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Steve Asp, PER
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#### **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

#### Catalina Elks Lodge 2815

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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



I hope everyone had a festive and wonderful holiday season. Steve and I sure did, we spent the afternoon of Christmas Eve at the Lodge serving soup and grilled cheese

sandwiches. I hope everyone who came had a good time. Christmas Day was spent with brother Bob Asp and Cinda and cousins Tim and Julie Asp.

Thank you to **Betty and Lee Cook** for decorating the Lodge. This made for a festive atmosphere for our Christmas Secret Santa Party. Some pictures are included. The potluck food was incredible. Everyone really upped their game. Thank you to **Christine Sullivan, Belinda Waller** and Jim and Peg Lengel for donating prizes for the Secret Santa raffle; the raffle yielded approximately \$600 for the Children's Shopping Spree.

Joyce Garcia and Brigid Lach did a wonderful job coordinating the Children's Shopping Spree on December 11th. Bobby Hurt was the photographer for the day, and many great Elks came and shopped with the cute kids. All who participated had a great time. Each child received about \$140 in

clothing, a toy from Santa, and snacks on the bus.

Every year the **Veterans Committee** is asked to shop for Vets living at the Arizona State Veterans Home on the VA Campus. Belinda and Les Waller spearheaded this effort. In total, we provided Christmas gifts for about 30 Veterans living in the home.

On December 7th, our new elk statue was delivered and is housed by the front door of the building. Bonnie Mason has named him Elliott. Thank you to JB Construction for donating the fencing materials for Elliott, he should not wander off but be safe from incoming traffic. An official ceremony to welcome Elliott and dedicate him to all Veterans will be scheduled in the future; we are waiting for the commemoration stone and rock work to be completed.

The building beautification efforts are moving ahead, but we've hit some delivery snags with the roofing materials; some temporary changes will be made to improve the appearance. New signage and "curb appeal" along Oracle are in the planning stages.

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## The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle - January 2022

## **Past Exalted Rulers**

Donald Denman	1969-70
Jim Gillis*	
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	
Lee Cook, PDDGER	2008-09
Larry Megahan	2009-10
Richard Esparza	
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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## **Committees**

	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
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	Steve Asp, PER
	Gail Baillargeon
<b>Public Relations Coordinato</b>	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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## **Exalted Ruler's Message (continued)**

The Hoop Shoot has been rescheduled to 8:00 am January 8th in the gymnasium at Coronado School for youth aged 8 to 13. We need volunteers to score, register, line judge, and retrieve basketballs. If interested, please contact me at alaneasp@hotmail.com or (520) 360-7124. Our first Annual Hot Toddy Trot will be held January 15th at 9:00 am and is expected to be a lot of fun. This event will include breakfast, a brisk (or not so brisk) walk around the parking lot to various stations. At each station, participants will receive a playing card. The winner of the poker hand will receive prizes. The event will benefit Arizona Elks Major Projects.

Please see the enclosed Lodge calendar for all the additional activities planned in January.

## **Leading Knight - Monty Derting**



Hey y'all. I hope all of our Elks families are doing well. By the time you see this the holidays will be over. I hope everyone had great times and are safe and sound. It's great to be able to see our friends and Elks family at the Lodge again and having fun, as well as to be able to share stories and talk about so many of our future plans and

hopes and dreams for our Lodge.

For me, this is a time of reflection. I think back through this past year and some of the adversity that some of us have gone through. I then look at all of the support our Elks family has just given forth to those who may have needed a helping hand, a kind word, or a phone call just to see how they're doing.

I then reflect on all of the work and devotion that we have done this past year to help out our community, support our Veterans, support our Arizona Elks Major Projects, contribute to the Elks National Foundation, and countless other things we do that sometimes we just don't even think about.

I don't have to say let's keep up the good work, because this is what the Elks have been doing for more then 150 years. This what our members have always done and will always do.

Thank you all for all of your devotion and good works!!!

## Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



Hello from the Secretary's desk!

It's hard to believe 2021 is over! Hope everyone had a great Christmas / Holiday Season.

I guess there was a "typo" on the number of candidates listed last month. It showed 67

(wish that was correct) but actually we had 6 (six). Sorry for any confusion.

I do want to let you know that we now have notary service available in the office during regular hours or by appointment.

#### **Lodge Stats Year-To-Date**

Membership to Date	562
Candidates in Process	1
Life Members	75
Delinquents	28
Average Age	70

#### **Something to Think About**

"To the old, long life and treasure; to the young, all health and pleasure."

