



# ELKS TALES

**LAS CRUCES LODGE #1119**  
**A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION**

## Exalted Ruler's Message:



*Jeff Dray, Exalted Ruler*

Greetings my fellow members! I am extremely honored and thankful to be your new Exalted Ruler. I will work diligently to make sure that your faith in me is not misplaced. To be successful this year I will build upon what was left for me to work with. Past Exalted Ruler Keith Egan served this Lodge faithfully over the past two years. Under his leadership and with the help of the Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers our Lodge has grown by over two hundred members. Keith and the other officers worked hard to accomplish significant improvements to the Lodge and guide it into a new era of prosperity. We're eternally grateful for Keith's service as well as the Board's, in particular the officers whose terms have come to an end.

We have a great group of officers coming in this year and we're all eager to grow and improve the Lodge. So far, I've made some adjustments to the leadership structure to improve communication and collaboration by appointing all the committee chairs to be members of the board. By doing this, all the committee chairs will be present at the monthly Board of Governors meetings and will give progress reports on all their projects so we can make sure they're staying on task and getting the support they need. Additionally, I will challenge each officer to create a new charitable endeavor that we can do each year that will help expand our footprint in the community, promote the Elks, and improve upon our mission of benevolence. In the works already, we're doing the children's literacy project we started last year called Books 4 Kids, we're also working on Backpacks 4 Vets, Run for the Wall, and Shattered Lives. This year we're going to do more to represent the Elks in the community through action and benevolence.

We're also exploring ways to make the Lodge experience more enjoyable and rewarding for members. This is going to be a great year for your Elks Lodge. We're going to accomplish many great things and we're going to have a lot of memorable times with friends and family. The Board can't do everything though, we're gonna need your help. The first step is attending all the floor meetings which occur the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm. The second step would be to volunteer for the committees and help with their projects. Also, don't forget, as a member you have the right to attend the Board of Governors meetings and observe the proceedings on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. Lastly, I want you all to know that as your Exalted Ruler, I serve you and am always available to you for questions or concerns. You can call or text me at 575-805-7012. I hope you are all as excited as I am, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge!

## Chaplain's Message

*Larry Brooks*

Our Chaplain Larry Brooks won't be writing his uplifting message this month. He has had a family emergency come up.

Larry could use our help. Please lift Larry and his daughter Carol up in prayer and keep them in your thoughts. They really need our strength and prayers.

## Do You Have A Submission for the Elks Tales?

EMAIL US ANY STORIES, ARTICLES PICTURES, GOOD JOKES, ETC. THAT WILL MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER INFORMATIVE AND USEFUL. ALSO, IF YOU'D LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS ELECTRONICALLY (IN COLOR) THAT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.

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# Secretary's Corner



Dear Members,  
 If you have not paid your dues, please come in and do so!!!  
 The new fiscal year starts April 1st. Please pay your dues, in person at the lodge or mail to Las Cruces BPO Elks  
 P.O. Box 969, Las Cruces, NM 88004 or online at  
<https://payorportal.revopay.com/index.php/OSG/properties/lascruceselks11191/login>.

Your new card will be necessary for entry starting April 1. Keep your current card until then as the new card won't work until April 1. If you have any questions call me, 575 496 8409.

Respectively,  
 Jamie Cushing

**Proposed for Membership:** Paul Herrera, 1259 Wingate Rd., LC, NM 88001 proposed by Al Lambeth; Andres Martinez, P.O. Box 24, Dona Ana, NM 88032 proposed by George Maestas; Mark Martinez, 5243 Mangas Trail, LC, NM 88012 proposed by Suzanne Martinez; Brian Misquez, 3750 Agate St., LC, NM 88012 proposed by Tommy Misquez; Peter Duran, 8259 Western View Rd., LC, NM 88007 proposed by Ernest Garcia; Roxanne Griffith, 124 Dillon, La Mesa, NM 88044 proposed by Nila Matsler;

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

On March 10th, we added to our family at the Elks Lodge Las Cruces with 13 new members. Then on March 24th we welcomed an additional 10 members. We are thrilled to increase our membership by 23 new members in one month. Please make them feel welcome when you see them in the lodge. Our lodge has been growing and we are proud to say that we have over 650 members at this time. We look forward to growing even more. Please extend your hand in friendship. If you have a friend that would be a good match for the Elks Lodge encourage them to join and give them an application. Together, we can make our corner of the world even better. There are applications at the bar!

