



# The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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## Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Monty Derting  
 Leading Knight ..... Ron Starjnski  
 Loyal Knight ..... Bonnie Mason  
 Lecturing Knight.....Larry Wittenborn  
 Secretary..... Mimi Wittenborn  
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 Trustee 3 Year.....Bob Kielsa, PER  
 Trustee 4 Year.....Jack Baillargeon, PDD  
 Trustee 5 Year.....Jim Lengel  
 Tiler..... Marie Starjnski  
 Esquire..... Gloria Cisneros, PER  
 Chaplain..... Deborah Derting  
 Inner Guard..... Jim Roberts

### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Mediator..... Frank Fieldhouse, PDD

### 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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## Exalted Ruler's Message - Monty Derting



Greetings all! I want to start out with thanking all of my Elks family for supporting me in my new year, which starts April 1st. I know that it will be a great year thanks

to all of you and the great Officers who have agreed to step up and be here for you!

Thanks also to all of the **Grand Lodge Officers** who, on Saturday, March 26th, performed the *installation of our incoming Officers* for Lodge Year 2022-23. We wouldn't be here without you.

And, a big thank you to all of the Committee Chairs and all of the "Elves" who really make this Lodge what it is!

We do have some upcoming events which I would just like to let everyone be aware of:

- Children's Easter Shopping Spree, Saturday, April 9th  
This will take place at Walmart in Oro Valley, at 8:30 am. **Joyce Garcia** is the coordinator for this event and, as of this writing, is still looking for escorts for these children. There is a signup sheet in the Lounge.

- Youth Awards, Saturday, May 7th  
This event will take place at the Lodge. This once-a-year event is coordinated by **Lisa Chavez**, our Youth Activities Chair, to honor the outstanding youths in our community.

**Roger Mastro**, our Scholarship Coordinator, as always has scholarships to award. Also, under Americanism, our *Americanism Essay Contest Chair*, **Al Peterson**, will also present some outstanding awards!

- Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, at noon  
This very moving ceremony is performed every Mother's Day by every Elks Lodge in the country. There will be light snacks following the ceremony, then we'll turn the room over to the House Committee for *Texas Hold 'em*.

You can look forward to more Charity information from our Leading Knight, Ron Starjnsky, in next month's Bugle. All of the new Officers are just settling in to our new positions and looking forward to this new year.

Happy Easter everyone! Looking forward to seeing you at the Lodge!



Past Exalted Rulers

Donald Denman.....	1969-70
Jim Gillis*.....	1982-83
Dave Webster*.....	1987-88
Ralph Welsh.....	1989-90
Al Skorupski, PSP.....	1993-94
Charles Dugas*.....	1999-00
Bill McLane*.....	2000-01
Victor Garcia*.....	2001-02
Kathy Anderson.....	2002-03
Neal Patronskey.....	2003-04
Frank Fieldhouse, PDDGER.....	2004-05
Jim Cox.....	2005-06
Jim Buell, PDDGER.....	2005-06
Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER.....	2006-07
Sig Danielson.....	2007-08
Lee Cook, PDDGER.....	2008-09
Larry Megahan.....	2009-10
Richard Esparza.....	2010-11
Thomas Wilson.....	2011-12
Earnest Cruce.....	2012-13
Robin Danielson.....	2013-14
Gloria Cisneros.....	2014-15
Doug Harpold.....	2015-16
Sig Danielson.....	2016-17
Steve Asp.....	2017-18
Glen Robinson.....	2017-18
Robert Kielsa.....	2018-19
Gloria Cisneros.....	2019-20
Steve Asp.....	2020-21
Alane Asp.....	2022-22

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Committees

Accident Prevention.....	Harry Beatty
Auditing Chair.....	Larry Valverde
Blood Drive Coordinator.....	Doug Harpold, PER
Bugle Editor.....	Jim Buell, PDDGER
Building Committee.....	Steve Mikitish & Ron Starjnski
Clothe-A-Child Coordinator.....	Joyce Garcia
Community Activities.....	Jan Trudeau
Dictionary Project.....	Joyce Garcia
Drug Awareness.....	Bud Meyer
Elks Memorial Day Service.....	Doug Harpold, PER
Elks National Foundation.....	Lee Cook, PDDGER
Flag Day Coordinator.....	Doug Harpold, PER
Flag Display Chair.....	Mike Borah
Fraternal Committee.....	Bonnie Mason
Golf Tournament.....	Harry Wedwaldt
Government Relations.....	Lee Cook, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot.....	Lisa Chavez
House Committee.....	Paul Slater
Indoctrination Coordinator.....	Alane Asp, PER
Investigation Coordinator.....	Deborah Derting
Lodge Activities.....	Jan Trudeau
Major Project Coordinator.....	Lisa Chavez
Membership.....	Mimi Wittenborn
Memorial Day Service Coordinator....	Doug Harpold, PER
PER Association.....	Alane Asp, PER
Protocol Coordinator.....	Gail Baillargeon
Public Relations Coordinator.....	Jim Beregi
Ritualistic Comm. Chairs.....	Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER & Neal Patronskey, PER
Scholarship Chair.....	Roger Mastro
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Soccer Shoot.....	Lisa Chavez
Special Olympics.....	Kathryn Aitchison
Standing Relief Committee.....	Ron Starjnski
Training Chair.....	Doug Harpold
Veterans Services.....	Belinda Waller & Bob Kielsa
Youth Activities.....	Lisa Chavez
Webmaster & Email Coordinator.....	Jim Beregi

