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If you are not on a committee
and would like to help out please
let us know!



Exalted Ruler's Message

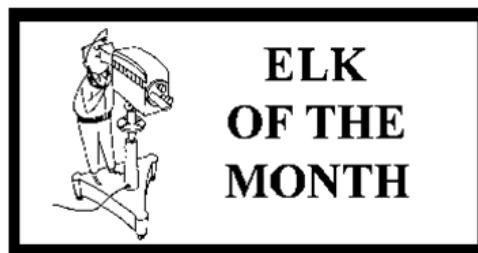
Greetings, Fellow Elks!

September was a very good month for us. We initiated 11 new members! It is just unbelievable how everyone is working so hard on membership. Please, keep it up! We are surely getting a lot of practice with our rituals now! Speaking of which....we have had help from our district ritual chairman, John Esquibel, and from Mike Cunningham. They came to our lodge on Sunday, Sept. 9th, and worked with us. Then Dana, Angela, and myself went to Santa Fe on Sept. 16, for a ritual clinic. It turned in to a training session and we learned a lot! Also, state internet chairman Billy Johnson is entering our website in the subordinate lodge contest at National. They will randomly view it over the next several months and notify the winners at the national convention in Anaheim next July. Here's hoping that Dana will place us there!

This month, we relieved James Pinkston of his duties on the Board of Trustees. The main reason for this is the fact that he has moved to Phoenix and is no longer a citizen of New Mexico. Phil Leger has been temporarily appointed to fill the remainder of the 5-year seat, after resigning his 1-year seat. Gladys Hightower has been temporarily appointed to fill the remainder of the 1-year seat. Both appointments will be voted on at the October 9, 2007 meeting. We will also be having another initiation that evening. Let's have a good turnout to welcome our new members. This will be 3 meetings in a row with initiation!

There were 15 members from our lodge in attendance at the fall workshop at Albuquerque Lodge #461 on September 29-30. I was really proud to see that kind of attendance at a state meeting. Our lodge was recognized by both Ritual and Americanism. Way to go everyone! Our next meeting will be the DD Clinic, to be held here in Las Vegas on January 20th, 2008. There will be a dinner and DJ on Saturday, the 19th. We expect to have guests from the other 4 lodges in the NE district that night. Check in at the lodge for more details in the future.

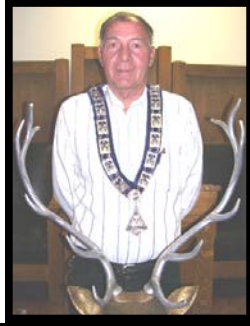
Don't forget the Halloween Party! We are hoping to have guests from Rio Rancho here that night, as their officers want to make a visit to our lodge. It is possible that we may have a few members from Raton here, too. Let's make them all feel welcome and have a great time together.



The Elk of the Month for October is one of our new members. Pauline Tapia has been with us only a few months and has already made an impact on our lodge. She has brought in 3 sponsorships for our newsletter, which has been most helpful. However, she has also sponsored 4 new members, which is quite an accomplishment for such a new member. Pauline is always there to help out with any functions we have going on in or out of the lodge. She also recently accepted the appointment as Lodge Inner Guard. I believe she will do quite well in that capacity. Thanks for everything, Pauline, and keep up the good work!

Keith Morris

Exalted Ruler



From the Secretary **Investigating Committee**

The Following people were read at the September 25 Meeting.

First Reading

Sarah Martinez by Barbara Venturi
Rita Duran by Pauline Tapia
Cynthia Gonzales by Barbara Venturi

Second Reading

Enrico Rubio by Pauline Tapia

Third Reading

Jeanne R. Moore-Sponsored by Keith Morris
Lawrence Griego-Sponsored by Keith Morris
Don Quintana-Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar
John Harvey-Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar
Sophie Martinez-Sponsored by Pauline Tapia
Tamara M. Ortiz-Sponsored by Keith Morris
May K. Fisher-Sponsored by Bill Fisher
Albert Goke-Sponsored by Philip Leger

Initiation

The following people were initiated on Sept 11

Dolores Peralta sponsored- by Barbara Venturi
Steve Leger sponsored by Bruce Goke
Sharon Fisher- sponsored by Dana Morris
Roxanne Romero- sponsored by Barbara Venturi

