**Rio Rancho Lodge #2500**

Committee Chairs and Sub Committees 2008-2009
Chester Farrington, Exalted Ruler

Accident Prevention: Bob Thurston
Americanism: Dan Loy
Auditing & Accounting: Ray Giese
Cerebral Palsy: Paul Fredrickson
Charitable & Benevolent Trust: Jim Lehmann
Community Activities: Ron Hollan
Dictionary: Sharon King
Drug Awareness: John Paul Trujillo
Elks National Foundation: Linda Rogers
Elks Memorial Day: Annette Lucero
Elks Training: Annette Lucero
Entertainment: Jacque Pero
Flag Day: Dan Loy
House Committee: Sam Shattuck
Lodge Activities: Annette Lucero
Membership: Vacant
Lapsation: Linda Rogers
Indoctrination: Bob Thurston
Investigation: Richic Vellon
PER Association: Dan Loy
Protocol: Dan Loy
Public Relations: Annette Lucero
Relief: Lodge Officers
Ritual: Jim Lehmann
Scholarships: Linda Rogers
Veterans Service: Ernie Buckholz
Visiting Committee: Marilyn McCann
Youth Activities: Dan Loy

- Hoop Shoot: Bob Thurston
- Soccer Shoot: Annette Lucero

**Rio Rancho Lodge #2500 Information**

Lodge meets on the first and third Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Secretary Office Hours
10 AM - 3 PM

Club Phone No: 892-3677
Lodge Phone No: 892-1920
1530 Barbara Loop
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

- New Members
  - to be voted on
    - Jerry Shreve
    - Proposed by Chip Fults
    - Brian Boysen
    - Proposed by Chip Fults
    - Richard Harris
    - Proposed by Ernie Buckholz
    - Dean Robert Morar
    - Proposed by Rainer Boehm
    - Lorraine Zapf
    - Proposed by Richie Vellon
    - David Zapf
    - Proposed by Richie Vellon
    - Larry Foley
    - Proposed by Willard King
    - Clemente Garcia, Jr
    - Proposed by Angelo Garcia
    - Daniel Welchel
    - Reinstatement
    - Donald Newell

**Board of Trustees**

- 5 Year - Richie Vellan
- 4 Year - Dan Loy, PER
- 3 Year - Bob Thurston, PER
- 2 Year - James Beard
- 1 Year - Sam Shattuck, PER

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**Lodge Officers**

- **Exalted Ruler**
  - Chet Farrington

- **Leading Knight**
  - Annette Lucero

- **Loyal Knight**
  - Vacant

- **Lecturing Knight**
  - Linda Rogers

- **Esquire**
  - William Vaccaro

- **Chaplain**
  - Frank JD Cabasier

- **Inner Guard**
  - Ron Hollan

- **Tiler**
  - Don Graham

- **Secretary**
  - Vacant

- **Treasurer**
  - Rudy Goetz

- **Presiding Justice**
  - Charlie Vaccaro, PER

- **Mediator**
  - James Lehmann, PDDGER

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**Rio Rancho #2500**

On Track For Tomorrow

“The Past Is Our Path To The Future”
From the Heart of the Exalted Ruler

“Our Past is our path to the future!”

My last article of the year brings many mixed emotions. I can’t tell you of how proud I am of having been a part of this Lodge year as Exalted Ruler. The Officers, Members, Family, and Volunteers have all become part of an extended family. The accomplishments of the Lodge over the course of this year have been beyond what I could have ever imagined possible. I thank you, but more importantly, I want you all to remember that all of the wonderful things that have been realized this year are because of each of you. The Rio Rancho Elks Lodge has shown how Elks Care Elks Share. As Elks, we remember. Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. We have lost so many good friends this past year and so many others before them. I know that each of our departed Elks are watching with smiles and pride in that which they have helped to build. The future is bright for our Lodge. The Officers coming into this new Elk year are dedicated to what the Elks stand for and I know that you and I will be there for them this coming year. God bless you all!

By the way, I am looking forward to becoming a Past Exalted Ruler. The PER association of this Lodge has done so much and will continue to be a big part of the success of the Lodge!

