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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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- Loyal KnightLisa Hensley
- Lecturing Knight..... Mike Orcutt
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- Inner Guard..... Rhiannon McMahan

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

- District LeaderJack 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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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 Spring/Summer! It seems that Mother Nature can't quite decide between spring and summer. But the warmer weather and longer days sure are nice. May continues to be a very busy month with lots of great events like the famous Mimosa brunch to support AEMP, the Mother's Day ceremony, Youth Awards, and many others. Please make sure you check out the other articles and the calendar. Speaking of Youth Awards, our lodge has 5 students who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship! If you have kids or grandkids, the Elks have many scholarship opportunities, so make sure you help them get their applications in on time. The other important work we have is to continue to work with those who have not yet paid their dues, which were due on April 1st. Please pay if you have not yet done so, and contact your friends to "remind" them to pay. You can pay in person or online via our awesome website. One last point about dues: On April 1st, the Grand Lodge billed us for every member, whether they had paid or not!! That is a big bill when

we have 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, don't hesitate to get in touch with 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





Leading Knight - Kim McIlonie



Greetings Elk Brothers & Sisters, I would like to say "WOW!" to our Veteran's Committee for another successful Dart Tournament!! This was a huge event and took A LOT of work!! We knocked it out of the park this year and raised a whopping \$6305.00. ALL of which will go to the Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans. My sincerest THANK YOU to everybody who participated and helped with the event. We will be holding the very first Iron Elk cooking contest on Saturday May 10 at 5:30 pm. We will draw the ingredient that everybody must use while making their dish on Friday May 2nd just before the Queen of hearts drawing. There is a \$5 fee to be a judge. This is sure to be a fun event, please try to make it. I would like to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there in

Elkdom! Our ritual team will be competing at the state convention in Tempe on the 16th . Wish us luck, we would love to go all the way to Kansas City!!!

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference" – Kathy Calvin



Kim McIlonie Esteemed Leading Knight



A special recognition to our Elk of the Year **Ken MacCrae** and our Officer of the Year **Marie Starjnski**.

Thank you both for all you have done to support our lodge!!

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



From the Secretary's Desk: I want to wish all the mother's a very Happy Mother's Day! I hope you will be spending time with your loved ones and get a chance to attend the Mother's Day Ceremony here at the Lodge.

As you know April 1st was the beginning of our fiscal year and if you have tried to use your blue key card, it no longer works. So with that being said, I must do my usual "nag" and remind you that your dues were due by April 1.

Something to Think About: Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of what you already have.

LODGE STATS YEAR-TO-DATE

Membership to Date	586
Candidates:	17
Transfers In	2
Delinquents	117
Life Members	49
Average Age	70

As a reminder to all committee chairs, please get your activity reports into me ASAP after an event.

CATALINA MOUNTAIN ELKS #2815

Past Exalted Rulers Association

Golf Tournament

Benefiting the 25th Anniversary Celebration & PER Charities

Monday, June 2, 2025

Oro Valley Country Club

300 W Greenock Dr, Oro Valley, AZ 85737

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Four-Person Scramble

Entry Fee: \$100/player or \$400/foursome

Includes 18 holes of golf, cart & lunch

Prizes, Mulligans and 50/50 Raffle

Cart Sponsorships only \$25.00

For more information contact:

Alane Asp (520) 360-7124 or Steve Asp (503) 680-0007

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Past Exalted Ruler Association - Douglas Harpold, PERA President



Happy Spring to you all! Here I am, back in the saddle again as the PERA President. It is always fun being in charge of the PERA because our main function (besides supporting the new ER) is to spend all of the money we raise for charity. The Queen of Hearts is running strong and giving us lots of opportunities to support our community and help support the various activities throughout the lodge. From Clothe –A -Child, Dictionary Projects and Major Projects to Feeding our local homebound seniors, preparing meals for Fire Fighters, and Turkey Dinners for our local families in need, we really do a lot!! One of our main focuses going forward will be to organize and support our lodge in October. For those of you who do



not know, October will be the 25th Anniversary of the lodge. We are planning some specials to take place in the lodge, a dinner event to honor our Charter Members, and some other activities that are yet to be determined. We will be holding some fund Raisers in order to support these events. The 1st being a Golf Outing sponsored by the PERA. The outing will be held on June 2nd at the Oro Valley Country Club. Please see the attached Flier for the event if you are interested in a fun morning of golf and a great way to support our anniversary. Thank you for your support, and wishing you all a terrific May!

