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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

District LeaderJack Baillargeon, PDD
 Mediator..... Vacant

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

Exalted Ruler's Message - Doug Harpold



Well September has arrived and we are back to business as usual at Catalina Mountain. I hope all are well and that nobody has melted over these last couple of really hot months that we have had. We had some pretty nice rains, and they caused a little bit of havoc at the lodge with power outages. Let me tell you that can cause some distress in our hallowed halls!! Going back to July, I need to do a little reporting on the National Grand Lodge Convention that was held in Austin, TX. Vicky and I had a wonderful time meeting and visiting with members from many lodges and many states and learning all of the wonderful things each state does to help their communities. Elks truly are wonderful and dedicated people to the better good of the lodges we represent and the communities we serve. At the convention, there was much talk about membership. Although last year our lodge had a growth in membership, we still need to push for new members to maintain our stability for the future. If you know any good people who you think would make good Elks, please tell

them of all of the wonderful things we as Elks do, the good times we have doing them with other Elks and see if they would be interested in helping us too. At the convention we also had to vote on many new lodge resolutions. I am not going to mention much of what we voted on, because most of it was just changing word usage or didn't affect general members.

The other big part of the convention was the installation of our new officers including our DDGER Barry Carlile from Sierra Vista Lodge and our new Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer. Welcome and congratulations to the both of them, and many wishes for a successful year!!!

Now, on to the business of our lodge. On September 21st we will be having a visit from our First Vice President Rocky Davis and his Lady Bonnie. Our meeting with Rocky will begin around 3:00 PM and will be followed by a Spaghetti Western meal with entertainment. Please come out to the lodge for both events and show Rocky and Bonnie what a great group of people we are. It is always impressive for our visiting dignitaries to see a good show of support for the lodge.

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Past Exalted Rulers

<i>Donald Denman*</i> 1969-70	<i>Jim Buell</i> , PDDGER 2005-06	Steve Asp 2017-18
<i>Jim Gillis*</i> 1982-83	Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER 2006-07	<i>Glen Robinson</i> 2017-18
<i>Dave Webster*</i> 1987-88	Sig Danielson 2007-08	Robert Kielsa 2018-19
<i>Ralph Welsh</i> 1989-90	Lee Cook, PDDGER 2008-09	Gloria Cisneros 2019-20
<i>Al Skorupski</i> , PSP 1993-94	Larry Megahan 2009-10	Steve Asp, PDDGER 2020-21
<i>Charles Dugas*</i> 1999-00	Richard Esparza 2010-11	Alane Asp 2021-22
Bill McLane* 2000-01	Thomas Wilson 2011-12	Monty Derting 2022-23
Victor Garcia* 2001-02	Earnest Cruce 2012-13	Ron Starjnski 2023-24
Kathy Anderson 2002-03	Robin Danielson 2013-14	
Neal Patronskey 2003-04	Gloria Cisneros 2014-15	
Frank Fieldhouse, PDDGER ... 2004-05	Doug Harpold 2015-16	
Jim Cox 2005-06	Sig Danielson 2016-17	

Affiliated PERs in Italic
Deceased *

Committees

Accident Prevention Paul Slater	Investigation Coordinator Deborah Derting
Americanism Al Peterson	Lodge Activities Jan Trudeau & Pam Wedwaldt
Auditing Chair Larry Valverde	Major Project Coordinator Lisa Chavez
Blood Drive Coordinator Doug Harpold, PER	Membership Mimi Wittenborn
Bugle Editor Jim Buell, PDDGER	Memorial Day Service Coordinator Doug Harpold, PER
Building Committee Ron Starjnski, PER	PER Association Ron Starjnski, PER
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Community Activities Jan Trudeau	Public Relations Chair Ellen Fitzgerald
Dictionary Project Cindy LeFaive	Ritualistic Comm. Chairs Jack Baillargeon, PDD; Al Skorupski, PSP; & Neal Patronskey, PER
Drug Awareness Len Meyer	Scholarship Chair Lyn Moreno & Patricia Rourke
Elks Memorial Day Service Doug Harpold, PER	Sickness & Distress Betty Cook
Elks National Foundation Ron Starjnski, PER	Soccer Shoot Vacant
Flag Day Coordinator Doug Harpold, PER	Special Olympics Kathryn Aitchison
Flag Display Chair Walt Ahlstrom	Standing Relief Committee Paul Slater
Fraternal Committee Larry Wittenborn	Training Chair Doug Harpold, PER
Golf Tournament Al Peterson	Veterans Services Bob Kielsa, PER
Government Relations Al Skorupski, PSP	Youth Activities Vacant
Hoop Shoot Vacant	Webmaster & Email Coordinator Ellen Fitzgerald
House Committee Alane Asp, PER & Pam Wedwaldt	
Orientation Coordinator Alane Asp, PER	