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### Leading Knight - Ron Starjnski



Hi I'm Ron Starjnski. You might remember me from such roles as the Loyal Knight, or Hey Ron! This is broken can you fix it?

As outgoing Loyal Knight and incoming Leading Knight, I just want to thank all who have helped me in that role. I had a lot of fun being the Chair of Justice and being able to

collect some money for the Lodge with the fines that were levied during Lodge meetings.

It was very unexpected to be voted the **2021-22 Officer of the Year** and, I might add, greatly appreciated. It was very fulfilling being part of last year's team.

I look forward to being your Leading Knight this Lodge year, 2022-23, and to serving our Lodge, our community, and the Elks in general. I have big shoes to fill with my predecessors, Alane and Monty, from whom I have learned so much already. Going forward, I also expect to learn much more in my new role.

Thank you all!

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\* "You are never too old to set another goal or \*  
\* to dream a new dream." — Malala Yousafzai \*  
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### Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



A new year is about to start. Remember, starting April 1st your purple key card will no longer work. Please get those dues in and get your new card.

Thanks to everyone's hard work, we will end the year with a positive growth in membership.

I must apologize, my office hours will change for the next few weeks. If you need to see me, please give me a call and I will meet with you. If I don't answer my cell phone, please leave a message and I will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your understanding and patience. My cell number is (520) 401-9554.

For those transfers who have not received a 2022-23 statement from our Lodge, the dues are \$91.50. Due to timing, Grand Lodge may send you a statement for your old Lodge. Thank you.

#### Lodge Stats Year-To-Date

Active Members.....	565
Candidates .....	7
Transfers In .....	6
Transfers Out .....	1
Life Members.....	72
Delinquents.....	17
Average Age.....	70

#### Something to Think About

*Blood is not the only thing  
that makes a family,  
This is found in friends and  
belonging to the Elks.*

### Elk of the Month

My first *Elk of the Month* recognition has to go to our office staff—Lodge Secretary **Mimi Wittenborn** and Lodge Treasurer **Kathy Hernandez**. These two Ladies, while doing their normal day-to-day duties, have spent this past month processing all of the dues for our next Lodge year. They have the responsibility of keeping track of new member cards and making sure that those of us who have paid our dues have our new cards. This may sound easy, but when you consider there are more than 540 members in our Lodge, that's a lot of work all the while ensuring that the payroll is met, the bills are paid, the communications with AEA and Grand Lodge are kept up with, as well as dealing with our day-to-day questions and problems. When you see Mimi or Kathy give them a huge thanks for all that they do! I know that I do!

### Team Sloth Run



Team Sloth did it again. Six of the team laced up their walking shoes and sauntered for another 5K walk. It was the Shamrock walk in Marana. Fun times for all Elks. Cheers to Pam, Gloria, Dan, Marie, Jan, and Ron.

## House Committee - Paul Slater



Howdy!

As I am writing this, to think that today is the first day of spring makes it both amazing and a little frightening as to how fast this year is moving along!

March was another great month. The *Germanfest* was a huge success, and thanks to everyone's generous donations y'all added almost \$500 to the *Easter Children's Shopping Spree*! Thank you again to everyone who enjoyed the event.

I trust that everyone has been enjoying the monthly drink specials as our way of saying thanks to everyone for a great year. We will be going back to "normal" pricing on April 1st.

As for pricing, our alcohol distributors have recently increased prices across the board. Fortunately, we took this in place when we made the price increase a couple of years ago. We will continue to keep an eye on their prices to ensure that we remain within Grand Lodge guidelines for cost of good sold. With that being said, we are going to raise our prices for bar food. Unfortunately, the rising

costs of meats has forced our hand. Effective April 1st, a hotdog with chips will be \$4.00 and a Hamburger/Cheeseburger with chips will be \$5.00. In addition, we will no longer be selling pizzas, as they are not ordered often enough to keep them on hand. Pretzels will stay the same cost.

