

HARMON HAS GIVEN BIG PART OF LIFE TO ELKS

Harley A. Harmon, one of the outstanding figures in Nevada Elksdom, has made service to the Elks his life's interest since he became an Elk.

In the year 1913 he sought admission to the antlered herd and was received into Goldfield Lodge No. 1072. From that date he has continuously filled positions of honor and trust in the order and it is probable that no man in Nevada has given more freely of his time and earnest effort than he.

Immediately following his admission to Goldfield lodge, he was made chairman of the Relief Committee of No. 1072 for the many members residing in Las Vegas and as such has any many worthy acts to his credit.

For three successive years Mr. Harmon was honored by Goldfield lodge by being chosen to lead the grand march at their annual balls.

He was a leader in the effort to secure the formation of an Elks' lodge in Las Vegas. Unfortunately the preceding census did not show sufficient population in Las Vegas to comply with the rules of the Grand Lodge as to chartering new lodges. Harley was sure that Las Vegas could make the grade if the census was taken at that time and he helped secure the consent of the Grand Lodge to consider that matter.

In accordance with this idea, a committee was formed consisting of Mr. Harmon, the late Judge Henry M. Lillis, Walter R. Bracken, M. M. Riley, Frank R. McNamee and E. H. Hunting to take the census and report to the Grand Lodge. The committee performed its work well, found the requisite number of people and preparations were under way for chartering a lodge at Las Vegas.

Long prior to the formation of Las Vegas Lodge No. 1468, there was a Stray Elks Association in Las Vegas, of which Mr. Harmon was president. Mr. Harmon was a member of the committee of the Stray Elks Association, which long prior to the establishment of No. 1468, purchased the fine property at the corner of Third and Carson streets for the Elks. The property fronts 100 feet on Third street by 140 feet on Carson. It is opposite the court house property in one of the finest locations in Las Vegas. The purchase price was \$3,100, of which the Stray Elks Association paid \$1,400 cash which they had raised for that purpose. The remainder of the purchase price was secured by notes signed by Mr. Harmon and others and was carried by them until finally paid by the lodge.

The signal service to the Elks then performed may be better understood when it is known that the property is today worth a lease \$25,000.

Las Vegas Lodge No. 1468 received its charter in 1922 after several unsuccessful attempts. Naturally, in recognition of his activity Brother Harmon was elected the first exalted ruler of the new lodge and became the first delegate to the Grand Lodge which he attended in Boston in 1923.



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The following year he was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Nevada and participated in the formation of the Nevada State Elks' Association at Goldfield in 1925.

Continuing his active service to Elksdom, he was vice-president of the State Association in 1928 and at the State Convention at Elko in 1928 he was advanced to the position of President of the State Association, which office he still occupies.

The proposal to bring the Nevada State Convention of Elks to Las Vegas was first made at Elko in 1928 by Brothers Otis Goodwin and Harley Harmon and the results of their work at that time are now apparent in the splendid program provided for Las Vegas at this time.

Barbecue Experts Engaged to Dish Up Choice Viands

Barbecued beef in plenty will merrymakers at Lorenzi's restaurant be furnished by the Elks for sort during the convention here.

A barbecue specialist from Los Angeles with a crew of workers brought here specially for the convention will put on just the right touch and are expected to help materially in making the convention a memorable one to guests and home folks alike, according to James Cashman, who is in charge of this phase of the celebration. Digging of pits for the barbecue, ordering of hoes and preparation of the delicate viands are delegated entirely to the experts.

Boxing Arena to Seat 2,000 Built For Card

Jack Doyle Helps Local Elks Committee Line Up Hot Schedule of Bouts for Fourth of July Smoker.

A boxing and wrestling arena with capacity to seat 2,000 is being built at the Union Pacific athletic field for the boxing and wrestling to be held the evenings of July 4 and 5.

The American Legion arena, use of which was generously offered by the Legion Post, is not quite large enough, it was decided by the committee, and so the ring and seats were built at the athletic field for the staging of two of the finest boxing and wrestling shows which have been put on in this city, according to the aims of the committee.

Ernie Cragin and Art Harris are in charge of the boxing program, and they have been at work lining up a card of the best boys available in the Southwest for the evening of July 4, at 7 p.m.

The fights originally were scheduled for 5 o'clock, but the hour was pushed ahead because of the fact that the sun will still be hot at 5 p.m., and more will turn out to see the boys in action later on in the day.

The committee is working with Jack Doyle and one of his men in lining up five bouts which will be "knockouts."

Lorenzi Lake, where the Elks play around during the State Convention, affords the opportunity for frequent coolings in the pure waters of the swimming pool. A clever arrangement for this warm weather.

Lorenzi Lake Will Double Picture Of Fireworks Night of the Fourth

Not, not a yell at a college football game, but the real thing!

That's what will be enjoyed by everyone at Lorenzi's the night of the Fourth of July.

The beauty of it is that spectators at the lake will sit and watch not only skyrockets and pinwheels and most elaborate fireworks of every description, but they will work two similar sets at once, for the reflection in the lake will more than double the effectiveness of the display.

