

### Membership Status

**Total Members as of 4/1/2011—227**

**Increases in Membership since 4/1/11 as follows:**

New Members by Initiation—6

New Members by Affiliation—3

Reinstated Members—2

Sub Total—11

**Decreases In Membership since 4/1/11 as follows:**

Members Dropped—0

Members Transferred Out—0

Members Granted Absolute Dimit—0

Deceased Members—2

Sub Total—2

**Total Members as of 1/1/2012—236**

Current Paid Dues—228

Members not in Good Standing—8

Lapsation—3.52%

### Propositions for Membership:

By Initiation

Carolyn Sineros - Proposed by Eppie Trujillo

Resides in Los Alamos, Occupation - Administrator

### Candidates to be voted on in January:

My Initiation

Steven C. Mullins - Proposed by Spike Jones

Resides in Los Alamos, Occupation - Emergency Response Operator

Patricia Starky - Proposed by Pat Metzger

Resides in Los Alamos, Occupation - Retired

By Affiliation from Port Jefferson, NY Lodge #2138

Joseph Bundy - Proposed by Eppie Trujillo

Resides in Los Alamos, Occupation - Retired

By Reinstatement

Jeanette Metzger-Thorp - Proposed by Pat Metzger

Resides in Los Alamos, Occupation - Realtor

Members to be Initiated into our Lodge January 9, 2012:

Ronald Selvage - Proposed by Lisa Harris

Robert White - Proposed by Tracy Smith

Ryan Wells - Proposed by Mark E. Smith

### MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE ELK YEAR OF 2011-2012 ARE DUE NOW!!!

The following members will be dropped from our roles if they do not pay their dues before March 31, 2011. If you see someone's name who is a friend, neighbor or work associate, contact them to encourage them to remain an Elk in good standing in your Los Alamos Lodge.

Howard Hall, Priscilla Hall, Gary Hampton, Cynthia Harvey, Miro Kovacevish, David A. Neal, Joseph Peltier, and James Rubin.

—Eppie Trujillo, Secretary

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Fellow Members,

Happy New Year! I hope your Holiday was full of good cheer and good will. We are all looking forward to a great new year.

## *Exalted Ruler's Message*



Most of my message is chronologic; but, the Lodge and our members owe brilliant thanks to Natalie Dimitruck and her team for their extraordinary results. We had another wonderful year with the Christmas Giving Tree. Natalie Dimitruck and her crew delivered over 300 presents, on Deceember 17, to the Catholic Church in Pojoaque. This was a big event — Thank You to everyone that participated in making this event another huge success.

New Years always bring thought of resolutions. There is an honors system weight loss challenge out there. Set your weight goal and achieve it by St. Patty's Day. For those of you who are thinking about other resolutions, we as fellow members should encourage those who are trying.

I can't believe it has been a year since the smoking survey was submitted to the membership. As mentioned in November's Antes Trustees Message, "Lastly, after much thought and deliberation, we are utilizing member feedback and designating a new smoking area for the Lodge which will be in full effect beginning in the New Year. The new smoking area of our Lodge will allow for smoking to take place at the bar but will make it so there will be space at the bar where smoking will not be allowed. This way someone can sit at the bar without being surrounded by smoke. This new designation will improve the air quality of our Lodge and hopefully encourage new membership and greater participation from our current members." There will be a membership vote on this at the January 26 Lodge Meeting.

The Christmas Light parade was held on December 3 and although it was bitterly cold, all had fun. Following the parade, the children had a visit from Santa and a special guest Elroy, our Anti-Drug Awareness Mascot. Goodies were handed out to excited children. Unfortunately we didn't place this year, but Randy and Gina Smith's crew pulled together one of our best looking floats. This year's parade was one of the best seen in years and there was a lot of competition.

The annual Elks' Memorial Services was held on Sunday, December 4. Several members attended this very touching ceremony to recognize our dearly departed members. Thank you, Michael Phillips, for standing in for me during my absence while I was on travel.

Tsay Corporation cleaned our Lodge Room on December 10, prior to their Christmas party on December 13. If you haven't had a chance to see the Lodge Room, please do. I almost had a sock only Lodge meeting it was so shiny. Not only were the floors cleaned and waxed, they additionally cleaned the lights, fans, Lodge Room bathrooms and steam-cleaned the walls. Please see the "From the Kitchen" section for more on the floor cleaning. Let's keep the Lodge Room looking great.

Our one and only meeting in December (the 12th) was hit with a major snow storm and was poorly attended. At Grand Lodge this year, it was passed that an abbreviated opening and closing could be used. Although we have not been given formal direction of what this abbreviated meeting entails, and due to the weather, we

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## *Exalted Rulers Message continued ...*

checked cards, pledged our allegiance, said a prayer and conducted our business. We were finished in a record 20 minutes. My hope is that if we are able focus more on the business and minimize the time spent on the formalities, we will get more membership participation.

Esquire Craig Taylor and his wife Linda held a Madrigal Dinner Theatre on December 17. Los Alamos Little Theatre held a wonderful Christmas performance around a multi-course meal. Although this dinner was set in the Middle Ages, the theatre built in a special act in the land of Elkdom. This was a very touching and quite humorous act written by Linda Taylor. Proceeds raised went to support the Los Alamos Little Theatre. There were about 90 people in attendance.

