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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Steve Asp, PER



Greetings fellow Elks. I keep saying this, but I hope this finds you all well and safe. I'm sure you agree that this pandemic is getting old. I'm really looking forward to the day we can get back to some stage of normalcy, whatever that might be. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Not much is new at the Lodge this month. After the financial hit we took being closed for two months, we are doing fairly well in the lounge. Thanks to a group of regulars who spend time there, we are at almost the same income level that we had prior to our Queen of Hearts game. It would be nice to restart Queen of Hearts, but we just cannot allow the crowd it would draw to happen yet. It's good for the Lodge that we are staying afloat financially cause there are a lot of Lodges that are not. We are still trying to keep some activities going. Texas Hold'em still draws a good size group of players and Bingo is getting popular with between 20 and 30 players. Wednesday night dinners are still on for carry-out and we are sold out most Wednesdays. The weekly 50-50 drawing is continuing and has actually done quite well. As of October, the Lodge's take from 50-50 was \$2,166. The same amount obviously went to our members who participated.

The Order of Elks has decreed that the first Sunday in December be set apart for the Elks Memorial Service. That day is December 6th this year and we will be paying tribute to our Departed Members. Please join us at the **Vistoso Funeral Home** if you can.

I mentioned a while ago about starting a "Bugle Booster" group to help defray the cost of printing our Bugle. We've already had a couple of donations, but the plan is to include an option on the annual dues notice to donate an additional \$10. to help the printing costs. The names of all the Boosters will be included in every Bugle and at a drawing to be held with all the names, a winner will receive 20% of what we collected. I'm expecting lots of \$10. Donations.

Again, not much else to report on. Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and look forward to a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay well and keep safe.



2020-2021
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<u>Past Exalted Rulers Association</u>		<u>Past Exalted Rulers Association</u>	
Kathy Anderson	2002-2003	Gloria Cisneros	2019-2020
Neal Patronsky	2003-2004		
Frank Fieldhouse, PDDGER	2004-2005	<u>Affiliated Past Exalted Rulers</u>	
Jim Cox	2005-2006	Donald Denman	1969-1970
Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER	2006-2007	Ralph Welsh	1989-1990
Sig Danielson	2007-2008	Jim Buell, PDDGER	2005-2006
Lee Cook, PDDGER	2008-2009	AL Skorupski PSP	2016-2017
Larry Megahan	2009-2010	Glen Robinson	2017-2018
Richard Esparza	2010-2011		
Thomas Wilson	2011-2012	<u>Deceased Past Exalted Rulers</u>	
Earnest Cruce	2012-2013	Bill McLane	2000-2001
Robin Danielson	2013-2014	Victor Garcia	2001-2002
Gloria Cisneros	2014-2015	Charles Dugas (Affiliated)	1999-2000
Doug Harpold	2015-2016	Jim Gillis (Affiliated)	1982-1983
Sig Danielson	2016-2017	Dave Webster (Affiliated)	1987-1988
Steven Asp	2017-2018		
Robert Kielsa	2018-2019		

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LEADING KNIGHT

By Alane Asp



On Veteran's Day, the lodge officers performed the Elk's Veteran's Day Ceremony. It was extremely nice of Doug Harpold, PER to allow us to hold the ceremony at the Vistoso Memorial Chapel. We were able to practice social distancing and celebrate the sacrifices our Veteran's have made for our country.

Terry Ford, a retired Navy submariner, came to the ceremony in his uniform. Thanks to Veterans Mike Borah, Jack Baillargeon, Jeffrey Lindroth, Larry Wittenborn, Tom Wilson PER, and Lee Cook PDDGER for carrying the branch of service and the POW/MIA flags for the ceremony. The holidays are upon us and I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. 2020 is rapidly ending and I for one, am happy this year is almost behind us. With the virus surging again, parties and gatherings need to be limited this year; the lodge will not be sponsoring any holiday celebrations. I am hoping the house committee decorates the lodge for some semblance of normalcy. Steve and I have decided to decorate the house because it is important to find some joy. We are also thinking of those in need, many opportunities exist to help. Donations of food or funds to a local Food Bank could be especially important. As in years past, the lodge will also have a donation box in the lounge for Toys-for-Tots; new, unwrapped toys are appreciated. The box will be picked up on December 4th.

The lodge will not be sponsoring the annual Children's Shopping Spree and Christmas party for the children of Roadrunner School. Joyce Garcia, the Children's Shopping Spree Committee Chair, has included an article about what her committee is doing instead this year. Jan Trudeau has been able to continue the Adopt-a-Family program with Impact of Southern Arizona. It is good to know the lodge has been able to support some needy children and families in our community. See her article for complete details of her committee's efforts for the holiday season.

Please be safe and embrace gathering safely – use Zoom and FaceTime. Let us hope the promised vaccines roll out smoothly and quickly in 2021. I for one am looking forward to the new year!



SECRETARY'S CORNER

By Robin Danielson, PER



Now that the Ghosts and Goblins have gone away, we can focus on the Holidays. I hope you all had a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.

