

ELKS TALES

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2019/2020 Officers

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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 y'all.

April was the start of our new Elks year, with our Lodge's new officers. This month was a busy month for us all. Wednesday night dinners have been well attended, for they are delicious meals. The Poker and Pool leagues are going strong. Bingo's progressive is still growing, even though attendance is small right now. Once attendance starts improving, dinners will be added to our Bingo nights. We hosted a bingo fundraiser for the oncology department of HRRMC this month. Their goal was to raise money for those who have financial trouble with their treatments. Much fun was had by all, everyone was in the spirit of giving, and we may get some new Thursday night bingo members out of it.

The Ritual team got invited to Summit Lodge to perform an initiation there. We had a great time visiting, and they fed us amazing food. Being part of Ritual contest is a way to form strong bonds within the Elk community, and I'm quite proud to be part of that community.

Some dates and events to keep in mind this month: Cinco de Mayo chili cook off is on May 5. There is a \$10 fee to enter your chili into the cook off, and a \$5 fee for the tasting and judging.

Mother's Day, May 12th. We will be having a Mother's Day celebration at 5 pm. After the beautiful words are said and the gifts given out, a dinner will be provided for all in attendance. Your officers will be serving chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, a side of veggies, rolls and salad, and apple pie for dessert. Do come down for a beautiful ceremony, and stay for the wonderful food. We ask for you to RSVP for the dinner, so we can have an idea of how many to cook for.

In the month of May we honor those who have given us love and laughter, but are no longer with us. Traditionally, flags have been placed at the side of graves for our fallen vets; this year will be no different. There will be two groups that will be placing flags out at Fairview cemetery: American flags, and Elk flags. There are a lot of Veterans and a lot of Elks in Fairview, thus we need lots of volunteers. The Boy Scouts have been helping out the American flag group in recent years, but volunteers are still needed for both groups. This would help with making a very long day go a lot faster. If you wish to join one of these groups, please call the following people for more information. Elk flags: Jimmy DeLuca (see article, page 4). Vets flags: me (221.8812) or Carl Hasselbrink (530.8410).

*Fraternally yours,
Valery K. Hasselbrink
Exalted Ruler*



Salida Lodge 808 Ritual Team performs the Initiation Ceremony for Summit County. They will be going to San Antonio in July to represent Colorado at the Grand Lodge Convention.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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MAY 2019			Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm	FRIDAY DINNERS: Call the Lodge 539.6976 to check, as they are sometimes added	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Cinco de Mayo Chili Cookoff serving starts 5:30pm \$5 fee</i>			Marine Corps League Meeting 7pm Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		Veterans' Coffee Meeting 10am Club Room
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SUNDAY BRUNCH 8:30-11AM <i>Mother's Day Service - 5pm in Lodge Dinner follows</i>	Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	LODGE 7pm Balloting	Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Indoctrination 7pm		Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		 Flag team meets 8:30am Fairview (see p. 4)
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	MEMORIAL DAY  Flags picked up after 3pm	LODGE 7pm Initiation	Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		JUNE
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	PER's Meeting 12:30pm Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	LODGE 7pm Initiation	Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	BINGO Doors open 6pm Start 7pm		Homelake Memorial Service for John Andre (see p. 5)
30	<u>JULY</u> 1	2	3	4	5	6
			Pool League, Poker and Texas Hold'em Poker	 INDEPENDENCE DAY NO BINGO		

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL LODGE MEMBERS

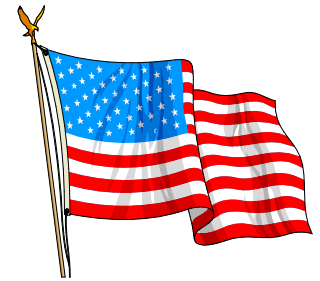
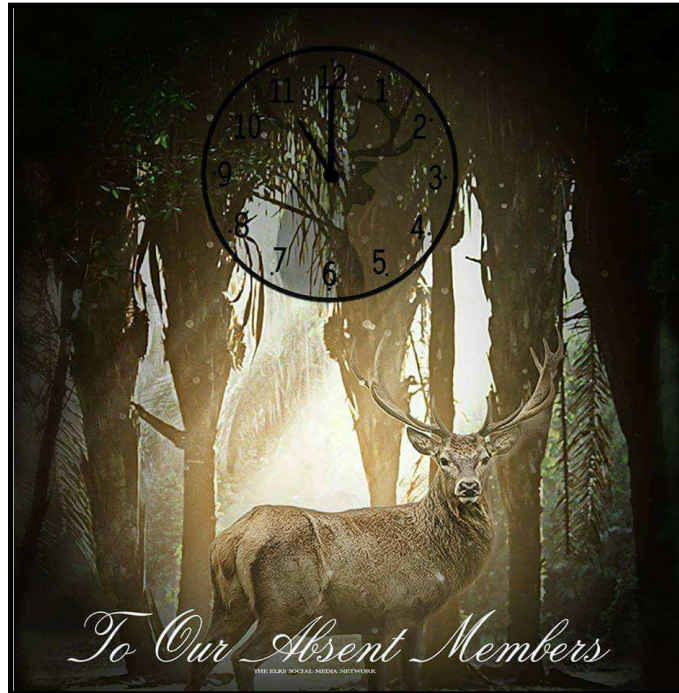
Elks graveside flags in memoriam of our departed members

