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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

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LODGE MEETINGS

Meetings start at 7:00 pm on the
 2nd and 4th Thursdays monthly,
 with one meeting in July and August
 on the 4th Thursday, and one
 in December on the 2nd Thursday

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Office Hours

Monday	10.00-2:00
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Thursday	10:00-2:00



Exalted Ruler's Message - Doug Harpold

Happy New year to all my Elks family. I hope you all had a terrific Holiday Season and are ready to start the year anew. I am now in my final quarter of ER and I can't believe how

quickly the year has passed. I am already starting to think of all the things I would like to do with my free time once I have completed my year, but in all honesty, I

think most things will stay the same.

I do have some good news to start the year. It has been about 10 years since my last time as ER, and even back then, we were talking about a new lodge or a bigger and improved lodge. Well, it seems that after many roadblocks and unexpected turns in the road, we have a plan to move forward. The board of directors voted at the last meeting to hire a general contractor to help us get moving forward. We have learned over the years of debating issues and trying to get things done on our own, that we need the help of an expert. He has laid out a plan for us to go forward with the things we need to get done and an order of those events. He will be looking into the issues we are having with water and checking out our property to make sure we are able to use it in the capacity we would like. Our plan has been set as a five-year plan which begins with paying off

the mortgage we have on our building at this time. In the meantime, we will be trying to have as many of the details in place on either a building expansion or a new building all together. There are still a lot of questions to be answered and plans to be worked out, but I am happy to be looking at progress and to see a future of growth and further opportunity for our lodge!

January and a new year bring us to a time to start off fresh and to build on the previous year. I have a request to all our members out there, and it's a simple one. Spread the word! Inform the people you know of all the wonderful things we, as Elks, do for our community. Teach them about our youth programs, veterans' programs, the Steele Children's Research Center, our youth camp, all we do for our local food bank, and so much more. Once they learn of all the great things we do, ask them if they would like to help. Ask them if they would like to become a member of the best Elks Lodge in the South District – Catalina Mountain and ask them if they would like to put their hearts and hands to work on the great things we do. The Elks are the best kept secret around, and we need to change that! Many hands make for light work. All my wishes for a Healthy, Happy, and Fantastic New Year to all our great members!!!



Past Exalted Rulers

Donald Denman* 1969-70	Jim Buell, PDDGER 2005-06	Steve Asp 2017-18
Jim Gillis* 1982-83	Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER 2006-07	Glen Robinson 2017-18
Dave Webster* 1987-88	Sig Danielson 2007-08	Robert Kielsa 2018-19
Ralph Welsh 1989-90	Lee Cook, PDDGER 2008-09	Gloria Cisneros 2019-20
Al Skorupski, PSP 1993-94	Larry Megahan 2009-10	Steve Asp, PDDGER 2020-21
Charles Dugas* 1999-00	Richard Esparza 2010-11	Alane Asp 2021-22
Bill McLane* 2000-01	Thomas Wilson 2011-12	Monty Derting 2022-23
Victor Garcia* 2001-02	Earnest Cruce 2012-13	Ron Starjnski 2023-24
Kathy Anderson 2002-03	Robin Danielson 2013-14	
Neal Patronskey 2003-04	Gloria Cisneros 2014-15	
Frank Fieldhouse, PDDGER ... 2004-05	Doug Harpold 2015-16	
Jim Cox 2005-06	Sig Danielson 2016-17	