It is with my deepest sadness that I inform the membership that due to (not for health reasons) a difficult and time-consuming situation in my personal life, I will need to step down as the Secretary of the Lodge. It has been my honor and privilege to have served in that position for almost six years. My resignation will be effective as of December 10th, 2020. I will miss you all, but I will still be around the Lodge to help when I can.

Reminders:

- if you are a snow bird coming back to the area for the winter months, send an email, call the office or call the lounge for any updates on your address. This will ensure you continue to get any correspondence from the Lodge.

- if you have not paid your membership dues for this Lodge year, please remit them as soon as possible (with no penalties) and get yourself in good standing with the Lodge. We miss you and need all of our members!

Lodge Stats

Membership	559
Initiated	17
To be Initiated (Dec 10th)	4
Affiliated	9
Transferring out	2
Transferred out	2
In various stages for membership	10
Average age	70.92
Delinquents	4

FROM THE OFFICE STAFF



From the Editor:

Remember our Memorial Service on December 6. Take time to remember our departed members.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the Bugle,

For you winter visitors, remember to change your address with Lodge Secretary Robin so you will continue to receive the Elks Magazine and Bugle.

LODGE ACTIVITIES

By Jan Trudeau



LODGE ACTIVITIES

Hello December. It doesn't seem like fall, much less almost winter! Only in Arizona. We are still on a limited schedule at the lodge, but we do have a few activities you may participate in-if you feel like it.

The Elks Memorial is going to be held the first Sunday of December. That date is Sunday the 6th at 11 AM. It is being held at the Vistoso Funeral home. Thank you Doug Harpold for hosting our awesome ceremony. We will remember all our fellow Elks who have passed away in the past year. In my last article, I had an incorrect date-sorry for any confusion. I had the wrong calendar in front of me.

Bingo is scheduled for Saturday December 5th at 2 PM. It's really lots of fun. Come and join us. Texas Hold-Em card game happens on Saturday December 12th at 1:30 PM. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Wednesday take out dinners are still available-EXCEPT we will not serve dinner on December 23rd, nor on Wednesday December 30th.

Football is still here on Sundays starting at 11AM. Come on in and cheer on your favorite team.

Unfortunately, we will not be having a Christmas party this year. Maybe next year. The lodge will be closed on Christmas day, and also on New Year's day. I hope everyone has a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year too!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A huge THANK YOU to the 25 hard-working Elks who helped deliver tables and stuff over 200 Thanksgiving food bags for Impact of Southern Arizona. The food bank coordinates the food give-away, and every year the Elks lend a helping hand. It was in a different location and set up than previous years, but we still made short work of it. Way to go Elks!

I also want to thank everyone who donated money and helped wrap Christmas presents for the "Adopt a Family" project. This year our lodge "adopted" 16 kids. We purchased clothing, toys and art supplies for all of them. This project is sponsored through Impact of Southern Arizona-our local food bank. The gifts are delivered to the food bank, and the families pick up the presents there. I will publish some photos of us wrapping and delivering the goodies in the next Bugle. Again, thanks for helping to put smiles on all the children's faces on Christmas morning.



VETERANS COMMITTEE

By Robert Kielsa, PER / Belinda Waller



December 2020

Veterans Report

Bob Kielsa

I hope this article finds all of you in good physical and mental health!

I mentioned in September we have started to work with HelpVets which proudly partners with the following organizations, AMVETS, VetsConnect and Vietnam Veterans Of America. Because of our affiliation with HelpVets we have been able to restart our lodges largest charity contribution to our underserved veterans and their families.

I'm very happy to report our veteran donations for this lodge, as of December 1st, 2020, amount to \$24,966.

Because of the pandemic we may only contribute **NEW** shorts, socks, t-shirts, long jeans with waist sizes 32 thru 38, toiletries or back packs. Please place your donations in the green barrel in the lounge. Also, I just received a request from the VA for Food Debit gift cards for our homeless and housed veterans/families in need. The request was for \$20, \$50, \$75 and \$100 card denominations.

Unfortunately, because of the lock down at the VA hospital we will not be collecting and distributing Christmas gifts in the hospital this year.

Because of our new affiliation with HelpVets, and their required Wednesday pick-up schedule, **we have changed our monthly counting and bagging of donated materials to the SECOND TUESDAY of Each Month.**

We really need volunteers to help on December 8th at 1 PM! Our November Volunteer count totaled only three people for this very important charity event for our service personnel. Please help us on December 8th at 1 PM.

As we enter the last month of a very challenging year Belinda and I want to wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 members and their families!



Once again we have Co-Elks of the Month this month. They are two of the members of the Mortgage Refinance team; Jack Bailargeon and Alane Asp. Both have put in countless hours producing an unbelievable amount of paperwork required by the bank. Meeting minutes wherein the Lodge authorized the refinance, the loan signer and other items had to be scanned and sent in. Our entire financial situation had to be supported by profit and loss statements, budget, and an explanation of how the Lodge handled the COVID -19 situation. The whole process started in July and is still ongoing thanks to the bank indicating there would be a three month delay in processing the renewal. It seems every week there is a new document that needs signing, scanning and submitting. Thank you Jack and Alane for all you are doing on this.