Initiation

The following people were initiated on Sept 25

Daniel Anaya- Sponsored by Robert Fisher
Renatta Zacarias- Sponsored by Robert Fisher
James Tapia- Sponsored by Pauline Tapia
Patricia Lopez- Sponsored by Paul Sanchez
Evangalina Pike-Sponsored by Geri Madrid
Taylor Read- Sponsored by Bruce Goke
Roycee Sorenson—Sponsored by Dwight Torres

Reinstatement

Ivan A. Roper was accepted for reinstatement
Darlene Hays-Coca was accepted for reinstatement

New Lifetime Members

Samuel Vigil
Robert Duran, Jr.

Absent for the Door Prize

Julian Raines (Sept 11)
Rudolfo Roybal (Sept 25)



Benito Vigil
Dana Morris
Renatta Zacarias
Angie Fisher

Our lodge membership is still growing at a fast clip! I am very proud of each of you members that have sponsored new ones. As membership chairman, I can honestly say that you are making my job a whole lot easier! It's hard to predict where we will be by March 31, 2008!

We accepted the resignation of Bruce Goke as Inner Guard at the meeting on Sept. 25, 2008, due to personal reasons. The Exalted Ruler appointed Pauline Tapia to fill the remainder of the year in that position.

We are revising our by-laws this year and will have the following proposals voted on at the next meeting:

- Change meeting time to 7:00 pm.
- Increase salaries of secretary and treasurer from \$2400 annually to \$3600 annually.
- Increase dues to \$60 per year and lifetime dues to \$25 per year.

Arthur Gonzales
Secretary



Gaming Room Hours

NOW OPEN EVERY DAY!!

6pm-12am

Gaming Room Report

Our gaming operations have been going great. We have had a couple of visits from our inspector, which were unannounced of course, and everything is in perfect condition. He is very pleased with everything.

Attendance was very good in the month of September. We have almost \$30,000 in our account. That is after paying two scholarships out, making payroll, and paying bills. This should be considered good, as well, since we have only been re-opened since April 20th.

We will, of course, be donating the lion's share of these funds to our charities, as well as scholarships. This is the whole purpose of having gaming in the first place.

I hope that everyone is having fun while enjoying themselves in the casino.

Arthur Gonzales,

Gaming Manager

Supermarket Sweepstakes

It is that time again, already! We have our tickets ready for this year's Supermarket Sweepstakes. The original order is 4,000 tickets, which we will take donations of \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Let's hope we have to re-order before the drawing. The drawing this year will be held on December 16th during Bingo. The winner will make his/her run on Wednesday, December 19th. We really want to thank Lowe's Super Save for helping us out on this project. This year, Anna Martinez, our Loyal Knight, will be in charge. We do plan to spend a few weekends sitting inside the store, as it really helps our ticket sales. Once again, the person taking the most donations will receive a \$30 gift certificate. This year, it is to be redeemed at the El Rialto Restaurant. Just be sure and come by the lodge and get tickets from either Anna or Keith. We made almost \$3,000 with this fundraiser last year. Our goal this time around is to make \$4,000 and it can be done if everyone pitches in to help. We intend to use part of these donations to help with the purchase of a new pool table for the lounge. The rest will be donated to our Charitable and Benevolent Trust fund and to the ENF fund. It would be nice to see every member put out at least 2 books of tickets each. You can look in the mail soon for 2. If you do not want to purchase them or take donations for them, please return them to the lodge, as they are numbered. We want to keep track of those handed out.

CP Ticket Update

We are in our last month of CP ticket sales. The money and ticket stubs have to be turned in October 20. The CP drawing will be held at Albuquerque lodge on October 27 at 7pm. Good luck to all who are entered. I want to thank Lodge #424 from Ulrichsville, OH and Mr. Virgil Yehl from Chardon, OH for helping us with our CP ticket sales. I do, once again, want to thank those who have turned in their money and tickets. Let's make this last month of ticket sales the best yet!

Dana Morris CP Chairperson



Bingo Hours

Sunday-7:00

Wednesday-7:00

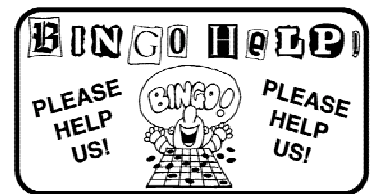
Bingo is still doing very well. We have \$18,259.42 in the Bingo account.

