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# Remember the Veterans Service on November 11







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#### EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE Steve Asp, PER



Hello fellow Elks! Once again, as this pandemic continues, I hope this finds you well and happy in spite of this situation. News on the COVID situation is confusing. Some say a vaccine is just coming in the near future and the worst may be over, while others say there are more huge outbreaks scattered around the country. Thankfully, our little area in Catalina, Oro Valley and Saddlebrooke doesn't seem to have been hit that hard. Hopefully, it will stay that way.

Our Lodge continues to stay open with a group of regulars who enjoy

coming to the lounge. Seating in the lounge is still at a limited basis and the small tables are still being used in the Lodge room when the lounge gets more people. Also, the patio is getting it's share of use as the weather continues to be nice. Hand sanitizers are in use and we don't see much hand shakes and hugs going on.

We did have a very enjoyable evening at the Anniversary Picnic we held last month on our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the members who showed up to erect the tent; it's a big job requiring a lot of bodies to accomplish. The House Committee did a great job of organizing and setting things up. The caterer, Banjo BBQ, provided a great meal of ribs, tri-tip steak, sausage with asparagus and rice. It was really good and everyone I spoke to really liked it. It was also our official visit from the Arizona Elks Association State President Rich Botkin and his Lady JoAnn. We provided them with local lodging and transportation so they could enjoy the evening and not have to drive home to East Tucson. According to President Rich's official review, they did have an excellent time and he put high praises on our Lodge for the way we handled his visit. We got a perfect protocol score and his words were "Outstanding, outstanding, outstanding". Thanks again to everyone who helped make it a memorable event.

Unfortunately, there is not much more to talk about. Please take care of yourselves and yours. I am looking forward to when we can get back to some state of normalcy.



## 2020-2021 LODGE COMMITTEES

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Sig Danielson	2007-2008
Lee Cook, PDDGER	2008-2009
Larry Megahan	2009-2010
Richard Esparza	2010-2011
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 1969-1970

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 1989-1990

 Jim Buell, PDDGER
 2005-2006

 AL Skorupski PSP
 2016-2017

 Glen Robinson
 2017-2018

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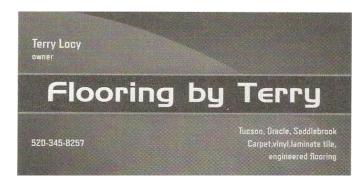
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#### **LEADING KNIGHT**

By Alane Asp



Usually heading into this time of year, many opportunities for Charitable activities within the lodge are available. In normal years, letters requesting donations to help us support the Children's Shopping Spree event is mailed to our members in October. This year is different. Due to safety concerns for the children and our members, we will not be

taking kids from Roadrunner Elementary School shopping or hosting them at the lodge to see Santa. Joyce Garcia, Shopping Spree Chair, has been working with the school to identify a need. The lodge will be helping the school with playground equipment. Because the Easter shopping event was also cancelled, Joyce has adequate funding to take care of the school this year. Hopefully, next year we can fully support the kids. Please read Jan Trudeau's Community Activities article. We have a much less publicized program to help local Catalina families. Impact of Southern Arizona has an Adopt-A-Family at Christmas program. Jan raises funds to shop for Christmas gifts of clothing for children of families in need. Please read her article and consider helping support this worthy endeavor. Veteran's Day is fast approaching, and we will be performing our Veteran's Day Ritual. Doug Harpold, PER and owner of Vistoso Memorial Chapel has graciously agreed to allow us to perform the ceremony at the chapel. We will be able to socially distance and be safe while honoring our Veterans. The ceremony is at 10AM on Wednesday, November 11th. Refreshments will also be served after the ceremony. See the flyer for the address.

Finally, on Sunday December 1, 2020 at 11am, the lodge officers will be conducting the Elk's Memorial Service to celebrate and remember the lives of members who have gone before us.

#### SECRETARY'S CORNER

By Robin Danielson, PER



I have been wishing for some cooler weather and finally it is here, but I did not mean such a drastic change in one day. Welcome to the desert.

I have been getting some member requests to change their monthly newsletter to email instead of being mailed. I thank you all for doing that, is does help to decrease Bugle

costs. This can be done at any time. Any member who desires to do that, can contact me and I will be glad to full fill your request.

**Monthly reminder** to all delinquents. Please get those dues in as soon as possible to restore your rights in the Lodge. <u>We</u> <u>need you back!</u>

During these days with the pandemic happening, our applications for membership has slowed down drastically. The Lodge is still Initiating new members to grow the Lodge. Talk to your friends and neighbors, encourage them to put in an application. Tell them of the rewarding programs that the Elks have, who benefits and how much fun it can be to be part of that, being an ELK.

