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Exalted Ruler's Message - Alane Asp



I am writing this article as our officer installation plans are coming to fruition. I am extremely excited about the upcoming year, especially as vaccinations are rolling out and life is

starting to return somewhat to normal. Mailing of the Bugle is being delayed by a couple of days in order to include photos from the event. Because Covid is still with us, we needed to limit the attendance at the ceremony and dinner. Dinner attendees included newly installed officers and families, installing officers and spouses, and house committee members and their guests.

Our installing officers were: Jack Baillargeon - Grand Exalted Ruler; Gloria Cisneros - Installing Grand Exalted Ruler; Bob Kielsa – Grand Leading Knight; Al Skorupski -Grand Loyal Knight; Tom Wilson -Grand Lecturing Knight; Robin Danielson – Grand Secretary; Frank Fieldhouse – Grand Treasurer; Jim Buell - Grand Trustee; Neal Patronsky – Grand Esquire; Doug Harpold Grand Chaplain; Glen Robinson – Grand Inner Guard and Grand Tiler. I thank these PERs for their assistance in making this ceremony special for our officers. I was also especially honored to have Rich Botkin,

Arizona Elks Association President, and his lovely wife JoAnn in attendance for the ceremony.

I frequently refer to this last year as the "Year of Nothing." As a lodge we were not able to hold the Youth Week Banguet and Awards, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Mother's Day, Clothe-a-Child for both Easter and Christmas, and many other functions. Every week, I am becoming more optimistic this year will be much better. We are planning programs and hope to be back in full swing soon. With restrictions being lifted every day, I am not only confident about our charitable programs, but also about more social programs coming back. Our Queen of Hearts game, run by the Past Exalted Rulers' Association, will be back beginning April 9. This game is not only a social event for our members but is the biggest charity fund raiser for our lodge. Paul and the House Committee will be striving to follow our governor's guidelines for safety.

Because of the "Year of Nothing," Bonnie Mason and Ron Starjnski will be returning in the same chair positions they held last year. I am also pleased to report, Monty Derting's

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Past Exalted Rulers

Donald Denman1	969-70
Jim Gillis*1	982-83
Dave Webster*1	987-88
Ralph Welsh1	989-90
Al Skorupski, PSP 1	993-94
Charles Dugas*1	999-00
Bill McLane* 2	2000-01
Victor Garcia*2	2001-02
Kathy Anderson 2	2002-03
Neal Patronsky 2	2003-04
Frank Fieldhouse, PDDGER2	2004-05
Jim Cox 2	
Jim Buell, PDDGER 2	2005-06
Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER2	
Sig Danielson 20	007-0 8
Lee Cook, PDDGER2	2008-09
Larry Megahan2	2009-10
Richard Esparza 2	2010-11
Thomas Wilson 2	2011-12
Earnest Cruce 2	2012-13
Robin Danielson2	2013-14
Gloria Cisneros 2	2014-15
Doug Harpold 2	2015-16
Sig Danielson 2	2016-17
Steve Asp 2	2017-18
Glen Robinson2	2017-18
Robert Kielsa 2	
Gloria Cisneros 2	2019-20
Steve Asp 2	2020-21

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Accident Prevention Harry Beatty
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Building Committee Steve Mikitish & Ron Starjnski
Clothe-A-Child CoordinatorJoyce Garcia
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Leading Knight - Monty Derting



Hi all! I'm very happy to be back in the groove. I owe many thanks to all those who supported me during my very rough year last year. Especially to my wonderful wife, Deborah, who was most instrumental in nursing me back to health.

I hope all are well. I know that I've not seen many of you this past year but am hoping that as we progress through this coming year we' all will be able to see each other and visit more.

I don't have much a lot to report at this time except for one great event that **seriously** helped our Scholarship Fund! Thanks to a couple who are new members, a wonderful brisket dinner was cooked and provided for all to enjoy to a sell-out crowd. Additionally, donations were matched up to \$1,000!! Bottom line is that OVER \$2,000 was raised in one night including the raffles, all for the Scholarship Fund! Great job all!

