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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

District Leader Jack 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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Office Hours

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

Exalted Ruler's Message - Paul Slater



Howdy!
 Thank you to everyone who paid their dues for the current Elk year. As I mentioned in last month's article, our lodge has to pay the dues to Grand Lodge for all current members, whether they have paid or not. So if you have not yet paid your dues, please plan to do so ASAP. You can either come to the lodge or pay directly on our fantastic website (<https://elks2815.org/>)

May was another busy month for me and our lodge. I appreciate everyone who helps to organize and run our many activities every month in our lodge, and the money they raise for our various charities. This month was the annual AZ Elks convention, where we learned of the great things our organization does across Arizona. One of the highlights was having the Executive Director of the Steele Research Center talk about how they are becoming one of the only centers that do on-site gene sequencing. The AZ Elks funded the machine that does this complicated task!! You have probably heard that our ritual team finished second in the state—

our highest position ever. A huge shout-out to our coaches, Al Skorupski and Ron Starjnski, and to Doug Harpold for leading the team. We are already planning on winning next year's competition!! Make sure that you check out the calendar and the rest of the articles to make sure you do not miss out on any of the fun activities that we have planned for June! 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





Leading Knight - Kim McIlonie



Happy June everyone! I would like to say congratulations to our Ritual Team on our 2nd Place finish in this year’s State Competition. There is no shame in being the second in the entire state of Arizona! With a little more work, we could win the next one.

KUDOS TO ALL OF YOU! A special shout out to Marie Starjnski who was #1 Candidate and to Doug Harpold who was #2 Exalted Ruler. The convention was more than just Ritual for me this year. I also attended several meetings and learned about some of the fantastic things our Order did last year. We heard from the Director of the Steele Children’s Research Center, Dr. Fayez Grishan who was presented with two checks totaling \$350,000. This is an incredible man, and the world is a better place because of him. We also got to hear from the three kids from Arizona who competed in the National Hoop Shoot

competition. This was my favorite part of the meetings, those kids are amazing. (I must admit, I cried during their speeches). The scholarship program gave away a whopping \$273,500. This makes me proud to be an Elk. Another special shout out to our new group, Sewing It Forward and Teen Morgan, for raising over \$1100.00 selling their ware at the convention. Wonderful job all of you and I am so happy to have you all as members of our Lodge. As summer is creeping in, try to keep cool and hydrated. See you at the Lodge! “Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” – H. Jackson Brown Jr



Secretary’s Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



From the Secretary’s Desk:
We had a full May with convention, Mother’s Day, the Mimosa Brunch and Memorial Day along with our regular activities. We in the office have been busy with year end and new year projects.

Something to think about:
Kindness is a hard thing to give away ----- it usually comes back.

There is a report to Grand Lodge that I enter every week/month of all the good work we as Catalina Mountain Elks do. It is very important that committee chairs, event chairs or any single volunteer get these reports in to me ASAP. If you need the form or need help filling it out, please come to the office and I will be glad to help you. We have and can make as many copies of it as needed. Now then, I must do my regular “nag” and ask those that have not paid their dues yet to please get them in ASAP. Thank you.
To all the fathers out there: Happy Father’s Day!!!

LODGE STATS YEAR-TO-DATE

<i>Membership to Date</i>	603
<i>Candidates</i>	16
<i>Delinquents</i>	70
<i>Life Members</i>	48
<i>Average Age</i>	69.9

As a reminder to all committee chairs, please get your activity reports into me ASAP after an event.

FATHER'S DAY CHILI COOK-OFF & CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

Sunday June 15
Corn Hole Tournament 1 PM
Chili-Cook-Off 4:30 PM



CHILI COOK-OFF



\$5
TASTE
JUDGE
AND
EAT

Fundraiser
Proceeds to Support the:
"RITUAL TEAM"



Past Exalted Ruler Association - Douglas Harpold, PERA President



Welcome to the dog days of summer! We haven't really felt the extreme heat yet, but we know it's coming!! I mentioned in my last article that the PER Association is working hard on our 25th Anniversary Celebration.

On of the ways we are raising money is by putting together a 25th Anniversary Program. You can advertise your business, leave a personal note, or just a congratulations to our lodge for twenty-five great years of service to our community. Please see the following adfor information on haw to participate. I would also like to thank everyone for their continued participation on Friday Evenings for Queen of Hearts. We have, once again, had a fantastic game. We have broken the \$20,000

mark and now are down to the last 14 cards. Hopefully we can keep going and this great pot will take us through the next couple of months. Thank you all again for your amazing support!

Douglas Harpold, PER



Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge
There is an opportunity to advertise your business, provide a personal note or just offer congratulations in the 25th anniversary in the official event program. Respond with your ready ad before September 15th to be included in this historic publication.