Affiliated PERs in Italic
Deceased *

Committees

Accident Prevention Paul Slater	Investigation Coordinator Deborah Derting
Americanism Al Peterson	Lodge Activities Jan Trudeau & Pam Wedwaldt
Auditing Chair Anna Williams	Major Project Coordinator Lisa Chavez
Blood Drive Coordinator Doug Harpold, PER	Membership Mimi Wittenborn
Bugle Editor Jim Buell, PDDGER	Memorial Day Service Coordinator Doug Harpold, PER
Building Committee Ron Starjnski, PER	PER Association Ron Starjnski, PER
Clothe-A-Child Coordinator Leslie Lefaive-Huerta	Protocol Coordinator Gail Baillargeon
Community Activities Jan Trudeau	Public Relations Chair Ellen Fitzgerald
Dictionary Project Cindy LeFaive	Ritualistic Comm. Chairs Jack Baillargeon, PDD; Al Skorupski, PSP; & Neal Patronskey, PER
Drug Awareness Doug Harpold	Scholarship Chair Lyn Moreno & Patricia Rourke
Elks Memorial Day Service Doug Harpold, PER	Sickness & Distress Paul Slater
Elks National Foundation Ron Starjnski, PER	Soccer Shoot Vacant
Flag Day Coordinator Doug Harpold, PER	Special Olympics Doug Harpold
Flag Display Chair Walt Ahlstrom	Standing Relief Committee Paul Slater
Fraternal Committee Larry Wittenborn	Training Chair Doug Harpold, PER
Golf Tournament Al Peterson	Veterans Services Bob Kielsa, PER
Government Relations Al Skorupski, PSP	Youth Activities Vacant
Hoop Shoot Vacant	Webmaster & Email Coordinator Ellen Fitzgerald
House Committee Pam Wedwaldt	
Orientation Coordinator Alane Asp, PER	

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Elk of the Month - January

My Elks of the month are Leslie Huerta and Cindy LeFaive. I would like to thank them for all of the hard work they put in to make this year's Children's shopping spree a success. Leslie and Cindy not only worked hard at getting all of the needed volunteers, but they also put in many hours getting donations of services and

merchandise to help raise money to support this event. Leslie and Cindy held some great raffles and worked diligently to sell tickets and raise money for the children. Thank you again to these hard working Elks for their contributions in making our lodge one of the best!

Leading Knight - Paul Slater



Howdy! Happy New Year!

I trust that everyone had a great holiday season and enjoying our Tucson "winter"! This past month has gone by so quickly, but we still found time to exhibit the charity that makes the Elks so special. The Children's shopping event was a huge success, and as always, Mr. and Mrs. Claus were a huge hit. Thank you, Tom and Gail!

As we start the New Year, I am looking forward to continuing our charitable giving and will continue to provide updates on our totals. Make sure that you "brag" on our lodge, as we are always looking for new members who are looking for a way to give back to the Veterans, children, and our community. I am probably a little biased,

but I don't think there is a more effective and generous organization in the country!

If you have been wanting to get involved, there are a few committee openings that need a chairperson. The youth activities are looking for someone with a passion for children. Please consider volunteering in this or any of our many committees.

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

Take care,
paul

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



Wow! Where did 2024 go?? I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

As we in the office prepare for 2025 we wish you a healthy, prosperous New Year. We are also preparing for the new Elks' year. Dues notices will be going out the first part of February for the 2025-2026 year. They can be paid by cash (in person), check, credit card or PayPal. As a reminder, office hours are Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 10:00 – 2:00. Also, notary services are available for members.

LODGE STATS YEAR-TO-DATE

Membership to Date.....	571
Delinquents.....	22
Life Members.....	55
Average Age.....	70

Something to think about:

"Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content."
Helen Keller

Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau & Pam Wedwaldt



LODGE ACTIVITIES

Hello January and hello to 2025. Here's to an awesome New Year!!

We have some activities planned for you this month starting with Bingo on Saturday January 4th. The fun starts at 2 PM. Come join us. We'll have two Texas Hold 'Em card games-one on Saturday the 11th, and again on Saturday the 25th. Both games start at 1 PM. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Darts are on the back patio on Saturdays at 5 PM. We have a special Dart tournament on Saturday the 18th. This is a competition against Elks lodge # 2532. If you want to join in on the fun, there will be a qualifying competition on Saturday January 11th. Come join in or just come to cheer on our dart players! On Saturday the 18th, we will have Karaoke in the lounge starting at 5 PM, going until 8 PM. Come and sing with us.