I'm wishing all a HAPPY EASTER, and good health.

Remember, Charity isn't all about money, a lot of times a simple phone call to someone you've not seen or heard from for awhile can go a long way!!!

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



Hello from the Secretary's Office!

Well it's a new Elk's year. And as a reminder, as of April 1 your yellow key card will no longer work. You have a few options of how your dues may be paid. You can log on to the Lodge website at elks2815.org and

pay using PayPal. You can also pay at the office or at the bar by cash, check, or credit card. And of course, you can mail it to:

PO Box 8742, Tucson AZ 85737.

I want to thank everyone for the encouragement and your patience as I learn the secretary's duties. I'm looking forward to a great year in 2021 – 2022.

Lodge Stats Year To-Date

Membership542
Waiting for Initiation0
Average age71
Life Members80

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One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to give up, instead of what they have to gain.

Elks of the Month

Once again we have a group of elks for Elk of the Month. This team practiced diligently for about six weeks prior to the March 6 contest and represented our lodge well. Bud Meyer was recognized as the "Most Impressive Esquire." A special thank you to Doug for allowing us to practice at the Vistoso Memorial Chapel.

Team: Exalted Ruler Gloria Cisneros, PER, Leading Knight Alane Asp, Loyal Knight Ron Starjnski, Lecturing Knight Monty Derting, Esquire Leonard "Bud" Meyer, Chaplain Doug Harpold, PER, Inner Guard Larry Wittenborn, Candidate Steve Asp, PER, Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER – Coach and Neal Patronsky, PER – Coach.

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Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau

LODGE ACTIVITIES



And, welcome to our new Exalted Ruler Alane Asp and her 2021-2022 officers! I know I'm looking forward to warmer temperatures

and longer days. There just might be a light at the end of the tunnel. As you may know, the Queen of Hearts will resume on Friday April 9, we hope. I'm sure we all want to get back to this awesome event. Check out the PERs' column to get all the details.

Other activities at the lodge this month include Bingo on Saturday, April 10. We start at 2 pm. Come and join us. The Texas Hold 'Em card game will happen on Sunday, April 18 at 1:30. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many

tables to set up. We will be open on Easter Sunday, April 4. Come and join us for some fun, we'd love to see you.

Wednesdays we still have our to-go meals available for only \$12.00 per person. The menus are featured on the



calendar and also in the Bugle. Marie does a great job with the meals. The photo below shows some of the "regulars"

from a past Wednesday enjoying their meals and the company. Please sign up for the Wednesday dinner by the Monday before, so we can shop and cook the dinners. That's all for now.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

As you may have read, or heard, the PERs are planning on resuming the Queen of Hearts drawing on Friday, April 9. Why I mention it, again, is that as you play and have fun trying to find the ever-elusive Queen, the lodge accumulates funds that are used to help fund the Community Activities program. We use the money for many charitable acts, mostly through the local food bank—Impact of Southern Ari-

zona. So, come on down and get your Queen of Hearts tickets and have some fun and help our local community!!

- 1 Michael Nelson
- 1 Cheryl Galligos
- 1 Jan Trudeau
- 1 Julie Wester
- 2 Paul Galligos
- 2 Trinka Gilders
- 3 Rodney Iverson
- 4 Ronald Gaarder
- 4 Russell Sweeney
- 4 Terry Parish
- 6 Morris Coville
- 7 Arlene DesJardins
- 7 Linda Suddath
- 7 Elias Harpold
- 8 Linda Floyd
- 9 Amanda Wittenborn
- 10 Frank Catania

- 10 Tracy Pones
- 11 Gary Dill
- 11 James Sullivan
- 11 Jack Hudson, Jr.
- 14 John (Jack) Berchiatti
- 15 Lee Dinges
- 15 Robert Schween
- 15 Paul Slater
- 16 John Sauers
- 16 Kathleen Hernandez
- 16 William Ball
- 16 Barbara Cardinal
- 17 Charles LaValley
- 17 David 'Buck' Thomas
- 19 Katherine Anderson
- 19 Garrett Ressing
- 19 James Shook