The skyrockets will start from a point on the island, across the lake from the spectators, and, to the eyes of those watching them, will leave a wake of fiery spangles going both up and down at the same time, breaking simultaneously and creating a perfectly symmetrical figure with the lake margin as its dividing line.

All the pinwheel and Roman candle effects will be shown also in the lake, carrying out the perfect symmetry so long as the surface of the lake is glassy smooth. Arrangements are pending for the building of a huge Elk's head in fireworks to be lighted on the evening of the Fourth, this to be the culminating event of the display, according to Blood.

J. T. Watters is in charge of the display of fireworks and promises one of the most beautiful exhibitions ever seen in the state. The combining of the events of the Fourth of July and the convention here of the Elks of the whole state, including visitors from all over the country, has given the committee incentive to exert itself to the fullest to make the occasion a memorable one, and no pains will be spared. It is stated.

New State Flag For Big Parade

Efforts are being made by the committee in charge of the convention to present the new Nevada state flag in its first parade on the opening day of the clove, July 4.

The parade will start at 9 a.m. and will end at El Portal theater, where the convention meeting will be held.

There will be no floats this year, according to Leonard Blood, manager of the convention program, because of the expense of getting them up.

"We would rather put the money into things more worth while," he stated. "We want just so much show and flourish, but not too much in proportion."

Officers Las Vegas Elks' Lodge 1468

- Exalted Ruler William E. Orr
- Leading Knight James Powers
- Loyal Knight Roscoe Thomas
- Lecturing Knight Leonard Blood
- Esquire Herbert Krouse
- Chaplain John Faan
- Secretary William L. Scott
- Treasurer Walter R. Bracken
- Inside Guard Otis Goodwin
- Tiler Carl Rau
- Trustees O. K. Adcock, James Cashman, Otis Smith

Public Invited To Celebration By Elk Manager

Enthusiasm of Boom Mining Camps in Old Days Recalled by Blood; \$4,000 Raised in Afternoon.

"We want all citizens of Las Vegas to feel that the entertainment being put on this Fourth of July and the two following days are for them as well as visiting Elks, and we hope to revive that old Nevada Fourth of July spirit which used to actuate the raising of thousands of dollars in a single afternoon for the staging of monster celebrations for the public."

That is Manager Leonard Blood's message to Las Vegas' ancient Elks' convention program of which he is the organizer.

The old time mining camps used to be the scene of some of the most enthusiastic Fourth of July celebrations conceivable, he reminisced.

He recalled one year when Goldfield, during her boom days, raised \$4,000 in an afternoon for the treating of her public to a real show, with everything free. Four corner saloons gave \$500 each, he said.

He recalled also the fact that, the year of the Johnson-Jeffries fight, \$25,000 in gold was donated for this purpose, and was exhibited in a heap in Tex Ricard's saloon, the old Northern bar.

"We want to revive that old spontaneous spirit with this celebration to such an extent," said Blood, "that the citizens will like it well enough that the various service organizations will take it up each year and continue it from year to year."

"Old Time Spirit" Wanted
"During the boom days that are to come in Las Vegas there is no reason why an old time spirit should not be revived and perpetuated. By

Dancing to be Held All Three Nights of Meet

Three nights of social dancing and cabaret will be the order of things at Lorenzi's during the state Elks' convention. Beginning with the Grand Ball on the opening night, July 4, there will be excellent music and plenty of soft drinks and sandwiches, in addition to the barbecue, to cheer up those who are inclined toward dancing. The eight-piece Union Pacific system orchestra has been secured for the furnishing of music for the ball and the two other nights of dancing, according to Blood.

U. P. Orchestra
The Elks were fortunate in securing the services of this group of musicians, according to Blood, for all except the drummer are in the band, and that is the reason it was possible to get the group without the extra expense of bringing eight other men.

The band will be brought for the band concerts of the first two days.

C. E. Pembroke is in charge of the putting over of the cabaret idea in the room adjoining the dance floor at the pavilion. Dancing will be allowed in the cabaret room, and there probably will be a phonograph there to supply music while the orchestra is not playing, and for those who wish to dance during the morning or afternoon.

Grand Ball Informal
Tickets for the Grand Ball will go on sale in advance, but the dances of Friday and Saturday evening in all probability will be "jitney" dances, according to Manager Blood.

The Grand Ball will commence at 9:30 p.m. July 4, and will not be for Elks exclusively. The general public is invited, according to Blood, as is the policy of the committee for all the entertainment functions of the convention. The Grand Ball will be informal, because of the expected warmth of the weather.

The dances on Friday and Saturday will commence at 9 p.m. and the Saturday dance will be a part of the Grand Finale, at which prizes for the trap shoot and ritualistic work will be awarded.

such revival there will be stimulation of patriotism," he stated, "and patriotism is the foundation and groundwork of the Elks' organization."

"We are avoiding commercialization in this program, and we want to make everyone feel that it is his affair. The more the merrier. The two convention meetings are the only parts of the three-day program reserved exclusively for members of the Elks' lodge."

James Cashman



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