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Exalted Ruler - Continued

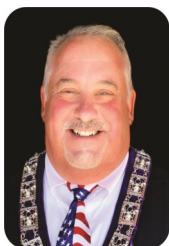
We will also be having a visit from our DDGER Barry Carlile and his Lady Shawnee on September 12. They will be here for our Thursday meeting and initiation. It would be great to show them good attendance at the meeting. The more members we have show up, the better our lodge looks

I would like to also mention the Queen of Hearts. We had our queen pulled on the 16th by one of our hard-working members. I am always happy when our winner is someone who puts in the extra hours to help our lodge in

any way they can. I Believe the take home was in the ballpark of \$9,200. Not bad. We are now starting the new pot with about \$1750. Still a pretty good take home. I hope to see you on Fridays helping to support the Queen of Hearts which is one of the biggest ways we raise money to help our community.

I hope to see you all at the lodge in the near future and have the opportunity to meet some Elks who I haven't had the great pleasure of meeting to this point!

Leading Knight - Paul Slater



Howdy!
Well Summer has delivered a great monsoon season, even if it knocked out power to the lodge twice over the past 2 months

The past 2 months have been another great time for us, as Elks, to do what we do best: Charity to all mankind! The Winner, Winner Chicken dinner was a huge success thanks to Lisa Chavez and her amazing team of volunteers, even without power (thanks Doug and Ron for bringing in portable generators to save the day)!! A special shout out goes to Larry Wittenborn for not only cooking all the delicious chicken but to then be the Emcee for the Let's Make a Deal game! The highlight

was when Doug Harpold, our ER, presented a check for \$1,000 to the AZ Elks Major Projects chair, Richard Ross!! Keep an eye out for Lisa's next fundraising event, a Spaghetti dinner featuring some special talent from Tombstone, in September.

Lastly, I am continuing to include in each article a running total of the charitable donations that your lodge provides to our community. This year, and we are now 5 months into the Elks year, your lodge has donated more than \$76,500!!

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

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



As we go into fall, I hope it will finally cool off. I will be out of the office September and October so Jack Baillargeon will be filling in for me. Thank you Jack!!! Check with Jack for his office hours, if you need him, as they may be different from mine.

Also, committee chairs, please get your event reporting forms into me ASAP after any event.

LODGE STATS YEAR-TO-DATE

Membership to Date.....	573
Candidates.....	17
Delinquents	46
Life Members.....	57
Average Age	71

Have a safe Labor Day, remember Patriots Day and POW-MIA day. And if I'm not back...Happy Halloween!!

Now comes my usual "nag". Sorry. We still have 47 members who have not paid their 2024-2025 dues. Please, please get those in ASAP. We are having many fun and worthwhile events that you don't want to miss.

Something to think about:

*Life isn't meant to be easy, it's meant to be lived.
Sometimes good, other times rough.
But, with every up and down,
you learn lessons that make you strong.*

House Committee - Alane Asp, PER



As September comes, hopefully we'll see some breaks in the heat and especially the humidity. We've had a great summer at the lodge along with some challenges. We've never experienced power outages like we had this summer. We were without power for over 20 hours on August 10/11th. Our members were resilient and had a great time at the Winner Winner Chicken Dinner. Big thanks to **Doug Harpold** and **Ron Starjnski** for providing generators on the night of the event; without the generators there would have been no light or fans. **Ron** and **Marie** also provided their generator again on the 11th and helped us save most of our frozen foods. Thank you very much for the generator and helping both days.