AEMP Brunch 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!

A Mimosa Brunch
Have a Heart FUNDRAISER

May 24th
11 am until 1 pm

\$25 Donation
Sign up and Pay at the Elk's Lodge!

Bottomless Mimosas

Bottomless Mimosas Bloody Mary's And Brunch

Find your new favorite Mimosa by choosing from a variety of Juices and Fruits!

Raffle Baskets! And Door Prizes (Special Bingo to follow at 2pm)

Want to Contribute? We'd Love It!
We're always looking for raffle items, themed baskets and goodies to help make our Brunch extra special.
Are you an artist? Bring your work to display and inspire! (Just for show, not for sale.)

Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815
16045 N Oracle Rd
Tucson, AZ 85739

Charcuterie Brunch Boards, Bloody Mary's, and Mimosas!

Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau



L ODGE ACTIVITIES Happy May Everyone!

Here's what we have planned for you this month. Saturday May 3rd, we have a very busy day. First, we have the youth awards at 11 AM. Then, Bingo happens at 2 PM. Come and check out both of these events. We will have Bingo 2 more times this month. Mother's Day Bingo follows our wonderful ceremony honoring all our Mothers, both here and departed. The Mother's Day ceremony starts at 10 AM. Please attend and experience this awesome ceremony. The last Bingo game is scheduled on Saturday May 24th, right after the Have A Heart Mimosa Brunch. Lisa and Cindy and crew have a great fundraiser planned from 11AM-1 PM. There will be raffle baskets and good food, and oh yes, Mimosas!!! The proceeds benefit the Elks major projects fund-a very worthwhile charity. Please come! The Texas Hold 'Em card game will be held at 1PM on SUNDAY May 25th. The May 10th games has been cancelled. Please note the two different days, and remember to sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Darts are on the back patio at 4 PM on most Saturdays. Please check the calendar to confirm dates. Wednesdays are changing again. This month we'll have tacos and trivia on the second Wednesday-that's on the 14th. Then on the fourth Wednesday we will have our full dinner and Music

Bingo. Tacos are \$2.00 each, and are served from 4:30-6:00, or until sold out. Trivia starts at 6 PM. Dinners are served from 5-6, music Bingo starts at 6. Dinner is still only \$15.00 per person. On Wednesday May 21st, we are having a guest chef make us an awesome meal. Adam Mount will be cooking up his famous smash burgers along with crispy potatoes! They are soooo good. The price for this special meal will be \$12.00 per person. Please find the sign up sheet in the lounge so we know how many to cook for. We will try to keep some food on the other Wednesdays as we can, depending on interest and volunteers. Saturday May 24th, will be another action packed day. There is a blood drive from 9-2 PM, then the Mimosa Brunch from 11-1 PM, then Bingo at 2 PM, and darts at 4:00! Something for everyone. A new addition to our calendar is the "Iron Chef Elk" cookoff. We will pick an ingredient on May 2nd after the Queen of Hearts. That ingredient must be present in your dish. It will be a fun competition and if you want to help determine the winner, it is only \$5.00 per person to taste/judge. The winner will pick a charity of their choosing to donate the winnings to. The fun starts at 5:30 PM. Should be a very fun time. Enjoy the month!

C OMMUNITY 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.!



Clothe A Child



Happy Spring 2025! From the bottom of our hearts to yours we wish to thank you for making our 2025 Elks Easter Clothe-a-Child a huge success! Sincere thanks to all that provided your smiles, love and happiness while escorting, photographing, working in the kitchen, donating very generous raffle prizes and cash donations!! In addition, thank you notes and pictures will be going out to some very generous donors – 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 26 children received a new canvas book bag and spring pillow cases. Finally, Ironwood Elementary School, for donating gently used picture and chapter books for the Kids. Our budget for each child is \$150 and as you know that can disappear really quickly, however, one child actually thought he had too many items in the shopping cart and wanted to stop. His great Elk Escort convinced him nicely he could shop even more and he was elated! Without all of your efforts, our event would not have been as successful as it was. The children were full of smiles and very grateful. Thanks again and blessings to all,