#### **Lodge Stats:**

Members 559
Initiated 16
Affiliated 9
Deaths 5
Candidates 3
Delinquents 44
Lapsation rate 8.15%
Average Age 70.89

Happy Thanks giving from the office staff



#### From the Editor:

Remember our Veterans on November 11. Their sacrifices have insured our freedom..

Happy Thanksgiving 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.



#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE By Paul Slater**



Finally, a break in the heat! While not the beautiful change to Fall that happens in the northern part of our country, it is a much-welcomed change here in the desert.

The Anniversary party was a great success, and we definitely put on a great event for our AZ

State President and his lady. I would love to get some feedback, from those that attended, for anything that we could do at future events to make them even better.

A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped with the Anniversary party. I am always amazed at how willing and helpful our members are when there is a project or an event. Your House Committee members created the delicious appetizers. A special shout out to Cameron Wittenborn and Dan Letchford who stepped up to help serve the delicious food from Banjo BBQ. We will look to the spring for our next event, where hopefully we can have some live entertainment, COVID willing...

The weekly 50/50 drawing has been going great! We have given out more than \$1,200 to our winners! Remember that you don't have to be present on Sunday for the drawing, just make sure you get your tickets before the drawing on Sunday afternoon!!

If you have visited the lodge recently on Friday or Saturday, you have been greeted by the much-missed friendly face of Ricky. We are all happy to have him back behind the bar taking care of us and always making us laugh and smile. If you haven't visited, please come in and welcome Ricky back. As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can always reach out to me via email (pslates 1987@gmail.com) or phone (520.268.2375)

Take care, paul



#### **LODGE ACTIVITIES**

By Jan Trudeau

#### **LODGE ACTIVITIES**



Hello November! We're still not in full swing yet, but we've got a few events and games to entertain you here at the lodge. Bingo is scheduled for Saturday November 14th

at 2 PM. Come and join us for some fun and laughs. Football is still on-the lodge opens at 11 AM for your viewing pleasure. Check out the 5 TV's in the lounge. You're sure to find your favorite team playing. Veteran's Day is on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be raising the flags at 7 AM, and taking them down at 5 PM. Please come and give a hand. Texas Hold-Em card game is scheduled for Saturday November 21st at 1:30. Please sign up in the lounge. Dinners to-go on Wednesdays are happening. The menus are posted on the calendar and in the Bugle too. Please sign up by end of business Mondays, and be aware that we are sometimes limiting the number of dinners we prepare. The price is now \$12.00 per meal. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we will not be serving a meal. That date is the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Artisans/Farmers market is starting back up on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8-12 noon. Come and check it out!

The 50/50 drawing is on Sundays around 3:00-3:30ish. You too could win some cold hard cash.

The lodge will be closed on Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>. HAP-PY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE !!!

Don't forget to mark your calendars: Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> is our Elks Memorial Day. This awesome ceremony remembers all Elks that have passed during the past year. Join us at 11AM that day to celebrate our absent members.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Save the date: Stuff-A-Box for Thanksgiving will be happening on the Monday before the holiday-the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will NOT be held at Golder Ranch firehouse. Impact is looking for a location to assemble the boxes. There will be a flyer in the lounge and information on the website letting everyone know where and what time you can go to help out. There will also be a sign-up sheet so we know how many helpers there are. We will be creating over 300 food boxes this year.

AND, yes, Christmas is just around the corner. We will once again be "Adopting" local children for the Adopt-A-Family program. Our lodge will be buying clothes, toys and art supplies for them through the local food bank-Impact of So. AZ. I am looking for monetary donations to add to the contributions of the PERA. Please see me at the lodge, or consider writing a check to Catalina Mt. Elks #2815 and writing "Adopt-a Family in the memo line. Thank you in advance.

This Ceremony is open to the public



November 11<sup>th</sup> **10 AM** 

Please join the Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Lodge Officers in honoring our Veterans in all Branches of Service during a touching ceremony.

Refreshments to follow. Vistoso Funeral Home, 2285 E Rancho Vistoso Blvd, Oro Valley AZ













# Elk's Memorial Service

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 yow that: "Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken"

Welcome members. family and friends

Refreshments to follow 16045N Oracle Road Catalina AZ 85739

December 1st **11 AM** 



Thinking of our Brothers and Sisters Who have Passed into the Hands of God You are loved, You are missed.