We were able to donate \$200 to the Robertson Homecoming for their BBQ.

Bingo also donated \$200 to Special Olympics.

One of our new members, Patricia Lopez, won the jackpot on 9-26-07.

Remember, that organizations can hold special bingos for fundraising and the lodge will provide the facilities and workers. Contact Phil Leger for more details.



We want to thank our volunteers who come to help out in bingo every week, we couldn't do it without you. Thank you Geri Madrid, Anna Martinez, Barbara Venturi, Angela Sanchez, Geno Apodaca, and Pablo Sanchez, and Barbara Sena. If you are interested in volunteering in Bingo let me know.

Las Vegas BPO Elks Membership Drive

A Membership Success Story

From www.elks.org

John Sankovich - Number one recruiter in the United States 2002-2003

John Sankovich reinstated 326 Members for the year 2002-2003. His reinstatement program consisted of the following:

1. Obtaining a list of all delinquent members for the past 2 years.
2. Obtaining telephone directories from surrounding communities around the Tocomo area.
3. Wrote and sent a personalized letter to each delinquent member.
4. Contacted each delinquent member by phone.

In each phone call he would find out why the delinquent member left. He informed each delinquent member about the current activities ongoing at the Lodge and talked about its involvement in the community and charitable works. Finally, he always asked them to return and be a part of the ongoing Lodge activities.

2007-2008 Las Vegas Lodge #408 New Members

In six months our lodge has added 15 new members and 3 reinstatements. We have 14 in waiting and many more to come. The easiest way to obtain a new member is to ask!

June 26 Initiation



Andrew Valdez, Jason Moore
Rosie Lanphere, and Pauline
Tapia

September 11 Initiation



(Pictured with new members: Lou
Carrillo and DD Dan Gerth)
Roxanne Romero, Sharon Fisher, Steve
Leger, and Dolores Peralta

September 25 Initiation



Renatta Zacarias, Daniel Anaya, Roycee
Sorenson, Patricia Lopez, Evangelina Pike,
ER Keith Morris
(Back) Taylor Read and James Tapia

Look What You Can Earn For Bringing In New Members!!

Bring in 11 members you get a watch!



Bring in 3 members you get a pin!



October 2007 GER Message



A Message from Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger

Time to focus on ENF, reaching \$4.25 goal

To All district deputies, exalted rulers, officers and members:

October brings the traditional holidays of Columbus Day and Halloween, but in the world of Elkdom, it brings us the tradition of focusing on our Elks National Foundation. As we all know, the Elks National Foundation is the backbone of our philanthropic efforts. Last year alone, our Order granted in excess of \$15 million by the foundation to help Elks build stronger communities through various programs. As such, I have made the foundation a major point of emphasis as I travel around the country this year. I have set a goal of \$4.25 per capita for lodge donations, which is a slight increase of 25 cents over recent years.

Each new member of our Order should be invited and encouraged to become a participant in the Elks National Foundation. The Lodge Orientation Program is the best time to extend this invitation. At that time, the new member is given a wealth of information about the good the lodge and the Order are doing both locally and nationally. Why not give the new member a pledge card to encourage his or her participation from early on? Donor recognition boards, pins and certificates should be maintained and presented to recognize and thank donors.

Be sure to let your members know that the success of the many programs they hear about and are proud about, is only due to the support that the Elks National Foundation receives. Their generosity makes "Elks Care – Elks Share" a reality.

Looking ahead to next month, November will bring us the opportunity to honor our nation's veterans. As part of the Elks commitment to those who have or are serving our country at the present, a new program will kick off to help our nation's veterans. You will soon receive the full details on this, which I am very excited about. In the meantime, support our veterans, our active duty soldiers and all of their families. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We are "Elks – United to Serve Others."

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Newsletter

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/DRUG AWARENESS



Anna Martinez-Chairperson

Lodge #408 Youth Activities

Lodge #408 Helps Out At the New Mexico State Fair Drug Awareness Booth

ER Keith Morris and Chaplain Dana Morris helped State Drug Awareness Chairman Max Otero at the New Mexico State Fair on Saturday September 8. The booth was located in the Manuel Chavez building at the State Fair. I would estimate that during our 4 hour shift that close to 200 people stopped at the booth to take information or just see the displays that we had. I hope we informed many people about the dangers of drugs.

