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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Steve Asp, PER



Hello fellow Elks. Again, I hope this finds you well, healthy and happy. January has been okay at the Lodge as we were able to stay open with no recurring outbreaks of COVID-19. We are doing everything we can to make the Lodge clean and safe for our members. I'm sure you have seen on TV how the airlines are sanitizing the planes using a disinfectant fogger. Well, we have a fogger and the bar stewards are fogging the entire area where people have been every night after closing. Cynthia is also doing some extra cleaning as part of her job. People are wearing masks when they come in and move around. Again, we are trying our best to keep the Lodge a safe environment.

Not much has happened last month to discuss. We did finally have a visit from District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Richard Ross and his lady Cindy on the 14th. This was after several postponements due to COVID issues on his part then on ours. His visit went extremely well and we received outstanding ratings in all categories of the Protocol Checklist. He commented that "ELKDOM is strong at Catalina Mountain" and "Here is a Lodge that Loves Being An Elk". He was very appreciative of how we took care of his wife and granddaughter and was impressed with "an Exceptional Job with the Initiation". Thank you to all the Officers and Committee Chairs who did such a great job during the DD's visit.

Many of you know we have an aluminum can recycling program where you deposit cans in the little trailer sitting beside the POD. We have for years taken the trailer down full of loose cans, but when I recently took a full load down, they indicated they didn't want cans loose. They pointed to a stack of black plastic bags that is the preferred way of delivery. So, thanks to all of you who have been donating your cans, but you don't need to dump your plastic bags anymore. Just throw your bags in the trailer and I will periodically transfer the cans into large plastic bags.



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 Patronskey	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



In mid-January, I attended the Arizona Elks South District Leading Knight clinic. Various committee chairs and district leaders put on a clinic to help guide/advise Leading Knights for their upcoming year as Exalted Ruler. I am excited about the opportunity to become the Exalted Ruler of our wonderful lodge. Nominations for officers will be held at the lodge meeting on February 8th. Voting will be held at the lodge meeting on February 22nd. The February 8th meeting will be led by many of our Past Exalted Rulers; the meeting is typically a fun one. Installation of officers for the new lodge year will be on Saturday, March 27th. Further information about installation and the related festivities will be in next month's Bugle.

The State Elks National Foundation Chair spoke to us about ENF. I have also talked about ENF in past articles this year. When we make donations to ENF above certain per capita thresholds, lodges become eligible for grants to help in our communities. In addition, the Arizona Elks Association receives funding from ENF based upon all Arizona Elk Member donations.

Thanks to our lodge member's generosity, we were able to receive \$8,000 in grants since April 1, 2020. Jan Trudeau's Community Activities article will explain how we used one of our current grants this last month. The lodge also has funds from grant waiting in the wings for a Veteran's Project.

At the state level, ENF supports Scholarships (typically about \$100,000), Arizona Elks Major Projects (\$150,000 in 2020), Veteran's Hospital and Veteran's Home programs, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, and Social Welfare programs. ENF financial support of the Arizona Elks Major projects covers overhead meaning Elk donations to AEMP goes 100% to our two State Major Projects (Steele Children's Center and the Youth Camp).

Donating to the Elks National Foundation can be made in several ways. Dues Statements will be arriving sometime in February. The statement will include lines for voluntary deductions for Elks National Foundation, Arizona Elks Major Projects, and lodge funds for the Veteran's Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Bugle Boosters. Please think about supporting our Elk Charities. Another easy way to make donations to ENF is through the Fidelity Club. Members of the Fidelity Club make monthly donations automatically using direct bank account debit or use of credit card. ENF has a plethora of information available at www.elks.org. Registration for the Fidelity club is also on the elks.org website. Arizona Elks Major Projects also has a Diamond Club for members to make automatic monthly donations at www.azelksmp.com.

From the Editor:

We are back on track this month with a full Bugle. While some of the articles are brief, the Lodge is now open and limited activities are being planned.

For you part year residents, remember to change your address with Lodge Secretary Mimi so you will continue to receive the Elks Magazine and Bugle.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

By Mimi Wittenborn

Hello fellow Elks. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Mimi Wittenborn and will be serving as your new secretary. Many thanks to Robin for all her years of service. (Please keep your phone close as I'm sure I will be calling you for help.) We look forward to working with you when you are able.

The new office hours for me are Monday 9:00 – 1:00, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 – 2:00. Other times by appointment, call 825-0893 or email me at bpoe2815@arizonaelks.org.

Please stop in to say Hi, I look forward to meeting and serving you.

I thank you in advance for your patience as I learn the duties of secretary.

Wishing all of you a Happy Valentines Day.

Reminders:

Dues will be due soon. Grand Lodge will be sending out dues statements this year.

If you have not paid your dues for the 2020 – 2021 year, Please do so ASAP. (no penalties) We miss you.

