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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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Exalted Ruler's Message - Alane Asp



May has been busy so far! Every week things are more like normal. After the latest advice from the CDC, our freedom to move about is returning. I am happy most of us have been vaccinated and have been relieved of many of the mask restrictions.

On May 14th, Steve and I went to Tempe for the Annual Arizona Elks Association Annual Meeting. It was great seeing old friends, meeting my fellow Exalted Rulers, and learning

about activities for this lodge year. Catalina Mountain Lodge was well represented within the Arizona Elks Association: **Al Skorupski**, PSP (Trustee), **Jack Baillargeon**, PDDGER (Vice President South), **Gloria Cisneros**, PER (State Tiler), and I who serves as State Treasurer. Our lodge had a total of ten members in attendance.

Throughout the two-day meeting, awards for lodge year ending March 31, 2021, were made. With the challenging year, awards were

not presented in several categories, but our lodge did win first place in two.

Per Capita giving to the Elks National Foundation was off the charts this year. Although we finished the year with donations of \$15.97 per member, we did not make the top five in the state but did finish first in Division 3



L-R: Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan, Exalted Ruler Alane Asp, Arizona ENF Chair Bruce Van Den Eng.

(membership of 501 to 750). Thank you, ENF Chair **Lee Cook** for spear-heading the effort. Also, thank you to all Catalina Mountain Lodge members for your generous donations. This

generosity will be paid back in Charitable grants to the Lodge this year. While we did not receive an award for membership, we were recognized as one of few lodges with a gain in membership.

We also received a First Place in Division 3 for our Bugle. October, November, and December 2020 Bugles were submitted for judging. Thank you to publisher, **Sig Danielson**, and everyone who

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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

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Exalted Ruler's Message Continued

submitted articles, pictures, flyers, and the calendars. It truly takes team to create a great product.

On May 8th, we held our annual Youth Banquet with nearly 60 members and guests present. While we were not able to host hoop shoot, soccer shoot, or do the poster contest last year, we were able to recognize our Scholars. Lisa Chavez organized and hosted the event. Member Mica Bane made a very inspiring motivational speech. Leading Knight Monty Derting read the Youth Week Proclamation. Larry and Mimi Wittenborn along with Marie Starjnski helped with the food. Also helping were Cindy Weiss and her grandson Joseph.

Our Americanism Essay Contest was conducted at Coronado School in Catalina by Al Peterson. Al and Lucy Suddath selected our winners: Kai Crone, Ryan Luke, Diego Robles, Ymiliania Tarrango, Jonathan Daniel Green, and Mikayla Peck. Loyal Knight Ron Starjnski presented awards to those present.

Roger Mastro, Lodge Scholarship Chair, presented our Most Valuable Students with their \$2,000 Scholarship Award Certificates. Students Riley Johnson, Sydney Enos, Cory Tomkins, Nathan Hernandez, and Trent Oland are a great group of students with very promising futures. They all have big dreams—pilot, aerospace engineering, engineering, Optical Science & Engineering, and Environmental and Sustainable Studies!

Thank you to everyone who made the event a success. Our Elks of the Month were the key players who made our Youth Banquet a success.

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



Hello fellow Elks. I hope all our Elk Moms had a wonderful Mother's Day. The ceremony was very special and the Bingo a lot of fun (even if I didn't win).

It's been a rough year with COVID stopping so many of our activities, but we are finally able to get back to having fun and helping our community. If you are an activity chair and have had an event or planning one, please remember to turn in an activity report. We want Grand Lodge to know we are here and active.

Here I go again, we still have a few of you that have not paid your dues. Please, please, please get those in as soon as possible. You are important to us and to what Elks are and do.

Wishing all the Dads a very happy Father's Day!

Lodge Stats Year To-Date

Membership to Date	547
Candidates in Process.....	10
Life Members.....	80
Delinquents.....	69
Average Age.....	71

Something to think about:

We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

George Bernard Shaw

Leading Knight - Monty Derting



Greetings all! I hope all is well with everyone. I'm happy to report that things are starting to look up at our Lodge. We are pretty much back to normal operations, and there are some fun events in the planning stages to help raise some money for our Charities, so keep your eyes and ears open for the info as it becomes available! We'll have fun getting

back to what Elks do, ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE! One fundraiser going on right now is the Shotgun Raffle. Tickets are available in the Lounge. The Past Exalted Ruler Association is sponsoring this raffle, and the monies will help them with their charities. Although the Pandemic (I'm pretty tired of that word) did its best to shut us down, the

Elks rose above it! Our own Lodge hosted a very nice Youth Awards Ceremony for our local youth. Along with the fun of hosting this great event, we were able to provide some very nice scholarships for some of our deserving youth! Many thanks to those involved in making this happen!! News from the Arizona Elks Association— The Arizona Elks Major Project was able to donate \$450,000 to the Steele Children's Research Center, AND the youth camp is back in full swing! Our volunteers, including some from our own Lodge, have been able to build two new cabins and get everything cleaned up for the season. The Camp is already booked for the entire season, with a waiting list!!!! I will leave you all with this reminder. Elks are B.P.O.E.!!!

Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau



LODGE ACTIVITIES

Can't believe it's already June!! Last month, we had some great times. May 1st was May Day and Derby Day. We sure had fun with all the food and games. Below are a few pics of the "Derby Bonnets." Check out **Larry Wittenborn's!**

The horse race was fun, as was the wheel. More fun times at the Elks.

Things are starting to open up around town. We've got a few fun activities planned for this month, starting with Bingo on Saturday, June 5th. The fun starts at 2 pm. Come join us for some laughs. We have Texas Hold

'Em card games twice this month. The first game is Sunday, June 13th, and the second game is Sunday, June 27th. The games start at 1:30. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up.

Calling all chefs!! In honor of Father's Day, we will have a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, June 19th. Whip up your favorite chili recipe and bring it to the lodge for a chance to beat **Doug Harpold** for the best tasting chili. Tasting will be \$5.00 per person with the proceeds benefitting the Community Activities charity—Adopt a Family at Christmas. The fun begins at 3 pm. We will provide cornbread and chili toppings, too. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for chili makers. Come and enjoy!



We are now serving burgers, dogs, and brats on Friday nights, along with the Queen of Hearts drawing. So, if you come down for the drawing and are hungry, you can purchase one of the mentioned items.

Flag Day is on Monday, June 14th. We are having our traditional ceremony—BUT—it's being held at Vistoso Funeral Home. The program includes our community awards celebrating our Police Officer, Firefighter, and Citizen of the Year. Please join us at **Doug Harpold's** place at 11 am. We are also putting up the flags on Oracle Road. They go up at 7 am and come down at 5 pm.

Looking forward to July, the flags will go up on Oracle Road on Sunday, July 4th—up at 7 AM, and down at 5 pm. The PERs will be hosting an event that day. Please read the PER's article to get all the details.

Community Activities

As mentioned in the Lodge Activities article, the Adopt a Family at Christmas charity will receive the proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off. Please come and have fun, eat some yummy chili, and support this awesome program.

Please continue to support the Queen of Hearts, as many of the proceeds assist us in giving back to our local community in a number of ways.





House Committee - Paul Slater



Howdy!

Well, here we are in June already! I hope that everyone is ready for our summer heat. If you need a place to cool off, our lounge is nicely air conditioned and the drinks are always ice cold!!

We had a lot of fun with the Derby party, and we are looking forward to some other fun events in the near future. Keep an eye out for **Jan Trudeau's** article on Lodge Activities, as well as the lodge website and, of course, the great flyers that **Cheryl Gallegos** creates in the lodge.

As you may have noticed, we are serving food again on Fridays. So if you are hungry, grab a bite and cross your fingers that your QOH ticket is called, at 6:30 pm.

We are also going to have a change in our Wednesday dinners. Starting in July, **Cindy Wiess** will be cooking dinners again. Cindy will cook the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, and **Marie Starjnski** will be cooking on the

2nd and 4th Wednesdays. This will give our members some different choices in meals while still offering great meals at an unbeatable price!

This month's shoutout is going to **Richard Munoz** from MJB Mechanical. He is a lodge member and recently came in to fix our coolers to make sure we keep serving those ice-cold drinks I mentioned earlier. He gave us a great deal, which we always appreciate!!

A second shoutout goes to both bar stewards **Kathy and Ricky**. They both came in early to allow Richard to do his work outside of normal lodge hours. We are so lucky to have great members and outstanding bar stewards that help make our lodge so great!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can always reach out to me via email, at: (pslates1987@gmail.com) or phone (520.268.2375)

Take care,
paul



Mother's Day Ceremony



Bingo After Mother's Day Ceremony

Veterans Committee - Bob Kielsa, PER & Belinda Waller



WOW, I challenged our members to clean their closets and, boy, did they! Take a look at how full the veterans pod was on Friday, May 14th. Well by Wednesday afternoon, May 26th, it will be empty again. All I can say is go for it you closet cleaners! As of Wednesday, May 26th, our yearly total is

\$42,180!

Remember, the pod is not locked, so both you and your neighbors can make a donation anytime. Please make sure all donations are made in strong bags tied at the top to make it easier for us to handle them. Boxes are OK to use (say for books or small items), but please make sure they do not weigh more than 20 pounds.

We still need new clothing like the basic socks, shorts, t-shirts, jeans, 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 those who gave so much to our country's safety and freedom.

Past Exalted Ruler Association - Steve Asp, PERA President



The PERA had a little bit of activity this month. We learned that member **Joyce Garcia** had discovered one of her dictionary schools, Copper Creek Elementary, was displaying an Arizona State flag which was in bad shape.

She bought a new flag for the school, and I

suggested the PERA reimburse her for the personal expense. An email vote of the PERs approved the \$35 reimbursement. That's Joyce and ER **Alane Asp** in the picture at the school office with Administrative Secretary Holly Schadt and Principle Matt Abney.

We also stepped up to the Arizona Elks Association's First Lady's request for gift cards to be given to the older children who are patients at the Steele Children's Research Center. Again, after an email vote, the PERA approved the expense and purchased \$300 in Target gift cards, in \$5 and \$10 denominations, which were delivered at the AEA conference last month.