Lodge #408's Own Gladys Hightower Entertains During a Special 9/11 Ceremony

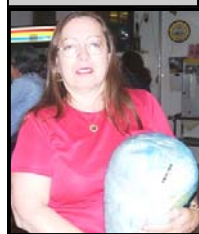
Estrella Martinez executes a patriotic salute as Gladys Hightower sings "America the Beautiful." Estrella is a second-grader at Paul D. Henry Elementary School and accompanied schoolmates to the Sept. 11 ceremony Tuesday at Carnegie Library Park.

Photo and article from Las Vegas Optic



Member Gladys Hightower can always be counted on to lend her talented voice to any Elks or community function.

Future Member Kathy Fisher donated 3 bags of pop tops which will be used to help youth in health crisis's.



National Elks Youth/Drug Awareness Activities

The Student Veteran Volunteer Program: What is the Program, What Is the Intent?

To bring the young people of our Nation into contact with the Veterans who have preserved our country's heritage, ideals, dignity and honor both at home and abroad, as members of the United States Armed Forces. This, we trust, will prove to be a relationship of a correlative nature; that both parties will come away with a mutual respect and understanding for one another's accomplishments and for the circumstances that are impacting and have impacted one another's lives.

Our Veterans Volunteer Program has, over the past few years, been in a general decline. We hope, that by tapping the resource of young people, their boundless energy and enthusiasm, we can breathe new life into our Veterans Program — not to mention peaking an interest in Elkdom. This WILL take work; this WILL take time; this WILL take dedication — but the end result can be one of the greatest endeavors we have undertaken as Elks.

You are all familiar with Elkdom's efforts and programs on behalf of our young people — space will not allow a complete listing of our many programs here — they are described, in detail however, in the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Manual (Code 512100 – Rev. 2000). The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has served this nation's youth proudly for generations; it is NOT asking too much of them to give back something to the community. We are NOT ALONE in this reasoning; the Presidential Summit Convocation on Education held in Philadelphia in 1997, mandated that all students entering high school after 1998, would be expected to become involved in a community service project — in order to obtain a high school diploma. My Brothers and Sisters in Elkdom — what a wonderful opportunity this program offers for community service — and the student volunteer will emerge with a wealth of information unobtainable in the classroom environment. All State Presidents, State Youth Chairpersons and Special Deputies have been sent detailed information on this program. It is a wonderful program, please take steps to implement it in

YOUR Lodge.

Ernest E. Southworth, Member
G/L Youth Activities Committee

Elks #408

October Events

October 2

House Committee Meeting 7 pm

October 3

Bingo 7 pm

October 7

Bingo 7 pm

October 9

*Initiation

Dinner 6:30 pm

Meeting 8:00 pm

October 10

Bingo 7 pm

October 14

Bingo 7 pm

October 17

Bingo 7 pm

October 20

Birthday Party 7 pm

October 21

Bingo 7 pm

October 23

Meeting 8 pm

October 24

Bingo 7 pm

October 27



Halloween Party 7 pm

CP Drawing in Albuquerque 7pm

October 28

Bingo 7 pm

October 31

Bingo

October 7, 14, 21, 28

Sunday Night Football 6:15 pm

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Monday Night Football 7:00 pm

October 2007



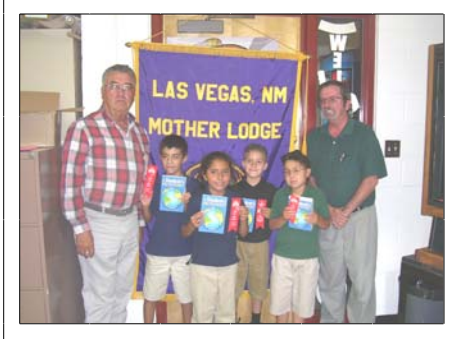
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MNF	2 House Comm. Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Bingo 7:00 pm	4	5	6
7 Bingo 7pm SNF	8 MNF	9 Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 8:00	10 Bingo 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14 Bingo 7:00 pm SNF	15 MNF	16	17 Bingo 7:00 pm	18	19	20 Birthday Party 7:00 pm
21 Bingo 7:00 pm SNF	22 MNF	23 Meeting 8:00 pm	24 Bingo 7:00 pm	25	26	27 Halloween Party 7 pm
28 Bingo 7:00 pm SNF	29 MNF	30	31 Bingo 7:00 pm			

WHAT WAS GOING ON AT LODGE #408 IN September?