Lodge Stats from Jan 1:

Membership:	460
Newly Initiated:	4
In various stages for membership:	14
Average age:	71.02
Delinquents:	40

February Birthdays

02 Robert Robb, 03 Jim Buell, Laura Nix, 04 Jeffrey Bane, Thomas Gow, Frank Lyons, Cynthia Ford, 06 Scott Chivers, 07 William Garris, Daniel Bradshaw, Gloria Cisneros, 09 Thomas Floyd, Cindy Weiss, 10 Catherine Koenig, 12 Gary Sieverding, 13 Britten White, Rebecca Woodard, 15 Ted Birchard, 16 Henry Erber, Pam Wedwaldt, 17 James Springer, 18 Andrew Averill, Jeff Jorgenson, James Konon, David Peters, 20 Connie Campbell, 21 Jacqueline Hymers, Roy Lovejoy, Steve Shero, 23 Billy Ellis, James Meyers, Bruce Smart, 24 Doyle Arnett, David Bezona, 25 Robert Spears, 26 James Biestek, Gerald Donaldson, 27 Ellsworth Hanson, 28 Linda Richeal

LODGE ACTIVITIES

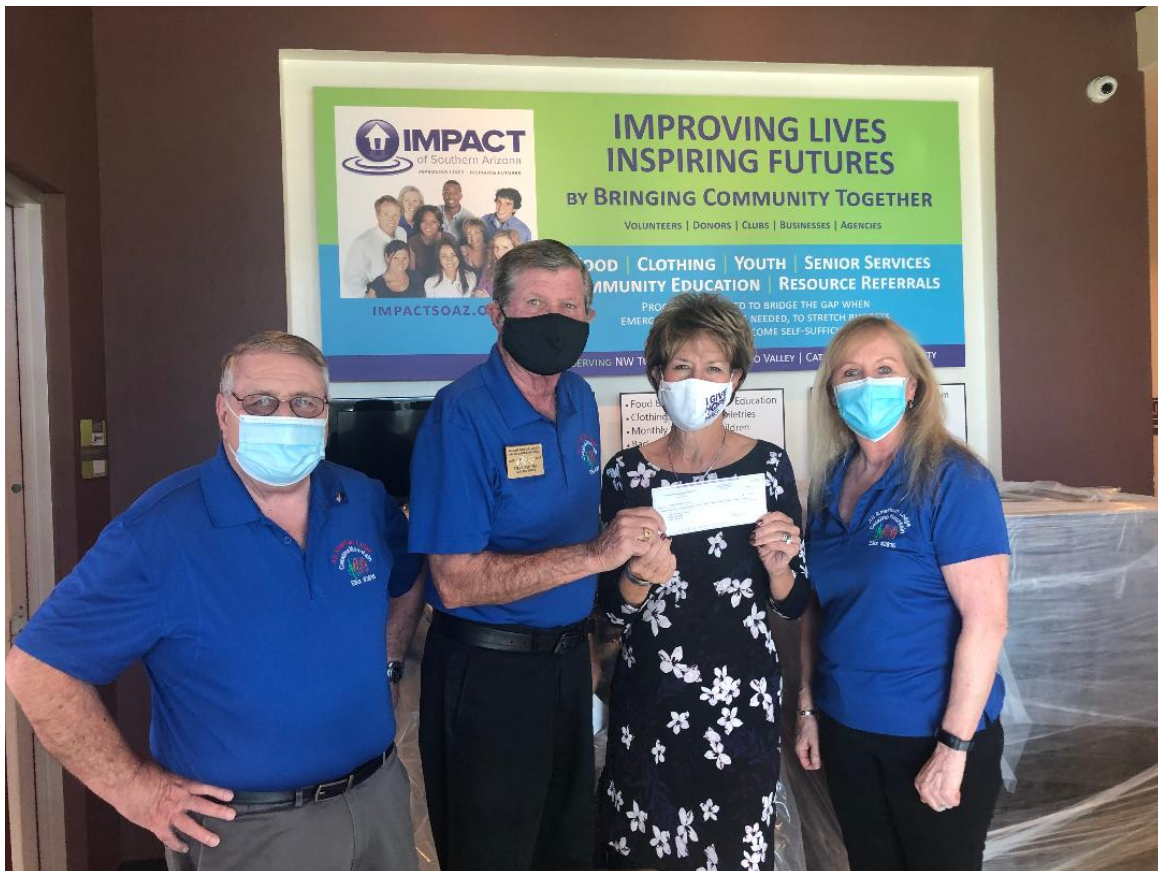
By Jan Trudeau



Happy February! While we're not fully opened up like we'd prefer, we still have a few activities you may want to join in on. We start with Bingo on Saturday February 6th at 2 PM. Come check it out as you can be socially distant in the lodge room, and maybe you'll even win! For sure you'll have fun. Super Bowl is on Sunday February 7th. We're having a potluck where someone will serve up the goodies for you. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge if you want to contribute to the feast. The fun starts at around 3 PM. Kick-off is around 4:30. See you here. Valentine's Day is Sunday February 14th. We don't have anything special planned for that day, but you can join us if you wish. Anyway, Happy Valentines Day. Monday February 15th is President's Day and we'll be putting the flags up on Oracle Rd. They go up at 7 AM, and come down at 5 PM. Please come and help out. That's all for now.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our awesome grant writer-Jack Baillergeon applied for a Beacon grant from our grand lodge, and we got it! It was a \$3500.00 one and we gave a check directly to Impact of Southern Arizona to purchase peanut butter and cereal. This amount of food will help fill their pantry shelves with much needed staples to feed local families in need. Usually, this type of grant involves "Elks in Action", but due to the pandemic, we were forced to donate our gift in a different way. Pictured here delivering the check are Jack Baillergeon-PER, Steve Asp-ER, Barbara McClure-Impact Executive Director and fellow Elk, and Jan Trudeau-Community Activities.



