry's & Snacks  BRONCOS v. Oakland 6:15pm	25  Merry Christmas LODGE CLOSED	26 Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	27 BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm	28	29
30  BRONCOS v. Chargers 2:25pm	31 New Year's Eve Party DJ Jerry & Drink Specials	JANUARY 1 Happy New Year!! LODGE CLOSED	2 Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	3 BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm	4	5

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Bell-Ringing at Wal-Mart December 8th & 9th

The dates for Bell Ringing at Wal-Mart are Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th, in 2 hour time slots starting at 8am. Anyone interested in signing up to ring can contact me at 539-3360 for time slots (2hr) and day.

Merry Christmas!
County Chair Ron Carpenter



Homelake Veterans Center Annual "Cookie Run"

Vets Chair PER Bill Paul is scheduling the Annual Cookie Run to Homelake after Thanksgiving. Please get your cookies, breads, cakes and other baked goods and donations to him by **December 10th**. You may contact him at 221.0674.

He is planning to make the trip on **Thursday, December 13th**. Let's help our Vets have a great Christmas!




Salida Elks Lodge 808 Annual Local Hoop Shoot

Saturday, December 8th, 2018
Salida Middle School
520 Milford Street
Registration: 9:00 am
Shoot starts: 10:00 am

(Trophies handed out at end of each age division)

FREE & Open to all boys and girls
ages 8-13 years
Age group winners advance to
District Shoot

Contact Hoop Shoot Chair Brandon Wilkins
(cell: 207.3377)

or email: wilks3@yahoo.com with questions

Salida Elks Lodge Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 8, 2018
9am - 4pm

Elks Lodge, 148 E. 2nd Street, Salida

Open to the Public - Two Floors of Items
(Enter through the front door or side ramp Bingo entrance)

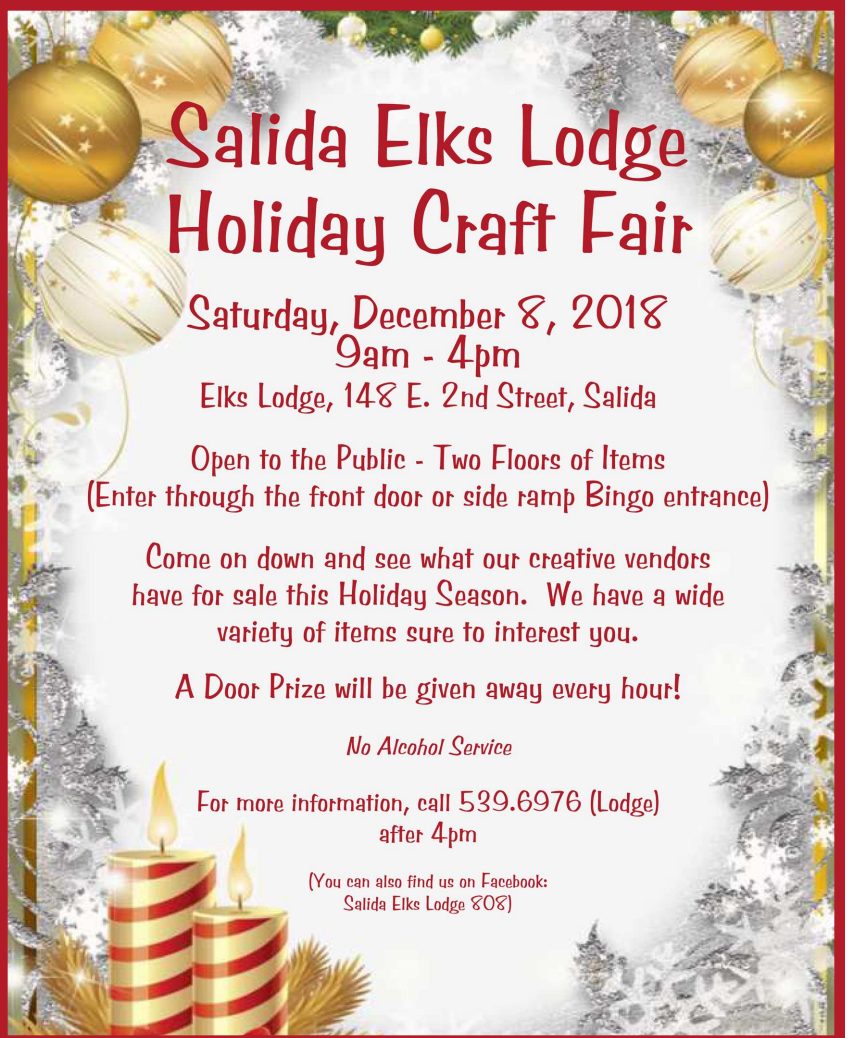
Come on down and see what our creative vendors
have for sale this Holiday Season. We have a wide
variety of items sure to interest you.

