

Colorado Springs, CO BPOE Lodge #309

Kicking of Summer with



Hello Everyone,

May is upon us! It marks the start of our summer, with swimming, camping, racing, bar-b-ques and family outings fun! We will have bands every Saturday Night at the Elks and invite all to come down and enjoy the entertainment.

May 5 is Cinco de Mayo ("The Fifth of May"). This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. We will offer drink specials to celebrate the day. The Ladies Klub is hosting our Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday May 3. Food is being served from 5p.m.-6:30p.m. followed with music by Mayra Alejandra.

Mother's Day Brunch will be on Sunday, May 12. Mother's and Mother's of members are invited to eat for free. We will have a gift for each mother who arrives. A meaningful Mother's Day Ceremony will take place in the lodge room at 1pm and we invite all to attend the beautiful ceremony.

Memorial Day holiday recognizing the commitment of members of America's military services, honors those who lost their lives while defending their country. We place a flag on each and every grave at the Elks rest cemetery in honor of our past Elks. I hope your Memorial Day is meaningful and I wish you an enjoyable weekend where you remember those that are no longer with us. We have the Annual Memorial Picnic at the Lodge and will be performing the poignant ceremony of the Missing Man. Please Join us on Sunday May 26th for our celebration and picnic.

May 28 is Armed Forces Day, which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.

What a busy month! I hope to see you all down at the lodge participating in each event, enjoying the good company of our fellow elks and participating in the awesome ceremonies we will have this month.

First and foremost, I want to sincerely thank each one of you for your understanding and patience in setting up the new door system at the lodge. We could not change the door system until April 1 and the cards could not be programmed until the door system was up and running. There are over 2000 cards to program and distribute so it took a little bit of time to get all them entered and active in the new system thus causing a delay in the receipt of new cards. The white card you receive is the door access card (continued on page 2)

DID YOU KNOW?!

Posters and flyers may only be displayed on bulletin boards, easels and plastic holders. Please do not post them on doors, mirrors, windows, etc. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Join us at the Lodge!

5/3 Friday Night Dinner Hosted by the Ladies Klub - Cinco de Mayo Celebration featuring Mayra Alejandra

5/12 Mother's Day Brunch 10a.m.-1p.m. - Mother's Day Ceremony at 1pm.

5/17 Eleven O'clock Car Club Friday Night Dinner Chicken Fried Steak by Dennis O'Leary 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

5/25 Pool Clean Up Day 9a.m.

5/26 Memorial Day Celebration 12p.m.-4:30p.m. - Opening Day for the Pool

6/2 Ladies Klub Spring Luncheon

6/16 Father's Day BBQ

Weekly NASCAR potlucks on Sundays

(Continued from page 1) for our lodge only. It will permanently be your card and you will need to hang on to that year over year. You will still receive the annual membership card each year. It has been quite the under-going to get this all arranged but everyone is loving the new door access cards. It is proving to be much more user friendly. Next year, your membership renewals will be processed immediately upon receipt. This year is an anomaly due to the hard work and install of the new system. The card system will pay for itself within 2 years and then the lodge will save money on new cards every year going forward. By April 20, all cards have been programmed. I extend a special thank you to our Secretary Jerry Minson for his dedication in getting all this completed!

Additionally, pot hole repairs completed in the Parking Lot mid-April. Several Elks volunteers have offered to re-paint the lines in the parking lot as well. Thank you all for your dedication!

I wish each and everyone one of you a happy and healthy month of May. I sincerely love our lodge and all of its wonderful members!

Remember to Embrace Kindness, Ignite Change and Volunteer Often. Your Lodge needs you!

With Regards,

Patti Minson Exalted Ruler 2024-2025



Secretery's Corner

With appreciation to all our members,

The new door card system is Finally installed and functioning! We have received many compliments on the ease of access which our members finally have. Thanks to all of the members who volunteered many hours to help with this endeavor!

I would also like to thank the members who stepped up to help me get the dues cards sent out! The delay in being able to send the cards was due to the new system being active. It was a daunting task but the teamwork from these people was amazing! It is appreciated immensely!

Thanks again, Jerry Minson, PER Secretary

*Memership dues can be paid at the bar. Please place your receipt in the secretary's box. Make sure your name and member number are on your receipt.

