

THE ELK BUGLE

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FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Dear Fellow Elks,

Happy New Year! Here's wishing everyone a wonderful 2023. Raton Elk Lodge #865 is open and ready for you to show up and participate in our activities.

Activity number one is selling raffle tickets to raise money for lodge improvements. This year we will be selling 1,500 tickets for a chance to win one of seven great prizes. Ira Simpson has procured donations of a sportsman package at the NRA near Raton, a cow elk tag from the TO Ranch, and a \$100 gift certificate from Flat Mountain Traders. Steve Ross is donating one of his beautiful metal art pieces. Other prizes include a rifle, a pistol, and brunch tickets for 2 at Vermejo Park.

All the money raised by this raffle stays at the lodge and will be used for lodge improvements. If all tickets are sold, we will raise around \$13,500. We can finally fix the lodge room ceiling and are looking into redoing the floor in the bar area.

You can help by purchasing the two tickets we will be sending to all members by mail with more information. You can get more tickets by coming by the lodge.

Remember the part where all the raffle profits stay at the lodge. We need this cash to put back into our lodge building. If each member buys their two tickets plus a few more and

sells a few more we can get a good start on some much – needed building updates.

Brenda Ferri did some great work and got Lodge #865, \$8,000 in grant money from Grand Lodge. We will be donating this money to the Hungry Hearts/Hunger Pantry Program in Raton.

Thanks to all the members that showed up for our December Open House. Also, thanks to the members that checked the list twice, bought, and wrapped the gifts. Travis Moore and Ashley Lopez did a great job as the Claus family. The lodge wrapped gifts for 36 mini elks and a good time was had by all.

Don't forget to stay involved with your lodge in 2023. We need your time and money to keep our doors open and continue the great work we do at the 865. If you have \$5 buy a bag of pellets for the stove. That's five dollars the lodge can spend on veterans and kids needs without having to sell doughnuts on the sidewalk.

If you need assistance with your new years' resolutions, we can help. Resolve to come by and support the lodge. Show up to help with "whatever we're doing now" stuff.

Fraternally yours,

Wesley Kendrick, ER

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Happy New Year

"May Light always surround you;
Hope kindle and rebound you.
May your Hurts turn to Healing;
Your Heart embrace Feeling.
May Wounds become Wisdom;
Every Kindness a Prism.
May Laughter infect you;
Your Passion resurrect you.
May Goodness inspire
your Deepest Desires.
Through all that you Reach For,
May your arms Never Tire."

— [D. Simone](#)



SANTA VISITED THE LODGE



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JANUARY ELKS

Happy birthday to all members born in January . For easy reference, names are also listed on the calendar.

3rd - Ruth Bernal	15th - David Piancino
Jennifer Wiseman	16th - Steve Marquez
4th - Donna Garrison	17th - Richard Metcalf, PER
6th - Max Geary	20th - C. E. Budd, Jr.
8th - Susan Dial	Vallie Burks
12th - Dusty Russell	25th - Kristen Ulrich
13th - Desiree Silva	27th - Marcia Rubio
15th - Margaret Ann Mattorano	30th - Chris Espinoza
	31st - Sam Minor



A LITTLE REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES

To the following members,
we want you back so please
pay your dues:

Jason Bennett	Gary Judd	Louis Profazi
Ruth Bernal	William Long	James Protsman
Andre Bethea	Richard Marchiondo	Marcia Rubio
Alee Bird	Steve Marquez	Clifton Russell
Kayce Bustos	Connie Martinez	Mike Walton
Laurie Cummings	Tricia Mascarenas	Jennifer Wiseman
Rochelle Encinias	Gary McQueary	
Katie Feldman	Larry Menapace	
Jessica Gonzales	Mycca Montoya	
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Friday 4pm - 11pm

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January 2023 Elks Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day	2	3 Ruth Bernal Jennifer Wiseman	4 Donna Garrison	5	6 Max Geary	7
8 Susan Dial	9	10	11 Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	12 Dusty Russell	13 Desiree Silva	14
15 Margaret Ann Mattorano David Plancino	16 Steve Marquez	17 Richard Metcalf, PER	18	19	20 C. E. Budd, Jr. Vallie Burks	21
22 Gov. Body Meeting 3pm	23	24	25 Lodge Meeting 7:00pm Kristen Ulrich	26	27 Marcia Rubio	28
29	30 Chris Espinoza	31 Sam Minor				