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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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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
Tuesday	10:00-2:00
Thursday	10:00-2:00

Exalted Ruler's Message - Doug Harpold



Happy February to you all and I hope you have a great month. It's that time of year again when all of us Arizonans and our friendly snowbirds

get to call back to our friends out east and mock them for having to put up with snow and freezing temperatures. It makes me so sad to remind all of my Illinois family that it is still short pants weather out here. I hope all the Elks have a wonderful Valentine's Day, and if you are looking for something to do, come out to the Lodge for the Have a Heart party and help support AEMP. Sign up is in the lounge.

We had a great January at the lodge, and I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all the wonderful people who have supported our lodge throughout the NFL Season and for joining us for the Queen of Hearts. Your support of the Lodge has made a big difference in our bottom line, and that is uber important!!! Without support we cannot continue to grow and flourish.

Speaking of growing and flourishing, we are in need of support in the upcoming year. We have the need to fill many positions and committees to help continue to

bring support to our community. It is always difficult to take that first step in offering your time, but once you have done it, you sure will feel good about it. When I was brought into the fold and was convinced (and it took some convincing!) to take on a committee or two and become an officer, I, like many, was very hesitant. Now that I have been involved for a while, I couldn't be happier with my decision and have become extremely proud of all we do and what we, as Elks, represent. Please consider helping out and becoming a contributing member. You won't regret it. Our incoming ER, Paul Slater, would love to hear from you and can tell you of the committees he needs assistance with.

Finally, I would like to speak a little on Membership once again. Our lodge is on pace to possibly break even or have a 1 or 2 person gain in membership this year. Sadly, membership in the South District is on a pace to have a negative year. If you know anyone who would like to have some fun, and do some great work within our community, please invite them to become a member. A lot of times we can gain new members just by inviting our friends, co-workers, or neighbors to lodge for a Wednesday meal, Friday
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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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Exalted Ruler's Message - Doug Harpold

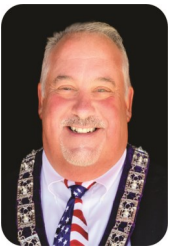
Queen of Hearts, or even a football Sunday. Once they have visited, seen our friendly faces, and have had a good time with us, they are hooked and it takes very little effort to get them to become members.

And a little February humor:

*Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day.
'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag.'
'That was very kind of you,' Jim added, 'I hope she appreciated the thought.'
Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'
One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," Jim said. That evening, Jim came home with a small package and gave it to his wife.
Delighted, Emma opened it - only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".*

I would like to wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day! And hope to see you at the lodge to celebrate with us!

Leading Knight - Paul Slater



Howdy!
Happy New Year!

I trust that everyone is having a great start to 2025! Lots of changes coming, including at our lodge as we head in to the home stretch for the Elks year, which ends on 31.March.

One of the biggest charitable things one can do is to share their time. As we approach the new Elks year, there are several committee chairs that I will be looking to fill. So if you have been wanting to be more involved, please reach out to me, or any of our officers and let us know! There are over 40 different committees, so there is something for everyone.

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

We continue to show our community that Elks Care, Elks Share. We demonstrate our charity with our community outreach with events like stuff a bag, our kids with the shopping events and of course our vets with more than \$130,000 in donations.

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



I know I sound like a broken record always talking about dues. It is an important part of my job and a big part of our operating budget. And with that being said, dues statements will be going out soon. Our dues this year for regular members is \$104.50 and are due by April 1, 2025. You can pay them by

Pay Pal, Cash, Check or Credit Card.

Please check the calendar as we have some fun events coming up.

