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The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance was a great time
Congratulations Floyd Solano
2023-2024 Leprechaun

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Exalted Ruler



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Welcome to a brand new Elks year. I am very excited to be the Exalted Ruler for Northglenn Elks #2438 for the next year. If I appear to be very scared and nervous, it's because I am. I am really excited about all of the up and coming events and activities that are in store for this year. We have a ritual clinic scheduled here at our Lodge on the 15th and 16th of this month. I encourage all of you to get involved with ritual to get the true meaning of what it means to be an Elk and to get a better understanding of the groundwork that our forefathers laid for us. Plus, we look forward to you supporting and cheering our ritual team onto victory. We also have our bowler's tournament on the weekends of the 15th and 22nd with some great food and entertainment. We end this month with our quarterly meeting in Lone Tree. Many of you have already missed the deadline to register, but don't let that stop you from

attending, as you can register there. My suggestion is to attend the breakout sessions (informative classes) on Saturday to get a real understanding of business practices, drug awareness, youth activities, Clem and Evelyn Audin Fund, Laradon Hall, ENF, and lots of other stuff. As you can see we are starting off very active and busy and

hopefully will continue this pace throughout the year.
Sincerely, Arlan Sauer | Exalted Ruler

Strike while the Iron's Hot



Secretary's Letter

Welcome to our New ELKS Year!!!! Welcome to our New Officers, they are as follows:

Arlan Sauer, Exalted Ruler; Kim Gremling, Leading Knight; Archie Stark, Loyal Knight; Joe Mondragon, Lecturing Knight; Floyd Solano, Esquire; Alfonso Valdez II, Chaplain; Sabena Mondragon, 5 Year Trustee. As well as Tommy Lee Chambers, PDDGER, Secretary and Jerry Heger, PER Treasurer. Trustees from year 1 thru 4 remain the same. Installation of Officers will be Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 4pm. Dinner and Awards to follow.

Ritual Clinic April 15 and 16. Northglenn Elks Bowling Tournament will be weekends of April 15-16 and April 22-23. We have Pool Tournament on Mondays, Cornhole Tournament Tuesdays, Lodge BINGO Wednesdays, Lodge Meeting/Board Meeting Thursdays, Ladies' Pool Tournament Fridays.

Come on down and enjoy your Lodge and say Hi to our new Officers. We are always looking for Volunteers, if you have a couple of hours you can spare see any Officer and let's get going!!! We appreciate your help and support!!

See you at the Lodge.
With Warm Regards, I am,
Tommy Lee Chambers, PDDGER
Secretary, Northglenn Lodge #2438
Lodge # 303-452-1644 | Cell # 303-918-3660





Northglenn Rocks

From the Secretary's Desk:

In accordance with Grand Lodge Statutes, applicants for membership will be posted at the Lodge 7 days prior to the meeting when they will be voted upon. Please come down to welcome our newest members.

Lodge Officers

Lodge Office	ers
Exalted Ruler:	
Arlan Sauer	303-280-1976
Leading Knight:	
Kim Gremling	720-231-5580
Loyal Knight:	
Archie Stark	720-662-9476
Lecturing Knight:	700 040 0040
Joe Mondragon	720-240-6016
Secretary: Tom Chambers, PDD	303-918-3660
Treasurer	303-310-3000
Jerry Heger, PER	303-898-9860
Tiler:	
Becky Schmitz, PER	303-667-8868
Esquire	
Floyd Solano	303-815-9949
Chaplain:	
Alfonso Valdez II	719-937-1823
Inner Guard	E40 755 0400
Robert Cramer, PER Trustees:	518-755-3168
Phil Crespin	303-919-5304
LuAnn Wallace	720-620-9132
Paul Schmeisser, PER	303-717-4392
Stephen Boyd, PER	720-422-1837
Sabina Mondragon	720-240-6016



Sickness & Distress:

The welfare of our membership and their families rests deeply in the hearts of each of us.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to those in need.

If you have sickness or distress to report, please call Secretary Tom Chambers 303-452-1644



In Memoriam:

Jack Kohne passed into the ligth on February 13
Bob McFadden past on February 18
Alfonso Valdez's uncle Clyde Valdez passed on March 6th

Sickness & Distress:

Joel was admitted to the hopsital for Kidney related problems.

PDDGER Tom Chambers was admitted to the hospital with Pneumonia. He is home now and recoving.

