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A message from your Exalted Ruler

Greetings Fellow Elks:

Can you believe it has been a year already?! Elections of officers for the upcoming year will be held at the next meeting. It literally seems just like a month ago that I pledged to serve as the Exalted Ruler of the Lordsburg Elks Lodge #1813 for 2013/2014, and there is only one month left to that term.

Looking back to the beginning of this year, I remember joking that I was the slowest runner and the only one y'all could catch to become the new ER. But that just really isn't true. This past year has been one of the hardest years of my life and I am not sure I could have made it without the support of the friends that I have made in the short time I have been a member of this Lodge. And I am very happy to be ER or bartender or dishwasher or whatever I can do to help.

We have accomplished so much this year. Membership is up 14%, what?! We were able to get a handicapped-accessible van for a family in Lordsburg. We sold more CP tickets per capita than any other lodge in the state can touch. Bingo earnings increased by another one-half of the normal income. We have celebrated reunions, receptions, graduations, memorials, retirement parties,

splash parties, Halloween carnivals, mud volleyball, and spent lots of time with Elroy T Elk. It has been a learning experience, that's for sure! One that I wouldn't trade for anything.

In closing of this year, I would like to go back to my first speech as ER. "I admire all of you so much. You care so much about what you do here and you have worked so hard at it. I am humbled to be serving as Exalted Ruler of the Lordsburg Elks Lodge for 2013/2014, and I will try very hard to be worthy of your confidence."

Thank you all for allowing me to join you for this incredible journey. I am looking forward to another exciting year ahead. Come on down to the elections on March 12th and let me and the other candidates know what it is you want us to do next year. I look forward to whatever challenge you send my way, as long as it is with y'all.



Exalted Ruler
Christine Ortiz

Fraternally Yours,
Christine Ortiz
Exalted Ruler

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Ruiz placed third at State Hoop Shoot

Congratulations to Lordsburg's Ryan Ruiz, who place third at the New Mexico Elks Association's 2014 State Hoop Shoot. Ruiz traveled to Albuquerque on February 16, 2014 to participate in the event after winning at the local Hoop Shoot and at the District Hoop Shoot in Deming.

1813 to consider non-smoking lounge nights, possibly going smoke free

At our February regular lodge meeting, the membership of Lordsburg Elks Lodge briefly discussed the possibility of having at least one non-smoking Friday night All You Can Eat dinner each month.

The issue was tabled and will be discussed in the near future. Some members have expressed an interest in making the lounge completely smoke-free.

If you have an opinion on this issue, and cannot make it to one of our meetings, please let us know your feelings by emailing lordsburgelks@yahoo.com or contacting Exalted Ruler Christine Ortiz at 520.507.0455.



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From the Secretary's Desk *Brenda Hood*

Dear members,

As you should know, statements for the 2014-2015 year have been mailed out. Many of you have already taken the time to send in your annual dues. I appreciate your continued dedication and loyalty to Lordsburg Elks Lodge #1813.

If you haven't yet sent in your dues, please do so by April 1, 2014.

As of right now, we will be dropping seven members from our roster at the end of the month. Despite this loss, our membership has still shown an increase over the last year. If you see or talk to any of these members who are going to be dropped, please encourage them to stay on with us. They are: David Arredondo, Duane & Juanita Brojer, Jacob & Magdalena Marquez, Stefanie Unruh and Laine Vowell.

We initiated two new members into our order in February—Carlos Bejarano and Sandra Flores. We look forward to seeing these new members at the lodge and chipping in on our many charitable projects. If you have someone you'd like to propose for membership, contact me or Membership Chairman Glenda Greene at 575-639-2484.

At our March 12, 2014 meeting, we will be electing officers for the upcoming year. Nominations will be accepted once again on the 12th, but here is the breakdown to date after several new nominations and declines:

Exalted Ruler—Christine Ortiz
Leading Knight—Glenda Greene
Loyal Knight—Julie Montenegro
Lecturing Knight—Maria Sanchez
Secretary—Brenda Hood
Treasurer—Irene Galvan
Trustee (3 Year)—Christine

Ortiz, Kelly Gomez

Trustee (2 Year)—Lou Montenegro, Victoria Ausbern, Chris Helbig

Please come to the meeting on March 12 and have a voice in this election—both by nominating the candidate of your choice and by casting your ballots.

