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#### **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

Steve Asp, PER



Hello fellow Elks! Once again, I hope this finds you healthy and happy as this COVID pandemic continues. I have not heard of any new cases in our Elk family. Hopefully that situation will remain the same. The Lodge is still open with a group of regulars enjoying spending time there.

Again, there is not much new to talk about. We do have a great dinner coming up that will be discussed in another article. Also, our officer

installation coming up is going to be a bit different. One thing we are actively preparing for is a ritual contest that will take place at Tucson East Lodge on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The contest team consists of Gloria Cisneros as ER, Alane Asp is the Leading Knight, Ron Starginski is the Loyal Knight and Monty Derting is doing the Lecturing Knight part. Bud Meyer is the Esquire, Doug Harpold is the Chaplain and Larry Wittenborn is doing the Inner Guard part. I get to be the new candidate. We have been practicing under the direction of our coaches, Jack Baillargeon and Neal Patronsky, to get all our speeches and moves down pat before the contest. I want to thank everyone on the team for doing this. By participating in a ritual contest, we can claim an additional 40 points towards an All American Lodge award.

It has been an interesting time as your Exalted Ruler thanks to all the issues related to the pandemic. Hopefully there is some light at the end of the tunnel and we can get back to some state of normalcy. Best of luck to Alane and her crew of officers next year.

Your renewal notices coming from Grand Lodge did not get the charitable contributions category of "Bugle Booster" \$10.00. that I talked about earlier. If you would like to help defray the cost of printing the Bugle, please just add it below the six listed extra contribution section of the form and include another ten dollars to your total.



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<b>Past Exalted Rulers Association</b>		Robert Kielsa	2018-2019
Kathy Anderson	2002-2003	Past Exalted Rulers Association	
Neal Patronsky	2003-2004	Gloria Cisneros	2019-2020
Frank Fieldhouse, PDDGER	2004-2005		
Jim Cox	2005-2006	Affiliated Past Exalted Rulers	
Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER	2006-2007	Donald Denman	1969-1970
Sig Danielson	2007-2008	Ralph Welsh	1989-1990
Lee Cook, PDDGER	2008-2009	Jim Buell, PDDGER	2005-2006
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Richard Esparza	2010-2011	Glen Robinson	2017-2018
Thomas Wilson	2011-2012		
Earnest Cruce	2012-2013	<b>Deceased Past Exalted Rulers</b>	
Robin Danielson	2013-2014	Bill McLane	2000-2001
Gloria Cisneros	2014-2015	Victor Garcia	2001-2002
Doug Harpold	2015-2016	<b>Charles Dugas (Affiliated)</b>	1999-2000
Sig Danielson	2016-2017	Jim Gillis (Affiliated)	1982-1983
Steven Asp	2017-2018	Dave Webster (Affiliated)	1987-1988

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#### LEADING KNIGHT

By Alane Asp



Only one month is left in the lodge year and what a strange year it has been. Thankfully, the virus is retreating some and vaccinations are up. For March, Charity at the lodge is on the upswing. As you will see in articles by Jan Trudeau and Gloria Cisneros, we have some charitable events scheduled for March.

ner and raffle to raise funds for the lodge scholarship fund. See Jan's article for full details, call the lounge to sign up – spaces will fill up quickly. Food is being donated and 100% of proceeds will benefit our lodge's scholarship fund. On March 27, officers for the 2021 / 2022 lodge year will be installed. I am excited about being installed as the Exalted Ruler and am looking forward to planning more activities (safely) at the lodge. To maximize social distancing and celebrate some return to normalcy, installation will be a little different this year. Installation will be in the lodge room at 4:30. Speeches and other ceremonial activities will take place in the tent outside along with a catered dinner and entertainment. Paul and the house committee have decided to limit the attendance to 60 people; a few spaces in addition to the incoming officers and the installing officers will be available for the event. Because our PER's were not able to hold the annual Lobsterfest this year, installation dinner attendees are being asked for a minimum of a \$10 donation for the PER Elks Charities Fund.

On March 12, we will be having a to go or dine in brisket din-

To kick my Exalted Year off right, the Grand Prize for the October 29, 2021 Arizona Elks Major Projects raffle will be on display at the lodge during the week of installation. The grand prize is a 2021 Yamaha Wolverine X4; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$300, 4<sup>th</sup> prize is \$200, and 5<sup>th</sup> prize is \$100. Tickets may be purchased in the lounge for \$10 each or 2 for \$20. My officer team and I will be working together to plan and execute a successful lodge year with the goals of supporting Americanism, Charity, Youth, and Veterans through ritualistic ceremonies of recognition and through charitable programs and giving. If interested in helping or participating, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is alaneasp@hotmail.com. I am optimistic about the year ahead! While not back to normal completely, I am hopeful about executing all of our elk national, state and local programs this year – to some degree.