Football fans.....the playoffs begin this month. Super Bowl will be on February 9th. The lounge will start opening at 1

PM on Sundays beginning on January 19th, because of the end of the regular season.

Wednesdays feature full dinners on the second and fourth days of the month. Soup, salad, entrée and dessert for \$15.00 per person, The other Wednesdays are bar tacos for \$2.00 each. Tacos and Trivia will be on Wednesday the 15th, tacos from 4:30-6:00, trivia starts at 6.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our lodge once again "adopted" 20 children through Impact of Southern Arizona-our local food bank. We purchased toys, clothing and art supplies for these under privileged kids. Our hope is that we helped make their Christmas a little brighter. Thank you to everyone who helped shop, wrap and deliver all the packages. Each child received at least 6 different gifts. And, a huge THANK YOU to the PERA, and other Elks who donated very generously to make this wonderful project possible. Way to go Elks!



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Past Exalted Ruler Association - Ron Starjnski, PERA President



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, if I missed anyone I apologize. January/February should be a fun filled couple of months at the lodge, with Lobsterfest on the horizon and PERA Breakfast/Brunches being

planned. Look for more information at the lodge and in all our social media.

Do not forget about the Queen of Hearts every Friday night at 6:30, get there early to get your tickets before someone else does.

I will see you at the lodge.

Ron



Play Queen of Hearts Every Friday at the Lodge!!!



Clothe-A-Child Event

Season's Greetings and Happy 2025!

From the bottom of our hearts to yours we wish to thank you for making our 2024 Elks Christmas Clothe-a-Child a huge success! Sincere thanks to all who provided your smiles, love and happiness while escorting, photographing, working in the kitchen, donating very generous raffle prizes and cash donations!! Without all of this our event would not have been as successful as it was.

In addition, thank you notes will be going out to some very generous donors, Golder Ranch Fire Department for delivering Santa, Walmart Oro Valley for donating pillows and closing off the Garden Center strictly for our event while providing donuts and drinks for everyone, Crafty Critters for ensuring each child received a new handmade stocking and pillow case and Cactus Comfort for knitting hats, scarves and mittens for each child.

The Children were full of smiles and very grateful. We had a Foster Family deliver an extra child to us and we were happy to include her with all our excitement that day too. One little girl came up to me with a big smile, her hat, scarf and mittens on and told me how much she "loved them because they were so warm and fuzzy". My heart melted...

We had a new change this year as Santa arrived on the fire truck without Mrs. Claus, imagine that?! Instead, Mrs. Claus walked into the lodge with "Holiday", her Christmas outfitted dog prior to Santa's arrival. She took time and discussed with the Kids the true meaning of Christmas and it was a great learning experience/reminder for them.

Finally, Volunteers – if you have any heartwarming/funny stories to share from your time with the children, please let me know. We're going to start keeping a record of them. The memory could be from past years too.

Thanks again and blessings to all,

Leslie and Cindy

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Clothe-A-Child Event





Veterans Committee - PER Bob Kielsa



I'm happy to report our Non Cash donations are \$110,217 and Cash donations hit \$23,992 bringing our total Veteran donations to \$134,209. Thank you all for your help achieving these totals!

our homeless veterans. **Please place any NEW items in the green barrel in the lounge** and USED items in the Pod in the front of the lodge.

As always, a big thank you for your continued support for our veterans!

A special thank you to all the Veterans Committee team members who shopped and gift wrapped 10 Christmas presents for our veterans in the Arizona Veterans Home. We delivered some interesting requested gifts, like a case of beer, paint set, Visa cards and everyone received a cozy blanket for their comfort.

I reported in the December report how our members generated \$700 in our Veterans Day Games fundraiser. Also, through your participation, we contributed \$5,000 in our April Dart Tournament fund raiser. We plan to conduct both events in 2025. Thank you for helping your veterans committee to help our veterans! We will have a date for our April event in our February report. If you have items that would be good raffle items, please check with Lisa Hensley or Kayleen Borah with your possible donations.