Leslie and Cindy





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



With one month under our belt, in our new lodge year, we've been very fortunate to achieve Non Cash donations of \$17,900 and Cash donations of \$1,192 bringing our total Veteran donations to \$19,032. We held our 3rd Annual dart tournament on April 12th and the numbers are looking great! A big thank you to our lodge Veterans Committee members. These people spent many hours soliciting for prizes, collecting same, then packaging, marketing and selling tickets for our 30+ raffle items. As well as serving food, playing darts and calling out our raffle winners. Not to mention the many times we had to take down and reset up our displays as well as cleanup after everything was completed. Thank you also to all our members who sought out donations for us, or personally made donations for our event! So how did we do? We put slightly over \$6,400 in the veterans savings account! Thank you to all our members and friends who showed

up to play and party with us in this terrific veteran event! 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. I would like to ask if any of our members or your friends have guns you're willing to donate 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 always, you can help our homeless veterans by contributing new Undershorts and T-shirts (Med, Lg, XL), Jeans (W 33, 34, 36) 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! And to our Snow Birds heading for their other home, safe travels and see you in the Fall.

House Committee - Pam Wedwaldt



Greetings! What a crazy month April was with all the raffles happening at once. Going forward please come to a House Committee meeting prior to your event so we can get you scheduled in. I hope this will make it easier on everyone. This month the Wednesday food schedule will be changing. The second Wednesday will be Tacos & Trivia and the fourth will be Dinner & Music Bingo. There will be no food on the other Wednesdays. However, this month we will be having a special dinner on the 21st. Chef Adam



will be serving his famous Smashed Burgers. Hopefully we will have more of these dinners. We have a lot going on this month. Please see Lodge Activities for details.

The House Committee always welcomes your input and ideas. Join us the 1st Thursday of the month at 4:30.

Happy Mother's Day!

Elk of the Month - May

This month's Elk of the Month goes to Leslie Huerta and Cindy Lefaive for their amazing work with the Children's Shopping last month. This is one of my favorite events that our lodge does. If you are not aware, this event supports children who are in need, and their teachers nominate them at the Road Runner School. Each child gets to go shopping with an Elk and then return to the lodge for a pizza party. Leslie, Cindy, and all of the volunteers

put in so much work to make this a memorable event for the children! Thank you so much for making our community a better place for these needy children!

YOU ROCK!



May Birthdays

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 John B. Lay | 18 James Hariper |
| 1 Devron Reddington | 18 Michele LaFontaine |
| 3 Allan Carlson | 19 Bruce Goldberg |
| 4 Erland A. Anderson | 19 Reina Torres |
| 4 Margaret Post | 22 Stephen D. Quamma |
| 4 Jack N. Ziegler | 23 Diane Bentley |
| 5 Patricia Meise | 23 Dan L. Clouser |
| 6 Jay O'Donald | 23 Kathy O'Hara |
| 7 Tom Mac Donald | 23 Joseph R. Poulin |
| 7 Julie Smith | 23 Sandra Tomaiuolo |
| 8 James Cox | 24 David P. Kerner |
| 8 Joseph Mooney | 25 Jerrod Hamilton |
| 9 Loni Hill | 25 Michael Hammons |
| 9 Edward G. Davis | 26 Lois Cunningham |
| 9 Maggie Sanderson | 26 Robert Hurt |
| 9 Jon Toepler | 28 Mary Fitzgerald |
| 10 Gregory Sportsman | 28 Bonnie Mason |
| 11 Robert Doyle | 28 Roger Orluck |
| 11 Robert R. Lewis | 28 Barry Suchocki |
| 11 Jean Molitor | 29 Galen S. Bridge |
| 11 Anna Williams | 30 Jean Labovitch |
| 13 Bradley Taylor | 30 Jay L. Salazar |
| 14 T J Marie Altamirano | 31 James Aguirre |
| 14 Steve Asp | 31 Walter Ahlstrom |
| 14 Michael Brown | 31 J S Ferguson |
| 14 Tamara Christenson | 31 Larry Penner |
| 15 Thomas Bergin | |

Wednesday Dinner Menu

May 7th

No Dinner

May 14th Tacos

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

May 21st

Smash Burgers and Crispy Fries \$12

May 28th

Honey Glazed Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Soup, Salad, and Desert

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Hours
7:00am - 2:00pm

Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



May {Never Forget}
This month we honor mothers
for all their love they gave.
We also honor others
who died to our land save...
they made us what we are today.
Let us this month their love repay.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- May 3** *Youth Awards*
- May 3** *Derby Day Party*
- May 7** *Quilters*
- May 10** *Cooking Contest*
- May 11** *Mother's Day Ceremony*
- May 24** *Blood Drive*
- May 24** *Mimosa Brunch*
- May 24** *Bingo 2pm*
- May 25** *Texas Hold'em 1 PM*

*Also check the Lodge Calendar
for additional events*