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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

District Leader Jack Baillargeon, PDD
Mediator..... Vacant

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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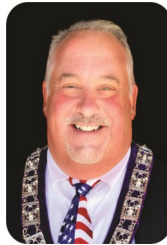
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Office Hours

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

Exalted Ruler's Message - Paul Slater



Howdy!
Happy Elks
New Year! It
is awesome and
overwhelming as I
begin my year as the
ER for our lodge. My
most important plan is to continue
the excellence that the previous ERs
have done to make our lodge one
of the best in all of Elksdom. It is a
very special year for our lodge, as
we will celebrate our 25th
anniversary this October. Given our
relatively small lodge, it is amazing
to see how much our lodge does for
our Vets, Children, and
communities. All of this good work
is because our members truly
embrace what being an Elk is all
about: Caring and Sharing. Be on the
lookout for more information
around our anniversary celebration
as we get closer to October We are
starting the Elk's new year quickly
with two great events: the
Children's Easter Shopping on the
5th and the 3rd Annual Dart
tournament to benefit our Vets on
the 12th. These events do not
happen without the support of our
members, both as leaders and
participants. By now, most of you
have paid your lodge dues. Thank
you, as the lodge must pay the
Grand Lodge dues, whether the

member has paid or not. If you have
not yet paid your dues, please make
it a priority to do so ASAP.
Remember that if you are
delinquent, you cannot enter the
lodge until those dues are paid. Our
bar stewards can process your dues
payments at the bar, if needed.
Membership is the lifeblood of any
lodge, and thanks to the hard work
of our membership committee, we
had an overall growth in
membership last year, and are
almost at 600 members. One of the
biggest charitable things one can do
as an Elk is to share their time. As
we approach the new Elk year, I will
be looking to fill several committee
chairs. I want to thank those who
have volunteered to lead some of
our committees, but there is always
room for more to step up to help.
So, if you want to be more involved,
please contact me or any of our
officers and let us know! There
are 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



Leading Knight - Kim McIlonie



Howdy Folks!
 It's hard to believe it's already April!! Where does the time go!? I am super excited to be your Leading Knight this year! I am looking forward to learning all the ins and outs of this position. We have some fun events going on this month. April 5th at 8:30am is our Annual Easter Shopping spree for the kids. This is a fantastic event and the kids have a great time shopping and meeting the Easter Bunny! Volunteers are always needed, sign up in the lounge! We also have our 3rd Annual Charity Dart Tournament on April 12 at 10am. All of the proceeds benefit the Veterans. Last year we were able to help our Paralyzed Vets offset the cost of going to the Olympics. This event is limited to 32 people. There will be a potluck lunch (bring a dish if you can), raffles

and a silent auction. Sign up in the lounge. Starting in May, we will be hosting a monthly "Iron Elk" cooking contest. All contestants will cook something using the same random ingredient drawn from our ingredient jar – please feel free to add your favorite ingredient to that jar. Anybody can enter and there will be a \$5 fee to be a judge. The ingredient will be chosen during the first Queen of Hearts of each month. Please see the flyer in the lodge or hit me up if you want to know more details.



"Every charitable act is a stepping stone toward heaven" ~ Henry Ward Beecher

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Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



I hope no one played too serious an April Fool's Day joke on any of you. It's the beginning of the new Elks year and we have been very busy in the office processing your dues payments. Thank you to those who got them paid early. If you haven't paid them yet remember as of April 1 your blue key card will not work. Give us a call at 520-825-0893 and come see us in the office, Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00 to at least 2:00. In my last article I mentioned the Event Reporting Form and asked committee chairs to please get them into me ASAP. These reports I enter let's Grand Lodge know what we are doing in our communities and helps us keep our Non-profit status. If you have any questions about them or need help filling them out please come see me.

LODGE STATS YEAR-TO-DATE

<i>Membership to Date</i>	587
<i>Candidates:</i>	12
<i>Transfers In</i>	9
<i>Delinquents</i>	17
<i>Life Members</i>	52
<i>Average Age</i>	69.95

Something to think about:
 Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
 Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
 Martin Luther King, Jr.

Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815

Invites you to participate in our 3rd Annual
Charity Darts Tournament

All proceeds benefit Veterans

Saturday April 12 @ 10 AM

Potluck @ Noon



Prizes
Silent Auction
Raffles



TOP
LUCK
Bring Food

Sign up in the Lounge by April 2

Entry fee: \$25 @Sign-UP

Limited to 32 Participants

Double Elimination

Teams will be drawn randomly



For Information Contact:
Jim Roberts : 248-330-0717
Rick Sitzmann: 520-665-9269
Kayleen Borah: 269-355-0524