Another way we can help our veterans is with the gift of your used (clean and functional) medical supplies. I have two outlets for used medical supplies for veterans. We can place wheelchairs, walkers, canes & crutches, bed pads and similar items. **NO DRUGS** however! These donations may be placed in the Pod in front of the lodge.

As usual you can help our homeless veterans by contributing new Undershorts and T-shirts (Med, Lg, XL), Jeans (W 33, 34, 36) and warm Socks.

When you clean out your closets **please look for jackets, sweaters, long pants and heavy shirts** you can donate to



House Committee - Pam Wedwaldt



Welcome 2025! Another year over, a new one just begun. Thehustle and bustle of the holiday season is over and we can finally take a deep breath and enjoy some free time. And what to do with that time? Why not consider volunteering to help out with the House Committee, we can always use help

either with dinners or planning social events. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 and would be happy to have some new faces. We have some fun things planned for January, see Lodge Activities for details. Our bar stewards and kitchen staff work hard all year to make our lodge an enjoyable place to come to. Please remember to treat them with the respect they deserve.



By-laws Change

The follow By-law Changes will be voted on at our Jan.9th Regular meeting.

ARTICLE III: LIFE AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1.

The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than 30 years preceding application, and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years.

Shall Read

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ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July and August in which the Lodge shall meet on the second Thursday, and in December in which the Lodge shall meet on the 1st Thursday. If a regular meeting falls on a holiday, that meeting shall be held on the same day of the week during the following week.

Shall read

Section 1. The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July and August in which the Lodge shall meet only on the 4th Thursday of each month, and in November and December in which the Lodge shall

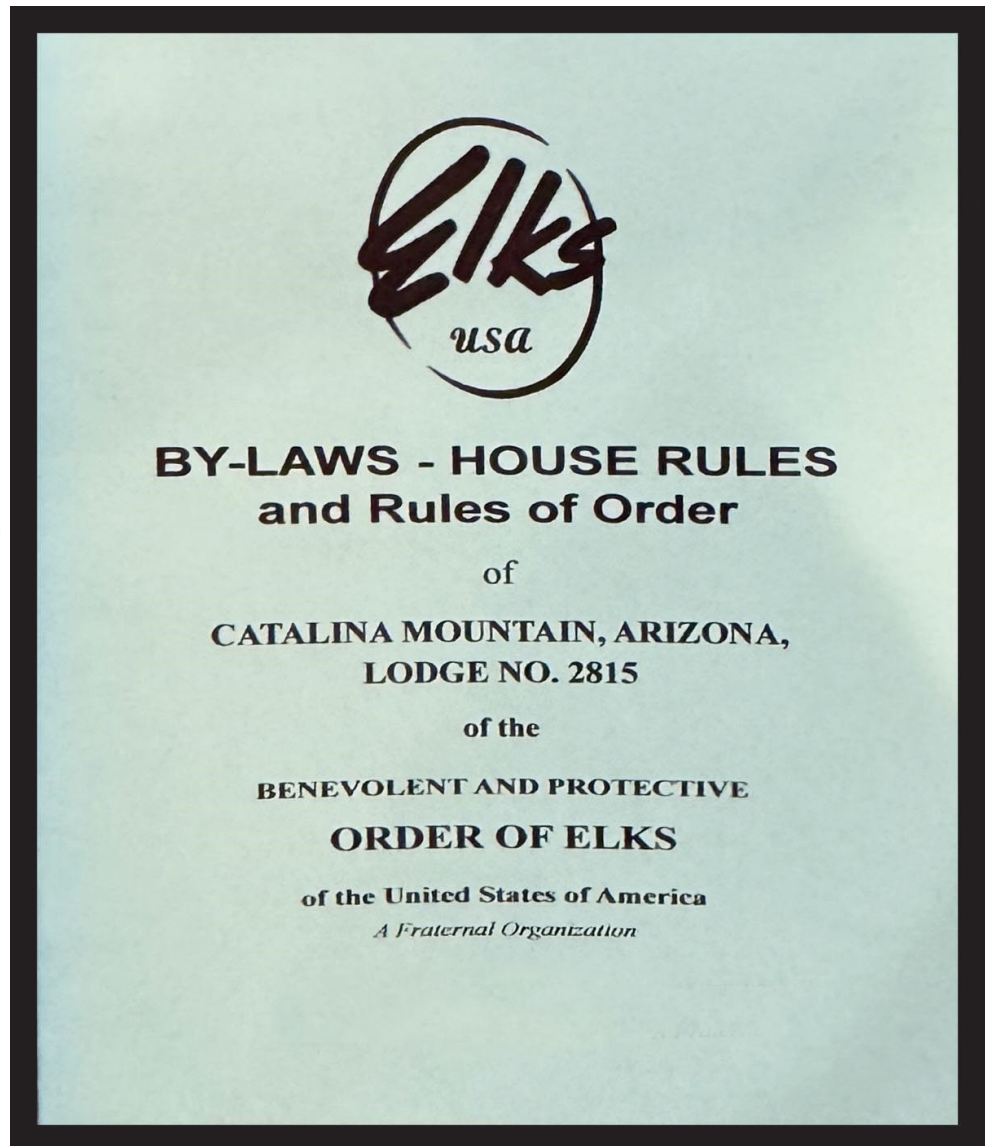
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ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6.