OUR POET LAUREATE

Jim Cox, PER

<http://www.allthatrhymes.squarespace.com>



Merry Christmas, 2020

For Covid we should wear a mask and stay at least six feet apart. But for good Elks the simple task... let brotherhood flow from your heart.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

By **Paul Slater**



Howdy!

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and remembered to give thanks for all that we are blessed within our lives.

With the recent rise of COVID-19 cases in Arizona, we continue to closely watch for any changes and restrictions that may be put in place. Currently AZ does not have any new restrictions which have been enacted in many

other states. If our governor should enact new limits or restrictions that would affect our lodge, we will post them, both on our web page, as well as send out an email blast. In the past the governor did not give much advanced notice. Lets hope that everyone acts in a responsible way to do their part to help mitigate the current spread so we can get back to many more events and fun activities at the lodge.

On a much more positive note , our anniversary party was a great success. We received lots of compliments on the food from the caterer, Banjo BBQ. I think we will definitely be having them prepare food for us at other events. We also got great feed back from our special guest, AZ State President Rich. He and his wife had a great time getting to spend time with everyone and came away understanding why our lodge is so special. Have a very Merry Christmas and holiday season!!

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



PER ASSOCIATION

By **Gloria Cisneros, PER**



Your Catalina Mountain Past Exalted Ruler's Association hopes that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Even with all the uncertainty surrounding this year's health concerns, there was much to be thankful for. We are thankful to all our members who support this Lodge in any way that you can and are very lucky to have you as a part of our Elk's family.

We are still throwing around ideas for a scholarship fund raiser and it seems as though we would like to raffle off some baskets. If you would like to donate a nice basket to the cause, please do so by December 15th. You can contact me (Gloria) at 520-237-2011 to make arrangements to get it to us. We are also taking gift card donations for the Diamond Children's Medical Center at this time. These cards will be to assist the families who take their children in for medical treatment from the Steele Children's Research Center Physicians and are in need of gas or groceries as they try to get their children well. The most requested card is for Fry's as they can be used for groceries and/or fuel. Other cards needed include Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon or prepaid credit cards. Any denomination will be greatly appreciated. Please stay safe and Merry Christmas to each and every one of you!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

12/02/20	Baked Ziti
12/09/20	Mississippi Pot Roast
12/16/20	Chicken Alfredo
12/23/20	No Dinner—Merry Christmas



01 Maurice Bradford, Rex Heward, 02 Michael Guinn, 03 W. Paul Lampadius, Richard March, Olivia Peters, 06 Stewart Fleisher, Robert Hoffman, Harold Jasper, Michael Smith, Michael Vince, 08 Garland Smith, 10 Paul B Cartter, Joe Palmer, 11 Madeline E Black, Gilbert Hernandez, Kenneth A MacRae, Lynn L Zink, 13 Raymond D Kanoza, Joseph Markwell, Richard Sitzmann, 15 Lupita Camacho, Frank Romero, 18 Alane L Asp, John D Letchford, 19 Linda E Irwin, Rhiannon McMahan, 20 Kathryn Leane Aitchison, Robert Thomas Kelley, 21 James Carver, Robert A Johnson, 22 Warren Baker, Carol Coville, Steve Rosen, Irwin Z Rose-ner, 23 Michael Ellis, Brawnz G Sportsman, 25 Jack Baillargeon, 26 Christine Curtis, Gregory Davy, 27 John M Grindley, Judith Humitz, 28 Cheryl Farmer, 31 Frederick Peterson, Leslie E Waller.

CLOTH A CHILD PROJECTS

As you are all aware the Covid 19 ha caused the cancellation of both our shopping sprees, Christmas and Easter.

Please know that this has not stopped us in helping Roadrunner Elementary School in the following ways:

When the quarantine first began in March, the school notified us a few teachers were going to start a food bank for the students and their families. Knowing that his school is located in a somewhat needy area, we jumped on the opportunity to contribute money towards this worthy cause. With the assistance of the PER's, we were able to donate \$3000 to help purchase any items needed.

In the past years we have been able to purchase art supplies and playground equipment for the school with money left over after the shopping sprees. As we still have some money left in our account we were able to donate \$2000 to the school to purchase any of these items needed.

YOU, our wonderful members, have made all this possible with your continued support. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making this possible during this difficult year.

God Bless You and have a wonderful holiday season.
 Joyce Garcia
 Chairman





Veterans Day

Elk's Memorial Service

December 6th at 11 am

Vistoso Funeral Home
2285 E Rancho Vistoso Blvd
Oro Valley, AZ

**Thinking of our Brothers and Sisters
Who have Passed into the Hands of God**

**Please Join the Catalina Mountains Elks #2815 Lodge Officers
in celebrating the lives of those who have gone before us.**

**This is the time to remember our vow that:
“Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken”**

**Welcome members,
family and friends**

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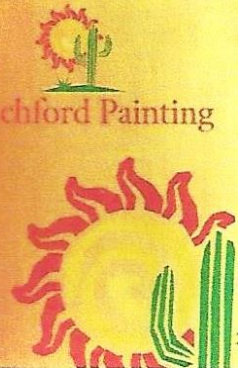
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