Tressa has an upper respatory infection. She is home resting. PER Cathy Stark is home sick with a sever cold.

Blessings:

None reported this month

If you have sickness & Distress or updates to report for the Banner, you can email

Jerry Heger at beast430@comcast.net

Please use the subject line "Sickness & Distress".

Elk of the Month

The selection for Elk of the Month for April is someone that has been active within the Lodge for many years. He has been active as a PER helping where needed for Lodge or Club events and activities. He has served several years on the Veterans committee carrying the torch and being a part of many of the activities we do today. He has filled in as Esquire for the Lodge meetings for much of the past year. The thing he is probably most well known for is his part in the Christmas Basket program that we deliver each December. If you have not already guessed, please join me in Congratulating Bobby Heller as our selection for Elk of the Month. Bobby, thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely, Kim Gremling | Leading Knight

Volunteer Of the Month

The Volunteer of the Month for April is a person that has been working behind the scenes and the selection for this month is one of those people that we would like to give a shout out to. She has worked with the Christmas baskets and if you saw the hat and mitten tree, you would be impressed to learn that most of them were made by her. She works on them throughout the year. Congratulations to **Trudy Forbes** as our selection for Volunteer of the Month. Thank you so much Trudy for all of your hard work.

Sincerely, Archie Stark | Loyal Knight

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HAPPENING AT NORTHGLENN LODGE

Installation of Officers Saturday, April 1, 2023 4:00 pm

Members and Guests are welcome to join us as we install our Officers Elect and Designate for the upcoming year.
Followed by the:





Annual Inaugural Ball

Dinner & Awards 5-7

Dance to the music of Mike Dixon & Tripp Wire 7-11 pm



Come celebrate with your new Officers

Northglenn Elks Mixed Bowling Tournament

2 Great Weekends

April 15-16 and April 22-23

Compete in Singles, Double and Teams
Contact Jerry Heger or go to www.northglennelks.org
For an application and the full set of rules
Bowling will take place at Sonesta Lanes

Come on down and Celebrate with us!!

Everyone is welcome to join us Saturday evening.

Welcome our visitors from other Lodges and enjoy the Festivities

Dinner Served from 4:30 until 6:00

Steak, Potato, Vegetable, Salad and Dessert for just \$15.00

Saturday, April 15
Dance to the music of
DJ Wendy Graham
6:00 until 10:00 pm

Saturday, April 22
Dance to the music of
Line 2 Band
6:00 until 10:00 pm

Contact Jerry Heger for questions @ 303-898-9860 or beast430@comcast.net



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Members

Name		Date
Patrick McCloskey		4/2
Joseph Malouff		4/4
Darrell Johnson		4/ 5
Mark Denson		4/6
Benjamin Lopez		4/7
Kevin Clark	PER	4/9
Marty Wynne		4/10
Arthur Hale		4/15
Phile Crespin Sr		4/16
Joe Heger	PER	4/16
Joanelle Lucero		4/16
Vernon Agnes		4/17
Donald Hadley II		4/17
James Korinek		4/17
Richard Johnson		4/18
Monica Muniz		4/18
Rebecca Schmitz	PER	4/19
William McClintock		4/20
Donald Potter		4/20
William Gotwald		4/21
Rene Urban		4/21
Larry Meyer		4/22
Peyton Payton		4/27
Paul Sanchez		4/27
Andrew Lynch		4/28
Jerome Heger	PER	4/30

Friday Night Dinner Special April 21 - brought to you by Jo! Enchalada Casserole, Beans, Rice & Dessert all for just \$12.00



If you are a card carrying member of our Lodge (Northglenn, #2438), we would like to buy you a drink. Visit us on your birthday and present your ID and membership card for one free drink!

Must be presented on the date of your birthday.

Spouses

Name		Date	Name	Member	Date
Patrick McCloskey Joseph Malouff Darrell Johnson Mark Denson Benjamin Lopez Kevin Clark Marty Wynne Arthur Hale Phile Crespin Sr Joe Heger	PER	4/ 2 4/ 4 4/ 5 4/ 6 4/ 7 4/ 9 4/10 4/15 4/16	Lisa Beltz Karen Mary Ann Connie	Randal Baswello Donald Keuter Willard Record Frank Winner	4/ 2 4/13 4/26 4/30
Joanelle Lucero Vernon Agnes Donald Hadley II James Korinek Richard Johnson Monica Muniz		4/16 4/17 4/17 4/17 4/18 4/18	Name Joel & Leslie Gerald & Jan Luis & Tracy	Haun e Rivera	Date 4/4 4/4 4/6
Rebecca Schmitz William McClintock Donald Potter William Gotwald Rene Urban Larry Meyer Peyton Payton Paul Sanchez Andrew Lynch	PER	4/19 4/20 4/21 4/21 4/22 4/27 4/27 4/28	Jeffrey & Con Frank & Con Chris & Beck	nnie Ebbesen nie Winner y Tate ary Anhn Record	4/15 4/16 4/18 4/25 4/26
Jerome Heger	PER	4/30		Roll A Day	