LODGE STATS YEAR-TO-DATE

Membership to Date	576
Candidates:.....	18
Transfers Pending	7
Delinquents.....	22
Life Members	55
Average Age	70

Something to think about:

"The only person you should try to be better than, is the person you were yesterday."

anonymous-



Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau & Pam Wedwaldt



LODGE ACTIVITIES

February is here. We have a month full of fun activities for you. We start with Bingo on Saturday February 1st. The fun starts at 2 pm. Texas Hold 'Em card games are on Saturday February 8th and then on SUNDAY February 23rd. The future card games will be held on Sundays now that football is done for the season. Card games begin at 1 PM. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Darts happen on the back patio on Saturdays at 5 PM. We're having a Super Bowl party on Sunday February 9th. It will be a potluck event beginning at 3 PM. The big game starts around 4:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for food items you'll be bringing. Come for the football, or just come for the good eats. On Saturday February 15th, there will be a Have A Heart fundraiser. It will benefit the Arizona Elks Major Projects. Please find the flyer in the Bugle for more information. Presidents Day is on Monday February 17th. We will be putting the flags along Oracle road that day. They go up at 7 AM, and come down at 5 PM. Wednesdays will continue to have full dinners on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and the 1st and 3rd days will have bar tacos for you. Dinners are \$15.00 for a complete meal, and the bar tacos are \$2.00 each. Tacos are served from

4:30-6:30 or until sold out, except on Trivia nights then we stop serving at 6:00. Speaking of Trivia, that will happen on February 19th at 6:00. Come check it out.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We have a new Community project this month. On Tuesday February 18th we will be "stuffing bags" for seniors. The event will be held in the lodge room at 1 PM. Impact of So. AZ-our local food bank has a list of 250 at risk seniors who will really benefit from our efforts. They will get a bag with items like: soup, crackers, milk, cookies, tuna and chicken, nuts, granola bars and peanut butter. The gift bags will be given to our senior friends in addition to the usual stipend that they receive monthly. This project is possible because of two grants from the grand lodge. The Beacon grant and the Gratitude grant total \$8,000.00!!! This amount will make these bags be very impactful. Thank you to our awesome grant writer-Jack Baillergeon for helping secure these funds to assist our less fortunate neighbors.

There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge. Please sign up and help us with this worthwhile project.

Elk of the Month - February

My Elk of the Month for February goes to Jimmy Wall. Jim is a fairly new member of our lodge but has stepped right up and taken on many jobs to help out the lodge. It is not odd to Jim at our lodge meetings, and for those of you that go to these meetings, you know that attendance is not great. Jim immediately joined the House committee and has stepped in to help out on many of our Friday meals and with other events when needed. Jim also volunteered his time recently to help Ron Starjinski finish up the dry wall work in the newly renovated conference room. It is great to see our new members so eager to join in to make our lodge a success.

Thank you Jim!



Past Exalted Ruler Association - Ron Starjnski, PERA President

Hello Everyone,

The Past Exalted Rulers have a full plate going on over the next 3 months, February 13th is the PER lodge meeting (the PER's take over the lodge business meeting), March 8th is Lobsterfest, election of officers in March, and we are planning many events for our 25th anniversary. Look for more information at the lodge and in all our social media.

On December 15th we had our annual PER Christmas dinner (See Picture), it was great to see everyone outside

of the lodge. A special thanks goes to Lee and Betty Cook who stopped and brought with them Jim and Pat Cox. For those of you who do not know Lee's lodge number is 20 and Jim's is 21, they are two of our founding members.

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.