At our August meeting, the house committee decided to continue tacos on the first and third Wednesdays in September. We've also got a full list of volunteers to prepare and serve food on Fridays. We had some new

volunteers in August along with several repeat volunteers. Thank you all who volunteer to help with Wednesday night dinners (tacos or the sit-down meals) and Friday night volunteers. We are always looking to recruit new volunteers because this lightens the load for everyone. If interested, please contact anyone on the house committee including **Alane Asp**, **Jan Trudeau**, **Cindy Weiss**, or **Pam Wedwaldt**.

Sunday football begins on September 8th with the lounge opening at 10:00. I'm impressed, the volunteer list for football food is full for September. Sunday football is always fun. Come on down and watch your favorite teams. I would also like to thank the **Past Exalted Rulers Association** for purchasing the NFL football package for our enjoyment.

One of our televisions went out in August. **Jim Carver** donated and installed a new television for use in the lounge. Thank you for your generosity.

Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau & Pam Wedwaldt



LODGE ACTIVITIES

Hello September, and farewell to the long hot summer!

Here's what we've got planned for you this month. Bingo is scheduled for Saturday September 7th. The fun starts at 2 PM. Texas

Hold 'Em card games move to Saturdays this month starting on the 8th. Come join us for cards on Saturday the 14th, and also on the 28th. Games start at 1 PM. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up.

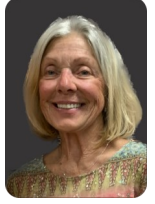
Cue up the music.....Duh duh duh duh,.....yep football is back! Sundays starting September 8th the lounge will open at 10 AM for your viewing pleasure. Come cheer for your teams-we have lots of TV's so you can watch many games at once. There is a sign-up sheet for Sunday food if you want to make something to share. Darts happen on the back patio on Saturdays at 5 PM, except none on Saturday the 21st-due to a special event. Wednesday 9/11/24 the flags will go up on Oracle Road in honor of Patriots Day. They go up at 7 AM, and come down at 5 PM. The flags will also be flown on Friday September 20th for POW/MIA recognition day. There will be a ceremony at noon, please join us. Saturday September 21st is another AEMP fundraiser.-The Spaghetti Western. There is a sign-up

sheet in the lounge-it's \$20.00 per person and includes dinner and raffles and entertainment. Check out the flyer for additional information.

We will be serving full dinners on the second and fourth Wednesdays of September and tacos on the first and third weeks. AND, there will be tacos and Trivia on the 18th. Tacos from 4-6:00, Trivia at 6:00. Check it out, it's tons of fun.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our next big community project will be Wednesday September 11th. Once again, our lodge will honor our first responders. This project is designed to honor those we lost on 9/11/01, and to remember what a great job our first responders do every day. The plan is to assemble 10 teams of people, choose a firehouse and decide on a menu. We will not be offering the traditional "turkey dinner", because turkeys are very hard to come by at this time of year. Dinners like a lasagna, salad, bread and dessert meal, or how about meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggies and dessert meal. Something comforting and homemade is the theme. We still need a few more folks to be a part of a team. There are flyers and a sign-up sheet in the lounge. Please ask any questions and sign up to be on a team. It's really very rewarding. Thank you.





Veterans Committee - PER Bob Kielsa



I'm happy to report our new donations for our veterans has produced a Non Cash Donation total of \$61,024, and a Cash Donation of \$10,914 giving us total donations of \$71,938.

As mentioned in our June Bugle the Veterans Committee has established a Memorial Wall to

Honor our Veterans. Immediately outside our front door there are enclosed cases that will hold 200 plaques where a veterans name, years of service and military branch may be inscribed. This is a very visual way to honor our veterans and is a fund raiser for our committee. Plaques will be sold for \$75 for any member who wishes to honor a living or passed family member, friend or for yourself.

Our Veterans Day fund raiser event will take place on **Saturday, November 9th**. Please mark your calendars for another day of fun at your lodge .

Another way we can help our veterans is with the gift of medical supplies. I have two outlets for used medical supplies for veterans. We can place wheelchairs, walkers, canes & crutches, bed pads and similar items. NO DRUGS however! These donations can be placed in the Pod in front of the lodge.