Finally, we sadly bid farewell to Lordsburg Elks Lodge member Jerry McNutt last month, who passed away after a lengthy illness. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Spring Convention registration is now underway

The NMEA State Spring Convention will be held at Isleta Resort and Casino in Albuquerque March 27th, 28th, 29th, 2014.

Registration forms are due by March 4, 2014. To Reserve Rooms call 877-475-3827 and refer to the following code: **NME0314**. This is for the New Mexico Elks Convention. Members should reserve their rooms individually.

To view the agenda or download a registration form, visit <http://nmelks.org/stsonvention.htm>.

Registration forms can also be obtained from Secretary Brenda Hood. 575.590.0377 or lordsburgelks@yahoo.com.



Happenings in
Veterans Services

We have wrapped up our \$2000 Freedom Grant for this year! The grant funding was dedicated for two purposes: Half for food and gas assistance and half for special projects that benefitted local veterans.

With this ENF funding, we were able to help ten local veterans with either food or gas assistance. We discovered that the need is greater when it comes to gas assistance, due to the great distances veterans are forced to travel to obtain medical treatments.

There were several special projects that we undertook as a lodge to support our local heroes. In mid winter, we discovered that two member veterans were in need of additional heating in their homes. We purchased two high quality space heaters for these member veterans and have heard they are being put to good use.

Roofing was another area that we received several requests for assistance. Thanks to the Freedom Grant, we were able to purchase materials to weather seal two local homes belonging to veterans. Special thanks to the Elks members who came out to do the labor on these two projects—Tyler Massey, Glenda Greene, Maria Sanchez, Lou Montenegro, Chris Garza and Kelly Gomez.

The final, major undertaking with this funding was the installation of a new porch for veteran Nick Paulos in Lordsburg. The porch replaced an old, rickety structure and included the addition of a much-needed handicap ramp. L&J Landscaping was a huge help in hammering out the details on this project. Much thanks to them!

We feel we were able to put this Freedom Grant money to tremendous use and in the process identified need of our veteran community. Plans are in the works to apply for this funding. Anyone wishing to help out on this committee, please contact me.

Our veterans are our heroes and as Elks we vow to never forget them!

Thomas Hood



Flores, Bejarano initiated into order

The Lordsburg Elks Lodge initiated two new members into the lodge on Friday, February 21, 2014. The initiation ceremony was followed by a Charitable & Benevolent Trust Ribeye Steak Dinner. Pictured above are Exalted Ruler Christine Ortiz, new members Sandra Flores and Carlos Bejarano, fill-in Esquire Amanda Frost and Ayden.

Roofing crews help veterans

The two roofing projects undertaken through the Freedom grant directly benefited local veterans. Below, veteran Sal Gomez was in the hospital when Kelly Gomez, Thomas Hood, Lou Montenegro and Chris Garza sealed his roof. At right, Maria Sanchez, Tyler Massey and Glenda Greene (not pictured) took on this roofing project for Leon McDaniel.



Congratulations to all of the new officers & members of the Lordsburg Elks Lodge #1813!

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9 Spring ahead Set your clocks on hour ahead before you go to bed tonight. Daylight-saving time starts tomorrow.	10	11 ELECTION OF OFFICERS Trustees Meeting 6PM Governing Body Meeting 6:30PM MEETING NIGHT 7 PM	12 Lounge Open 6 PM	13 BINGO 7 PM	14 All-You-Can-Eat Dinner 7 PM	15
16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!	18	19 Lounge Open 6 PM	20 BINGO 7 PM	21 C&B RIBEYE STEAK DINNER RSVP by 3/14/14	22
23	24	25 MEETING NIGHT 7 PM	26 Lounge Open 6 PM	27 BINGO 7 PM	28 All-You-Can-Eat Dinner 7 PM	29
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