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# Mother Lodge Newsletter



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**and would like to help out please**  
**let us know!**



## Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings Fellow Elks!

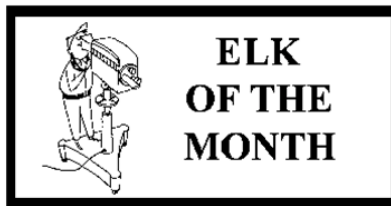
The New Year is upon us and with it comes the last 3 months of our Elk year. We have a lot ahead of us during this time: at least 2 more initiations, the DD Clinic on January 20th, nomination of officers in February and election of officers in March. I strongly urge all eligible Elk members to attend each of these functions as it is your right and your duty.

December was a very good month for our lodge. Our lounge did extremely well for the whole month! I want to thank everyone for their support. Gilbert has done a fantastic job of managing it. I want to thank all of the bartenders for their excellent work as well.

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas with friends and family. Our New Year's party was a great success with a very good attendance. Kudos to Dwight Torres for the great music. I especially want to thank Loretta Almanzar for a job well done in the arrangements for the party. She had a lot of help from various members and they are to be thanked as well. All of the pot luck donations were great!

Angela and Pablo Sanchez, along with myself and Dana, visited the veterans in the Vida Encantada Nursing Home on Friday, December 21st. We gave each of them Christmas gifts and thanked them for their service to our country. It pleased them very much to hear that from us!

Please don't forget to attend the DD Clinic on January 20th and the party on the night before. We will have guests from the 4 other lodges in our district and several of the state officers as well. Come out and say hello and enjoy fellowship with them. The PDDGERS will be electing the next District Deputy designate at this meeting. We want to serve as great hosts to them, since we are the mother lodge.

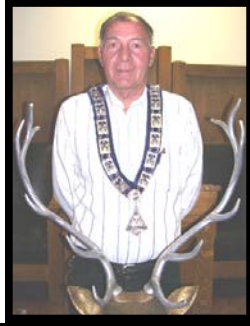


The Elk of the Month for December, 2007, is Arthur Gonzales. Art has been doing a great job this year as our Lodge Secretary and we have kept him busy with all the new members we have been bringing in. That creates a lot of paperwork! The success of the lounge has kept him just as busy but he never complains about it! Besides taking on his regular duties, he also has assumed the job as Gaming Manager, which requires just as much time. He has done a great job of managing it and insuring that all the monies and figures are properly cared for. Be sure and thank him for all of the energy and great work he gives to our lodge!

Keith Morris, Exalted Ruler

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## **From the Secretary Investigating Committee**

*The Following people were read at the December 11 Meeting*

### **First Reading**

Loretta Saiz- Sponsored by Dwight Torres  
Cole Tripp- Sponsored by Cary Culbertson

### **Second Reading**

Doreen Zamora- Sponsored by Philip Leger  
Gene Gonzales-Sponsored by Philip Leger  
Jose Flores-Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar  
Maria Flores-Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar  
Larry Cruz-Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar  
Maria Cruz-Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar  
Mary Lucero-Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar  
Sue Vigil-Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar  
Dorothy Lanphere-Sponsored by Joe Lanphere  
Pat Lopez-Sponsored by Dolores Peralta

### **Third Reading**

Jose Castro -Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar  
Helen Castro- Sponsored by Loretta Almanzar  
Elba True -Sponsored by Joe Lanphere  
Terry Maznia -Sponsored by Phil Leger

### **Dimits**

Tim King sponsored by Keith Morris  
Ginny Eyerman sponsored by Keith Morris

### **Absent for the Door Prize**

Rudolfo Roybal



Jordan Grimm had an accident in which he broke many bones.

Chris Manzanares' wife Connie had surgery



*If any of our birthday information is incorrect please notify the lodge*

Ray Leger-6  
Tamara Ortiz-8  
Glen Pendergraft-12  
Donald Quintana-18  
Steve Leger-20

*Arthur Gonzales  
Secretary*

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## Gaming Room Hours

**NOW OPEN EVERY DAY!!**

**6pm-12am**

## Gaming Room Report

Gaming has been doing great for us! I want to once again thank our volunteers for all of their donated time. Tamara and Sandy are to be thanked as well for working the weekends. There were no jackpot winners in December, but we still had a lot of payouts to our regular players. I definitely want to thank our members for supporting the gaming room, as it is vital to aiding our charities. We have been able to donate quite a bit of money up to this point.

*Arthur Gonzales,*

*Gaming Manager*

## Supermarket Sweepstakes

The lodge raised around \$2,000 during the supermarket sweepstakes.

The winners were:

\$500 shopping spree winner Alexis Bachicha

\$100 Lowes Gift certificate winner C. T. Trujillo

\$50 Lowes Gift certificate winner Carlos Gallegos



*Councilwoman Diane Moore pulls the winning ticket.*

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## Bingo Hours

**Sunday-7:00**

**Wednesday-7:00**

The Bingo account is \$13,471. With that money we were able to help Robertson High School's art program, West Las Vegas High School's boys basketball team. The Robertson Business Professionals of America also held a fundraising bingo.