Add the following

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the 4 Chair Officers, the Secretary and Treasurer and the 5 Trustees of the Lodge.





January Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Stanley Killinger | 17 Jamie Horst |
| 1 Paul Schmidt | 17 Lamont McConnell |
| 2 Dominic Borland | 18 Cheryl Anderson |
| 3 Joseph Frank | 18 Ken Hammonds |
| 3 Jay Hillmer | 19 Laura Lowe |
| 4 John Wohner | 19 Albert Peterson |
| 5 Walter Reifsnyder | 21 Bob Willing |
| 5 Cayetano Ronquillo | 22 Stephanie Kapp |
| 7 Frank Fenton | 22 James Powers |
| 7 Benjamin Hensley | 23 Michael Lowe |
| 7 Lanny Larson | 23 John Trapp |
| 7 Keith Pierpont | 23 Jimmy Wall |
| 9 John Nanosky | 24 Joseph Clark |
| 11 Ross Hazlett | 25 Katharine Starjnski |
| 11 Brittany Messer | 25 Deborah Trapp |
| 12 Ronald Anderson | 26 Hilary Ring |
| 12 Janice Bockhorn | 26 Jane Wright |
| 12 Sheila Dahlgren | 27 Bob Fagotti |
| 13 Nick Giordano | 27 Patrice Ross |
| 14 Jon-Erik Johnson | 29 Terry Gruenwald |
| 14 Shane Zerbe | 29 Raymond Martinez |
| 16 David Latting | 30 Lisa Jelderks |

Wednesday Dinner Menu

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| <p>January 1
<i>New Year's Day Potluck</i></p> <p>January 8
<i>Mississippi Pot Roast,
Potatoes, Carrots, Baked
Potato Soup, Salad
Dessert</i></p> | <p>January 22
<i>BBQ Ribs, Roasted Potatoes,
Green Beans, Ham & Split
Pea Soup, Salad
Dessert</i></p> <p>January 29
<i>Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm
or UNTIL SOLD</i></p> |
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and pray it will be kind and just
to all that we hold loved and dear.

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JANUARY

- 1/1 *New Year's Day Potluck 4 pm*
- 1/4 *Bingo 2 pm*
Dart Tournament 5 pm
- 1/11 *Texas Hold'Em 1 pm*
Dart Tournament 5 pm
- 1/18 *Dart Tournament 5 pm*
Karaoke 5 pm
- 1/25 *Texas Hold'Em 1 pm*
Dart Tournament 5 pm

*Also check the Lodge Calendar
for additional events*

