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Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler..... Alane Asp Leading KnightMonty Derting Loyal Knight Ron Starjnski Lecturing Knight......Bonnie Mason Secretary..... Mimi Wittenborn TreasurerKathy Hernandez Trustee 1 Year.....Jim Lengel Trustee 2 Year..... Harry Beatty Trustee 3 Year.....Sig Danielson, PER Trustee 4 Year.....Bob Kielsa, PER Trustee 5 Year.....Jack Baillargeon, PDD Tiler..... Marie Starjnski Esquire Steve Asp, PER Chaplain.....Cynthia Ford Inner Guard...... Dan Letchford

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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Office Hours

Monday	9.00-1:00
Tuesday	10:00-2:00
Thursday	10:00-2:00

Exalted Ruler's Message - Alane Asp



This month we've begun seeing more of our winter visitors, including those from other lodges. I am very proud of the friendly atmosphere maintained by our

members. It is impressive to see everyone greet and visit with returning snowbird Elks or visiting Elks from other lodges.

January was another busy month at the Lodge. We conducted the annual Hoop Shoot contest at Coronado School on January 15th. We had three kids participate and all had a great time! Billy Ramos and Dylan Navarro represented our Lodge at the District Shoot on January 22nd held at the Boys and Girls Club in Tucson.

I was very impressed with the support our first annual Hot Toddy Trot received; we had about 40 members enjoying a very fun morning. The event raised more than \$900 for Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP). This event required many volunteers—from PER Gloria Cisneros and Tiler Marie Starinski who organized the event, to Larry and Mimi Wittenborn who shopped and cooked, and all the volunteers at the various poker stops. We can all look forward to

this becoming an annual event.

Arizona Elks Major Projects support the Steele Children's Research Center (Tucson) and the Jack Warter, Jr. Youth Camp (White Mountains). Since 1992, Arizona Elks have donated \$6+ million to the Steele Children's Center. On February 12th, we are hosting our third annual Have a Heart fundraiser for AEMP. Lisa Chavez is planning a terrific evening which will feature a guest speaker who will educate us about the Steele Children's Center, as well as a dinner, raffles, and live music. Please help us support this worthwhile charity.

The February Lodge meetings are very important for the next fiscal Lodge year. The meeting on the 10th will be run by our Past Exalted Rulers. It is always fun to see them in our places. The most important agenda item for this meeting is the nomination of officers for 2022-23 Lodge year. Any member may make a nomination. At the February 24th meeting, the election of officers will occur. If you haven't been to a Lodge meeting in a while, join us to learn firsthand about the operations of our Lodge. Please read the rest of the Bugle for full details of all our activities, including charitable works and social opportunities.



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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 Patronsky	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
Affiliated PERs in Italic	



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	Harry Beatty
	Kathy Buell
	Doug Harpold, PER
	Jim Buell, PDDGER
Building Committee S	teve 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	Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER
Investigation Coordinator	Monty Derting
	Jan Trudeau
Major Project Coordinator.	Lisa Chavez
	Steve Asp, PER
Memorial Day Service Coor	dinator Doug Harpold, PER
	Steve Asp, PER
	Gail Baillargeon
Public Relations Coordinato	rJim Beregi
Ritualistic Comm. Chairs	Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER &
	Neal Patronsky, PER
Scholarship Chair	Roger Mastro
Sickness & Distress	Kathy Mikitish & Betty Cook
Soccer Shoot	Lisa Chavez
Special Olympics	Kathryn Aitchison
Standing Relief Committee.	Monty Derting
	Doug Harpold
Veterans Services	Belinda Waller & Bob Kielsa
	Lisa Chavez
Webmaster & Email Coordin	natorJim Beregi

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Leading Knight - Monty Derting



Hey y'all. Greetings to all of our Elks families! As always, I hope everyone is doing well. As Leading Knight, my year is rounding out to a close. I'm still amazed at all of the Charitable work that we do here at our Lodge. It's just simply incredible when you sit and look back at it all and try to add up all our accomplishments—it's

almost overwhelming. Great job to all those who have organized all of our various fundraising events, to all of the wonderful volunteers who have helped pull off these events, and to all the great Members who have contributed so much to assist those in need.

The latest event, spearheaded by **Gloria Cisneros** and **Marie Starjnski**, was the *Poker Trot* to benefit the *Arizona Elks Major Projects*. I wasn't able to attend, but I know there were numerous volunteers to help out, such as **Larry Wittenborn** who cooked up a pancake breakfast for all. Great fun was had and \$917 was raised for the Major Projects. Great job all!!

Also of note is our Saturday *Dart Tournament*. This is a great fun time, run by **Jim Roberts**. This event has already produced close to \$500 for our various charities. Great job again! Thanks again to all of our wonderful Elks.

