

October 2021







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# **Lodge Officers**

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Jim Lengel
Harry Beatty
Sig Danielson, PER
Bob Kielsa, PER
Jack Baillargeon, PDD
Marie Starjnski
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

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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



In September, Elkdom at Catalina Mountain Lodge was alive and well. Our accomplishments are this month's Bugle. We

have honored Patriots Day, POW / MIA Remembrance Day, our Youth, our new members and had a lot of fun.

We went to press before hosting our Soccer Shoot, Pizza Party, and New Member Open House. Next month's Bugle will include some photographs and updates about these events.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Ken Adams, his Esquire Bruce Van Den Eng, and Auditor Jim Smith visited our lodge for the annual inspection. Meetings were very productive. District Deputy Ken's comments about our operations were all very positive. The initiation ritual during the meeting was one of our officers' best of the year.

We had quite a crew cleaning the lodge room, lounge, patio, and patio furniture and everything is spic and span. Thanks to the crew: Gloria Cisneros, Betty Cook, Ricky **Etzel, Cheley Krivanek, Danny** Letchford, Gail Markwell, Bonnie

Mason, Marie Starjnski, Jan Trudeau, Gene Venechanos, and Steve Asp. Dan Bradshaw donated the material and crew to fill in the sink hole on the north side of the highlighted throughout building – special thanks to him. Our lodge has many great members who support us. See our Elk of the Month, Joyce Garcia, who donated the dictionaries for the *Dictionary* Project.

> The Arizona Elks Association midyear convention will be in Tempe on October 15 through 17. The Social Welfare Committee is asking us to bring baskets to raffle; proceeds of the raffle support the annual Clothe -a-Child efforts in the way of grants back to the lodges. If you would like to donate a basket, please call the office or myself. The list of donations goes on..... Tim McKean, AEA First Gentleman, is requesting new underwear and socks for the VA; the green donation bin for these items is located near the front door of the lounge, and finally donations of \$5 and \$10 Target or Walmart gift cards has been requested for the older children at the Steele Children's Center. I will accept cash/check or gift card donations for this project;

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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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#### **Committees**

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	Doug Harpold, PER
	Lee Cook, PDDGER
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	Mike Borah
	Bonnie Mason
	Harry Wedwaldt
	Lee Cook, PDDGER
•	Lisa Chavez
	Paul Slater
	Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER
•	Monty Derting
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	Gail Baillargeon
	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
Training Chair	Doug Harpold
•	Belinda Waller & Bob Kielsa
	Lisa Chavez
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# **Exalted Ruler's Message (continued)**

donations can be left with the bar stewards or mailed to the lodge.

Our lodge will be hosting the *South District Ritual Clinic* at 10 am on October 23rd; ritual judges and coaches from our district will be in attendance as will the State Ritualistic Chair, Al Kayal. The primary focus of the clinic is the initiation ritual. Our officers with **Neal Patronsky** filling in for Ron Starjnski and **Joyce Garcia** as our candidate will be performing the initiation ritual. Judges will be qualified, and instruction will be given to improve initiation ritual.

After other articles went to press, plans for weekly *Dart Tournaments* were finalized. Our new member **Jim Roberts**, will be coordinating the fun event. A flyer has been included with full details. With the cooler evenings, conditions will be excellent for dart fun on the patio.

AEA Vice President North, Roy Haddick and his lady Marsha will be making their official visit to the lodge on October 30th for our *Night Under the Stars* celebration. Officers and committee chairs will be meeting with him in the morning. More information about the event can be found on enclosed flyer and Jan's article.

The most exciting news has been saved for last. **Bonnie Mason**, Lecturing Knight, has been leading a team focused on making some improvements to our lodge. It has been several years since our building was painted and currently it looks like another brown desert building. The building has a new paint color. Other coming improvements will include a new roof over the porch, new signage, and other cosmetic changes. We are also on the hunt for an Elk to be housed in front of the lodge. Once the outdoor projects are complete, we will be focusing attention on refreshing the interior.

# Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn

RECRUIT! RECRUIT! Our Lodge will only remain strong as long as we can add good quality members to our roster. Ask a friend or relative to join today.

Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER
Acting Secretary for Mimi Wittenborn.

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

Membership Total 4/1/2021	542
Initiated	26
Affiliated	
Reinstated	
Total Increases	34
Total Losses	11
Current Membership	565

# **Leading Knight - Monty Derting**



Greetings all! I hope all are doing well. I'm happy to report that Elkdom is alive and well at Catalina Mountain! Our lodge, thanks to the work of our Community Activities Chair Jan Trudeau and the generosity of our membership, we were able to present a very nice check to *Impact* to assist them with their

local food bank. More projects are in the works for the upcoming holidays, so keep your eyes and ears open for for information on how YOU can help out with assisting our less fortunate.

Did I say Holidays? I can't believe they're almost upon us!! This is a time when we, as Elks, need to be especially aware of those in need—our friends, our neighbors, and

sometimes even a phone call to someone you haven't seen in awhile can boost their spirits.

Finally, the Lodge Ritual Team performed the POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday the 17th. ER Alane Asp and her husband PER Steve Asp did an absolutely wonderful job of getting everything set up for a very touching ceremony. Thank you both. We were also honored to have members from Boy Scout Troop #211 to Post the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was just heartwarming to see these young men assist us in this ceremony, as they are the ones who, hopefully, will follow in our footsteps and become our future leaders.

Happy Halloween and stay out of trouble, Ha!



# **Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau**



#### **LODGE ACTIVITIES**

Can you believe it's already October! My how time flies. This month we have a few fun activities for you. It all starts with

Bingo on Saturday, October 2nd. We will host it again on Saturday, October 16th. The fun starts a 2 pm. Come join

us for some laughs. The Texas Hold 'Em card game will be held on Saturday, October 9 and 23 at 1:30. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up.

Our annual Night Under the Stars event will be held on Saturday, October 30th. This awesome night includes dinner catered by Blue Banjo. The entertainment is provided by Clear Country. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 5 pm, and dinner at 6 pm. This year the theme will be a "Masked Ball," meaning no costumes, just a mask. Please see the flyer in the lounge for more information. The cost for all this fun is only

\$45.00 per person. Please pay as you sign up. Seating is limited to 70 people, so sign up early and by October 16th.

Don't forget Football every Sunday, starting at 10:00 am.

We have the NFL package so you can watch all your favorite teams play. On Sunday, October 31st, Marie and IMPROVING LIVES INSPIRING FUTURES BY BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOOD | CLOTHING | YOUTH | SENIOR SERVICES COMMUNITY EDUCATION | RESOURCE REFERRALS

Gloria are planning a Halloween-themed day. It's a potluck—so bring a food item to share. The wheel will be in action as well as a "Spider Egg" hunt. Come join the fun. It starts at 10:00.



#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Community Activities has been busy this past month. We presented a check to Impact of Southern Arizona honoring our first responders on 9/11. We gave them \$815. The

> PERA's gave us \$300, and the rest of the donations were from very generous Elks! Thanks to all who gave to this awesome cause.

We presented a second check to *Impact* for \$6,000!! This check, from Grand Lodge, included two grant awards to our lodge—the Beacon Grant and Gratitude Grant. The Food Bank will use these funds to support the MIM'S program. This program is used to feed at-risk youth during school breaks. We are very proud to assist out local food bank in this way. Thanks to Jack Baillargeon our awesome grant writer for getting these grants for our lodge.



#### House Committee - Paul Slater



Howdy!

Is Fall ever going to get here?!

At least football has started. The lodge opens early on Sundays for the early games. Make sure you come down as **Marie** has some great specials that she is running each Sunday, in addition to the *Wheel of Fortune*!

Please look for the announcements of the monthly events that **Pam** and the **House Committee** are putting together. Obviously, this month is our annual *Night Under the Stars* on October 30. There is a sign-up sheet in the lodge. Please note the event will be limited to the first 70 people that sign up and pay. Food will be provided by Banjo BBQ, and we will have live music once again. The event is planned to be a *Masquerade Party*. Think Mardi Gras or Ball-type masks, NOT Halloween masks??