- 20 Lola Townsend
- 21 Donna Raffanti
- 22 Carl Williams
- 24 Cecil Bartlett
- 25 Beverly Black
- 25 Phil Williams
- 27 Joe Kerr
- 27 Gerald Hedberg
- 27 Jason Greenway
- 29 Stanley Petterson
- 29 Thomas Kaliski
- 29 Larry Henley
- 29 Victoria Harpold
- 30 Rose Meyer
- 30 Peggy Nelson
- 30 Jonathon Vermilye

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April Birthdays

Happy Spring and Happy Easter everyone!

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Happy Easter!!

March was a fun month with things slowly getting better with some fun events. April will continue the fun with the return of the Queen of Hearts drawing on Fridays. The House Committee will be serving food as we have done in

the past. The first few weeks will be Hamburger, Hot Dogs and Brats until we can settle into a routine and then we will bring in the variety of food that we had before the onset of COVID restrictions. We will also welcome back Pam Wedwalt, Queen of 50/50. This game will start the week of April 16. Pam will be back with her 50/50 apron selling what is usually the biggest payout on Fridays.

With the return of the Queen of Hearts, we will stop the Sunday 50/50 drawing. This was always meant to be a temporary game until the Queen of Hearts returned. Congratulations to the many weekly winners, and don't forget the 50/50 on Friday, starting April 16.

This month's shout out is going to the members of the house committee! They always impress me by their willingness to step up and volunteer for whatever needs to be done at our events. The amount of time and care they bring to our events help make them special, and I doubt that many of us appreciate all the "silent" hard work they do.

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

Veterans Committee - Bob Kielsa, PER & Belinda Waller



First I would like to congratulate and welcome as our Exalted Ruler Alane Asp for our Lodge year 2021/2022. Alane has put a very talented and fun group of officers together which I believe will contribute tremendously to a successful lodge year!

I'm very happy to report, our last pickup in March pushed our veteran donations for the 2020/2021 lodge year to top out at \$90,542! I have been associated with the Veterans Committee for 8 years, and we have never reached such a donation number! Thanks to all members for your help in supporting our veterans! I can't think of the words to express my appreciation for your generosity in helping those who have put so much on the line for use all!

Please keep cleaning those closets out, and if you have neighbors that want do their Spring cleaning tell them about our Veterans POD. Remember the pod is not locked so they can make a donation anytime. Please make sure all

donations are made in strong bags tied at the top to make it easier for us to handle them. Boxes are ok to use (say for books or small items), but please make sure they do not weigh over 20 pounds.



We still have a need for donations of "NEW" clothing for our vets. We need the basics: socks, shorts, t-shirts, jeans, fleece jackets, heavy jackets, sweaters, and heavy shirts for our homeless vets. Please use the green barrel in the lounge for your donations. If you wish to contribute, but don't want to go out to shop for your donation, you can send a check, or drop off money in the Vet jar on the bar and we will do the shopping for the needed items.

Thank you again to our lodge members for your generosity for those who gave so much to our country's safety and freedom.



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PER Association - Gloria Cisneros, PER



Welcome to the 2021 Lodge Year! The PERA would like to thank all the past Officers for their outstanding year of devotion during a very difficult time. We also want to congratulate the new 2021-2022 Officers. You are all amazing Elks and will do great things in the coming year with Exalted

Ruler Alane Asp at the helm. Thank you to everyone that supported the raffle that we held to benefit the Lodge Scholarship program. Raffle donations were \$573 and so much appreciated. We have begun a new raffle that will benefit the Lodge General Fund as well as the PERA Charity account. It is for a Remington Shotgun as well as ammunition. Tickets will be available from the bar stewards and are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. This drawing will be held July 4th at a PERA sponsored luncheon. THE QUEEN IS BACK! Starting April 9th, the Queen of Hearts drawing will start up again. The current pot is over \$11,000 which is what we ended on when we had to shut it down. Tickets are still 7 for \$5 with the drawing held on Friday nights at 6:30 pm, with all the previous rules in place. Remember that you must have your new 2021-2022 membership card in order to enter the Lodge and to buy tickets. Also, please be patient with the PERs running the game as we will be making sure you are an Elk in good standing since our new year began April 1st.