-Ben Jonson

"You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's no limit to what you can do."

-Dr. Seuss

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!







#### **House Committee - Paul Slater**



Howdy!

I trust that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and are getting ready for New Years and 2022.

December will be a fun and busy month.

Make sure you check out Jan's article for all

of the fun activities that we have planned this month.

What a great month of December! We had a lot of fun with our various events. If you missed out, don't worry, the **House Committee** is busy working on more fun events!

You will want to keep an eye out for the Have a Heart Ball in February to support the great work the Elks do at 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 Potluck and. as always, fun cheering on the teams.

This month's shoutout goes to **Kathy Mikitish**!! Kathy has been so helpful stepping up to help when we have vacations, events, or a busy night. All this on top of her great personality and service on her regularly scheduled nights. Kathy, along with our other amazing bar stewards, always make our Lounge the most fun and best place to be with friends, any day!

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, paul



## Veterans Committee - Bob Kielsa, PER & Belinda Waller





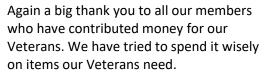
I'm again very happy to report that as of 12/20/21, our Veterans donations have totaled \$123,822 for our Lodge year! Included in our total donation is \$4,129 for new warm clothes and food for our homeless veterans.

As our season changes to cooler temperatures, our Homeless Vets will need warmer clothes. We use *The HelpVets veteran organization* to take our used clothing. So, used sweatshirts, jackets or heavy shirts, along with any other used clothing that you can donate would be very helpful.

Because of the COVID 19 protocol instituted at **the VA Campus, only new clothes will be accepted.** 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 or drop it off in the green barrel in the lounge.





I also have to again give a BIG thank you to our Mud Girls for running in a 3-mile charity mud race! The result, when all pledges were paid, totaled \$6,291 for the Veterans Account. If you get a chance, thank Gloria Cisneros, Mandy Wittenborn, Marie Starjnski, Vicky Harpold, Cheley Krivanek, Tracy Vanoni, DeeAnn Emmons and Becca Rossi for their efforts to support our Homeless Veterans!

I hope you all had a fun, healthy and happy holidays. God bless, and from the Veterans Committee we wish you all a joyful, healthy, and happy 2022 New Year!



## Past Exalted Ruler Association - Steve Asp, PERA President



The PERA did not have a lot of activity last month. We did donate \$500 to Jan Trudeau's Adopt-A -Family at Christmas program through Impact of Southern Arizona. After the Memorial Service last month, a fried chicken lunch was served which the PERA picked up the tab for.

The elk statue which I told you about previously, has been delivered and is now on display in front of the Lodge. It looks great enclosed in a wrought iron fence. If you haven't seen it, you should come check it out.

The Queen of Hearts game, which was postponed on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, is still going strong with one more percentage cards available, along with the Queen. The pot now stands at more than \$11,000, and the Friday night crowds are getting larger. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and looking forward to a great New Year.



Pictured left-to-right: PDDGER Jack Baillargeon, Inner Guard Dan Letchford, PER Steve Asp, ER Alane Asp, Lecturing Knight Bonnie Mason, Past Inner Guard Larry Wittenborn, Secretary Mimi Wittenborn, Leading Knight Monty Derting.

## **Christmas Gifts for Veterans**

Belinda Waller, Veterans Committee Co-Chair, Alane Asp, and Steve Asp, delivered Christmas gifts for 28 Veterans at the *Arizona State Veterans Home* in Tucson.



## Elk of the Month

Ron Starjnski, Loyal Knight, is our Elk of the Month. Recently, Ron acquired and installed patio lights for the dart players, tarps to help keep some of the cold out of the patio and installed the new lights over the bar in the lounge. Ron also built the popular "Elk Wheel of Fortune". He is always willing to fix or install things for the lodge which saves us from hiring work out. Ron is quick to smile and laugh and cheerfully fulfills his duties as a member of the board of directors.





## **Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau**



#### **LODGE ACTIVITIES**

Hello 2022!! I can't believe it's time to say goodbye to 2021. Coming into the new year we have some activities for you. We'll have *Bingo* on Saturday January 1st and, again, on Saturday the 15th. Both games start at 2:00 pm. Come join us for some fun. *Texas Hold 'Em* card games are

scheduled for Saturday, January 8th and again on Saturday the 22nd. The fun starts at 1:30 pm. Please sign up in the

Lounge so we know how many tables to set up. The first annual Hot Toddy and Poker Walk is happening on Saturday the 15th. Registration is at 9:00 am; the Walk starts at 9:30. We'll have 5 stops for you to gather your best poker hand right here on our property. There will be an awesome pancake breakfast following the Walk. There will be lots of fun, laughs, and prizes too! Sign up in the lounge, and please pay when you sign up. The entry fees will be donated to the Arizona Elks Major Projects fund. Included in the cost is a choice of a Hot Toddy or Bloody Mary. Registration deadline is January 10th.