Past Exalted Ruler Association - Ron Starjnski, PERA President



Hello Everyone, First, thank you to everyone who has helped me in the past year, this will be my last PERA message. I am not going away just moving on, I have plenty of work to do as Trustee, ENF chair, Building Committee Chair and New Building Committee member. We are making good progress with the 25 th anniversary events, some of the ideas are anniversary glasses with the 25th logo, charter member dinner and a golf tournament, just to name a few. Doug will do a great job continuing this over the next few months. Lobsterfest was a huge success, thanks to all who participated. This month's charity contribution is the Cloth-a-child shopping spree, the PER's will be

donating \$300 to the children. The new bar top and sinks are in place now, when you see them, please thank Pam, Marie, Sarah, Cindy, Gloria and Rhi. All of which have contributed to the bar renovation project, primarily the setup and teardown of the temporary bar, the cleanup effort of the patio, bar, kitchen, and lodge room. FYI it took 4 of them 2 hours to clean and get the lounge ready to open on Friday night, they deserve your thanks and recognition. 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

Have a Heart Annual Event - Lisa Chavez



Elks Major Projects Committee Presents: Our 2nd Annual Mimosa Brunch!

We had such a blast at last year's Mimosa Brunch Fundraiser that we couldn't resist doing it again! Mark your calendars because the date is set—May 24th, from 11 AM to 1 PM—with a special edition of Bingo to follow. A flyer with all the details will be coming soon. The committee is busy planning all the details, but one thing is for sure—Bottomless Mimosas are back! That's right! We're not just serving up the classic Orange Juice & Champagne, but also exciting new mimosa recipes for you to discover. Who knows? You might just find a new favorite! Don't worry, traditionalists, your classic OJ mimosa will be ready and waiting. Plus, we'll have Bloody Mary's and an array of delicious brunch treats to enjoy. But wait, there's more! Not only do we want you to attend, but we also invite you to participate: Are you an artist? Show off your work at the event! (For display only, not for sale.) Do you create an amazing charcuterie board? Bring your best one and impress us all! Have a favorite brunch item? Share it with the crowd!

Want to donate a raffle basket? Yes, please! Your generosity is appreciated. The Major Projects Committee is all about putting the Fun in Fundraising! This event supports the Steele Children's Research Center and the Jack C. Warter Jr. Youth Camp, helping us make a meaningful impact.

For more Info, contact Lisa Chavez at 520-609-2484. We can't wait to brunch with you!



Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau & Pam Wedwaldt



Welcome to April and the new Elk year 2025-2026 ! Here's what is happening this month. We start with the Kids Easter Shopping spree on Saturday April 5th . Please find the flyer and sign-up sheet in the lounge. You'll find all the information you need to participate in this awesome project. We have Bingo scheduled for Saturday April 19th at 2 PM. Come and see what it's all about. Texas Hold 'Em card games will happen on Sunday April 13th and again on the 27th . The games start at 1 PM. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Darts are on most Saturdays on the back patio at 4 PM. Please check the calendar to see if they are on. We have a very special dart tournament on Saturday April 12th . The Veterans committee is hosting this fantastic event. Darts, raffles, and tons of fun. Sign up to play, and if you're not playing, come watch. It really is a fun time. Wednesdays are changing up beginning this month. Since participation has been low, there will be only one dinner per month on the 4th Wednesday of the month. There will be music bingo on that evening also. Dinner will be served from 5 till 6, music bingo begins at 6PM. Tacos and Trivia will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. All other Wednesdays we will offer tacos for the time being. We are looking at different options to offer on these days. Let us know if you

have any ideas. The end of the month has Grill your own Steak on Saturday April 26th at 5 PM. We'll have a DJ starting at 6 PM for your entertainment. The cost is \$6.00 per person and that includes baked potato, salad, bread and dessert. All you need to bring is something



for the grill. You can cook your own, or if you want our master chefs Kyle and Jim will assist you. We will also have a DJ playing some music, and maybe some dancing or singing along?? You never know, but we do guarantee it will be fun. Please sign up and pay in advance in the lounge.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We don't have any current activities planned for this month. I will keep you informed of our next project. If you have any new ideas for projects, let me know. Thank you.!



Lobster Fest



Mother's Day Ceremony



Mother's
DAY



Mother's Day Ceremony
Sunday May 11 at 10 AM

All are invited to attend the
Mother's Day Ceremony
celebrating all Mothers

Remembering Moms
and Heavenly Moms

Happy
Mother's
Day

Desserts and Appetizers
will be served





Veterans Committee - PER Bob Kielsa



Wow, our year end donation report shows our Non Cash donations to date are \$150,294 and our Cash donations have hit an all time high of \$32,897 bringing our total Veteran donations to \$183,191. Our 39 Welcome

Home Kits totaled \$14,812 this year! Dart Tournament to Sponsor Local Veterans on April 12th!!!! **EVERYONE WELCOME.** We are having our 3rd Annual dart tournament on April 12th! You don't play darts? No problem – come join us for a potluck starting around 12pm that day. Bring a dish to pass and have fun with our raffles and silent auctions. Sign up sheet for potluck is on the bulletin board in the lodge. We have over 30 raffle prizes that have been donated by local vendors and Elk Members for this event. We have the raffle prizes and silent auction items set up in the lodge room and you can get tickets from any member of the dart committee. All proceeds will go to our local Veterans and Paralyzed

Veterans. Remember, Freedom isn't free, we are free because of our veterans! One way this committee has had success in raising funds for our veterans is through raffling off guns. A number of members have donated shotguns, rifles and pistols to the committee to help in our fund raising. We have not had any such donations in quite awhile. I would like to ask if any of our members or your friends have guns, they no longer use or need, if you're willing to donate them to the committee? It is protocol for the committee to pay for the legal transfer of all guns we raffle off. If you have a desire to donate please give me a call at 651-262-9508 I would be happy to answer any questions. 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. 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!