A Door Prize will be given away every hour!

No Alcohol Service

For more information, call 539.6976 (Lodge)
after 4pm

(You can also find us on Facebook:
Salida Elks Lodge 808)



Salida Elks Lodge #808 is having a Senior Citizen Christmas Party
on Friday December 21, 2018 at
148 East 2nd Street in Salida, Colorado

The Doors will open at 4:30 P. M.
and a prize Bingo game will start at
5:00 P.M.

At 5:30 P. M. the guest senior
citizens will be served a chicken
fried steak dinner including
desserts, de café coffee, tea or
water

Time appropriate music will be
played in background with
drawings games and prizes for all
in attendance.

This is provided at no cost to the
guests by the Salida Lodge through
the Elks National Foundation.

To make your reservation call Carl
Hasselbrink at (719)530-8410

MERRY CHRISTMAS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL LODGE MEMBERS

ABOUT "OLD TIMERS' NIGHT"

At our first Lodge meeting of the new year, on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019, we will have "Old Timers' Night" for those members who have reached 25 year, 40 year Life, and 50 year and beyond memberships. The following members are on the current list to receive awards, pins and for the 40-year members, their Life Membership cards and reduced fees:

25 YEAR MEMBERS

(Given in the 26th year of membership)

Larry D. Smith

40 YEAR LIFE MEMBERS

(Given in the 41st year of membership)

David Chelf

Anthony J. Marchase Jr.

Gary L. Merrifield

Kenneth M. Shake

50 YEAR GOLDEN CERTIFICATE MEMBERS

(Given in the 51st year of membership)

Leo Gardunio

Jerry R. Henderson

Frank Kovacich

Jerome J. Steinauer

Billy G. Withrow

60 YEAR SPECIAL CERTIFICATE MEMBERS

Joe Francis Pasquale

Robert W. Frayser

65 YEAR SPECIAL CERTIFICATE MEMBERS

Chris D. Argys

75 YEAR SPECIAL CERTIFICATE MEMBER

Ivan J. Smith

If you are not on this list, and believe that you should be, PLEASE call me at the Lodge (719.539.6976) and I will pull your card and we will go over the total of your Elks' years together. I do not want to leave anyone out. Sometimes it is just a matter of not remembering that there were years when you dropped your membership; those years do NOT count in your total. As stated in the Secretary's Manual: *While Lodge 'customs' vary regarding the year stickers, the one "rock-solid" common rule is that ONLY ACTIVE (in good standing - dues are paid in full) YEARS can be counted!*
Angelina, Secretary

Parade of Lights and Chili at the Lodge - Friday, November 23rd

The Parade of Lights/Lighting of Christmas Mountain evening was well attended at the Lodge. We had a full house of people sharing cheer and in good spirits. Thanks go out for the donations for Toys for the Christmas Baskets, publicity provided, Jerry Arellano for the music, and our hard-working volunteers and cooks. It was great sharing the evening with you all.

- PERs Jim and Linda DeLuca, & Steve and Patti Arthur



left: packed house on parade night.

below: Jim dishing up chili.



From the Leading Knight

What a great time I had planning the Charity Ball this year. We had great food, provided by Mark and Ginny Gorman; great music from the Outriders, and lots of fun with our silent auction. Even our own Mountain District Deputy JR Cruz was in attendance with his wife, Janet. About 80 dinners were served up, and a 100 or so people danced the night away, what a packed house we had! It's safe to say that fun was had by all!

With the Charity Ball fondly in our memories, we now turn our attention to the Annual Christmas Baskets. As you well know, the Elks have been giving food and toys to those in need in our community for many years, and it is my honor to head up this project this year. None of what the Elks do can happen without volunteers. We will have many opportunities for volunteers this season. The Christmas Baskets will be handed out on Friday Dec 14th, from 10-7, and Saturday Dec 15th from 9-1. The non-perishable food will be delivered to the Elks on Monday Dec 10th at 6pm, and the perishables will be delivered on Thursday Dec 13th, also at 6pm. We will be needing volunteers on those days, to help make everything go fast and smooth. If you are willing and able to volunteer on any of those days, please do. Feel free to call me with any questions about these days; I'd love to hear from you.