Koli A Day

1 Chance per Day Cost: \$1.00 for 3 Rolls



How it works: Roll 5 Dice at a time.

4 of a kind or full house wins a free drink 5 of a kind wins half of the Pot! Player can win on multiple rolls

Prizes to be paid from the Pot See a full list of rules at the bar Must have a Northglenn Elks Card to participate

Take me out and pin me up on the Fridge!!

April 2023							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Happy Hour All Day - Every Thursday Thats Right! Every Thursday And Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4:00 until 7:00 pm							
2	6 Pool Tourn Indoct. 7:00 Bingo	4 Cornhole Tourn.	5 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00	6 Lodge Mtg 7:00 Happy Hour	7 Dinner Ladies Pool	Bingo	
9 Easter Sunday	10 Pool Tourn Bingo	11 Cornhole Tourn.	12 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00	13 House & Trustee Mtg 6:30 Happy Hour	14 Dinner Ladies Pool	15 Bowling Tourn.	
16	17 Pool Tourn Bingo	18 Cornhole Tourn.	19 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00	20 PER Mtg 6:30 Lodge Mtg 7:00 Happy Hour	21 Dinner Ladies Pool	22 Bowling Tourn.	
23	24 Pool Tourn Bylaw Mtg 6:30	25 Cornhole Tourn.	26 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00	27 House & Trustee Mtg 6:30 Happy Hour	28 Dinner: Enchalada Casserole Ladies Pool	Dingo	
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NEED MORE INFORMATION:

CHECK OUT WWW.NORTHGLENNELKS.ORG
LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK

Wednesday Night BAR BINGO



Come on down enjoy dinner Stay for Bingo



levels welcome/ double elimination

Take me out and pin me up on the Fridge!!

Monday					
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pool Tourn Indoct 7:00	2 Cornhole Tourn.	3 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00	4 Lodge Mtg 7:00	5 Dinner Ladies Pool	6 Kentucky Derby
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Bingo



Cornhole Tournament EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

Tournament Starts at 6:30 pm and wraps up Around 11:00 pm \$10.00 per player

Register in advance using the Scoreholio app Click on NG Elks for your spot to play



Northglenn Elks Monday Night

And Mon, Wed & Fri 4:00 until 7:00 pm

Pool Tournament

8-Ball Double Elimination

Every Monday night at 6:00 Entry Fee: \$5.00 per player

House 8 - Ball

Payouts (Based on 8 players)

First Place:

\$35.00

Second Place:

\$5.00

For all members & guests.

(Members get first preference)
21 and older please



Did vou Know...

The Exalted Ruler's (ER's) Mascot has been a tradition here at Northglenn for over 30 years. While this is not something most other Lodges do, it is an interactive way to add some fun to the busy life of the Exalted Ruler (ER).

The way it works is that the Officers secretly meet to come up with a mascot that best fits the character of the incoming ER. Once the mascot is agreed upon, it is presented to the incoming ER at the Inaugural Ball Banquet dinner after his installation. This mascot will be with the ER throughout the year and will stay with them throughout their years as a PER. Some of the things that the mascot will be involved in include a kidnapping to raise money for ENF or other charities. It will accompany the ER to Quarterly's, the State Convention and even the National Convention. It will attend parties and activities at the Lodge and will become part of the ER's personality. Some events can and will carry the theme of the mascot and some mascots have even had an article in the Banner. The incoming ER (Arlan Sauer) will be presented with his mascot on April 1st after the installation. We invite you to be here to share in this Northglenn tradition.

Yarn Donations Welcome

Trudy Forbes works on the Hats and Mittens for the Christmas Baskets all year long. She is busy even now getting ready for the upcoming season.

We would like your help!

We are looking for donations of between 6-12oz skeins of yarn. If you can donate any skeins for this project, it would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them down and leave them in the coat closet by the front door.