- Full page 8.5 by 11 - \$150.00
Half page 8.5 by 5.5 - \$100.00
Quarter Page 3.5 by 5.5 - \$75.00
Business Card size - 3.5 by 2 - \$50.00

Contact the Office at Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 for additional information: (520) 825-0893

ENF Report - Ron Starjnski, PER



Hello Everyone! We are starting off the new year in good shape with 31 Fidelity Club members, my goal this year is to add 10% or 3 more members. We are currently 3 rd in the state behind Fountain Hills (44) and Sun City (33). Please think about joining, below I have listed some of the benefits of joining. You can designate your donation as follows: Community Investments, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Scholarships, Veterans Services, or All Programs.

Why Join the Fidelity Club?
Ease: The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5, \$10 for honor roll).

Eco-Friendly: Save a tree and save time with paperless donations!

Convenience: No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!

Flexibility: You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.

Security: It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Next time you are at the lodge look at the brochures in the lodge room, under the 2815 emblem. Thank you all and if you have any questions my email address is rstarjnski@gmail.com I will see you at the lodge.



Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau



L ODGE ACTIVITIES

Well, here comes June! We have some fun activities for you this month. First, Bingo is on Saturday June 7th and also on Saturday June 21st . The fun begins at 2 PM. Come and check it out. The Texas Hold 'Em card games happen on Sunday June 8th and again on Sunday June 22nd . 1 PM is the start time. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Darts are on the back patio every Saturday starting at 4 PM. Saturday June 14th is Flag Day. We will put the flags up on Oracle Road that day. They go up at 7 AM, and come down at 5 PM. We also will have a Flag Day ceremony. It will be held at Vistoso Funeral Home at 11AM. Again this month, we will host the Iron Chef Elk cooking contest. We will pick the required ingredient on Friday June 6 th after the Queen of Hearts drawing and the cook-off is on the following Saturday June 14 th . The tasting/judging is \$5 per person. The tasting will begin around 3 PM. Congratulations to Marie Starjnski for winning the



inaugural cook-off with her Maple Bacon upside down cake!! The winner of the competition gets to pick which charity the winnings go to. Marie chose Elks National Foundation. Father's Day is Sunday June 15th . We are planning on having a corn hole competition and a Chili cook-off too. Corn hole at 1 PM, and the chili cook-off around 3:30. Cook up your favorite chili and see who will take the top spot. Come and celebrate all the Fathers, Dad's, and Granddads. We will have Karaoke this month on Saturday June 21 st around 5 PM. Come and sing, or just watch all the fun. On Wednesdays, we will have a food offering as follows. The 2nd Wednesday it's Tacos and Trivia. Tacos from 4:30-6, or until sold out then trivia just afterwards. The fourth Wednesday will feature our full dinner along with music Bingo at 6 PM. The other Wednesdays we will offer a meal similar to the Friday offering. The cost will be \$6.00 and there will be different meals. Please check the calendar to see what is being served that day.

C OMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

This month-all month long- we are having a "pasta" food drive. When you come down to the lodge, please consider bringing some pasta to donate to this event. The food drive will benefit our local food bank-Impact of Southern Arizona. The pasta we collect and donate to the food pantry will become part of the basic food allotment that the patrons receive every month. Think spaghetti, penne, rotini or macaroni. Any dried pasta will do. There is a donation box right by the lodge front door. Thank you for your consideration and donation to this great cause.



Mimosa Brunch



A Mimosa Brunch
Have a Heart FUNDRAISER

May 24th
11 am until 1 pm

\$25 Donation
Sign up and pay at the Elk's Lodge!

Bottomless Mimosas

Want to Contribute? We'd Love It!
We're always looking for traffic items, themed baskets and goodies to help make our brunch extra special.
Are you an artist? Bring your work to display and inspire!
(Gift to show, not for sale)

Catalina Mountain Elk Lodge #2815
16045 N Oracle Rd
Tucson, AZ 85739

Charcuterie Brunch Boards, Bloody Mary's, and Mimosas!





Flag Day Ceremony

2025 Elks Flag Day Ceremony and Flag Retirement



*Saturday June 14 11 AM
Vistoso Funeral Home
2285 E Rancho Vistoso
Blvd Oro Valley*

**Please join us for the
inspirational celebration of our
American Flag.**

**We are proud to have Retired
Green Beret Lieutenant
Colonel Otis McGregor as our
guest Speaker. Lt. Col.
McGregor is an accomplished
entrepreneur, inventor, author,
& podcast host who is
dedicated to creating a legacy
of leaders.**

Lunch will Follow

**THE IDEA OF AN ELKS' FLAG DAY SERVICE WAS FIRST SUGGESTED
IN 1907 AND OFFICIALLY MANDATED IN 1911. IN 1949 THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATE SIGNED PL203,
DESIGNATING JUNE 14TH AS FLAG DAY. THUS, THE ELKS WAS NOT
ONLY THE FIRST FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION TO CELEBRATE FLAG
DAY, BUT MAKE THIS CEREMONY MANDATORY MANY YEARS
BEFORE IT BECAME A NATIONAL DESIGNATED DAY**