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS



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# Member Indoctrination and Initiation April 21st



- New-member Indoctrination will take place at 10 AM in the pool/game room. This is also open to non-Elk members that wish to attend
- New-Member initiation will take place at 11 AM in the Lodge room. This ritual may only be attended by initiates and current members.

Welcome to our New Members that are being initiated April 21st, we invite you (new members) to join in a free lunch provided by the Activities Committee. Current members are welcome as well, however we request a \$5 donation from all current 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.



The Veteran's committee is busy getting things together to help Homeless and near Homeless Vets in Dona Ana County. Lou Sisbarro, Sisbarro Auto, has graciously committed to donate backpacks for this project. We need your help to gather the items needed to fill these backpacks.

These Veteran's have given their service to our country now it is our turn to assist them.

**Please help with donating new unused items listed below.** There will be a donation box in the foyer of the lodge.

Socks (men & women)  
Lotion  
Combs/hairbrushes  
Toilet paper  
Travel size deodorant

Towels  
Individual Kleenex  
mensuration products  
Reusable waterbottles  
Travel size shampoo

Chapstick  
Anti-bacterial wipes  
Toothbrush/tooth paste  
Mini flashlights  
Batteries

For housed clients we have a total of 44 of those we have 7 women. For those backpacks the items that can be included are:

Cleaning supplies  
Shower curtain rings  
Paper towels

Towels  
Sponges

Shower curtain  
Toilet paper



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# Congratulations to Our New Officers

Congratulations to our New Board of Officers for the 2024-2025 year starting April 1st will be:

## Lodge Officers:

Exalted Ruler	Jeff Dray
Leading Knight	Mike Clifton
Loyal Knight	Victor Rose
Lecturing Knight	Jose Ortiz
Esquire	Don Hanlin
Inner Guard	John Manning
Tiler	Bernardo Barela
5-year trustee	Patti Egan
4-year trustee	Mike Parker
3-year trustee	Nila Matsler
2-year trustee	Kim Hayes
1-year trustee	Al Lambeth
Secretary	Jamie Cushing
Treasurer	Scott Hayslett
Organist	Carl Barone
Chaplain	Larry Brooks

Do more than belong: **Participate**  
Do more than care: **Help**  
**Get involved**



**Your Lodge needs you**



**As of April 1st you will need your new 2024-2025 membership card to gain entry into the lodge.**

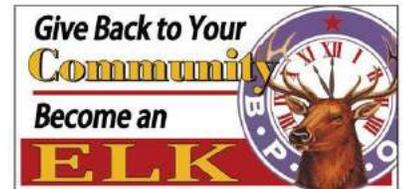
## Betty Burt Celebration of Life

Our friend and fellow Elk, Betty Burt, passed away January 13, 2024 on her birthday. She was 84 years young. Betty and her husband, Gary, moved to Las Cruces in 1993 and became members in 1995. Gary was an Exalted Ruler at the Las Cruces Elks Lodge. Betty was a member of Does, an auxiliary of the Elks. Betty was a very friendly and spunky woman. She loved her family and her friends. She loved going to the Elks lodge on Friday night to meet up with her friends. Her favorite thing was playing Canasta and she taught many ladies the proper way!

She will be missed by many.

The family would like to invite her friends and fellow Elks to join in a Celebration of Life of our dear friend, Saturday, April 13, 2024 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Las Cruces Elks Lodge. There will be finger food/snacks served. If you would like to help provide food, please contact Nancy Campbell, 269-358-5654.