#### From the Editor:

Our Lodge year is rapidly coming to a close. By now you should have received your Dues notice from Grand Lodge. Please pay your Dues early and avoid the year end rush.

For you part year residents, remember to change your address with Lodge Secretary Mimi so you will continue to receive the Elks Magazine and Bugle.

#### SECRETARY'S CORNER

By Mimi Wittenborn

Well the Super Bowl is now over. I hope your team won.

We have several new members and applications in various stages in processing. Congratulations to our new members and to those in process. We look forward to serving you and with you.

Don't forget we are coming to the end of our fiscal year and dues statements will be arriving soon. As you know that means that as of April 1 your yellow key card will not work so....... Payments can be made online, mailed in or dropped off at the office or lodge.

To those members that, due to COVID have not been around, we miss you and hope you are well. We hope to see you soon.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! (Don't forget to wear green.)

#### **Lodge Stats:**

Membership:	.558
Newly Initiated:	8
In various stages for membership:	
Average age:	71.02
Delinquents:	38

Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul.

#### March Birthdays

01 Gary Adams, 02 Ray Harrison, LouAnn Schantz, 04 Victoria Christopher, Kim McCullough, 05 William McIonie, Edward Stroetz, Thomas Teal, 06 Kyle Krivance, James O'Brien, 07 Gail Baillargeon, Lisa Chavez, Jeffery Osborn, Majorie White, 09 Noah Goldstien, Robert Schiff, Terry Worthy, 10 Robert Kramer, Jerry Wilkerson, 11 Dan Drinkwitz, Louis Phillppi, 12 Dennis Anderson, 13 Betty Cook, 14 Ann Richardson, 15 Monty Whitson, 16 Timothy Loria, 17 Al Abbott, Soraya Bellon, Bec Garrett, Roger Mastro, John Pearl, Nancy Wood, 19 Robert Hone, Rose Weaver, 20 John Mathwig, 21 Jack Macy, 22 Monty Derting, Russell Widener, 23 Randy Ogren, 25 David Holmes, Ron Trudeau, 26 Debra Derting, 27 Donald Molitor, 28 Andrew Wilson, 29 Ronald Bartolucci, Skip Knowles, 30 Cheryl Bates, 31 Robin Danielson.

#### **LODGE ACTIVITIES**

By Jan Trudeau

Welcome to March 2021. While we're not yet quite up to speed here at the lodge, we do have a few activities you can attend if



you wish. Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> is Bingo. We start the fun 2 PM. Come join us for some laughs-and you might even get to shout "BINGO". Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> will be a very special Friday.

We will have a smoked brisket dinner with all the sides-coleslaw, cornbread, cowboy beans and a dessert! There is a minimum of \$10.00 donation for all these goodies, but if you wish to donate

more, your extra money will be matched up to a total of \$1,000.00. All the proceeds from this fabulous dinner will benefit Elks charities-especially the scholarship fund. Please join us. Dinner can be eaten in, or picked up to go-like our Wednesday night dinners. Food will be available from 5 PM-6PM. Sign up and pay in advance in the lounge. And, please sign up early as it will probably sell out!

Texas Hold 'Em resumes on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Thank you.

Officer installation is being held on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be an outside "under the tent" sit-down dinner being catered by Blue Banjo BBQ. The menu will be available at a later date. The donation is \$10.00 per person, and will benefit Elks charities. There will be a maximum of 60 people for this outdoor event. Please sign up and pay in advance in the lounge. At press time, we are exploring the idea of outside entertainment for the event. It would be on the back patio if it happens. Please join us in celebrating our new Exalted Ruler-Alane Asp and her new officers. Hors d'oeuvres around 4:30, and dinner after the ceremony. See the flyer in the lounge for further information.

That's all for now. Please stay safe and healthy!

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

No new activity to report at this time. Stay tuned for upcoming events.



#### 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 practice 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 borne 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.

# VETERANS COMMITTEE By Robert Kielsa, PER / Belinda Waller



March 2021 Veterans Report

Bob Kielsa

I'm very happy to report, after one huge HelpVets pickup in February, our veteran donations for this lodge year, as of February 24th are \$67,512!

When I mentioned "if you have a hankering to clean out your closets we have space in the pod" I did not anticipate the amount of donations we would get! I was amazed that our members contributed \$13,665 in donations in February for our veterans. Thank you to all of you who made those donations and also to those who helped empty the pod!