The shotgun raffle drawing is going to be held on July 4th, and the PERA will sponsor a luncheon at the Lodge prior to the drawing. Burgers, brats, and dogs will be served at noon, with the drawing for the shotgun at 1:00. You will need to sign up for the lunch at the Lodge so we will know

how much food to buy. You will see a flyer announcement in the lounge soon.

I got to participate in the Youth Banquet on May 8th by presenting a PERA Scholarship. We approved a \$1,000 scholarship which was awarded to Clare Salazar, daughter of our member **Jay Salazar**. Clare is attending North Central College in Naperville, IL.

Friday nights at the Lodge are continuing to be fun with

the revival of our Queen of Hearts game. We have been getting a decent size group of members who all seem to be having a good time. The serving of burgers, brats, and dogs have been increasing every week. Plus, with only one decent size win, the pot has grown to more than \$14,000! Come on out enjoy the fun!



L-R: Jay Salazar, Clare Salazar, and PER Steve Asp

PER Association Flag Donation



Presentation of Arizona flag to Copper Creek Elementary school. L-R: Holly Schadt (Admin. Secretary) Joyce Garcia, ER Alane Asp, Principal Matt Abney.



June Birthdays

1 Scott French
 1 Thomas Macango
 2 Jeffery Lindroth
 3 Kathy Buell
 3 James Lengel
 3 Ted Sivalon
 4 Laura Shook
 4 Robert Wilson
 5 Jasmine Wilson
 7 Leonard Meyer
 8 Gerald Gomolla
 8 Sanford Mayer
 8 Kimberly McIlonie

9 Terry Walton
 10 Sandra Thompson
 12 Brian Handley
 12 Thomas Johnson
 12 Brad Messer
 12 Christine Sullivan
 13 Gordon Anderson
 14 Joseph Buda
 14 Charles Schoen
 14 Alfred Skorupski
 15 Michael Ben
 16 Roger Tillison
 17 Michael Bellon

17 Mark Dickerson
 17 John Smith
 17 Robert Workman
 18 Hanna Harpold
 18 Robert Heck
 18 Larry Valverde
 20 Ken Robinson
 21 Paul DeLong
 21 DeeAnn Emmons
 21 Bruce Kelly
 22 Wilbert Behrendsen
 22 Randy Gaston
 22 Ellen Nelson

22 Roland Voth
 24 Sharon Anderson
 24 Darrell Dwyer
 25 Sharon Betts
 25 Jay Casey
 25 Jorge Gomez
 25 Richard Phelps
 27 Barbara McClure
 28 Terry McFadden
 28 Edward Robertson
 28 Mark Watzke
 29 Leroy Cook
 30 Bob Mercer



Birthday Thought

*Years may wrinkle the skin, but
 to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.*

—S. Ullman

Marie's Wednesday - Dinner Menu



June 16th
 Thanksgiving in June!!!
 Turkey, Mashed Pot./Gravy
 Stuffing
 Cranberry Sauce
 Greenbean Casserole
 Pumpkin Pie

Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox, PER



The Summer Bummer
 We just suffered from winds of May...
 our sinuses survived doomsday.
 Now June will come and raise the heat...
 it's best we not from pools far stray.

June 2nd
 Mississippi Pot Roast
 Mashed Potatoes
 Buttered Corn
 Spinach Tortellini Soup
 Strawberry Dessert

June 23
 Pork Roast
 Cheesy Hashbrowns
 Mixed Veggies
 Broccoli Cheese Soup
 Apricot Bars

June 9th
 Swedish Meatballs
 with Noodles
 Broccoli
 Italian Sausage &
 Zucchini Soup
 Pineapple Upside-down
 Cake

June 30th
 Lasagne
 Garlic Bread
 Ceasear salad
 Chicken gnocchi soup
 Lemon cake

 Menus by
 Marie Starjnski

Elks of the Month

Recognition of our outstanding youth would not have been possible without the above-and-beyond efforts of three members: **Al Peterson**, who managed the Essay Contest, evaluated more than 70 submissions. **Roger Mastro**, who worked with our area high schools, evaluated scholarship applications and in all ways managed the Most Valuable Scholarship program for the lodge. **Lisa Chavez**, who built an award program, found helpers and managed the entire banquet for our Youth. Thank you all!

Youth Banquet Award Winners



Scholarship Winners L-R: Riley Johnson, (Alane Asp, Exalted Ruler), Cory Tompkins, Trent Oland, Nathan Hernandez, Sydney Enos, (Roger Mastro, Scholarship Chair)



Essay Group Winners L-R: (Alane Asp, Exalted Ruler), Jonathan Daniel Green, Ryan Luke, Diego Robles, Kai Crone, (Ron Starjnski, Loyal Knight)



Father's Day Chili Cook-off



Saturday June 19 – 3PM



\$5
Taste
Judge
and
Eat



*Hot Prizes for
Best Chili !!*

**Fundraiser: Community Activities
Committee for Donations to Charities
Sign up in the Lodge**

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