This month's shoutout goes to **Rod and Pat Iverson**! They have been volunteering to help in the kitchen during the *Wednesday dinners*. Their willingness to help and their great attitudes make things run just a little smoother when they are here! Thank you so much for your help!

We continue to look for new members for the House Committee. Please consider joining, or at least coming to one of our meetings, which are always open to our members. The committee meets the first Thursday of each month, at 4:30. I Hope to see some new faces in the upcoming months!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can always reach out to me via email to [pslates1987@gmail.com](mailto:pslates1987@gmail.com), or by phone at 520.268.2375.

Take care, paul



## Veterans Committee - Bob Kielsa, PER & Belinda Waller



Wow, what a year the Veterans Committee had supporting our Veterans! Our **Elks yearend non-cash used clothing donations totaled \$162,289!** Our **cash donations for buying new warm clothes and food totaled \$7,744!** Our **Lodge year, 2021-22, for total donations to our Veterans reached the "highest level ever" at \$170,033!**

As our weather moves from cooler to warmer temperatures, our Homeless Vets still need warm clothes. **The HelpVets veteran organization takes our used clothing (\$162,289).** So, sweatshirts, jackets or heavy shirts, along with any other used clothing that you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

**The VA Campus only accepts new clothes and canned food (\$7,744).** The Veterans services also accept new

toiletries and unopened home cleaning supplies. The donations we make on the VA Campus may be used by Homeless Veterans or Veteran families transitioning into housing.

So, if you wish to donate new clothing and toiletries/cleaning supplies, please make sure the bag is identified as such then drop it off in the green barrel in the Lounge.

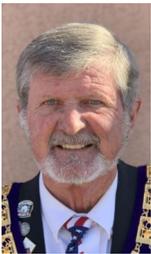
Again, a big thank you to all our members who have contributed money for our Veterans. We have tried to spend it wisely on items our Veterans need.

**Thank you all for your continued support for our Veterans! 2022 ended on a high note, let's make our 2022-23 year even better for our Tucson Veterans!**





## Past Exalted Ruler Association - Steve Asp, PERA President



Once again, there has not been much to report on regarding PERA activity. We did support the DDGERS' golf tournament last month by purchasing hole sponsor signs in the name of the Lodge. We also learned that the Arizona Department of the American Legion is holding their annual conference at the El Conquistador resort in Oro Valley this coming June. We agreed to buy an advertisement in their conference bulletin inviting their Elks members to our Lodge. I'm sure there will be quite a few attendees with dual memberships.

Our *Queen of Hearts* game is still going strong. As of this writing, with one more Friday, the pot stands at more than

\$17,000, despite the one big winner last month. The last Queen percentage card was drawn which would have been 15% of the pot. The winner, though, was not present and, consequently, only received half the amount, but half was still not a shabby win, at more than \$1,200. There are still two Ace percentage cards remaining, each worth 10% of the available pot. Crowds on Friday nights are starting to look like the ones we had pre-COVID. It's good to see so many members coming back to enjoy the Lodge again.

This is my last message as the PERA President. April starts a new Lodge year with new officers and, customarily, the most recent PER becomes the new PERA President. So, you will hear from Alane next issue. Stay safe and healthy!

## Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau

### LODGE ACTIVITIES

Welcome to April and the Elks' new year. We have some fun activities for you this month. We start with *Bingo* on Saturday, April 2nd, and again on Saturday, April 16th. The fun starts at 2 pm. Come join us! *Texas Hold 'Em* card games are set for Sundays starting at 1:30 pm on April 10th and on April 24th. Please sign up in the Lounge so we know how many tables to set up. The *Darts Tournament* takes place on Saturdays, at 4 pm, on the back patio.



*Taco Tuesday* happens on April 12th from 4 to 6 pm. *Wednesday dinners* are still around. We serve from 5 to 6 pm. Please sign up for the dinner by the Monday before so we can shop and make all the dinner items. Please speak to an actual bartender and not to a message machine. We sometimes miss these messages and don't want to disappoint anyone for not being signed up. Please check the Lodge calendar for the month's menus. The *Queen of Hearts* drawings are on Friday nights, at 6:30. We have a snack or food offering for \$5.00. We start serving at around 5 pm until the food is gone, or until just after the drawing. We will try to post the food offering on the board in the Lounge.

We are going to be open for Easter on Sunday, April 17th. We're having a *Potluck* at 4 pm and an *Easter Egg Hunt* at 2 pm. I'm sure there will be some fun times—and the wheel will be in action, too!

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Recently, Impact of Southern Arizona, our local food bank, had asked for help in stocking their shelves with food. Catalina Mt. Elks were there to help. We purchased about 300 cans of tuna and 300 cans of tomatoes to help with this project. They have requested assistance because of supply chain issues and shortages in the grocery stores. It feels good knowing we are helping our less fortunate neighbors. Way to go Elks!