Veterans Committee - PER Bob Kielsa



Our Non Cash donations have reached \$15,250, we have Cash donations of \$8,794 bringing our total Veteran

donations to \$24,044. I'm excited to announce we have new embers, Teen Morgan and Teri Case, who have joined our lodge and lead a group titled "Sewing it Forward". This group contains people with both sewing and non-sewing skills. The mission of this group is to raise money, through their sewn products, to support: Veterans, Arizona Elks Major Projects, the VA Hospital and Children's Steel Center. Each Friday you will see some of the items they create in our meeting room for your review and purchase. A key point Teri made during our Veterans Committee meeting was that even if you have NO SEWING SKILLS your help can still



be utilized in their efforts. If you're interested you can call Teen Morgan (520-237-5873) for more information. One example of where money goes is for baby baskets. **All pregnant women that go through the Woman's Clinic at the VA hospital receive a \$113 baby basket (See Photo).** As mentioned in the past, the Veterans Committee has raffled off guns to provide funds for our veterans committee. If you have

Interest in donating a gun please give me a call (651-262-9508) to answer any questions you may have. As always, you can help our homeless veterans by contributing new Undershorts and T-shirts (Med, Lg, XL), Jeans (W 33, 34, 36) Socks. 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!

House Committee - Pam Wedwaldt



Greetings! Great news, Ann Girvin has volunteered to take over the task of organizing Friday night dinners. She will also be taking care of Wednesday dinners on the first, second and third Wednesdays of the month. Cindy will

continue to cook on the fourth Wednesday. Ann is looking for volunteers, so if this is something you would like to help out with you can contact her at ann@tucsontrivia.com or 860-682-0848. We have filled the first section of our "Wall of Honor" and it looks

beautiful. This is a great way to honor servicemen and first responders, whether they are no longer serving or are still in service. Please contact Al Hensley for details. Please see the Lodge Activities article for what's going on this month. As always, we welcome everyone to attend the House Committee meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30. Our Lodge runs on and depends on our members participation so help out when you can. Happy Father's Day!

Elk of the Month - May

This month's Elk of the Month goes to the team that hosted the Mimosa Brunch. Lisa Chavez does a fantastic job of making these events unique and fun. This event raised funds for AZ Major Projects and raised approximately \$2,000! But as with all events, it truly takes a team, including Cindy Weiss, Gloria Cisneros, Jan Trudeau, Kathleen Foley, Mimi Wittenborn, and everyone I may have missed (sorry). This event and so many others

continue to show what a great lodge we have and how we





June Birthdays

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Scott French | 17 David Ellman |
| 1 Ronald Wood | 17 Gary Hayes |
| 2 William E. Earlywine | 17 Robert Workman |
| 2 Jeffery "Gunny" Lindroth | 18 Hanna Harpold |
| 2 Denise Maley | 18 Robert Heck |
| 3 Jim Lengel | 18 Larry Valverde |
| 3 Ted J. Sivalon | 18 James R. Wagner |
| 5 Todd Ryser | 19 John Morales |
| 6 David Huerta | 19 Fred T. Renshaw |
| 6 John W. Johnsen | 20 Jamie Lee Allison |
| 7 Emerson Warfield | 20 Ken Robinson |
| 8 Gerald Gomolla | 21 Paul W. DeLong |
| 8 Sanford Mayer | 21 DeeAnn Emmons |
| 8 Kimberly McIlionie | 21 Bruce C. Kelly |
| 8 Sharman Morrison | 21 Mark Wilson |
| 10 Nancy M. Mueller | 22 Wilbert H Behrendsen |
| 11 Edward Hostetler | 22 Patricia Reilly |
| 12 Brian Handley | 22 Roland Voth |
| 12 Thomas E. Johnson | 24 Dorothy Barrow |
| 12 Brad Messer | 24 Darrell Dwyer |
| 12 Christine L Sullivan | 25 Sharon Betts |
| 13 Gordon W. Anderson | 25 Jay X Casey |
| 14 Joseph Buda | 25 Jorge L. Gomez |
| 14 Sanjaya Hebbar | 27 Barbara McClure |
| 14 Alfred Skorupski | 27 Sylvia Venechanos |
| 16 Patrick Maitland | 28 Edward L Robertson |
| 16 Denise Titus | 28 Harry Lesseos |
| 17 Michael Bellon | 29 Leroy Cook |
| 17 Mark S. Dickerson | 29 Robert Griffin |

Wednesday Dinner Menu

June 4th

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
5pm until sold out

June 11th Tacos

Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm
or UNTIL SOLD OUT

June 18th

Tuna Salad Sandwiches
5pm until sold out

June 25th

Pork Belly over Jasmine Rice
Soup, Salad, and Desert

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Hours
7:00am - 2:00pm

Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



June

An added warmth now fills the air.
We honor fathers and cool shade share.
Ardent swains to loved ones croon...
take bride and hide on honeymoon.
Snowbirds head north for somewhere cool...
they need but find the closest pool.

Jim Cox



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- June 2* *PER Golf Tournament*
- June 7* *Bingo*
- June 8* *Texas Hold'em*
- June 14* *Flag Day Ceremony*
- June 15* *Corn Hole Tournament*
- June 15* *Chili Cook Off*
- June 21* *Bingo*
- June 21* *Karaoke*
- June 22* *Texas Hold'em*
- June 25* *DJ Music BINGO*