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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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Exalted Ruler's Message - Paul Slater



owdy! Hard to believe that summer is almost over, but the heat certainly intends to

stick around for a while longer! The highlight of my Elks summer was the Elks National Convention, held in Kansas City at the end of June. It was very impressive to see all the lodges assembled in one place, along with all the leadership; more than 6,000 Elks were in attendance! The convention is similar to many others. offering numerous seminars to learn about the Elks's activities and how to improve local lodges. They also announce the Grand Lodge leaders for the year. Bryan Klatt was installed as Grand Exalted Ruler, and I think he will be a great leader for our organization. He spent 17 years as the Grand Lodge Secretary, so he really understands the organization and all the fantastic things that we do across the country. His motto is: "Be the Difference." I think that is such a simple yet profound motto, and something that our lodge does every day for the Vets, Children, and community! I attended several seminars, but the most interesting one was the initiative to create a digital membership card. This is already in place in the Pacific Northwest, and they are getting

great feedback from their members about the ease of always having your membership card on your phone. During the meeting, we voted to grant the Grand Lodge permission to investigate and implement digital membership cards. Don't worry, anti-technology folks; we will still use our cards, and the digital card will be optional for those who choose to use it once it's developed nationwide. I also had the opportunity to watch the Ritual finals. Those teams were so impressive, and I learned a lot to bring back to our team. I think that we can make it to the National Ritual contest. It will take a lot of work from the team and our coaches, Al Skorupski and Ron Starjinski, but we are up to the task. The highlight for me was to see our member Alane Asp be installed as the current District Deputy for the AZ South District. There are fewer than 250 District Deputies in the US, serving as the Grand Exalted Ruler's eyes and ears across the country, as well as an advocate for anything a lodge may need. This role is both a huge responsibility and a testament to all she has done for the Elks in AZ.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



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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 Danielson2007-08	Robert Kielsa 2018-19
Ralph Welsh1989-90	Lee Cook, PDDGER2008-09	Gloria Cisneros 2019-20
Al Skorupski, PSP1993-94	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 Cruce2012-13	Ron Starjnski 2023-24
Kathy Anderson*2002-03	Robin Danielson2013-14	Douglas Harpold2024-25
Neal Patronsky2003-04	Gloria Cisneros2014-15	Affiliated PERs in Italic
Frank Fieldhouse, PDDGER 2004-05	Doug Harpold2015-16	Deceased *
Jim Cox*2005-06	Sig Danielson2016-17	2 333333

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Americanism	Al Peterson
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Bugle Editor	Doug Harpold. PER
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Drug Awareness	Doug Harpold
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	rjnski, PER
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Leading Knight - Kim McIlonie



appy September Everybody! I feel a bit cheated out on the Monsson this year! Man is it HOT! We held our annual PVA Luncheon for the athletes who competed in the Paralympics in Minnesota this year. We got to hear stories from the

three athletes who competed this year: Sam Shivers, Breanna Wharram and first-timer Erik Castillo. These are truly inspiring, amazing people. We were happy to have some of the past competitors as well, including Steve Hymers, Pam Foley and Joe Chitty along with the everpopular, heart-stealing Bella, Joe's Golden Retriever. Our Veteran's Committee presented each of the athletes with a check for \$1250.00 to help cover their expenses travelling to the games. This is what Charity is all about. "As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way." - Mary Anne Radmacher



A Thank You from our Inner Guard

Hello my fellow Elk's! Rhi (Inner guard/bartender) here with a very special shout out and huge thank you to everyone's love and support with my father's chemo/radiation recovery from throat cancer. My everlasting gratitude for showing what The Elk's truly stand for and what we do for our vets and community. Charity. Justice. Brotherly Love. Fidelity. It is a profound honor for our family to be a part of such a supportive and strong organization! Thank you to everyone for your support. Elk's care, Elk's share!! Respectfully and best regards,

Rhiannon McMahon (Inner guard) Torrin Aguilar My #1 Kevin 'Pop' McMahon



Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



rom the Secretary's Desk:
I hope everyone is keeping somewhat cool/comfortable. Hopefully it will cool off soon. We have so many exciting things coming up in the Lodge, I hope to see many of you here. Unfortunately, we still have 56 delinquent members who will be missing out

on all the fun. Please, please, please get your dues paid ASAP. If you are a proposer of someone on this list, please contact them and encourage them to pay their dues. I know I have asked all committee chairs to fill out and turn in activity reports. These are very important as they are what proves and allows us to keep out non-profit/tax exempt status. So please get those forms into me ASAP after any volunteer or fundraising event, meetings, clinics etc. also count if mandatory to attend. If you need help with the form or if you are not sure if it should be

reported, please come into the office and I will be very happy to help you with it.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend.