As usual you can help our homeless veterans by contributing Undershorts and T-shirts (Med, Lg, XL), Jeans (W 33, 34, 36) and Socks. Short pants are also welcome.

Please place any NEW items in the green barrel in the lounge and USED items in the Pod in the front of the lodge.

As always, a big thank you for your continued support for our veterans!

National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 20, 2024 12 Noon



You are cordially invited to attend a special ceremony in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This ceremony will be performed by the Lodge Officers of Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815.

Public is welcome for the Special Ceremony

16045 Oracle Road, Catalina AZ 85739

Past Exalted Ruler Association - Ron Starjnski, PERA President

Hello Everyone,

First and foremost, as Past Exalted Rulers our job is to help the lodge and the current Exalted Ruler as much as possible., our second job is to help people in our community. In the past two months we have donated \$300 of school supplies to Coronado K-8, \$100 to the Pulse of the City, and \$100 to the Arizona Elks Association Social Welfare. The PERA also supplied the food and entertainment for the AEMP fund raiser Winner, Winner, Chicken dinner and the Spaghetti Western dinner that will be held on September 21.

On August 17 we had the honor to have the Paralyzed

Veterans of America (PVA) at our lodge for a welcome home luncheon. It was great to see them all again, to hear their stories and to present them with checks to help with travel expenses.

In lodge news, Catalina Mountain was second in the state last year in the All-American Lodge contest., Unfortunately we did not receive enough points to receive this honor.

Do not forget about the Queen of Hearts every Friday night at 6:30, get there early to get your tickets before someone else does.

I will see you at the lodge.

Ron



SPAGHETTI WESTERN DINNER

\$20.00 DONATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST



**Come and Join us for an evening of
Spaghetti, Raffles, and entertainment featuring our friend Mick!
Mick comes to us from Big Nose Kate's in Tombstone!
Proceeds will benefit the Catalina Mountain Elks Major Projects.**

5:00 pm Cocktails • 6:00 pm Dinner • 7:00 pm Mick & Music

The Spaghetti Western is a **Major Projects** Event! Founded in 1910, the Arizona Elks Association mission is the same today as it was then, to provide service to our communities and country. We have taken on two `Major Projects` that help us support that very mission. In 1992, The Arizona Elks Major Projects took on the Steele Children's Research Center as it's first project to provide funding to. This support has facilitated incredible research and helped their physician-scientists and researchers make new discoveries, teach the next generation of scientists and heal the children of Arizona and beyond. The Elks Pediatric Clinic sees over 65,000 children a year! Our second passion project is the Jack C. Warter Elks Youth camp located 40 miles northeast of Globe, Arizona, on Workman Creek in the Sierra Ancha Mountain Range. This youth camp is open to all youth groups free of cost!



Elk of the Month - September

This month for the Elk of the month, September I have a group of Elks I would like to recognize. I am not going to name any people directly for fear of forgetting someone, but I cannot tell you how proud I was at our Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner Event of the people who made this event a success under less than perfect conditions. For those of you who don't know, we had a power outage for the event that was to host over 60 people. In lieu of the circumstances (no electricity, no running water, and no air conditioning), our cooks and event hosts went on undeterred. Our bar stewards managed to keep everyone well cared for, and we had

some of our members bring in generators, lights and fans. We had visiting dignitaries in the crowd and did not want them to leave unhappy as we were raising money for AEMP of which they are board members and hold other positions. The Show went on, all in attendance had a good time, and I was proud to see how we all came together to overcome the adversity of the evening. I am so proud to call myself a member of Catalina Mountain Lodge #2815 and even more proud of the people who work hand in hand to make us the best lodge in the South District!!!

Catalina Mountain Lodge Golf Tournament

The annual lodge golf tournament is fast approaching. It will be held on October 26, 2024, at the Views Golf Club. The entry form for the tournament is on the next page in the Bugle and forms are also available in the lounge. Participation is limited to the first 15 teams who sign up.

This year, all net proceeds will go to the Elks National Foundation. The mission of the ENF is to help local lodges build stronger communities. This is accomplished through programs that address childhood literacy, veteran homelessness, Elk's scholarship programs, rehabilitative and adaptive sports programs for veterans and other youth programs like the Elks Hoop Shoot.