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A Grand Easter Celebration at Lodge #309

On Easter Sunday the Lodge hosted a festive holiday celebration with beautiful weather and fun egg hunt! Over 125 members and their guests in addition to 10 Vets, in honor of their time and service to our country, were served. Thank you to the PERs for hosting and each and every volunteer who made Easter a wonderful day for our members and their guests.

The Easter Bunny even came to visit during the egg hunt in our very own back yard! Dave Arvizu was awesome! Our lodge is such a fun place to celebrate and make memories. Make sure you share you photos to the Elks 309 Facebook page.

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Roaming Elks Supports Local Organization - The Place

We had a guest speaker, Jelindra Hiam from "The Place" a shelter and outreach for homeless youth, both males and females. The Place is the recipient of the Elks grant that the Roaming Elks applied for and received. Ms. Hiam explained about the problems facing underage youths who are kicked out, run away, or age out of foster care and have no resources or place to live. Those young people are at great risk of being victimized and trafficked, so the staff at The Place



seeks them out to give them shelter and help them get their lives together. In 2022, the team at the Place supported 638 youth, provided 181 with shelter, helped 211 get educational support, helped 336 get employment support, got them health services, and so on. They currently have beds for 20, with priority for those 18 and under. Ms. Hiam said our grant would help provide tables and chairs for the dining room. Donations of new clothes, underwear, toiletries, sleeping bags, non-perishable food, etc. are welcome, especially warm and waterproof things for those who are still on the street.

Contact info:

http://www.theplacecos.org (719) 630-3223.

Thank you Jelindra Hiam. Guest speaker from The Place. Thanking the Roaming Elks for the grant.

Congratulations to Sylvia Williams, April's 50/50 winner!! Half of the money collected is given to Sylvia and the other half goes back to the Elks! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.

We are preparing for our first camping trip :

May 16-19 Roaming Elks Campout Chalk Creek Campground and RV Park <u>11430 County Road 197, Nathrop</u>, CO5 Phone:(719-395-8301)

If you haven't made your reservations, please make them ASAP! The phone number is listed above

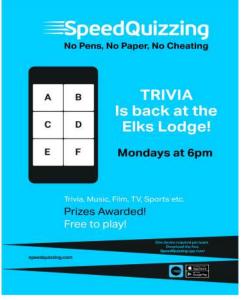
Next meeting will be May 13th at 7p.m.

Thank you Julie Jacobs





Lodge 309 Website Thank you to Scott Dufaud for helping to build the NEW lodge Website. Content is still being updated and added but take a look! <u>elks309.org</u> Password: elkdom309



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From our Exaulted Ruler: Mark Your Calendar

2024-2025 Lodge Sponsored Activities and Ceremonies

May 12th Mother's Day Brunch-Ball Room & the Mother's Day Ritual Celebration-Lodge Room May 26th Memorial Day Picnic and Missing Man Ritual-Poolside June 16th Father's Day BBQ & The Flag Day Ceremony-Poolside July 4th Fourth of July Picnic-Poolside Sep 1st Labor Day Picnic -Poolside Nov 5th Old Timers -Lodge Room Mark Vour Calendar Nov 16th Charity Ball – Ball Room Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway-Front Hall Dec 1st Elks Memorial Service - Lodge Room Dec 10th Elks Members Childrens Christmas Party-Ball Room Dec 13th Elks Members Christmas Party-Ball Room Dec 13-14 Christmas Basket Giveaway-Front Hall Dec 17th George W Trimble Kids Christmas Party-Ball Room Dec 24th Egg Nog with the Officers – Downstairs Bar Dec 31st New Years Bash-Room is not set at this time Jan 1st Black Eyed Peas-Downstairs Bar Mar 15th Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-Ball Room Mar 17th Corned Beef and Cabbage-Downstairs Bar Mar 29th Inaugural Ball for 2025-2026- Ball Room

Please Check your monthly Bugle calendars for confirmed dates as we get closer to the events. Dates are subject to change. Have you Volunteered for one of thee lodge events? We encourage every active member to volunteer at least 4 hours annually to the lodge! Contact your sponsoring member or one of our officers or trustees to get involved.

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> edwardjones.com

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The Elks Creed

Believe in the goodness in theyself as well as in others.

Protect childhood with tenderness, old age with respect, and cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.

Observe faithfully the Golden Rule.

Enjoy the good things of earth, keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth and remain always of good cheer.