Once again Dan and Connie Gerth held their wonderful Holiday Eggnog Party on Christmas Eve. Along with the eggnog, many enjoyed such flavors of Cajun meatballs, red-wine braised Portuguese Chorizo, great dips and awesome sweets. Dan and Connie, you out did yourselves. Thank you.

December 25 Time line: Happy Holidays to ALL! Happy Birthday to me. Thank you for the cake and song at the Eggnog Party. It was unexpected, but well appreciated.

Los Alamos Fire Department Deputy Chief Mark Sandoval's Retirement Party (Elk's) was celebrated on December 27 at the Lodge. Much fun was had. Congratulations Mark in your retirement. Bored yet?

As I segue ...

If you are interested in becoming or remaining an officer, committee chair, trustee, or member of the ritual team please contact Lisa Harris.

Just a reminder, if you have any concerns or ideas, please speak with any of OUR officer/trustee to voice these thoughts. We are here to make a difference and always encourage our member's feedback. Let us know and better yet, attend a meeting. Your vote on how our Lodge will continue to grow and succeed is vitally important! Please attend our meetings and let your voice be heard.

- PER Meeting: January 3 6 p.m.
- Lodge Meeting: January 9, 7 p.m.
- House and Trustees Meeting: January 17, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively
- Lodge Meeting: January 23, 7 p.m.

Please step up for anything you are interested in. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Yours in Elkdom,

*Reine Williams, ER*

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

## KUDOS Corner

**Betty & Raymond Smith** – Thank you for setting up and taking down the Christmas Decorations.

**Eppie Trujillo** – Thanks for taking such great care of the Delacey Street folks!

**Betty Smith** – Thank you for making the curtains for the women’s room.

**Natalie Dimitruck** – Thank you for your wonderful job on the Christmas Giving Tree

**Mark Smith and Barb Liston** – Thank you for raising money at your last Payday Café to renovate the game room.

**Ben Bouman** – Thank you for raising money to get new dart boards.

**Doug Knutt** – Thank you for tending to the swamp coolers and RV station winterizing.

If there is anyone who wishes to point out someone as doing a great job, please post with Denise Bjarke at [dbjarke@lanl.gov](mailto:dbjarke@lanl.gov) or [dbjarke@comcast.net](mailto:dbjarke@comcast.net). Unfortunately Kudos’s are mostly documented during “Good of the Order” during our Lodge meeting. Members that don’t come to the meetings should be aware of outstanding members for their extra contributions or accomplishments.

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## *From the Kitchen ...*

As a reminder, all Pay Day Cafés and kitchen rentals are charged a \$30 kitchen fee. This fee is used to cover the cost of supplies and utilities.

Check list to be posted in kitchen. (Just to let you know)

- Oven, stoves, warmer, counters - wiped down
- Trash Thrown, replace liners in cans
- All dishes cleaned and put away
- Make sure sink is emptied out and clean
- Refrigerator cleaned out and items either thrown out or frozen for future use
- Microwave unplugged (to protect during power surges)
- Ovens, warmer & burners turned off
- Kitchen floor swept and mopped
- Lodge Room tables and chairs put away
- Lodge Room floor swept and mopped (NO detergent on Lodge room floor, lukewarm/cool water only)
- Are there any supplies to be replaced or that is needed? If so, please contact Kitchen Manager, Steve Remde

## FOOTBALL

**January 7 and 8**  
Wildcard Round

**January 14 and 15**  
Divisional Playoffs

**January 22**  
Conference Championship

**February 5**  
SUPERBOWL PARTY AT THE LODGE!!



## Don't feel like cooking?

Come down to the Lodge on Pay Day Thursday's for some great food. Proceeds from the meals helps to support our charity work! This month's Pay Day Café will be held January 12 and 28.





## *Giving Tree Campaign A Huge Success*

The Los Alamos Elk's Lodge provided gifts to more than 110 less fortunate children in Northern New Mexico. The gifts were purchased by the membership and delivered to St. Vincent de Paul in conjunction with the Catholic Daughters for the Americas and local elementary schools on Dec. 17. Pictured from left to right in the Elks Christmas Giving Tree Team: Jennifer Kieltyka, Dan Gerth (PER), Natalie Dimitruck (chair), Lisa Harris, Dick Bjarke (PER) and Mark Harris (PER).



**There will be a member vote  
on Jan 26 to determine if the  
Lodge implements a segregated  
smoking section.**

**Please come VOTE!**

**Want to help take this Lodge  
to the next level?**

**Interested in leadership  
opportunities?**

Please contact Lisa Harris if interested in serving as an officer or chair person – a few positions are still available! Lisa may be reached at [lisaharris@lanl.gov](mailto:lisaharris@lanl.gov), 690-4620.

## Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Reine Williams
Leading Knight	Lisa Harris
Loyal Knight	Herb Fry
Lecturing Knight	Maybelle Vigil
Chaplain	Steve Fellows
Esquire	Craig Taylor
Inner Guard	Ben Bouman
Tiler	Gina Smith
Secretary	Eppie Trujillo
Treasurer	Bobbie Harlow

## Trustees

1-year	Isaac Lucero
2-year	Kirk Hollis
3-year	Mark Harris
4-year Acting, Nominated	Mark E. Smith
5-year	Richard Kieltyka

## Lodge Committee Chairpersons

Accident	Alan Woodward
Americanism	Lisa Harris
Auditing	Daniel Gerth
Cerebral Palsy	Sue Cummings
C&B Trust	To be posted soon
Community Activities	Jennifer Kieltyka
Drug Awareness	Michael Phillips
Elk's National Foundation	Isaac Lucero
Flag Day	Lisa Harris
Government Relations	Raymond Smith
Hoop Shoot	Craig Taylor
Indoctrination	Richard Bjarke
Investigation	Trish Sandoval
Lapsation	Eppie Trujillo
Membership	Trish Sandoval
PER Association	Rich Kieltyka
Memorial Service	Maybelle Vigil
Public Relations	Denise Bjarke
Ritual	Rich Kieltyka
Scholarships	Vacant
Soccer Shoot	Craig Taylor
Veterans Service	Mark Harris
Visitation	Raymond Smith
Youth Activities	Richard Sisneros



## January Birthdays

1	Millard Edwards
13	Randall King
13	Marvin Murphy
15	Sally Winn
16	Rick Wilhelm
17	Ben Bouman
17	Jesse Cheadle
17	T. Matthew Harlow
19	James Meyer
19	Randy Smith
20	Ted Weisgerber
20	Kurt Whyte
22	Rick Staroski
23	Martin McLaughlin
24	Kenneth Baltz
24	William Radzinski
27	Gary Hampton
27	Roger London
28	Paul Ortega
31	Peter Olvias

## Contacts:

Bar Liaison: Mark Sandoval  
Bar Manager: Barb Liston  
Kitchen Manager: Steve Remde  
Maintenance: Doug Knutt  
Antes: Denise Bjarke

## Lodge Hours:

Monday – Friday: 3-10 p.m.  
Saturday: 2-8 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon-9 p.m. (during football season)

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The Antes is the monthly newsletter of the Los Alamos Elk's Lodge, BPOE #2083. Articles, stories, and pictures must be submitted by the 20th of the month for the next month's publication. Please send your items to [dbjarke@lanl.gov](mailto:dbjarke@lanl.gov) or [dbjarke@comcast.net](mailto:dbjarke@comcast.net).

## What is the Elks National Foundation?

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. This pledge is fulfilled by investing in communities where Elks live and work.

A board of seven trustees, who are all past national presidents of the Order, governs the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the Foundation's day-to-day operations. He has a staff of 16. The Foundation also has volunteers at the Lodge, district and state levels to help coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Since inception, the Foundation has received more than \$201.2 million in contributions and bequests. All unrestricted donations go into a permanent endowment fund, where each gift earns interest for lifetimes. Today we boast more than 100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$470.9 million. The ENF has contributed more than \$324.6 million toward Elks' charitable projects nationwide. These funds support our three college scholarship programs, the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, the Community Investments Program, and grants to State Elks

Each Elks Lodge that meets its annual per capita goal of \$4.50 per lodge member via fundraising and member donations, will receive a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant for our Lodge to use how we choose. We have used Gratitude Grant money to help Elks members and supported requests in our community for folks who are in need be it to help offset medical expenses or to help pay a utility bill. \$4.50 per member is an easy goal. There are many ways to donate. One is to drop a check in our secretary's drop box and write ENF donation in the memo line. Another is to go online at [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf) and make a donation there. They accept credit cards and debit cards. Help support our Lodge in achieving our goal of \$4.50 per member. Here are our current stats:

We have 227 members.  $227 \times \$4.50 = \$1021.50$ . We currently have raised \$330. So,  $\$1021.50 - \$330 = \$691.50$ . Please come and support the ENF payday cafe's, write a check and drop it in Eppie's box or go online and make a donation.

If our Lodge raises \$1021.50, our Lodge then gets \$2,000 to spend how we choose. This sounds like a good deal.

If you have any question about donating to ENF to help our Lodge reach it's per capita goal, please feel free to contact me.

Isaac Lucero  
ENF Chair



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### Want the Antes mailed to you?

Please send a year's worth of self-addressed, stamped envelopes to:

**BPOE 2083**  
**Attn: Denise Bjarke**  
**1600 Trinity Drive**  
**Los Alamos, NM 87544**

### Address changes

If you have changed your mailing address, e-mail address and/or phone numbers, please notify the secretary at [sec-bpoe2083@bpoe2083.org](mailto:sec-bpoe2083@bpoe2083.org) so that the membership records can be updated.

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <b>PER Meeting</b> 6 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	10	11	12 <b>Pay-Day Cafe</b> 6:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	17 <b>House/Trustee Meeting</b> 6 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	24	25	26 <b>Pay-Day Cafe</b> 6:30 p.m.	27	28
29	30	31				