This month's shoutout goes to **Marie Starjnski** and **Gloria Cisneros**. They are always finding ways to make our lodge a little more fun. This month, they are doing a *Halloween Party* on Sunday, October 31. There will be games and,

of course, how fun will it be to be in costume watching your favorite NFL team!?

Speaking of Marie and Gloria, they along with Mandy Wittenborn, DeeAnn Emmons, and Vicky Harpold will be doing a *Girls Mud Run*. They are looking to raise \$1,500 for our *Veterans*. Please consider supporting them as it is for a great cause!

Last month I mentioned looking for new members for the House Committee. If you are looking to help support the lodge and have a lot of fun along the way, 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 new faces in the upcoming months!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can always reach out to me as follows:

By email to pslates1987@gmail.com By phone at 520.268.2375.

Take care, paul

# **Mud Girls Running for Veterans Fund**

Mud Girls is a group of Elks, Gloria Cisneros, Marie Starjnski, Vicky Harpold, DeAnn Emmons, Mandy Wittenborn, and her friend Becca Rossi. On October 30th, we will be doing a 3-mile race with 17+ mud and water filled obstacles to raise money for the Veterans Fund. The race itself raises funds for breast cancer. Our goal is to reach \$1,500. We will be speaking every Friday night at

the Queen of Hearts to show what and why we are doing this crazy race. Please consider a donation to help us reach our goal! There will be a donation station in the lounge or you can donate directly to one of us. If you would like to check out what we are doing, log on to www.mudgirlrun.us and watch a short video. Thank you!!





# Past Exalted Ruler Association - Steve Asp, PERA President



Last month, our lodge received a request for some supplies for the Health Office at Coronado K-8 school. ER Alane asked if the **PERA** could help with that, and at our August meeting, we authorized a shopping trip to Costco. We had a list of needed supplies

included

bottled water (since all the faucets at the school had been shut down due to COVID), cracker snacks, breakfast bars, and juice. Doug Harpold, Alane and I did the shopping; that's us in the Nurse's Office with over \$200 worth of supplies they requested. They were very appreciative of our efforts.

Stations do not want outside food brought to them, so the lodge made a donation to the Impact of Southern Arizona Food Bank in the name of Golder Ranch Fire District **Firefighters**. The **PERA** contributed \$300 to that cause.

Football season is upon us and the PERA supplies the Lodge TV Football Package to the tune of \$170 per month.

> The PERA also made the lodge annual donation of \$100 to the Arizona Elks Association Leather Fund.

> The Queen of Hearts game is still going strong on Friday nights. Several of the percentage of the pot cards have been picked, which has awarded over \$6,000 to the lucky winners. As of this

writing, there are 5 more percentage cards besides the Queen still available. Even with the amount won already, the pot now stands at almost \$7,000. Friday's are fun and there is food available, so come on out and join us.



The lodge traditionally has observed Patriot's Day by delivering turkey dinners to Fire Stations and the PERA has bought the turkeys in the past. Since COVID, the Fire

#### Elk of the Month

Joyce Garcia has been busy this month delivering dictionaries to third graders at Mesa Verde Elementary School, Harelson School, Immaculate Heart, Copper Creek Elementary School, and Casa Christian School. In total, more than 200 dictionaries were presented. Joyce did not just hand out dictionaries; she went through them with the kids and pointed out the



longest word (1909 letters), the Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution, the solar system, and the keys to Braille and Sign Language. Many schools use the dictionaries as resources for the children throughout the school year.

Joyce has been managing this program for several years; her enthusiasm and love of the kids is unbounding. She is our Elk of the Month!