Bowler's Alley



Larry Yost

303-421-1946

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Mention that you are from the Elks and saw this add!

Bathroom Renovation Team

I just wanted to take a little corner of our banner to put out a Very Large Thank You to all those that helped remodel the men's and women's bathrooms in our Lodge. It was wonderful seeing people just show up to help. It reinforced in my mind that there are people in our Lodge that are more than willing to step up and help improve our Lodge. The variety of talents that were shown to me were amazing to say the least. I would love to list the names of everybody who helped, but there are too many. Thanks again. Paul Schmeisser, PER

Queen of Hearts

After several long debates with the State and Bingo officials, we are ready to kick off our Queen of Hearts game at the Lodge. The first Game will begin

Wednesday, April 5th

Only card carrying members from Northglenn Lodge can play. For more information and rules, please visit the Lodge

2023 2024

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Blessing Bags

We are now accepting donations for the Blessing Bags for the homeless that we will be putting together sometime in April Dates are not ready at Banner Deadline, Please watch facebook or call Tiffany for more information.

Donations needed for them are travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, socks, hats, gloves, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, granola bars, and bottled water. There is a box labeled Blessing Bag at Lodge.

Thank you, Tiffanie Chambers / Lilyblad 720-276-4080

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518-755-3168

ROBERT J. CRAMER

bobcramer920@gmail.com

Attention Members

The next bylaw meeting will be held on
April 24th at 6:30 pm

Make our Lodge Great Bar Renovation
April 13th at 6:00 pm

Bar Design and scope will be discussed



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Yes... Our day to Celebrate all things MOM!

9:00 until 1:00 pm

Northglenn Lodge Mother's Eat Free

Northglenn Lodge Members who are mom's, Wives of Northglenn members who are mom's and Northglenn members moms eat free.

We will be serving our usual breakfast menu buffet style so bring the family down and celebrate with us.

We hope you come down and allow us to share in making your day wonderful for that special mother.

If you have not paid your dues yet, no worries!
You can pay them when you arrive
and still enjoy your day with us.



SATURDAY, MAY 6

THE FUN STARTS AT 2:00PM

Raffles, Hors D'Doeuvres, Drink Specials, Pool Race Betting, Hat Contest

We will run races prior to the Start of the Main Race



Other Upcoming Events:

Jun 3: CNW Ritual Comp.

Jun 11: Flag Day

Jun 18: Fathers Day

Breakfast

Jun 24: Picnic



Bingo Workers



Bingo Workers:

Baca, Dave Boyd, Stephen Bushman, Brad Crespin, Phil Sr. Gremling, Kim Heger, Jerry Hickman, Kim Huffman, Rick Hull, Norma Lopez, Ben Lopez, Sheryl McClintock, Bill McClintock, Melanie Olquin, Fred Record, Annie Record, Larry Rynearson, Don Werber, Gloria Yost, Jerry Yost, Marilyn Your Name Here...



We Need You!!

В	I	N	G	0
3	18	44	58	61
7	26	33	47	73
15	29	FREE	60	68
8	16	32	51	72
12	22	40	55	75

With the



COME WORK OR

COME PLAY!

WITH US WEEKLY!

Bingo is once again being conducted with no capacity limitations.

Monday at Noon
Saturday at 11:00 am

72nd & Pecos, Turn II Bingo.

Members and Volunteers:

We have updated the Bingo workers list. If you currently work Bingo and are not on this list, please let us know. Also, if you are still on the list and no longer are able to help, please let us know. Thanks for your continued support.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

WATCH FOR EXCITING NEW WEEKDAY FUN AT OUR CLUB

MONDAY: DINNER & POOL TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY: CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY: DINNER & BAR BINGO

THURSDAY: MEETING NIGHT / HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

FRIDAY: DINNER & LADIES POOL TOURNAMENT

WE ARE FULLY OPEN WITH NO RESTRICTIONS

HAPPY HOUR MON, WED & FRI 4-7, THUR ALL DAY



WE WANT YOU

WANTED VOLUNTEER
BARTENDERS

WANT A LITTLE EXTRA

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We are looking for Bartenders that can work a weekly shift Or just fill in when needed.

WE CAN TRAIN YOU!!

We are in need of volunteers to help cover Open Bartending Shifts Please call:

PER Joe Heger

720-635-5881



The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune.

Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments.

When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.

