

## ELKS TALES



### Greetings!

My year as Exalted Ruler is coming to an end. It has been my pleasure to work with a great crew of Officers in keeping our Lodge moving forward. The hard work and due diligence by our Officers are priceless and I sincerely thank you for all you do! When you see one of your Officers, please thank them. Without the sacrifices they make on an almost daily basis, things would not get done.

Thank you, Sue Marshall, for your invaluable wisdom, guidance, and kindness. A special thanks to Carl and Karen Hasselbrink for also getting me through my year.

Hey, did you attend the Sweetheart Sock Hop? If you did, you know how much fun it was! If not, you missed one heck of a party and all for a great cause! A sincere thank you to Dwight Tubbs, Mark & Ginny Gorman, and crew for a delicious dinner. Jeanne Pugh, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your vision and execution of the theme and decorations, let alone those heavenly cheesecakes! A sincere thank you to Sabrina Palko, Brandi Pugh, Josh Jacobson, John Sanchez, India Grammatica, Eddy Alloy, and Paco for all your help!

Colorado State Hoop Shoot and banquet was one of the most attended that I personally have ever seen. Brandon and Desirae Wilkins do such an outstanding job with all the kids, both locally and regionally. Thank you to our CEA State President Tom Root and wife, Rose, for being in attendance. Also 1st Vice President Cynthia Wyszynski and her husband, 2nd Vice President Geff McDaniel and his wife, Ellen, 3rd Vice President JR Cruz and his wife, Janet, and PSP Allen Lenort and his wife, Kim were also in attendance. I apologize for not remembering Cynthia's very nice husband's name. It really is enjoyable seeing all those smiling kids. Please consider volunteering for our programs that work with the youth in our community.

This month we will have several fun things going. What I know for sure is Wild Game Dinner is Saturday March 5th, Paco will be cooking a dinner on Friday March 11th, we will have karaoke with Jason Lapointe on Saturday March 12th, brunch on Sunday March 13th, and St. Patty's Day dinner and party on Saturday March 19th.

March 22nd will be step up night for your new Officers for 2022-2023. Please come out and support them in their desire to do good for our Lodge. Join me in congratulating PER Roger Gaalaas incoming Exalted Ruler, PER Sam Johnson incoming Leading Knight, Lana Gaalaas incoming Loyal Knight, Willie Morris incoming and current Lecturing Knight, and Desirae Cain incoming 3-year Trustee, Dwight Tubbs returning 2-year Trustee, Sabrina Palko returning 1-year Trustee, Jimmy Deluca returning Secretary, and Brandi Pugh returning Treasurer. I know they will all do a great job!

Thank you to everyone for your kind words, support, and encouragement throughout this past year!

*Fraternally yours,  
Brenda Beach, Exalted Ruler*

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**2021/2022 Officers**

**Exalted Ruler**

Brenda Beach

**Esteemed Leading**

**Knight**

Patti Arthur

**Esteemed Loyal Knight**

PER Debbie Johnson

**Esteemed Lecturing**

**Knight**

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**Secretary**

PER Jim DeLuca

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**Treasurer**

PER Brandi Pugh

**Tiler**

Ed Alloy

**Chaplain**

Susie Orzechowski

**Inner Guard**

OPEN

**Esquire**

PER Dave Vigil

**Trustees**

LaRae Bradbury

Sabrina Palko

Dwight Tubbs

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**DDGER Mtn. District**

PER Ginny Gorman

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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!**



**Salida Lodge 808**

**OPEN from 4pm-Closing, Monday thru Friday, OPEN 2pm Saturday  
CLOSED Sunday except for special events, as listed**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>MARCH 2022</div> 		1	2	3  BINGO doors open 6pm 7pm start	4	5 <b>Now</b> <b>Open at 2PM</b> <b>on Saturdays</b> <b>WILD</b> <b>GAME</b> <b>NIGHT</b> (see p. 4)
6	7  BOD, BOT Meeting 7pm	8  LODGE 7pm Balloting	9  Marine Corps League Meeting 7pm	10  BINGO doors open 6pm 7pm start	11  Chicken Dinner Paco \$10 5:30-7pm	12  Veterans' Coffee Meeting 10am Club Room  Karaoke with Jason Lapointe 8 pm
13  BRUNCH Jim & Crew 8:30-11am \$11  Daylight Savings begins - clocks forward one hour	14  Indoctrination	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day   BINGO doors open 6pm 7pm start	18	19  St. Patrick's Day Party Corned Beef Cabbage / 6-8pm \$8 / Dwight DJ 8-12pm Drink Specials
20	21  BOD, BOT Meeting 7pm	22  LODGE 7pm Initiation STEP UP NIGHT for New Officers	23	24  BINGO doors open 6pm 7pm start	25	26  INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS  Chili & Cinnamon Rolls by Jeanne 5:30-7pm \$8.00
27	28	29	30	31  DUES ARE DUE  BINGO doors open 6pm 7pm start	<u>APRIL</u> 1 BEGINNING OF NEW ELKS YEAR Unpaid members are delinquent	2
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## *Around the Lodge*

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### **Your 2022-2023 Dues Notices Have Been Sent**

You should have received your member dues notice in the mail by now; please remember that your dues are due before April 1st, 2022. After that date you are delinquent, and cannot come into the Lodge, unless it's to pay your dues, of course! At that time we will issue you a new key card for the front door. There is no 'grace period' after April 1st. Please pay your dues before then. The increase in your annual dues comes from Grand Lodge, not from our Lodge.

**Regular dues are \$97.50; Life Member dues are \$37.00.**

We are receiving your dues payments, and often donations to ENF or our Salida Lodge Charity, and we thank you. We are sending out the member cards..

*Fraternally,*  
*Jim DeLuca, Secretary*

Anyone who received their new membership card and it didn't have the appropriate stickers please see me. Early Bird stickers are back ordered.

## **Wild Game Night**

**Saturday, March 5th, 2022**

**Social hour 5:30 pm / Dinner starts around 6:30 pm**

**Games to follow**

This night is for Elks and significant others only. Membership cards are checked at the door.

We usually have an assortment of wild game dishes and fish and are adding a dish with no meat for the grazers.

I have been lucky to have a great group of volunteers help in the past, and I am looking for more this year. If you have questions or want to help just let me know. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you there!

*PER Jim DeLuca, Secretary*  
*cell phone 719-821-0915*



### **Initiation on Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

**Officers - some outgoing, some incoming for next Elks year.**



**Incoming & Returning Officers  
2022-2023**

*PER Roger Gaalaas, Exalted Ruler*  
*PER Sam Johnson, Esteemed Leading Knight*  
*Lana Gaalaas, Esteemed Loyal Knight*  
*William Morris, Esteemed Lecturing Knight*  
*PER Jim DeLuca, Secretary*  
*PER Brandi Pugh, Treasurer*  
*Desiree Cain, 3-Year Trustee*  
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## At the Hop!