*Please bring your Betty stories to share.*





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Don't miss Thursday 8 Ball Tournaments. They take place every Thursday at 7:00PM. Be sure to arrive early and sign up. It sure to be a great time and gathering of fellow Elks.





# NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



## April 27, 2024 10AM-2PM

at the

# Las Cruces Elks Lodge #1119 3000 Elks Drive, Las Cruces, NM

- Keep your family & community safe
- Clean out unused perscriptions and drugs
- No Questions Asked
- Bring them to be disposed of safely



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- Over-the counter Medications

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# BPOE April 2024

Meals shown are a representation only

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Green Chile Cheeseburger	2 <b>7PM Lodge Meeting</b> <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 	3 <b>Burritos</b> 	4 <b>8-Ball @7PM</b>   French Dip	5 <b>Ent:</b> Neal McCowan <b>Chicken Fajitas</b>  or Tostadas Compuesta plate 	6 Army Day 
7	8  Green Chile Cheeseburger	9 National Former POW Recognition  <b>6:30 PM Board Meeting</b> <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 	10 <b>Burritos</b> 	11 <b>8-Ball @7PM</b>   French Dip	12 <b>Ent:</b> Steppin Up <b>Pot Roast</b>  or Ground beef Red Enchiladas w/egg 	13 
14	15 Patriots' Day   Green Chile Cheeseburger	16 <b>7PM Lodge Meeting</b> <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 	17 <b>Burritos</b> 	18 <b>8-Ball @7PM</b>  <b>French Dip</b> 	19 <b>Ent:</b> Starliners  <b>Chick Steak</b> 	20
21  10am Orientation 11AM Initiation 12noon New Member Lunch	22  Green Chile Cheeseburger	23 <b>No Meeting</b> <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 	24 <b>Burritos</b> 	25 <b>8-Ball @7PM</b>  <b>French Dip</b> 	26 <b>Ent:</b> Eli James  <b>Prime Rib &amp; Shrimp</b> 	27 
28	29  Green Chile Cheeseburger	30 <b>No Meeting</b> <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 	Please remember all lodge functions and meals are for Members & their bona fide guests. Meals served 5:00pm-7:00pm or while supplies last whichever comes first. Be sure to reserve your Friday Night Meals.  Any changes in meals or Entertainment will be announced on Facebook: Elks Lodge Las Cruces			

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Jason Fernandez	04-01	Bobylee Jaramillo	04-15
Tomas Gomez	04-01	Alexandra Padilla	04-15
Thomas Hill	04-01	Leonard Harrison	04-16
Robert Loera	04-02	Teddy Elliott	04-17
Ernie Alvarez	04-04	Andy Hayslett	04-17
Kenneth Dickert	04-04	Scott Hayslett	04-17
Jacob Guerra	04-05	Jeffery Woolwine	04-17
David Soto	04-05	Clayton Elliott	04-18
Paul Gamboa	04-06	Hector Uribe	04-18
William Orest	04-06	Layton Webb	04-18
Justin Smith	04-06	Esperanza Reyes	04-22
David Leyva	04-07	Mel Roemmich	04-22
Arturo Pena	04-07	Brian Arcement	04-24
Daniel Rodriguez	04-07	Michael Clifton	04-24
Paul Farren	04-08	James McQuillan	04-24
Jeff Gorum	04-09	Ignas Musteikis	04-24
Scott Peterson	04-09	Jesus Aguirre	04-25
Manuel Alvarado	04-10	Joaquin Silva	04-25
Ramiro Falcon	04-10	Sandra Ortega	04-26
Hector Lugo	04-10	Greeley Myers	04-27
Gilberto Adame	04-11	Paul Morales	04-28
Evaristo Giron	04-11	Duane Andrews	04-29
Jose Ortiz	04-12	Ross Harmeson	04-29
Jeffery Anderson	04-13	Jason Maddox	04-29
Steven LeMonier	04-13	David Rodriguez	04-29
Patrick Hickox	04-15	Sandra Ferrales-Coe	04-30



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELKS!

Come into the lounge **On your birthday** to receive your free gift!