Elks of the Month

PER Gloria Cisneros and Tiler Marie Starjnski are two Elks who are always laughing, smiling, and coming up with great ideas for social activities for our members. Most recently, these two not only came up with the idea for the Hot Toddy Trot, but also planned it, found prizes for the winning poker hand, and raised more than \$900 for Arizona Elks Major Projects. In addition to her offerings of fun in the Lounge, Gloria is always there for soccer shoots, hoop shoots, Elk ceremonies, and is very supportive of our Lodge officers. Over the holidays, Marie came up with the selection of 12 Days of Christmas Drink Specials; she also makes a lot of Jello for our patrons; and is the candidate for the ritual team.

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



Hello from the Secretary's desk.

It's hard to believe January is over. WOW! Only two more months of this fiscal year. So that means dues notices will be coming soon. Grand Lodge has raised their assessment by \$5, so you will see a raise in

the amount due. For those of you who have not yet paid your 2021-22 dues, you will be dropped from membership on March 30. Please, if you wish to keep your membership get those dues in now! Thanks.

Lodge Stats Year-To-Date

Membership to Date	557
Candidates in Process	6
Pending Transfers	3
Life Members	73
Delinquents	25
Average Age	70

Something to Think About

While the Doctor might not prescribe it, the ability to find humor in our situation is key for maintaining sanity, patience, and peace of mind.







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House Committee - Paul Slater



Howdy!

I hope everyone is off to a great start in 2022! February will be another fun month with the *Have a Heart Ball* to support the great work the Elks do for the *Steele Children's Hospital*. **Lisa Chavez** always does an amazing job in

coordinating this event. We will also have lots of fun activities planned for the *Super Bowl*, so you will want to plan on getting to the Lodge early to grab a seat, as they always fill up fast. There will be games, lots of food via a Pot Luck and, as always, fun cheering on the teams.

This month's shoutout goes to **Marie Starjinski!** Marie has stepped up to help cover Wednesday dinners for Cindy as

she heals from her bad fall. On top of that, she and **Gloria** held a fun event to benefit Major Projects with the *Hot Toddy Trot*.

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 open to our members. We meet the first Thursday of the 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 pslates1987@gmail.com or phone (520) 268.2375

Take care,



Veterans Committee - Bob Kielsa, PER & Belinda Waller





As of 1/20/2022 our total non-cash used clothing donation is \$136,774. Our cash donations, for buying new warm clothes and food, total \$6,296. So, for our lodge year-to-date, total donations for our Veterans is \$143,070.

As our weather changes to cooler temperatures, our *Homeless Vets* need warmer clothes. **The HelpVets Veterans organization takes our used clothing (\$136,774).** So sweatshirts, jackets or heavy shirts, along with any other used clothing that you can donate would be very helpful.

The VA Campus, only accepts new clothes and food (\$6,296). 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 and 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!



Bob Kielsa and Alane Asp delivered over \$1,200 of food and new clothing to the Homeless Veterans program at the VA.

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Past Exalted Ruler Association - Steve Asp, PERA President



I hope you all had a happy New Year's celebration and are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2022. Strangely enough, the PERA had no requests for funding last month. There is usually a charitable cause that can use our financial help. In case you might be wondering how we are able to help causes, the answer is the *Queen of Hearts*

game. The PERA started the games several years ago as a fundraiser. It was determined at the outset that 25% of the ticket sales would go into our fund, the rest would go to the prize pot. Of that 25%, 15% was mandated to be spent on charitable causes, and the remaining 10% could be spent on Lodge issues. That's how we were able to donate to things like the food bank at *IMPACT of Southern* AZ, the *Adopt-a-Family* program, and gift cards for patients at the *Steele Children's Center*. It's also how we

could help with the Lodge beatification program by purchasing "Elliot," our new Elk statue.

The current Queen of Hearts game started at the end of June with a carryover pot of \$5,684.95, since the last game's winner wasn't present for the drawing and received only half of that pot. As of this writing, the cards are half gone with 27 remaining. Winnings of the current game to date have in all totaled \$8,855.34—with five winners selecting percentage of the pot cards, four winning more than \$1,000, and one winning almost \$900. The current pot has grown to \$12,619.67. Of those 27 cards left, there are still three percentage cards left: two Aces each totaling 10% of the pot and one Queen at 15%. We're hoping the game continues for while longer and the pot grows even larger. Come on out on Friday night and join the fun!

Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau



LODGE ACTIVITIES

Hello February!!

Our first annual *Hot Toddy Trot* on January 15th was fantastic! We all had so much fun looking for a good poker hand and raising money for *Arizona Elks Major Projects*. Thanks **Gloria**, **Marie** and all the **volunteers** who helped make

this event such a success. I look forward to doing it again next year.