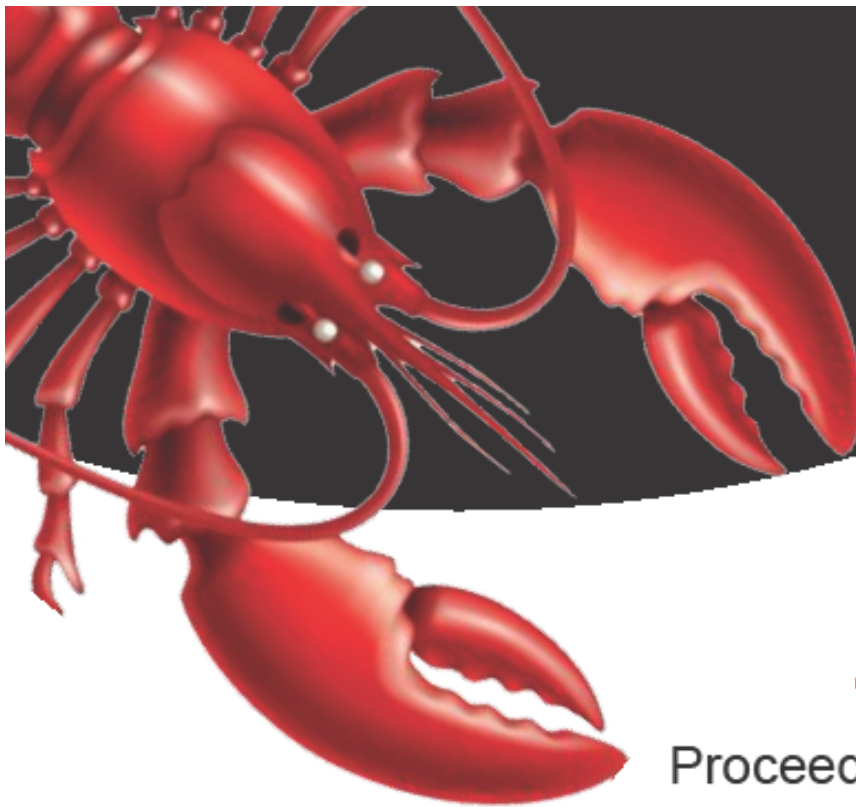
I will see you at the lodge.

Ron



Past Exalted Rulers Front Row: Robin Danielson, Neal Patronskey, Jim Cox, Jack Baillargeon

Back Row: Monty Derting, Sig Danielson, Doug Harpold, Ron Starjnski, Gloria Cisneros, Bob Kielsa, Steve Asp, Lee Cook



March 8th
5-6:30 pm

Proceeds benefit Catalina
Mountain Elks #2815 Charities

Lobster Fest

Feast on 1 1/4 lb lobsters (flown in live)
served with drawn butter, coleslaw, roll,
baked potato and dessert.

Don't miss out on this special annual event

Limited Seating - \$45 per person

Raffle prize - 3.5 lb Live Lobster

Please pay and sign up in the Lounge



Catalina Mountain Elks -Major Projects

We Invite you to our

5th Annual Have a Heart Fundraiser!



Make a \$25 Major Projects Donation
Enjoy a Smoked to Perfection Brisket Dinner,
Raffles, lots of fun & Fabulous Music

5:00 Cocktails 5:30 Guest Speaker

6:00 Dinner 7:00-9:00 Music



February 15, 2025

WE ARE THE ARIZONA ELKS

Since its founding in 1910, the Arizona Elks Association has been dedicated to serving our communities and our country. Our first project, the Steele Children's Research Center, has received over \$9 million in donations since 1992. This funding has enabled groundbreaking research, educated future scientists, and provided healing to children in Arizona and beyond. Additionally, the **Elks Pediatric Clinic** serves over **65,000 children annually**, insuring families receive the care they need. Our second major project, the **Jack C. Warter Elks Youth Camp**, is nestled in the Sierra Ancha Mountain Range, 40 miles northeast of Globe, Arizona. This camp is open to all youth groups at no cost, offering a safe and enriching outdoor experience.

Your support helps sustain these life-changing initiatives, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.



Veterans Committee - PER Bob Kielsa



Our Non Cash donations to date are \$123,211 and our Cash donations hit \$27,037 bringing our total Veteran donations to \$150,248. A big thank you to Greg Koper for his leadership in managing our Welcome Home Kits program. So far he has completed 37 Welcome Home Kits worth \$14,620.