Our annual placement of the Elks flags will be Saturday May 25th; we meet at 8:30 at Fairview Cemetery. We pick them up Monday May 27th Memorial Day around 3:00 p.m. to return the flags to the lodge. It is a nice way to remember our departed members, especially those who have no one else around here anymore on Memorial Day. The flags are placed at Fairview Cemetery, Poncha Springs Cemetery, Buena Vista and a couple at Cleora and Woodlawn.

We have a list we use but sometimes accidentally miss one; our apologies if that happens.

Fairview is large and we really need some help. You are welcome to just come on down and join in.

If you have questions give me a call: Jimmy DeLuca PER cell ph. 719-821-0915



Second Sunday of the Month Brunch

This month the "Second Sunday of the Month Brunch" falls on Mother's Day May 12th.

If you haven't come to one yet, join us! Enter through the Bingo doors by the ramp, then:

You choose your meal from a menu; get that from the cashier George Blake first. Next, turn in your menu to the staff by the kitchen.

Then, help yourself to coffee and juice and find a seat. One of our volunteer staff will deliver your meal to you.

We hope you enjoy your meal and see you again.

Elks Volunteer Brunch Crew

Downstairs bingo entrance \$ 11 adults / \$6 kids under 12

Coffee & juice included * Open to the public * community style seating

net proceeds support lodge programs



Events Around the Lodge and Beyond

*Mother's Day
Service & Reception*

*Sunday, May 12th
5pm in Lodge Room*

*Dinner follows in Club Room
(please RSVP to Lodge for dinner)*

*Open to the Public
Bring your Mom
or come to honor your Mom
if she is gone*

Memorial Service

for
John Andre

Homelake Chapel
Homelake Veterans Center
Monte Vista

**June 29, 2019
11:00 AM**

**Graveside Service
follows, performed by
Salida Lodge 808 PERs**

**All are welcome to
attend**

A NOBLE ELK HAS FALLEN,
PIERCED BY THE ARROW OF DEATH.
HIS TRIALS ENDED, HIS FAULTS FORGOTTEN,
HIS VIRTUES CHERISHED,
HE RESTS IN PEACE.

Raymond J. Gustafson

Born
September 16, 1927
Initiated
March 10, 1964
Life Member
January 11, 2005
Died
March 26, 2019
Pueblo, CO

Rest in Peace, My Brother

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Samuel M. DeLeo

Born
November 9, 1922
Initiated
January 12, 1954
Life Member
January 11, 1994
Died
April 23, 2019
Pueblo, CO

Rest in Peace, My Brother

Ritual Team members & Elk friends at Quarterly

left to right front: Brenda Beach, Brandi Pugh, Janet Cruz, Valery Hasselbrink

left to right back: Debbie Johnson, David Vigil, J.R. Cruz. Erik Colard took photo.



Did You Know?

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America is one of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the country. Since its inception in 1868, the Order of Elks has grown to include more than 1 million men and women in more than 2,100 communities.

The BPO Elks is committed to the ideals of charity and patriotism. To that end, Elks have now disbursed, over the course of the Order's history, more than \$3.6 billion in cash, goods, and services to the nation's youth, its veterans, the disadvantaged and handicapped, and to individuals and groups in support of patriotic and civic programs. Annually the BPO Elks give more than \$200 million in this fashion, and the Order ranks as one of the largest private providers of college scholarships in the nation.

The Elks donated to the government the first veterans hospital (in 1918, the Elks built a 700 bed hospital in Boston to rehabilitate World War I wounded and gave it to the nation); they contribute regularly to schools and police and fire departments, and they assist the young and the needy throughout this great nation.

How could this powerful force come into being? And where does all this charitable giving come from? From the generous hearts of Elks members whose eagerness to share, whose prudent long-term planning, and whose willingness to serve for free with enthusiasm infuses the Order with an exuberant and enduring expression of the true volunteer spirit.