In February we've got some fun activities for you. Starting with *Bingo* on Saturday, February 5th and, again, on Saturday the 19th. Both games start at 2 pm. Come join in on the fun. *Texas Hold 'Em* card games are moving to Sundays, since football is almost over. *Poker* is scheduled for Sunday, February 6th and again on Sunday the 20th. Games start at 1:30. Please sign up in the Lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Speaking of football, the last game of the season—*Super Bowl*—is on Sunday, February 13th. We're having a party that day, a potluck, and games. Come join us. The fun starts at 3:30. The game starts around 4:30. There is a sign-up sheet for the potluck.

Our Have A Heart fundraiser is happening on Saturday,

February 12th. Come out for dinner, raffles, and music. Cocktails at 5:00, a guest speaker at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, and music from 7:00 to 9:00. The cost is \$25.00 per person. This event benefits the *Arizona Elks Major Projects* fund.

Taco Tuesday will be on the 8th from 4:30 to 6:00. Wednesday dinners are still here. We serve around 5 pm, and you may eat in-house or take the meal to go. Please sign up by the Monday before so we can shop and prepare the meals for you. There is a Dart Tournament on most Saturdays at 4 pm. This month they will be on the 5th, 19th and 26th. Come check it out. Flags will be flown on Monday, February 21st, in honor of Presidents Day. Flags go up at 7 am, and come down at 5 pm.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our Lodge received a check from *Arizona Elks Major Projects* that is going to be used for displaced, unhoused, or foster care teenagers. The \$1,000 check will be used to purchase items such as blankets, gift cards, goody bags, and warm hats and gloves. This program is administered through our local food bank, *Impact of Southern Arizona*. What a worthwhile project!



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Candid Photos—Taken During Queen of Hearts & Wednesday Night Dinner





Hot Toddy Trot - Ring Toss - January 15









Hoop Shoot - Winners & Volunteers



Billy Ramos - Winner 8-9 Age Group



Dylan Navarro - Winner 10-11 Age Group







Catalina Mountain Elks-Major Projects We Invite You To Our 3rd Annual Have-A-Heart Fundraiser



Come on out February 12th

For Dinner, Raffles, Music,







5:00 Cocktails 5:30 Guest Speaker 6:00 Dinner 7:00-9:00 Live Music



Your Support of Catalina Mountain Elks Major Projects benefits The Steele Children's Research Center

Since 1992 the Arizona Elks Major Projects began their incredible commitment to the work of the Steele Children's Research Center. Raising between \$200,000 and \$300,000 each year, the Elks have made a significant difference in children's health—raising more than \$6.3 million for the Steele Center. In 2012, the Arizona Elks made a commitment to raise \$2.5 million over the next 10 years. \$1 million will support basic science research in autoimmune diseases such as type 1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease and celiac disease. In addition, funds will support translating this basic science through research studies at the Steele Center in Phoenix.

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February Birthdays

3 Jim Buell 3 Laura Nix 4 Jeffrey Bane 4 Cynthia Ford 4 Thomas Gow 4 Frank Lyons 6 David Carrano **6 Scott Chivers** 8 Dan Bradshaw 8 Gloria Cisneros 9 Thomas Floyd 9 Cindy Weiss 10 Catherine Koenig 12 Gary Sieverding 13 Brittan White 13 Rebecca Woodard 15 Ted Birchard 16 Henry Erber

16 Pamela Wedwaldt

17 James Springer 18 Andrew Averill 18 Jeff Jorgenson 18 James Konon 18 David Peters 19 Marguerite Sallet 21 Jacqueline Hymers 21 Roy Lovejoy 21 Steve Shero 23 Billy Ellis 23 James Meyers 23 Bruce Smart 24 Doyle Arnett 24 David Bezona 25 Robert Spears 26 James Biestek 26 Gerald Donaldson 27 Ellsworth Hanson 28 Linda Richeal

Wednesday Dinner Menu

Feb 2nd King Ranch Casserole Bacon/Pea Salad Mexican Chicken Soup Dessert

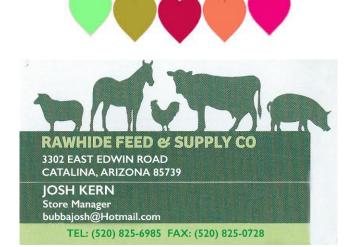
Feb 9th Mississippi Pot Roast Mashed potatoes Mixed vegetables Minestrone Soup Dessert Feb 16th
Shrimp Scampi
Salad
Garlic Bread
Seafood Chowder
Dessert

Feb 23rd Chicken Piccata w/capers Green bean almondine, garlic bread, Ham and lentil soup Dessert

Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox







Valentine Thought

A friend is what

The heart needs

All the time.

Henry Van Dyke





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