LODGE STATS YEAR-TO-DATE

Membership to Date	. 610
Candidates:	24
Delinquents	. 56
Life Members	. 48
Average Age 6	9.83

Something to think about:

The difference between genius and stupidity is, genius has it's limits. Albert Einstein





CATALINA ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT



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The Views Golf Club Rancho Vistoso Saturday October 25, 2025

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Registration starts
At 7:00 am
Shotgun starts
At 8:00 am
Prize for closest
to the Pin

\$5 Lunch for non-players

Sign up deadline October 11th

Foursome plus tee sign - \$460

Player 1		Phone
Player 2		Phone
Player 3		Phone
Player 4		Phone
Tee Sign? Y/N	Name on sign	

Tee Sign(s) Sponsor only: \$80 each, 2 for \$150

Name on sign_____ # of signs_____



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Past Exalted Ruler Association - Douglas Harpold, PERA President



ishing you all a fantastic Labor Day and an Amazing September!! The main thing that is on the table for the PER Association is our 25th Anniversary Celebration. During our Anniversary week we will be thanking our members and

celebrating in some fun ways. We are planning to Have food throughout the week of October 13th—16th which will be served for a minimal cost, daily raffles, and even throw back drink prices. We will also be having a dinner to be held outside under the Big Top with a prime rib dinner and entertainment. The event will be held on October 11th and will be 1st come, 1st serve to the first 100 people to sign up. It should be a GREAT time for all who participate!! All Advertising for the program will

need to be submitted by 9-15.



Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge

There is an opportunity to advertise your business, provide a personal note or just offer congratulations in the 25" anniversary in the official event program. Respond with your ready ad before September 15th to be included in this historic publication.

Full page 8.5 by 11 – \$150.00 Half page 8.5 by 5.5 - \$100.00 Quarter Page 3.5 by 5.5 - \$75.00 Business Card size – 3.5 by 2 - \$50.00 Contact the Office at Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 for additional information:

(520) 825-0893

Beginning October 1st, 2025 All Queen of Hearts tickets will be required to have your name and Phone number on them, as is required in the rules. ANY TICKET THAT DOES NOT HAVE BOTH WILL BE DISCARDED AND A NEW TICKET WILL BE DRAWN—NO EXCEPTIONS.

ENF Report - Ron Starjnski, PER



ello Everyone!

Applications for Elks National Foundation Scholarships are now open. With scholarships from the Elks National Foundation, students receive more than

financial aid; they receive an invitation to join a strong, supportive community within the Elks Family. Ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are open to high school seniors who will be pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis, in a United States college or university. Five hundred four-year scholarships will be awarded to the highest-rated applicants in the 2026 competition. No relation to the Elks is needed to apply for the MVS scholarship, but once someone is an Elks scholar, they are part of the Elks Family for life. For Legacy Awards winners, the Elks have always been part of the family. Awarded to children or grandchildren of Elks, this \$1,000-per-year scholarship requires recipients to serve with an Elks Lodge three times over the four years they receive the scholarship. If you know any high school seniors, encourage them to apply. In 2025-26, the Elks National Foundation will award \$5 million in college scholarships, ensuring a bright future for

our nation's youth. As important members of the Elks family, Elk's scholars receive many social and service opportunities with the Elks and one another. For more information about our scholarship programs and ways Lodges can get involved with Elk's scholars, visit elks.org/scholars. Thank you all and if you have any questions my email address is rstarjnski@gmail.com

I will see you at the lodge.

Ron Starjnski PER, ENF Chairman



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Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau



△ ODGE ACTIVITIES

Well, September is here and we have some fun activities for you this month. First things first.....Its football season, so that means that the lounge will open at 10 AM on

Sundays so you can come and watch your favorite teams compete. There is a food sign-up sheet in the lounge if you want to bring something to share. We'll have darts on the back patio every Saturday at 4 PM, except none on the 13th . That Saturday we will have the Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner!! This event is a fundraiser for the Arizona Elks Major Projects. It's really fun and your donation of \$20.00 goes to a very worthy cause. There will be food, raffles, & games too! Please sign up and pay in the lounge. Thursday September 11th is Patriot's Day. We will be putting the flags up on Oracle Road at 7 AM, and they come down at 5 PM. We will put the flags up again on Friday September 19th in honor of POW/MIA recognition day. Again, up at 7 AM, down at 5 PM. There will be a ceremony at noon here at the lodge. Bingo happens on Saturday the 20th at 2 PM. Later that same day, the Iron Chef Elk cooking competition starts around 3:30. Check the board in the lounge for the required ingredient. We'll have two Texas Hold 'Em card games, one on Monday the 15th at 1 PM, and again on Saturday September 27th at 1 PM. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Wednesdays are doing great! Tacos and Trivia are on the 2nd Wednesday, and our full dinner with Music Bingo on the fourth Wednesday. The other days we have unique menus. If you'd like to help in the kitchen on either Wednesday or Friday please contact Ann Girvan. We always have a good time.



OMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On 9/11/25, our lodge will be serving full home-cooked meals to the 10 firehouses in the Golder Ranch territory. We are doing this to celebrate our first responders on Patriot Day, and to remember those we lost on 9/11/01. Please check with me to see if we still need help at one of the fire stations. We can always use the help. I want to thank all Elks who helped during the last 3 months with the food drives we have held. We gathered and delivered pasta in June, canned tomatoes in July, and canned vegetables and soup in August. This project was held so we could assist our local food bank-Impact of Southern Arizona- to restock their shelves with much needed pantry staples.

OLF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN—AL PETERSON The Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 annual golf tournament will be held on October 25, 2025 at the Views Golf Club. Participation is limited to the first 18 teams(72 players) who sign up. This year, net proceeds will go to the Elks National Foundation and our building fund. The mission of the ENF is to help local lodges build stronger communities. This is accomplished through programs that address childhood literacy, veteran homelessness, Elks scholarship programs, rehabilitative and adaptive sports programs for veterans and other youth programs like the Elks Hoop Shoot. Cost is \$400 for a four-person team or \$460 for your team plus a hole sponsor sign. Even if your not interested in playing, please consider purchasing a hole sponsorship sign for the golf tournament. These signs are displayed throughout the golf course on the day of the event, Whether your sign displays your business name and address or is a personal donation that displays your name it shows all who play that you support the efforts of the ENF and the future of our lodge. Cost of the sign is one for \$80 or two for \$150. Please contact Al Peterson at 520-465





AEMP Fund Raiser, Community Activities & Kitchen Fun



Support Our Major Projects – And Have Fun Doing It! The Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge is proud to support two incredible causes: The UofA Steele Children's Research Center Jack C. Warter Arizona Elks Youth Camp

Since 1992, the Arizona Elks have raised over \$6.8 million for the Steele Center, making it a proud Elks "Major Project." And our Youth Camp in the beautiful Sierra Ancha Mountains offers free access to youth groups from across the state.

Want to help? Our Major Projects Committee (Have a Heart Committee) is always looking for: Gift Cards, Raffle Prizes, Raffle Baskets and Cash Donations We're doing great things—and having a lot of fun along the way. Join us! Call Lisa 520-609-2484 for more info.

Winner, Winner,

Fried Chicken Dinner!!

When: September 13, 2025 Dinner at 6:00 pm.

Come early to Mix and Mingle at 5:00.

Where: The Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge 16045 N Oracle Road, Tucson 85739

What's going on: You mean besides a Delicious Fried
Chicken Dinner? Buy Raffle tickets for some loaded
Prize Baskets. After dinner, how about a game of

Let's Make A Deal?! Dress up for our

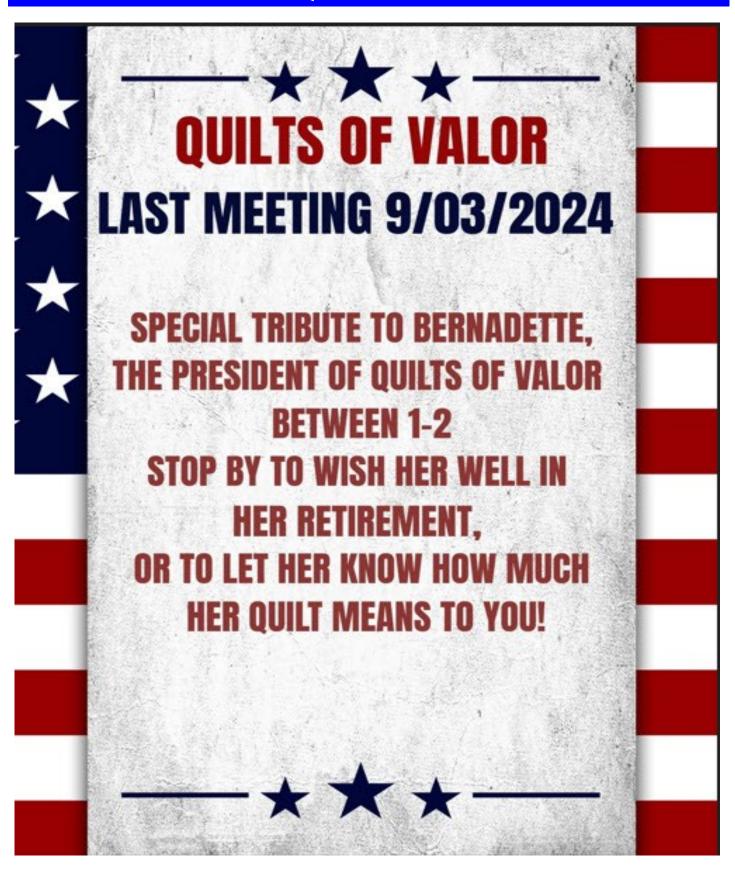
Game Show night. You might win a **BIG** prize **OR** you might get a **ZOINK**. Either way it is going to be a **FUN** evening! Just a **\$20 donation** to Major Projects.