Betty Cook

RAFFLE WINNERS

Jack Baillargeon



Jan Trudeau



April 7 Florentine Spaghetti Bake Garlic Bread Cream of Vegetable Soup Cherry Bars

April 14 Cheesy Fiesta Casserole Spanish Rice Refried Bean Soup Carrot Cake

Marie's Wednesday - Dinner Menu

April 21

Salisbury Steak w/noodles Broccoli & Bacon Wild Rice Soup Applesauce Cake

April 28 Chicken Pot Pie Vegetable Casserole Tomato Soup Blueberry Pie

May 5

Enchiladas Refried Beans Mexican Soup Brownies

Menus by Marie Starjnski

Youth Camp Opening - April 7-27

Volunteers are needed to get the Youth Camp ready for all the groups who have made reservations for the upcoming summer months. People can work one or two days or longer, depending on your personal schedule. A sign-up sheet is in the Lounge with the Contact person: Dennis Appel, Chairman at (480) 812-5624). Volunteers are welcome to work as many days as possible: 1-3 days, a week or two, or longer. The more volunteers we get, the faster the cleanup will go. Bonfires at night offer much-needed R&R!! As in the past, all meals are provided, which is why the Chairman needs to know how long anyone will stay.

Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox, PER

An Easter Poem to our Christian members from our Poet Laureate, Jim Cox

In April, thank our gift from God and celebrate His Son's rebirth. Christ's words guide all life paths we plod and offer heaven for our berth.

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health has improved and stabilized; he is back as Leading Knight with the goal of being able to assume the Exalted Ruler position again next year. We have a great team who is energized and ready to work for the good of our lodge and community.

I must thank the many people who have supported my Elk Career. Without Jack Baillargeon, I would likely still be a social member. Jack brought me into the office as treasurer in 2009, and I served in that role until two years ago. Jack also broadened my Elk horizons by appointing me as his auditor for the South District when he was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; I served for 6 years in that capacity. Rich Botkin, AEA President, was the second District Deputy Grand Exalted

Ruler for whom I served as auditor. Rich has also been a great friend and mentor. About two and a half years ago, Al Skorupski, Past State President, asked me if I would consider being the treasurer for the Arizona Elks Association. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of this position and have learned even more about the great things Elks do. As the state treasurer, I paid over \$200,000 in scholarship awards, over \$200,000 in giving to Arizona Elks Major Projects, over \$50,000 in funding for Veteran Programs, and many other sizeable contributions to Elk supported charities and programs. All these experiences have made me proud to call myself an Elk. I hope to make each of you proud this year!

Finally, I need to thank my Elk Family for their support. First and foremost, Steve, who has been my driver, advi-

sor, best friend, and rarely says no to me. Mica Bane, Betty Cook, and Jan Trudeau contributed appetizers for the installation. Putting up and taking down the tent required a huge crewthank you everyone; Thank you Larry Wittenborn for letting us use the tent again. Centerpieces were provided by Betty Cook and Gail Markwell. Betty Cook and Jan Webster set the tables. Jim Buell helped with the program. Paul Slater works full time but agreed to continue for another year as House Committee Chair. Rather than taking the night off and enjoying the installation dinner, Paul helped serve our meal. Thank you to all the PERs for your support and friendship. I hate to apologize, but I am sure I have missed some helpers; I am grateful for your help, nonetheless.

Elks are truly the "Best People On Earth"

Officers Installed March 27, 2021



Exalted Ruler Alane Asp



Leading Knight Monty Derting



Loyal Knight Ron Starjnski



Lecturing Knight Bonnie Mason



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Treasurer Steve Rosen



Secretary Mimi Wittenborn



Trustee - 5 Year Jack Baillargian, PDD



Trustee - 1 Year Jim Lengel



Trustee - 3 Year Sig Danielson, PER



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