Chester E Farrington
Exalted Ruler

From the M & M Lounge

As most of you know, Bill Vacarro has moved on to pursue another career. He will be missed. I, Chip Fults, stepped up from bartending to club manager and need your help. I need you to call me at (892-3677) if you would like to volunteer for dinners, bartending or security. If not for the volunteers this past year working so hard to make Lodge events and dinners a success, we might not have a Lodge to come enjoy.

NEW CLUB HOURS

We have started opening up at noon Monday through Saturday. I have brought back tap beer with more flavors to try. Each week one tap will be on special, so come by and see what is on special this week.

We are going to have a pool tournament for members only once a month and see if it works. If it does, I will add more. The first one is on Friday March 13, 2009. It will be nine ball.

We are still doing Spaghetti Nights on March 11 and 25. I hope to see you all come in and get active with the Lodge and try something new. Thank You.

Chip Fults
Club Manager

The Secretary’s Corner

We have a new Secretary! Her name is Liz Maes and she was just initiated and installed as Secretary. If you need anything from her, her office phone number is 892-1920. Come in and get to know her. She’s going to do a wonderful job.
Thank You Corner

PER Association
I would like to thank the following volunteers for their help with the PER Breakfast on Saturday February 14th: Donna Vellon, Selina Farrington, Dean and Terri Morar, Ron and Maggie Grandstaff, Ron and Betty Buckholz, Penny McCann, and John Krug. We were short handed and they stepped forward and were a great help. Thank You

I would like to start off by saying that I am very pleased at the turn out for the Valentines Day Dinner and Dance.

Next I want to thank all of the Entertainment Committee, for all of the hard work that they did in getting everything ready.

As you all know most of them are volunteers and with all of the help from volunteers we get things done, where would we be if we did not have them?

I want to thank most of all Carol for all the hard work she did in getting the dinner ready and doing all of the cooking. She and Alan did a wonderful job.

Next I want to thank Patti for all of the homemade table decorations. Ray, Dan B., Barb, Bill, for helping decorate and all of the work that they did in getting all ready for the dinner and cleaning up, also Chip thank you so much for all of your help and doing the bartending, as I stated where would we be without the volunteers?

And the Solar Street Band they were as usual just great, Thanks guys.

Entertainment Committee Chairman
Jacque Pero

As per statute Section 16.040, the Lodge is now excepting applications for Custodian for the Elk year 2009-2010. Please submit resume to Chester Farrington, Exalted Ruler. Candidates will be interviewed by the Governing Body.

As per statute Section 16.040, the Lodge is now excepting applications for Club Manager for the Elk year 2009-2010. Please submit resume to Chester Farrington, Exalted Ruler. Candidates will be interviewed by the Governing Body.

Section 16.040 - OPINION 04
The Governing Body may employ a manager, who need not be a Member of the Order, whose employment ends upon expiration of the term of the Governing Body. The succeeding Governing Body determines his re-employment.

Barbeque
On March 1st, 2009, we are going to put on the first BBQ of the year. It will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the price is $5.00 per person - all you can eat until the food is gone. We will serve BBQ Beef Sandwiches, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Dogs and Pork and Beans. Come and enjoy!
Jaque Pero
Entertainment Committee Chairman

Door Hosts
We will continue to have a Lodge Officer at the door to greet people at Lodge Dinners and Lodge activities. Please see the schedule to see when it is your turn.

So Sorry
1/21/09 #1759 Larry Chavez -absent
2/4/09 #1731 Denise Quinn -absent

IN MEMORY OF
Mildred Miller
Born 8/22/22
Died 1/30/09
Installation of Lodge Officers
&
Our 35th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday March 21, 2009

Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres  4:00-5:00 pm

Mariachi Music by Nuevo Sonido

Ceremony  5:30 pm

Dinner- Beef Burgundy (Prepared by our very own Carol Pelly)

Dance- Music by “Double Play”  8:00-11:00 pm

1530 Barbara Loop
Río Rancho, New Mexico

$15/person

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NMEA Schedule

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         Leadership Development Seminar
         Río Rancho Lodge #2500