OBLIGATION OF OUR ORDER

Loyal Knight: Steve Cannon Newly Initiated Members



Welcome to Elks

Lodge #309



CHARITY

Leading Knight: Kevin Jack



Please Support your Lodge Whether it's cooking, cleaning selling tickets, coming to a dinner or a event, or sending a donation...... We Thank you for supporting the Good we do for our Youth, our Veterans and our community.

Thank you So Very Much

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Exaulted Ruler: Patti Minson



New Board Instillation 2024-2025 And Upccoming Events Brought to you by the Ladies Klub

The Ladies Klub installed new Board members for the year 2024-2025 on April 11th. The new officers are Sandy Anderson, President; Amy Jendre, Vice President; Brenda Clinton, Secretary; Pat Ciuba, Treasurer; Susan Melton, Historian; Ann Rickabaugh, Chaplain, Polly Tounzen & Eileen Pekarek; Advisors. New Committee Chairpersons are Karol Ford, Social; Pamela Barnes, Benefits; Liz White, Publicity; Donna Nichols, Rules & Consultation. A huge Thank You to Syliva Williams for making the installation officers beautiful corsages and providing the programs and taking photos of the board as well as performing the installation, you made us all feel so special! Thank you to the outgoing Board for all the delicious food that we enjoyed and all who helped set up and then clean up afterwards, we appreciate you all! Lastly a huge thank you to Patti Minson, our New Exalted Ruler and her husband Jerry for attending the Installation of Officers. Patti presented the Elks Ladies Klub with 2023-2024 OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER & VETERANS VOLUNTEER Certificates to recognize the sacrifices, hard work, unselfish dedication and time contributed to the success of our Lodge and



Colorado Springs Community.

Please welcome our newest Ladies Klub member Donna Tait, she was a guest of Karol Ford and then she decided to join the same evening, we are so happy you're here. Donna is from Birmingham, Alabama. She obtained her BSN from the University of Alabama and began her career in clinical research, retiring in May 2022. She then moved to Colorado Springs the same month, to be closer to her son, a retired Green Beret. Donna has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Her eldest

grandson played quarterback for the Steelers in 2019 and his brother just graduated from law school, passed the Bar exam and was hired by a law firm in Florida. Donna has a rescue dog Lucy, and she loves to make anything sourdough and enjoys reading.

Our monthly meeting cash drawing April winners are as follows: Attendance -Jeanne Breisch, Past President – Eileen Pekarek, April Birthday – Karol Ford and 50/50 - Poe Loeweche.

The Ladies Klub has chosen The Place as their annual recipient of their generous charity donation. The Place ignites the potential in youth to exit homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives and we are so happy to present them with our donation at our Ladies Klub Spring Luncheon!

The Ladies Klub hosted another Fun Paint & Sip event April 12th. Many beautiful masterpieces were created. Thank You to All who attended. We will do this again next Spring.



Please mark your calendars for these upcoming Ladies Klub Events:

May 3rd – Ladies Klub Sponsored Friday Night Dinner 5:00 – 6:30 in the Pikes Peak Room \$15.00 per person. We will be serving Tamales, Burritos, Spanish Rice, Green Chili and Tres Leches Cake! Thank you to Chris & Polly Tounzen for cooking. Servers and Clean up staff needed, please reach out to Polly Tounzen if you would like to help. After dinner, please join us in the downstairs lounge for a Selena Tribute by Mayra Alejandra Amy Whinehouse Trio starting at 7:00.

May 9th - Ladies Klub Meeting, we will be decorating and baking loaves of bread. If you enjoy making soup, please bring a crockpot full of your favorite soup to share with the group and enjoy the fresh baked bread.

May 10th – Stretch & Sip being held at the Stretch Lab at 5278 North Nevada Ave., Suite 130 Colorado Springs, CO 80918 (Near Trader Joe's) from 4-5:30 PM Complementary Stretches with Flexologists followed with sipping white & red wine.

May 24th – Ladies Klub Luncheon Outing 12 noon at Heirloom Bar & Grill 8029 N. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80920.

June 2nd – Ladies Klub Spring & Past Presidents Luncheon – This will be a Fun filled event so make sure to attend, invite family & friends. We look forward to seeing all the members and non-members in attendance, this is a great way to build attraction to gain new membership! June 20th - Ladies Klub 4PM Happy Hour at Lumen8, 402 S. Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Liz White, Publicity







May Birthdays

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Preparing for 2024 Pool Season

The House Committee, Board of Trustees, and Pool Committee are ready for summer and excited to reopen our pool for the 2024 season, with big changes ahead.