September 7, 2007

Dictionaries were given away at Union Elementary School

PER Phil Leger and ER Keith Morris stand with Union Elementary 3rd Graders during their dictionary distribution



September 9, 2007

Ritual Practice at Las Vegas Lodge #408

NE District Ritual Chairman John Esquibel and Michael Cunningham came to the lodge to assist officers in ritual training

NE District ritual chairman John Esquibel instructs Leading Knight Barbara Venturi



September 11, 2007

DD Visit and Initiation

Lou Carrillo and DD Dan Gerth accept their gifts from Lodge #408



September 16, 2007

Ritual Clinic at Santa Fe Lodge #460

ER Keith Morris gets instruction from Ritual Judge John Hilliard



September 18, 2007

Dictionaries were given out at Tony Serna Elementary

ER Keith Morris and PER Phil Leger stand with Tony Serna Elementary 3rd Graders.



September 19, 2007

Dictionaries Were Given Out At North Star Elementary

ER Keith Morris hands dictionaries out to 3rd Graders at North Star Elementary



September 22, 2007

September Birthday Party

Barbara Venturi, Bob Abreau, Denise Hettinger, Anna Martinez



September 25, 2007

Initiation of New Members

Renatta Zacarias, Daniel Anaya, Roycee Sorenson, Patricia Lopez, Evangelina Pike,

ER Keith Morris

(Back) Taylor Read and James Tapia





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We have raised \$1,700 extra dollars for our lodge through these sponsors.

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Our lounge continues to get very good support from our members. We have had several new members and recruits coming in for refreshments. Also, Keith has brought food on Sunday nights, with Angela and Gilbert covering 2 of the MNF games. We will continue to have food on Sundays and Mondays, with an occasional Thursday, during the football season.

Budweiser will be here for the Dallas-Buffalo Monday night game on October 8th, 2007 with their specials.

Our domestic fellowship hour prices will now be \$1.75 and imports will be \$2.00. Call drinks will be \$3.50.

Gil's Fellowship Hour will now be 5-7 daily.

Drink specials for October will be:

Schlitz	-	\$1.25
Hot Damn	-	2.50
Schnapps		
Well drinks	-	2.00

Come in and visit with your fellow Elks. We look forward to seeing you!

*Gilbert Gallegos,
 Bar Manager*

Amateur Programs (Feb. 16)	Concession Societies Canned Beer and Coke Night	State/Debut Tournaments Sorghum Tournaments Sorghum Fry Great Beer Night Sports (Various)
Autumn Night Barbecue Basketball Night Beerball Trip Billiard Tournaments Bingo Book Club Boat Trips Bowling Night Bowling Tournament Brew Club Night Boy Scouts Night	Charity Hunt Jazz Pic Sports Square Dances Greenham Tennis	State President's Night State Barbecue State Industry Night State Tax Seminars Summer Mixed Finishes Hunting Dart



Sunday and Monday Night Football has been doing quite well. We had good turnouts in September.

October will be a busy month for us as well. We have our monthly birthdays party on the 20th and then our Halloween party on the 27th. Sharon and Allen Fisher will be taking care of it, but I am sure they will need help from us as well, with the decorations and set-up. If you have Halloween decorations that you would like to donate for this event bring them to the lodge. We are expecting to have a really good crowd. Just remember that you must be in costume to qualify for any of the door prizes that will be given away.

Bob Abreau will be in charge of the door. Cost is \$5 per person. We will be having drink specials that evening and there will be plenty of food available. We plan on giving half of the take at the door to the new pool table fund.

Dwight Torres will be on hand to DJ for the evening, so there will be dancing, too. Come out and support your lodge! See you there.

Costume contest categories will be: best couple, scariest costume and most original costume.

*Barbara Venturi
 Leading Knight*