*Season's Greetings,
Esteemed Leading Knight Valery K. Hasselbrink
719-221-8812*

Christmas Basket Hours: We will be handing out Christmas Baskets on Friday Dec 14th from 10-7 and Saturday Dec 15th from 9-1, There is a sign up sheet in the boardroom for the Friday Hours, or please call me (Valery) at 221-8812. I would be pleased to talk to you about the opportunities we have for volunteers.

Food Delivery: The Christmas Baskets food deliveries will be happening on Mon Dec 10th at 6pm, and Thursday Dec 13th, also at 6pm. We will be needing volunteers to help with the unloading, organizing and marking out bar codes. If you are wanting to participate, please come down, or call me (Valery) at 221-8812

Thank You: I want to thank all those who helped make the Charity Ball a success this year. Without volunteers, The Elks couldn't do what we do. You are all greatly appreciated and hold a special place in my heart.

GREAT NEWS! High Country Bank has informed us that they have picked the Elks Christmas Baskets as their special project for the month of December. They are donating the notary fees they collect in December, plus an extra \$100 to the Christmas Baskets. They also will be having donation jars in their lobby. Many thanks to High Country Bank for their donations.



A large Christmas bag of children's winter wear from the Early Childhood Center's wish list was delivered to the Center's Principal Ilona Witty by Christy Paquette, Trustee and Jim DeLuca PER.

Items included an assortment of new winter coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and snow boots. These were provided by the Salida Elks Lodge through a portion of our **Elks National Foundation Anniversary Grant.**

photo left: Christy outside center with bag of clothing.
photo right: Ilona Witty receiving donations from Christy on behalf of the Lodge.

PER MEETINGS

The Past Exalted Rulers Association now meets at the Patio Pancake Place at 12:30 P.M. on the 4th Monday. The owners at the Great Wall (Winnie and Tom) couldn't find help and couldn't continue working at the necessary level.

HEATING THE BASEMENT

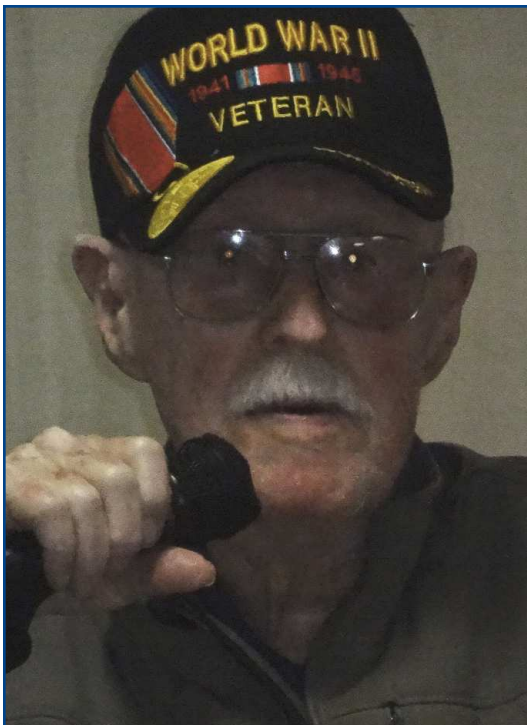
Building Heat - Using the waste heat from the "old" Iron Fireman boiler in the basement we are currently keeping the basement temperature above 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Very comfortable most of the time and of course nothing is in danger of freezing. We will be glad to go back to the normal process when all of the heaters are working well. We have identified some additional items which need to be addressed as weatherproofing.

BY-LAWS UPDATE

The Lodge By-Laws and House Rules are in need of an update. (Should have happened 2 years ago, but not done.) The proposed By-Laws and House Rules will be introduced during the December meeting (remember there is only one) and voted on during the first meeting in January. Be there for the introduction and the vote if you want a chance to change things.

VETERANS SUPPER

With a very cold day (low 20's outside), E Street and Second Street were torn up. Getting to the Lodge was difficult. We still managed to feed 70 at the Veterans Supper. Everyone enjoyed listening to George Blake talk about his service in Hawaii during WWII. Jim Preston read the preamble to the American Legion constitution and be darned if it isn't a topic in the American Legion Magazine for December. Karen and I want to thank all the Lodge Members for their help and we hope to do better next November 11th.



photos:

top left: POW MIA table and Service performed by Dana Nachtrieb and Buddy Meyer.

top right: Some of those in attendance.

bottom left: George Blake, World War II survivor and guest speaker. George told many stories of his time in Hawaii leading up to and during the early years of the war. He was an excellent speaker with a compelling story to tell, and we thank him for an enlightening evening.

*So long as there are Veterans,
the Elks will never forget them.*