The golf committee is inviting all members whether you are playing or not, to consider purchasing a hole sponsorship sign for the golf tournament. These signs are

displayed throughout the golf course on the day of the event, whether your sign displays your business name and

address or is a personal donation that displays your name it shows all who play that you support the efforts of the ENF in helping youth and veterans.

An additional benefit is that you will be helping our lodge earn points toward our efforts to gain All-American Lodge status this year.

Examples of the signs are shown here. The entry form, on the next page, can be used even if you are purchasing a sign only and do not intend to



Hole Sponsorship Sign Examples

play golf. For more information, please contact Al Peterson at (520) 465-6593 or alpeter47@gmail.com.



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Includes Golf, Cart,
Lunch, Prizes

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October 26, 2024
LIMITED TO THE
FIRST 60 PLAYERS
(15 GROUPS)**

Registration starts
At 7:00 am
Shotgun starts
At 8:00 am
Prize for closest
to the Pin
\$5 Lunch
for non-players

Sign up deadline October 12th

Foursome plus tee sign - \$450

Player 1 _____	Phone _____
Player 2 _____	Phone _____
Player 3 _____	Phone _____
Player 4 _____	Phone _____
Tee Sign? Y/N	Name on sign _____

Tee Sign(s) Sponsor only: \$80 each, 2 for \$140

Name on sign _____ # of signs _____



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September Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Lonzo Frizzell | 11 Jack Thompson |
| 1 Jake Jacobson | 12 Timothy Poirier |
| 1 Roslyn Walton | 13 Rose Adamo |
| 2 Stephanie Bifano | 13 Craig Bennett |
| 2 Brad Kielsa | 13 Annette Brinson |
| 2 Larry Little | 13 David Hamilton |
| 2 David Loritz | 14 Richard Alberda |
| 2 Ronald Orrantia | 14 Barbara Daniels |
| 2 Clyde Smith | 14 Edward Louy |
| 3 Brittani Spori | 15 Stephen Jackson |
| 3 Peter Williams | 15 Gary Lippe |
| 5 Larry Bourne | 16 Kathy Bradley |
| 5 Kimberly Mathews | 18 Neal Patronsny |
| 6 Debra Fitzgerald | 18 Ruth Vredenburg |
| 6 Norman Henderson | 19 Steven Gottlieb |
| 6 James Luke | 20 Lance Farrier |
| 6 Louise O'Donald | 20 Colleen McKisson |
| 7 Margaret Etzel | 20 Joseph Torres |
| 7 Donald Hamilton | 21 Mark Miller |
| 8 Debra Castiglia | 21 Ronald Stenhouse |
| 8 Lisa Hensley | 24 Sarah Renshaw |
| 8 Michael O'Hara | 25 Jeff Herd |
| 8 Terry Thomson | 29 Terry Dickerson |
| 9 Patricia Ebling | 30 Michael Pickering |
| 9 Larry Whitt | 30 Larry Wittenborn |
| 11 Alice Bever | |

Wednesday Dinner Menu

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| <p>September 4
Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30pm or until sold out</p> <p>September 11
Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Chicken Gnocchi Soup
Dessert</p> | <p>September 18
TNT/Tacos \$2 each:4:30-6:00pm or until sold out</p> <p>September 25
Mississippi Pot Roast, Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Ham & Lentil Soup
Dessert</p> |
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Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



Patriot's Day

Patriots Day is far from new.
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L-R: Kurt Shiplock, Genie Johnson, Carol Hagen & Gerald Hagen

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 9/4 Quilters 1 pm
- 9/7 *Bingo 2 pm*
Dart Tournament 4 pm
- 9/12 *DD Visitation*
- 9/14 *Texas Hold'Em 1 pm*
- 9/20 *POW/MIA Recognition Day
Ceremony 12 pm*
- 9/21 *AEMP Fundraiser
Spaghetti Western
Cocktails 5 pm
Dinner 6 pm
VP Visitation*
- 9/28 *Texas Hold'Em 1 pm*
Dart Tournament 4 pm

*Also check the Lodge Calendar
for additional events*