## **October Birthdays**

1 Scott Moore 3 Mary Aldrich

3 Mary Cartter

3 Charles Kjelland

4 William Hale

4 Frank Sherfy

5 Raymond Clark

5 Keri Craig

5 William Jensen

5 Barbara Ring

7 James Beregi

7 George Gustafson

7 Laverne Jordal

7 William Madara

7 Elwood Mayberry

8 Susan Parker

9 Suzie Aguirre

9 Donald Bowerman

9 Dennis Hampton

9 Mike Orcutt

10 Charles Baldwin

11 Joe Bernicky

11 Stephen Horst

11 Michelle Morris

13 John Errico

14 Stella Esparza

15 Peggy Pearl

16 Art Busby

16 Shellie Sportsman

17 Larry Cruce

17 Linda Fulgenzi

17 Paul Heiser

17 Jan Webster

18 Mary Bergin

18 Paul Schmiedel

18 Kathy Sheehy

18 Harry Wedwaldt

19 Robert Asp

19 Mark Mc Intyre

21 James Bixler

21 Steven Sickinger

22 Wally Ell

22 James Madison

22 Larry Sandoval

23 Ralph Welsh

24 Robert Kuhnau

24 James Latham

24 Steven Thomas

25 Michael Fobell

25 Neil Honn

26 Joyce Abbott

27 Nancy Olson

28 Charles Guerrieri

29 Loyd Cardell

30 Cinda Asp

31 David Dodd

31 Paul Ellis

### **Wednesday Dinner Menu**

Oct 6th

Chicken Enchiladas

Rice & Beans

Chicken Tortilla Soup

Apple Pie

Oct 13th

Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Pots and Gravy

Mixed Veggies

White Bean Chicken Chili

Carrot Cake

Oct 20th

Pot Roast

Potatoes

Carrots

Cheddar Cheese Soup

**Chocolate Pudding** 

Oct 27th

Manicotti

Garlic Bread

Caesar Salad

Chicken Gnocchi Soup

**Cherry Bars** 

Menus by
Marie Starjnski

# **Birthday Humor**

You know you're getting old when your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes, and you aren't wearing any.

— Anon



# **Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox**



The hops that fuel the
dance and beer
can fill your world
with love and cheer.
And that will last and vivify
till kegs run dry or
legs run wry.





# Night Under the Stars



"Masked Ball" Dinner and Dance October 30, 2021 6 pm Dinner







The event begins @ 5pm with hor d'ourves and no host cocktail Arizona Formal Dress requested

> No Costumes Masks only

Seating will be limited to the first 70 to RSVP with the remittance of \$45 per person Sign Up in the Lounge by October 16

Dinner Catered by Blue Banjo

# Arizona Elks Major Projects



2021 YAMAHA **WOLVERINE X4-850** \*trailer included



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

I'm happy to report our Veterans donations, as of 9/23/2021 total \$81,489 for our lodge year! Thank you to all of our members who have donated clothing, new and used, as well as money to help our Veterans!

Arizona Elk conference she will be looking for help from our lodge. Because the Elks are such a big supporter of our Veterans we often are asked by the Vet volunteers for specific items. We have been asked for undershorts and socks this year. We have a green barrel in the lounge for

any donation you wish to make. Cash or checks may be deposited in the Vet jar.

As a reminder, the pod in the parking lot is always unlocked and your men's and women's clothing is always welcome. The As Alane prepares for her trip to the October new Veterans services we use for our



donations also accepts new toiletries and unopened home cleaning supplies. The donations we make may be used by homeless veterans or veteran families transitioning into housing.

# **POW/MIA Ceremony - September 17**





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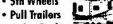


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Eddie Hostetlar August 26



Jim Roberts August 26



Nancy McDade August 26



Kathleen Martin August 26



Julie Brown September 9



Deena Ream-Robinson September 23



Margo Sallet September 23



Jimmy Hennington September 23

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### October

- 2 Dart Tournament, 5pm
- 9 Dart Tournament, 5 pm
- 15-17 AEA Convention, Phoenix
  - 16 Dart Tournament, 5 pm
  - 23 Dart Tournament, 5 pm
  - 30 Night Under the Stars, 5 pm
  - 31 Halloween Party, 1 pm

#### November

6 Golf Tournament: Registration, 7 am Shotgun Start, 8 am