Now that is a DEAL!





Quilts Of Honor





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Veterans Committee - PER Bob Kielsa





'm happy to report our most recent Non Cash donations have reached \$61,014, we have Cash donations of \$13,112 bringing our total Veteran donations to \$68,054. Our lodge sponsored Welcome Home Kits has reached \$7,040. I'm very happy

to report the Veterans Committee has two rifles to raffle off. We will start selling tickets this month. Money from the raffle will go into the Veterans Account and made available for veterans assistance initiatives. Last year we initiated our second lodge wide veterans benefited fund raiser, the "Veterans Day Games"! Please mark your calendars for these fun games on Saturday, November 8th. Of course there will be many raffle items to bid on as well. Also the lodge will be offering Free Breakfast for all veterans in our community on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th. If you're a veteran or know of one, bring them in for breakfast and fellowship on the 8th. Believe me you don't want to miss Gail Markell's B & G!

As always, you can help our homeless veterans by contributing new Undershorts and T-shirts (Med, Lg, XL), Jeans (W 33, 34, 36) and 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. Do not place new items in the vet pod outside! As always, a big thank you for your continued support for our veterans! Don't forget to put your phone number on all your Q of H's tickets!



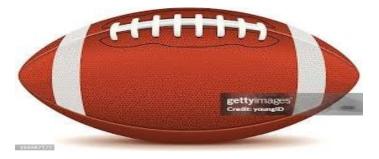
House Committee - Pam Wedwaldt



ow September already, that means football and cooler weather. I can't wait. Our new food option menu is really taking off. Come check out our Wednesday and Friday dinners to see what Ann and her crew are

cooking up. It's sure to be delicious. Sadly our Quilts of Valor group's last day will be September 3rd. If you have received a quilt and would like to come and let them know what it has meant to you they are meeting at 1:00. There will be a tribute to Bernadette for all her hard work. We have a busy couple of months coming up, see Lodge Activities for dates and details. As always, the

House Committee welcomes your ideas and input. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 4:30. Lastly, lets take some time this month to remember those who lost their lives and those who were forever impacted by the events on 9/11. Happy Labor Day!



Elk of the Month - September

This month's Elk of the Month goes to **Ann Girvin**. Ann has done a fantastic job in updating our food offerings for our lodge. She has been able to bring in new volunteers with new ideas, and the membership is really enjoying the new offerings and ideas!



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September Birthdays

1 Lonzo Michael Frizzell

1 Jake Jacobson

1 Roslyn Walton

2 Stephanie Bifano

2 Brad Kielsa

2 Larry Little

2 David R. Loritz

2 Ronald Orrantia

3 Brittani Sporl

3 Peter J. Williams

5 Larry R. Bourne

5 Kimberly Mathews

6 Debra Fitzgerald

6 James M. Luke

6 Louise O'Donald

7 Margaret Etzel

8 Debra Castiglia

8 Lisa Hensley

8 Michael O'Hara

8 Terry D. Thomson

9 Patricia Ebling

9 Larry Kurtis Whitt

10 Carolyn S. Lopez

11 Alice Bever

11 Dawn D. Chivers

11 Jack W. Thompson

12 Timothy Poirier

13 Rose M. Adamo

13 Craig Bennett

13 Annette Brinson

14 Richard Alberda

14 Edward B. Louy

15 Vickie Clark

15 Stephen Jackson

15 Gary L. Lippe

15 Meghan Witkowski

16 Kathy Bradley

16 Donald G. Cantrell

18 Neal Patronsky

18 Ruth Jean Vredenburgh

20 Lance Farrier

20 Michael Long

20 Colleen McKisson

20 Joseph Torres

21 Mark Miller

21 Ronald Stenhouse

22 Harry Kendall

24 Sarah Renshaw

25 Jeff Herd

25 Luther Carter

26 Robert McPheron

29 Terry Leigh Dickerson

30 Judith Orluck

30 Larry Wittenborn

Wednesday Dinner Menu

September 3rd

Smash Burgers, Crispy Potatoes

September 10th Tacos

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

September 17th

Baked Potato Bar

5pm—6pm or until sold out

September 24th

Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, French Onion Soup, Salad, and Desert



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UPCOMING EVENTS September

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