To keep up with the increasing costs of operating our pool, and in comparing our prices to every other private and public pool in our region, it has been made clear that it is necessary to raise pool pass dues for the 2024 season. This change was effective as of March 1, 2024. We do not take these changes lightly, but in order to maintain our operating costs, and continue to offer members "free" use of the pool, our other passes must increase. The rates are listed below for your pass category.

2024 Pool Pass Pricing Family Pass = \$275 Spouse/Single Minor Pass = \$100 Daily Pass = \$15 Weekly Visitor Pass = \$75 (RV guests or family visiting for 1 week valid for 7 consecutive days, valid for 1 person) Elks Member Single Person Pass = FREE

In addition to these changes, there will be no more "free swim" days at the pool. All holidays and picnic days, when the Lodge is open to members and guests, will require pool passes and guest passes to be purchased in order to swim. This is for the safety of our members and guests, and due to capacity concerns.

The pool resurfacing is essential to providing quality facilities, and a safe swimming environment. The Board made thier recommendation on the Lodge floor at the meeting on March 5th. At the March 19 Lodge meeting the resurfacing was brought to the lodge floor for discussion and voting; it was approved by the Board and our membership. The project was sent to Grand National Lodge for final approval. The resurfacing has begun! May 26th, for our Lodge Memorial Day Picnic, is planned as opening day for the 2024 pool season; dependent on weather and the replaserting completion. Please be cautious of the construction area around the pool. Join the Splashers on May 25th at 9a.m. for the annual Pool Clean Up Day. We spend the day cleaning and making our pool area look amazing!

Thank you for your support of the House Committee, the Board, and the Pool Committee as we work together to make the 2024 summer season another great one!

Pay for your 2024 Pool Pass at the bar and/or register and pay for your 2024 Pool Pass at:

https://swimmingpoolpasses.net/elks-lodge-309





to create an account and schedule your free trial lesson.

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Join the Lodge Book Club

The Elks Lodge 309 Book Club - Read Between the Wine would love to invite you to join our next book club discussion! Discussion takes place the last Thursday of each month at 6p.m. in the Pikes Peak Room.

Our April discussion was accompanied by some Red Hot Chili Peppers music. *Scar Tissue* by Anthony Keidis was an exilerating memoir by the lead vocalist of the RHCP. A great story of resilience and redemption. Welcome to our new members who joined our April discussion. We are always excited to have new members join our discussions.

Book club discussion typically last as about 60-90 minutes and the lodge serves delicious Smash Burgers from 5p.m.-7p.m. every Thursday. If you do not have time to finish or even start the book, join us anyway to see how the whole thing works. We love the input, perspectives, and experiences we get to share with other members during our monthly gatherings.

Upcoming Book Selections: (Summer Selections TBA) **May Book**: *Unintended Hero* by Becky Van Vleet*

*Becky is a local author who plans to join discussion for May. Please contact <u>maryearmstrong5@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

Now Hiring for Summer Deck Attendants



Kentucky Derby Hat Bar



Eleven O'Clock Car Club Rev Up for Summer

- Hi there from 11 o'clock car club! We would like you guys to join us at the Mad Hatter on May 19 from 11a.m. to 4p.m. for a car show benefiting The
- Place. The Place ignites the potential in youth to exit homelessness and create
- self-determined, fulfilled lives. A great local organization that makes a big
- difference in our community.
 - Car Club meets monthly at the lodge, the first Thursday of each month
- at 6:30p.m. Join us for a meeting
- or join the club! We host several
- car show throughout the summer
- and love to connect with other car
- enthusiasts.

Check the Lodge

- Calendar for future car show
- dates, times, and locations.
- - President
- Jon Olson



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- On the first and third Tuesday of the month, when there is a Lodge Meeting, the Lodge will open ONLY to members, including visiting members, and such others as deemed necessary by the Exalted Ruler, from 6:45pm to closing.
- The downstairs lounge will remain open during scheduled and approved Lodge and/or private functions whether or not there is activity in the downstairs lounge.
- The Lodge may be closed in observance of certain holidays. Those holidays will be announced in the Bugle.