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.*

*Philip Leger*

*Bingo Manager*

# Elks #408 January Events

# January 2008

2—Bingo 7:00 pm

5—NFC Playoff 2:00 pm  
AFC Playoff 6:00 pm

6—NFC Playoff 11:00 am  
AFC Playoff 2:00 pm  
Bingo 7:00 pm

8—Regular Meeting 8:00 pm

9—Bingo 7:00 pm

12—NFC Playoff 2:30 pm  
AFC Playoff 6:00 pm

13—AFC Playoff 11:00 am  
NFC Playoff 2:30 pm  
Bingo 7:00 pm

16 Bingo 7:00 pm

19—Pot Luck Dinner & Dance 7:00

20— DD Clinic 9:00 am  
AFC Championship 1:00  
NFC Championship 4:30  
Bingo 7:00 pm

22—Dinner 6:30 pm  
Initiation—8:00

23—Bingo 7:00 pm

26—Birthday Party 7:00 pm

27—Bingo 7:00 pm

30—Bingo 7:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Bingo 7:00			Playoff Games 2:00 & 6:00 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Playoff Games 11:00 & 2:00 pm Bingo 7:00		Regular Meeting 8:00 pm	Bingo 7:00 pm			Playoff Games 2:30 & 6:00 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Playoff Games 11:00 & 2:30 Bingo 7:00 pm			Bingo 7:00 pm			PotLuck Dinner & Dance 7:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DD Clinic 9:00 am Games 1:00 & 4:30 pm Bingo		Dinner 6:30 pm Initiation 8:00 pm	Bingo 7:00 pm			Birthday Party 7:00 pm
27	28	29	30	31		
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## December Lodge Events

**December 15, 2007**

### **December Birthday Party**

*Robert Fisher and Dolores Peralta celebrated their birthday*



**December 19, 2007**

### **Supermarket Sweepstakes**

*Supermarkets sweepstakes winner Alexis Bachicha had her grandmother, Stella Sena, run the sweepstakes for her.*



**December 21, 2007**

### **Veterans from Vida Encantada Nursing Home Receive Gifts**

*ER Keith Morris, Tiler Paul Sanchez, and Veterans chairperson Angela Sanchez pose with veterans from Vida Encantada nursing home.*



### **December 23 Las Vegas Lodge #408 Hoop Shoot**



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Wow! I really thought that December would be a slow month for us, but I was pleasantly in error. In actuality, it has been the best month of the year for us. We had 3 reserved parties in the lounge, as well as our New Year's Eve party. The birthday party and pool league nights contributed very nicely to our success. I want to thank our bar-

tenders for working so hard at these functions. Sunday and Monday Night Football also helped out. I want to thank those who brought food or bought pizza for those nights. We can look forward to the playoffs now. I may consider opening early to accommodate our football fans, if there is enough interest. Just give me a call at the lodge and let me know what you think.

We are still in the process of raising money for a new pool table. If you want to donate or have any ideas on a fundraiser, please contact Bob Abreu.

*Gilbert Gallegos*  
 Bar Manager

American Programs	Concession Society	Stuffedboard Tournament
Anniversary Night	Coated Beer and	Softball Tournament
IF Ab. 103	College Night	Swampin' Eve
Auto Industry Night	Cheer Night	Sport Show Night
Barbecue	Chit Chat	Sport Show (Various)
Baseball Night	Chit Visitation	
Baseball Trip	Chit (Various)	
Billboard Tour	Charity	Star Association Night
Booze	Charity	Star Presidents Night
Booze Bash	Charity	Steak Barbecue
Booze Trip	Charity	Super Industry Night
Boxing Night	Charity	Sway File Knowledge
Boxing Tournament	Charity	Swampin' Mead Feast
Boys Club Night	Charity	Swampin' Mead Feast
Boys Scouts Night	Charity	Swampin' Mead Feast

The New Year's Party went very well . We had an excellent attendance! We want to thank everyone who brought food, of which there was more than enough. Much thanks to Dwight Torres for the excellent music.

Also deserving of thanks this month is Donald Montoya. He welded the chain on our dumpster to keep out unwanted dumping from the community and it has worked perfectly. Donald also provided the welding for our fence building project!

Joe and Rosie Lanphere installed the last smoke fan/ filter in the gaming room. We cannot thank them enough for all the money they have saved the lodge by their generous donation of time and labor in this project.

Our next party will be the birthday parties on Saturday, January 26th. After that, the Super Bowl party will be on February 3rd. The game actually starts at 4:00 MST, but we will open the lounge at 2:00. It will be \$5 per person at the door, with the proceeds to go to the pool table fund.

Barbara Venturi, Leading Knight

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