Pictured below (L-R) delivering the goods to the food bank include **Jan Trudeau**, **Barbara McClure**, fellow Elk and Director of Impact, and **Monty Derting**, our new ER.



Installation of Officers - Saturday, March 26



Newly installed Lodge Officers for 2022-23 Lodge Year (pictured left to right): Treasurer Kathy Hernandez, Esquire Gloria Cisneros - PER, Tiler Marie Starjnski, Leading Knight Ron Starjnski, Loyal Knight Bonnie Mason, 5- Year Trustee Jim Lengel, Chaplain Deborah Derting, and Exalted Ruler Monty Derting. Not pictured: Secretary Mimi Wittenborn, Lecturing Knight Larry Wittenborn, and Inner Guard Jim Roberts.



Installing Grand Lodge Officers (pictured left to right): Past Arizona State President Al Skorupski, Past Exalted Ruler Tom Wilson, Past District Deputy Jack Baillargeon, Past Exalted Ruler Doug Harpold, Past Exalted Ruler Bob Kielsa, Past District Deputy Jim Buell, Past District Deputy Lee Cook, Past Exalted Ruler Steve Asp, and Past Exalted Ruler Neil Patronski.



Installation Photos



Awards Dinner - Saturday, March 19





April Birthdays

- 1 Cheryl Galligos
- 1 Michael Nelson
- 1 Janet Trudeau
- 1 Julie Wester
- 2 Paul Galligos
- 2 Trinka Gilders
- 3 Rodney Iverson
- 4 Ronald Gaarder
- 4 Terry Parish
- 4 Russell Sweeney
- 6 Morris Coville
- 7 Arlene DesJardins
- 7 Elias Harpod
- 7 Linda Suddath
- 8 Linda Floyd
- 9 Amanda Wittenborn
- 10 Frank Catania
- 10 Tracy Pones
- 11 Gary Dill
- 11 Jack Jr Hudson
- 11 James Sullivan
- 14 John (Jack) Berchiatti
- 15 Lee Dinges
- 15 Paul Slater
- 16 William Ball
- 16 Kathleen Hernandez
- 17 Charles LaValley
- 17 David 'Buck' Thomas
- 19 Katherine Anderson
- 19 Garrett Rensing
- 19 James Shook
- 20 Mary Lynn Coldwater
- 20 Lola Townsend
- 21 Donna Raffanti
- 24 Cecil Bartlett
- 25 Beverly Black
- 25 Phil Williams
- 26 Jerry Shultz
- 27 Jason Greenway
- 27 Gerald Hedberg
- 29 Victoria Harpod
- 29 Larry Henley
- 29 Thomas Kaliski
- 29 Stanley Petterson
- 30 Rose Meyer
- 30 Peggy Nelson
- 30 Jonathon Vermilye

Wednesday Dinner Menu

**April 6th**  
 Mississippi Pot Roast  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Corn  
 Ham & Lentil Soup  
 Dessert

**April 20th**  
 Pork Filetino  
 Roasted Potatoes  
 Sweet Potato Soup  
 Dessert

**April 13th**  
 Baked Chicken  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Split Pea Soup  
 Dessert

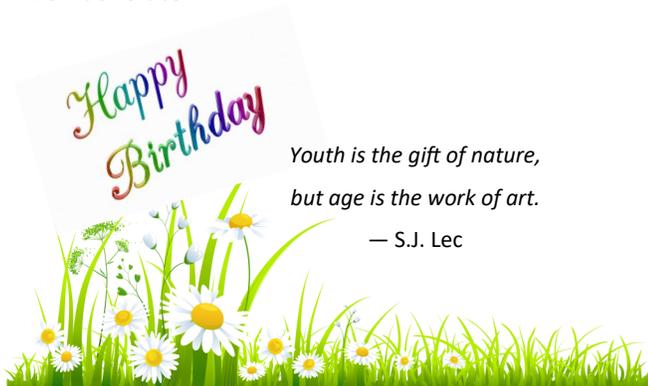
**April 27th**  
 Cajun Shrimp Linguine  
 Carrots  
 Broccoli Cheese Soup  
 Dessert



Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



April brings this Lodge its new year.  
 ER retires with smiles and cheer.  
 New officers should endeavor  
 to reach that goal to all so dear.



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March 24



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Initiated  
March 24



Mark Wilson  
Initiated  
March 24



Bob Stark  
Initiated  
March 24

### UPCOMING EVENTS *April*

- 2** *Dart Tournament 4:00p*
- 9** *Easter Kids Shopping  
Walmart 8:30a*
- 14** *Lodge Meeting*
- 16** *Dart Tournament 4:00p*
- 23** *Awards Dinner 6:00p*
- 28** *Lodge Meeting 7:00p*
- 30** *Dart Tournament 4:00p*