VETERANS COMMITTEE

By Robert Kielsa, PER / Belinda Waller



February 2021

Veterans Report

Bob Kielsa

I'm very happy to report, after two HelpVets pickups in January, our veteran donations for this lodge, as of January 27th are \$53,847.

Because the lodge has been shut down we had a huge amount of clothes in the Vet Pod for donation. We had planned to have "two" vet counts in January to clean out the pods but we had no idea how much we had to donate. **We were amazed that we had \$28,881 in those two donations for our veterans. Thank you to all of you who made those donations and also to those who helped empty the pod!**

We have a few bags and boxes in the pod that have to go to the Goose. But other than that we have an empty vet pod! **So if you have a hankering to clean your closets, we have the space in our vet pod to take your donations.**

We still have a need for donations of "NEW" clothing for our vets. We need the basics of 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 this who gave so much to our safety and freedom.



ELK OF THE MONTH

This month we are recognizing three elks who helped clean the lodge while we were closed in December. The recognition is a little late, but no less deserving. Kathy Mikitish and Ricky Etzel removed everything behind the bar. All glassware was washed in the sanitizer, all surfaces were cleaned. Cabinets were emptied, cleaned and organized. Cynthia Ford did the back-breaking work of cleaning grout in the restrooms, kitchen, hallway and bar; Cynthia is also doing a thorough, terminal cleaning of the facilities three times per week. Thank you everyone for helping keep our lodge safe and clean.

OUR POET LAUREATE

Jim Cox, PER

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



A Valentine Fantasy

A beauty smiles with glance askance...
anon he asks to share a dance.
Then Eros' arrows with love fly
and they will never say goodbye.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

By **Paul Slater**



Howdy!

Well 2021 is off to a smooth start, at least for our Elks Lodge. We continue to watch for announcements that may affect our operations, but thankfully for now, it is business as "normal".

I wanted to remind everyone of the cleaning procedures that we have been doing since our reopening. We also have implemented additional cleaning to help provide a safe environment for our members. Thanks to Cynthia Ford for stepping up and agreeing to do a terminal clean every Mon, Wed and Fri!

Looking forward to Superbowl, we will have our traditional Pot Luck (sign up sheet will be posted in the lounge) and plenty of distant seating in the lodge room to help accommodate everyone in a safe manner.

This month's shout out goes to Marie, our Bartender and Chef extraordinaire! She continues to amaze all those that enjoy her now famous Wednesday dinners! For \$12, there is not a better deal anywhere for a delicious dinner. Make sure that you sign up by Monday before 7pm. You can always call the lodge to get your name on the list. We are still serving the dinners as take-out for the foreseeable future. It is the hard work, like Marie of our members that continue to make our lodge such a great place that we all enjoy.

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**



Greetings All! The first Thursday night Lodge meeting held in February will have Past Exalted Ruler's running the meeting so it sure to be a fun one. This night will also be Officer Nomination night for the 2021-2022 Lodge year. We hope to start running a basket raffle beginning in February along with a separate gun raffle and both will benefit our Scholarship program.

Please watch your email for updates on that. We hope you all have a wonderful month and see you at the Lodge!

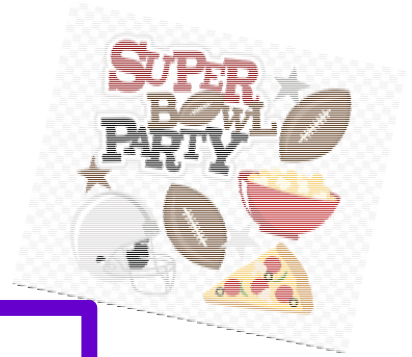


WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

2/03/21	Pork Chops
2/10/21	Beef Bourguignon w/noodles
2/17/21	Bacon Smothered Garlic Chicken
2/24/21	Meatloaf

SUPER BOWL

2021



Sunday
February 7



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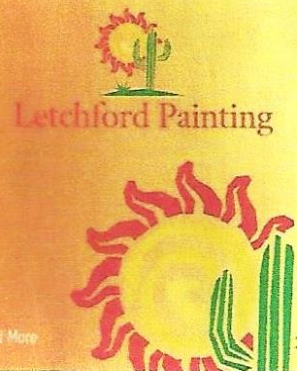
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