House Committee - Pam Wedwaldt



Greetings. Welcome to all our newly installed Officers. Wishing you a successful year. By the time you are reading this our bar will finally be renovated to a beautiful and functional space. Thank all of you for your patience and understanding during the renovation. Many thanks to our bar stewards for all their hard work during the transition. We are still looking for someone to take over Cheryl Galligos position as House Committee Secretary. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Cheryl to learn

what this entails. If you have an idea for an upcoming event or input as to how to make our Lodge more inviting, please join us at a meeting. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 4:30. Check out the Lodge Activities article to see what's coming up.



Happy Easter!!

Elk of the Month - April

My Elk of the month for April is Paul Slater. I have a few reasons for this choice, the 1st being that Paul stepped up to the Leading Knight position at my request when I didn't have anybody to follow me as Exalted Ruler. It was an extremely large commitment from somebody who still works and also had never been an officer prior to this chair. There is a lot that is learned by going through the chair one at a time, but Paul jumped in and did all that he could to learn what he needed to know so that he will

be a great Exalted Ruler for the next year. I also want to thank Paul for all of his work to entertain our BINGO players and to volunteer to run BINGO forwell over a year now. Paul is also in charge of our building accident prevention and making sure that we are up to code and doing all we can to keep our members safe and accident free. Please take a moment to thank Paul for stepping up and agreeing to lead the most amazing Lodge in Arizona!!
Thanks Paul !!



April Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Gary Adams | 17 Jolee Henley |
| 1 Brad Baron | 17 Roger Mastro |
| 1 Jose Ramirez | 17 Art Mesa |
| 4 Garie Hamilton | 17 John Pearl |
| 4 Kim McCullough | 17 Debra Sitzmann |
| 5 William McIlonie | 17 Anne Stiles |
| 5 Edward Stroetz | 17 Nancy Wood |
| 5 Thomas Teal | 19 Robert Hone |
| 5 Ken Weiss | 19 Rose Ann Weaver |
| 6 Kyle Krivanek | 20 Leslie LeFaive-Huerta |
| 6 James O'Brien | 20 June Martin |
| 7 Gail Baillargeon | 20 John Mathwig |
| 7 Betty Barrows | 22 Monty Derting |
| 7 Lisa Chavez | 23 James Berdahl |
| 7 Majorie White | 23 Jacob Feldkamp |
| 8 Rafael Trevino | 23 Randy Ogren |
| 9 Noah Goldstien | 25 David Holmes |
| 9 Robert Schiff | 25 Ron Trudeau |
| 9 Terry Worthly | 26 Raenette Carle |
| 10 Marilyn Moreno | 26 Deborah Derting |
| 10 Jerry Wilkerson | 26 Patricia Lierman |
| 11 Dan Drinkwitz | 27 Donald Molitor |
| 11 Louis Phillippi | 28 Andrew Wilson |
| 11 Lori Ryser | 29 Ronald Bartolucci |
| 13 Betty Cook | 29 Skip Knowles |
| 14 Donna Lopez | 31 Robin Danielson |
| 16 Gloria Higgins | |

Wednesday Dinner Menu

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| April 2nd Tacos
Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm
or UNTIL SOLD OUT | April 23rd
Mississippi Pot Roast |
| April 9th Tacos
Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm
or UNTIL SOLD OUT | April 30th Tacos
Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm
or UNTIL SOLD OUT |
| April 16th Tacos
Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm
or UNTIL SOLD OUT | |

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Hours
7:00am - 2:00pm

Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



April

April Fools' Day
This is the day called April Fools,
when minds at play can facts abuse.
Most are filled with wit,
and we get a laugh from it.
But beware a scoundrel's ruse.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- April 2** *Quilters 1 pm*
- April 5**..... *Kid's Shopping Spree 8:30 AM*
- April 5** *Darts on the Patio 4 PM*
- April 12**..... *3rd Annual Dart Tournament 10 AM*
- April 12**..... *Potluck begins at 12 PM*
- April 13**..... *Texas Hold'em 1 PM*
- April 19**..... *Darts on the Patio 4 PM*
- April 26**..... *Grill Your Own Steak 5 PM*
- April 27** *Texas Hold'em 1 PM*

*Also check the Lodge Calendar
for additional events*