We still have a need for donations of "NEW" clothing for our vets. We need the basics of socks, shorts, t-shirts, jeans, fleece jackets, heavy jackets, sweaters and heavy shirts for our homeless vets. Please use the green barrel in the lounge for your donations. If you wish to contribute, but don't want to go out to shop for your donation, you can send a check, or drop off money in the Vet jar on the bar and we will do the shopping for the needed items.

Thank you again to our lodge members for your generosity for those who gave so much to our country's safety and freedom.





#### ELK OF THE MONTH

Jack Baillargeon and Neal Patronsky are our Elks of the Month. They both have spent considerable time helping our Ritual Contest Team learn the do's and don't's of Ritual Contest procedures. They both have extensive knowledge of the specific movements and speeches that are required. Thank you Jack and Neal for all your help



#### **OUR POET LAUREATE**

Jim Cox, PER

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March
We all love March...it ushers Spring.
The flora stir and robins sing.
Spread the warmth with brotherly love and share the Earth's awakening.

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

By Paul Slater



Howdy!

Hard to believe that February is just about gone, but the nice weather sure is nice to enjoy!

We had a fantastic Super Bowl party. Thank you to everyone that brought so much delicious food. Everyone had a great time and congrats to the winners. If you didn't come

you missed a great time, especially with Marie's "Wheel of Fortune"! and a special congrats to Cheryl for winning the biggest loser prize!

March is going to be a fun month with several events. We have a very special Brisket Dinner that has been donated and all the proceeds with go to the Elks Charities. We are also planning an outdoor party to celebrate our new incoming officers. Look for more details in the bugle as well as on our website.

This month's shout out is going to sound a little like a broken record, but Marie Starjinski is this months winner, with an assist from her husband Ron. Marie is always thinking of creative ways to make the lodge a little more fun for our members. Her idea of a "Wheel of Fortune" was such a huge hit with everyone. Then to top it off, we raised over \$200 for the lodge as well!!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can always reach out to me via email (<u>pslates1987@gmail.com</u>) or phone (520.268.2375)

Take care,



#### PER ASSOCIATION

By Gloria Cisneros, PER



Happy March Everyone! We are currently running a raffle to benefit our Lodge Scholarship Program. There are amazing items at the Lodge that you can purchase tickets for and you will put them in the corresponding box of what item you would like to win. This drawing will take place at the Brisket Dinner Event being held March 12<sup>th</sup>. You can

buy tickets from the bar Stewards anytime and we will be selling them the night of the event as well. The price is 7 tickets for \$5 and so please help support the continuing education of our applicants. We will also be starting a shot gun raffle on March 27<sup>th</sup> which will also benefit the Scholarship program. Please stay tuned for the details on that one. The Past Exalted Rulers also ran the last Lodge meeting which was Officer Nomination night. A great time was had by all and we have an amazing team of Officers coming in for the 2021-2022 Lodge year. Thank you to all the PER's that assisted that night. We are still hoping to get the Queen of Hearts game going again soon but need to wait until we can have the approval to have larger crowds.



#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

3/03/21 Italian Stuffed Pasta Shells 3/10/21 King Ranch Casserole 3/17/21 Beef/Guinness Stew 3/24/21 Pork Roast





# FRIDAY MARCH 12 SPECIAL DINNER 5 to 6 PM

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Minimum Donations for Dinner \$10/person for Elks Scholarships







Donations in Excess of \$10 will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$1000

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# 2021 MID-YEAR RAFFLE

# WIN A

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Wolverine X4 850
with a 14'
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4th Prize - \$200

5th Prize - \$100

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Must be 21 years of age or older to win Proceeds Benefit AEMP Children's Programs



# Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge Officer Installation March 27, 2021

# Catered by Blue Banjo BBQ

Mark your Calendar



Please join us for the 2021 Officers Installation at 4:30 pm with Hor D'ouvres and Dinner following the ceremony More Details to Come







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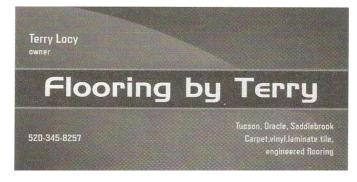


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Please Join the Catalina Mountains Elks #2815 Lodge Officers in celebrating the lives of those who have gone before us.

This is the time to remember our vow that:

"Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken"

Welcome members, family and friends

Refreshments to follow Vistoso Funeral Home, 2285 E Rancho Vistoso Blvd, Oro Valley AZ

March 7



Thinking of our Brothers and Sisters
Who have Passed into the Hands of God
You are loved, You are missed.
To our absent members