This month the flags will be posted on Monday, January 17th in honor of *Martin Luther King, Jr.* Day. Please come help: flag raising is at 7 am , and flag lowering and folding at 5 pm.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Our Lodge is so awesome! We "adopted" 20 children this year through our local food bank—*Impact of Southern Arizona*. Through your generous donations and with some



Pictured left-to-right: Jan Trudeau, Activities Chair; Impact employees Sue Dowler and Michele Santorelli

Taco Tuesday will be on the 11th this month, from 4:30 to 6:00. We still have Wednesday dinners to take out or to eat in. Please sign up by the previous Monday. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Join us for some awesome eats. You'll find the menus on the calendar and in the Bugle, too. Football is still around for the month of January. The Lounge opens at 11 am for your viewing pleasure. Come cheer on your favorite team. Marie makes an awesome Bloody Mary, by the way!

help from the PERA, we purchased toys, art supplies, and clothing for each of these kids. We spent \$75.00 per child. Each received at least 5 gifts to open for Christmas. Here is a photo of me delivering the "loot" to Impact employees Sue Dowler and Michele Santorelli. Thank you to all who helped make this Christmas a little brighter for some of our less fortunate neighbors.



## Sloth Walk - Saturday, December 18



Seven Elks braved the early morning cold temperatures to complete a 5K walk. It was part of the Run, Run Rudolph event. We had matching T-shirts and we were named Team Sloth. Way to go Ron, Marie, Jan, Sherry, Gloria, Pam, and Debra.

## Secret Santa Potluck - Saturday, December 4







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## **Clothe-A-Child Shopping Spree - December 11**





## **January Birthdays**

## 1 Stanley Killinger 1 Denise Sandoval 1 Paul Schmidt 1 Philip Silensky 2 Dominic Borland 3 Joseph Frank 4 Stephen Dennison 4 John Wohner 5 Edward Clarke 5 Cayetano Ronguillo 7 Frank Fenton 7 Lanny Larson 7 Keith Pierpont 7 Ronald Williams 9 John Nanosky 10 Sergio Salazar

11 Sharon Miller

12 Ronald Anderson

12 Janice Bockhorn

13 Nick Giordano

16 David Brunk
17 Lamont McConnell
18 Cheryl Anderson
18 Larry Nelson
19 Rick Murray
19 Albert Peterson
19 Dustin Roberts
21 Walter Saczawa
21 Charles West
21 Bob Willing
22 James Powers
23 John Trapp
25 Jorden Grimm

25 Justen Grimm

25 William Wyllie

26 Hilary Ring

26 Jane Wright

27 Patrice Ross

29 John Hunsperger

25 Katharine Starjnski

# 14 Nancy McDade 15 Ben Gonzales New Year's & Birthday Thought Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book, write a good one.

— B. Paisley



## **Wednesday Dinner Menu**

Menu	s by
Cindy	Weiss

## Jan 5th Pasta & White Bean Soup Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn

Dessert

#### Jan 12th

Dessert

Chicken Tortilla Soup Chicken Enchiladas Rice Beans

#### Jan 19th

Potato Leek Soup Pork Tenderloin in Bourbon Sauce Roasted Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Dessert

#### Jan 26th

Corn Chowder Stuffed Bell Peppers w/ Rice & Meat Broccoli Mixed Green Salad Dessert

#### Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



#### The New Year

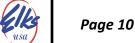
Ensure last year does not return, but from it there is much to learn.

Choose leaders well, and note each deed. . . unseat them if they but impede.

Mistakes were made, let's quickly solve, for then our nation can evolve.











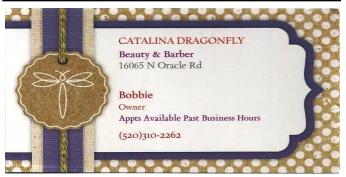


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**Brad Kielsa** 

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### January

- 8 Hoop Shoot Coronado High School 8 a
- 15 Hot Toddy Poker Walk Registration 9 a Walk 9:30 a



Peace on Earth

And Kindness to all