Please place on your calendar our **April Dart Tournament fund raiser scheduled for Saturday, April 12th**. If you have items that would be good for our raffle please check with Lisa Hensley or Kayleen Borah with your possible donation. Also, for your calendar, our **Veterans Game Day is scheduled for Saturday,**

November 8th.

Another way we can help our veterans is with the gift of your used clothing and/or 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) Sweatshirts and warm Socks.

When you clean out your closets **please look for jackets, sweaters, long pants and heavy shirts** you can donate to 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. **Please mark the container you use for these items so they can be identified!**

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

Meet Your New Members - Initiated 1/9/2025



L-R: Michael Ross, Devron Reddington, Cheri Reddington

House Committee - Pam Wedwaldt



Hello February, the month where all our good intentions to keep our New Year resolutions go down the drain. At least mine did. February is also the month we have our "Have a Heart" fund raiser that benefits Steele Childrens

Research Center and many other charities through Major Projects. The date is February 15th join us to learn more about this wonderful organization, it will warm your

heart.

We still have plenty of room on our "Honor Wall" which is located right outside the front door. You can honor members of the service, first responders and members of the police force. Contact Al Hensley to learn more. See Lodge Activities to see what else we have planned for this month.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Help Feed a Senior: Stuff a Bag

Tuesday February 18
1 PM
Catalina Mountain Elks' Lodge



Volunteers Needed

200+ Bags for Seniors
About 40 are Homebound
Breakfast and Lunch Items



Sign up at
the Lodge

For Information Contact Jan Trudeau: 520-818-0742



February Birthdays

1 Cheryl Dunham	13 Rebecca Woodard
1 Gerald Hagin	16 Henry Erber
2 Ronald Scantlan	16 Pamela Wedwaldt
3 Jim Buell	17 Sandra Wolfersberger
3 Laura Nix	18 Andrew Averill
3 Kurt Shiplock	18 Jeff Jorgenson
4 Jeffrey Bane	18 James Konon
4 Anthony Delgado	18 David Peters
4 Cynthia Ford	20 Cheryl Sommer
4 Thomas Gow	21 Jacqueline Hymers
4 Frank Lyons	21 Roy Lovejoy
6 David Carrano	21 Charlotte Riffle
6 Scott Chivers	23 James Meyers
6 Angela Ondracek	23 Bruce Smart
7 William Garris	24 Doyle Arnett
8 Daniel Bradshaw	24 David Bezona
8 Gloria Cisneros	25 Robert Spears
8 Yvonne Mason	26 James Biestek
9 Thomas Floyd	26 Gerald Donaldson
9 Cindy Weiss	27 Stan Moberly
12 Randall Eck	28 Daniel Higgins
12 Gary Sieverding	29 Rocky Richards
13 Brittan White	

Wednesday Dinner Menu

February 5

Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm
or UNTIL SOLD

February 12

Lasagna, Garlic Bread,
Minestrone Soup, Salad
Dessert

February 19

Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm
or UNTIL SOLD

February 26

Chicken Piccata, Rice, Green
Beans, Ham & Split Pea
Soup, Salad
Dessert

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Hours
7:00am - 2:00pm

Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



In February, Presidents,
who we felt passed our tests,
have faces on a monument
because their toils impressed.

We also ask a groundhog
how long this winter lasts...
even though just fools would throw
a wager on a shadow cast.

On Valentine's our chances rise
and all should try their luck.
For what's in store within amore
can leave who vies awestruck.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- February **1**..... *Bingo 2 pm*
Dart Tournament 5 pm
- February **8**..... *Texas Hold'Em 1 pm*
Dart Tournament 5 pm
- February **9**..... *Super Bowl Party 3 pm*
- February **15**..... *Have a Heart Fundraiser 5-9 pm*
Dart Tournament 5 pm
- February **22**..... *Dart Tournament 5 pm*
- February **23**..... *Texas Hold'Em 1 pm*