To our absent members

#### AEA President Rich Botkin's Official Visit!









# VETERANS COMMITTEE By Robert Kielsa, PER / Belinda Waller



November 2020 Veterans Report

Bob Kielsa

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

In my October report, I indicated we could not deliver anything but new clothing to the veterans drop-off center at the hospital. I also mentioned we would look for an alternate method to support our veterans and we identified a great veterans service organization. We started in September to work with HelpVets which proudly partners with the following organizations, AMVETS, VetsConnect and Vietnam Veterans Of America.

I'm very happy to report the September clothing and miscellaneous items totaled \$12,927.00, an astonishing large donation. Our October donation achieved two nice accomplishments: we had a donation of \$6,143.00 for our veterans; and we also managed to achieve a totally empty Pod. We have not had an empty Pod since the first month we introduced it to our membership. We have a total of \$19,070 donated for our first two months in our association with the HelpVets organization. We are looking for your clothing, shoes, books, DVD's & CD's, toiletries and backpack donations.

A big thank you to all of you who have made cash contributions in the Veterans jar on our lounge bar. We will use it to buy new clothing for our homeless veterans! Belinda was back in town but unfortunately for us she went out of town again. It's hard to keep track of that woman most of the time. However, I did find a means whereby we can save some money when we buy the new clothes. If you wish to contribute new shorts, socks, t-shirts or long jeans with waist sizes 32 thru 38, or toiletries, please place them in the green barrel in the lounge.

Because of our new affiliation with HelpVets, and their Wednesday pick-up schedule, we have changed our monthly collection of donated materials we sort, count and bag to the SECOND TUESDAY of Each Month at 1 PM! So our next collection is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 1 PM on the back patio! If you have the time, we would appreciate your help to count and bag items for our veterans.



## ELK OF THE MONTH

November Elks of the Month

I am nominating Pam Wedwaldt and Paul Slater as Co-Elks of the Month for November because of their efforts to bring to fruition our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic. In their positions as member and Chair of the House Committee, they both worked diligently to make the plans come together. Pam did a huge amount of pre-planning and preparation for the event and Paul took over at the event itself and insured everything went off as planned. As a replacement for our ever-popular Night Under the Stars, it turned out to be a very memorable event. Thank you both for all you did to make it happen.



## OUR POET LAUREATE Jim Cox, PER

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November 2020
This month tis time that we elect the propositions deemed correct.
Choose politicians carefully... we cannot later disinfect.

This month we pause to recognize those who served to keep us free... the vets who fought in foreign lands and earned our love and amity.

At end of month, we thank our God for all that he has done for us. He ever guides us on our way while sheltered by His aegis.



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## PER ASSOCIATION

By Gloria Cisneros, PER



October was a quiet month for our Past Exalted Rulers Association. We have been discussing possible fund raisers in the future but unfortunately the current health concerns are throwing a damper on a lot of those plans. We will keep you posted on any developments. Queen of Hearts is still on hold due to the size

restrictions of our Lodge and social distancing issues. Congratulations to all those involved in orchestrating the amazing event for AEA President Rich Botkin and his Lady JoAnn's visitation to our Lodge. It was amazing to see so many of our PER's receive the Charter Member mugs for Catalina Mountain Elks #2815's Twentieth Anniversary! The Past Exalted Ruler's Association wishes you and yours a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

11/4/20 Meatloaf

11/11/20 Swiss Mushroom Chicken

11/18/20 Enchiladas

11/25/20 No Dinner—Happy Thanksgiving



**November Birthdays** 

02 Jerry Bueser, Joshua Kern, 03 Linda Griggs, Patricia Jones, Albert Melvin, 04 Michael Burke, 05 Michael Gusan, 06 Gail Markwell, William Nagel, 07 Frank Navarrete, 09 Gina Crawford, Corrine Peterson, 11 Charles Cowan, James Whalen, 12 Robert Tibor, Rebecca Wilson, 14 Charles Miller, Frank Wiggins, 18 Gary Farnsworth, 19 Frank Fieldhouse, 20 Aldo Burdi, James Perkins, 23 James Ball, Thomas Redd, 24 Sigfrid Danielson, Daniel McGregor, Robert Portelle, 25 Gerald Jones, Edward Metzler, Erle Slagle, Lawrence Wirth, 26 James Carney, 27 Craig Reinhardt, Susan Stahl, Larry Trautman, 30 Dale Fischer.



### AEA President Rich Botkin's Official Visit!