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Proposed Revision of By-Laws of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Lodge #2500

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PROPOSED

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Saturday, March 14th @ 5:30 pm
Elks Lodge #2500
Cook: Carole Petty
Menu
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Entrée:
Corn Beef and/or Irish Beef Stew
Red Potatoes
Cabbage
Company Corn
Irish Soda Bread
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Pistachio Cheese Cake
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Pot o’ Gold Cookies
Best Ever Chocolate cake
Butterscotch Pie
Coffee
Iced Tea
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The monthly meeting of the Rio Rancho Rambling Elks RV Club will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Elks Lodge. While Marie Dierke is convalescing, Ron Buchholz will be acting President and Errell Krug will be the “caller” for this meeting. Jan Beard volunteered to be Secretary for the 2009 camping season.

The Rambling Elks welcomed new members Richard and Jean Gomez. Dick has been an Elk for 31 years and a member of BPOE 2500 for the past 13 years.

Four rigs attended an “impromptu” campout at Isleta Lakes in January. Ron Buchholz and Ron Grandstaff each caught their limit of trout, which were enjoyed for breakfast the next morning with a side of “Potatoes O’Brien”. Two rigs were in Yuma, AZ for much of January and February.

The official 2009 camping will begin with the 20th Annual Elks RV Tri-State event, representing Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. This years gathering will be held at Tonopah, Arizona April 15th-19th. About six Rambling Elk rigs plan on attending.

The Elks Lodge RV Parking should soon be under construction. The contractors have applied for Building Permits from the City of Rio Rancho and will commence installation of electric, water and sewer hook ups for eight parking sites. The sites are limited to Elk members only with a one week maximum stay, except for two weeks at Balloon Fiesta. The cost will be $20 a night ($40 a night for Balloon Fiesta) with 100% of the proceeds going to the Lodge. The Rambling Elks wish to thank all Rio Rancho Elks for supporting our dinner events which assisted with construction costs.

Bob Sanford has been elected an Honorary Life Member of the Rambling Elks. Bob is recovering from heart surgery in Seattle, WA.

Persons wishing information about the Elks RV Club may call the following persons: Marie Dierke at 867-5678 or George Karnavas at 892-1635.

Ron Grandstaff
My Membership Card in the Elks
By Robert S. Barrett
Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee of the Grand Lodge

I HOLD in my hand a little scrap of paper, two by three inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

It tells me that I am an American citizen—the proudest title in all the world that can be conferred upon a man. It tells me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, the maker of my own fortune. It tells me that I am a citizen of a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds sway, where justice is enthroned.

It tells me that I have joined with 800,000 other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to our country and its laws; in placing the American flag first in our hearts as loyal Americans and first upon our altars as loyal Elks.

IT TELLS me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow Elks to practise charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brothers, to hush the tongue of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick; and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that in 1,500 cities under good fellowship prevails—a home among brothers and friends; a home dedicated not only to the high principles for which the Order of Elks stands, but to the need of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, my fireside, and my household, are under the protection of every member of this great Order, who has sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect his.

IT TELLS me that should I ever be overcome by adversity, the hand of every Elk in all the world will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that if old age should find me alone and homeless, that, as an honored guest of our Order, surrounded by my old comrades, and with every comfort and luxury, I may sit upon the veranda at Bedford in Virginia, and watch the evening sun sink behind the Peaks of Otter for the last time before my fading eyes.

And, finally, it tells me, Brothers, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my Lodge Boom friends and brothers, who, when the Eleventh hour has been struck, will recall to mind my virtues, though they be few, and will write my faults, though they be many, upon the sands.

Scanned and reprinted from the January 1932 Elks magazine by Mike Jones PER Salisbury 699.
Elmo Whitmore seems to always be doing for the Lodge and making sure he stays under the radar when it comes to being recognized! Here is a man of honor who has never needed a thank you. For all of the many things you have done, we all thank you!

Chester Farrington
Exalted Ruler

Elk of the Month

RIO RANCHO ELKS LODGE #2500
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
PO Box 15052
RIO RANCHO, NM 87174

WE NEED YOU!!!!!