



Hello Catalina Mountain Elks!

October is Elks National Foundation Month and I figured this would be a good time to introduce myself to new members and remind current members who we are and what we do. My name is Ron Starjnski, and I am the Lodge Chair for the **Elks National Foundation**, or ENF.

I am asking members to support the ENF by donating either a onetime donation or become a Fidelity Club Member. Please keep in mind that a minimum \$10.00 donation is necessary for your contribution to be counted in the Lodge Member Support metric.

Because of member donations, the good news is that every state receives future monies back from Grand Lodge. In Arizona, we can expect to get back **\$1.489** dollars for every dollar we send in, or **\$499,210**. Remember, Grand Lodge is the major donor to most of Elks' charitable works. Also keep in mind that the amount we donate to ENF this year impacts how much we receive from Grand Lodge next year! For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, for example, AZ was awarded a total of \$333,000, that's a plus of \$166,210.

Our current statistics as of 09-16-2024 are:

Total Donations	\$3,507.00	Total money donated
Per Member Giving	\$6.11	\$3,507 divided by 574 members = \$6.11 The goal is \$5.00 set by Grand Lodge
Renewal Rate	26.27%	Only 1 out of 4 Elks have renewed this year
Leaky Bucket	-84	84 Elks that donated last year have not donated this year
Membership Support	5.57%	Only 32 out of 574 members have donated this year
Fidelity Club Members	28	28 out of 574 is not bad, our goal this year is 33
2024-25 ENF in our State	\$1.489	Helping our state
2024-25 Lodge Grant Funds	\$1000.00	Helping our community

As many of you know, I am a manager/engineer, so color coding for clarity is in my blood.

- **Green** = The project is on track, within budget, and within scope.
- **Yellow** = The project is at risk, with potential issues that could impact the desired outcome.
- **Red** = The project is off track, with serious issues that will impact the desired outcome.

Please help me get this project back on track and in the green with your donations.

In this email blast, I have attached the 2024-2025 ENF brochure, October newsletter, the Fidelity Club brochure, and the Fidelity Club Application. There are several ways for you to donate, please choose whichever you prefer:

1. You can donate directly thru the website (**elks.org/ENF**) Lodge #2815
2. Give your envelope to the Bar Steward, addressed to either ENF or Ron Starjnski.
3. Given to me in these forms of communication:
 - a. By mail - 16721 N Parker Place, Tucson AZ 85739
 - b. By Email - rstarjnski@gmail.com
 - c. In person at the lodge

Should you opt to donate by cash or check:

1. Make your check payable to the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION.
2. Included in the envelope should be:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Your member #
 - c. How you would like the donation to be spent. i.e. Community Investments, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Scholarships, Veterans Service, or All Programs.

If you opt for a monthly donation, simply fill out the Fidelity Club Application and return it to me.

Thank you, in advance, for making a gift to the Foundation! Your contribution helps ensure that ENF can continue helping our Lodge strengthen our community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for guidance in donating.

Remember, ENF is the great heart of Elkdom, and making a gift to the Foundation ensures that Elks make a difference now and in the future! THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Coming soon - I will be installing an ENF display somewhere in the lodge room. This will have the latest information, brochures, and forms for your convenience.

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