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Official Newsletter for Elks Lodge #2729
5525 W Colter St, Glendale, AZ 85301 / 623-930-1388

May 2023

Message from the ER



*Christine McReynolds
Exalted Ruler*

Hello my fellow Elks,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather before the heat comes. We all wish we had this weather back in July and August. A couple of things going on in May and a few things I'd like to address.

We have May Arizona Elks Convention in Tempe, Wednesday May 10 through

Saturday May 13. If you have some time off and looking something do Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, come on down to the convention to the hospitality room! Bring your lodge card and \$20 to join the fun. You can get some appetizers and finger food, some alcohol, and meet some Elks. Leave a little donation in the tip jar (if you're up to it). You'll get a chance to watch other lodges perform rituals, like the 11 O'clock toast and Presentation of the Guard – it's really cool! They also do a lodge ceremony where everything is precise and be graded on it. It's an awesome thing to see. Remember to remain silent during the ritual performances so we don't distract the officers performing the ritual. Points will be deducted with every creek of a chair, tapping, or other noises. No talking and no cell-phone noises either. This is an absolutely amazing thing to watch.

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May 14 will be the annual Mother's Day ceremony after bingo. Bring your mom, show up if you're a mom, or just show up to help us thank all the moms.

Are more serious kind of note I'd like to talk to you guys heart to heart: Now, remember it is okay not to agree with me and definitely okay to have your own opinion. It's the way we speak to each other that's a problem. Please be respectful. We all have something going on in our life but that's not a reason to talk to each other badly.

Bad mouthing and rumors hurts. It hurts the lodge, too. If you have something to say, say it to a lodge officer. Complaining from the side lines hurts. Complaining at other lodges or anywhere else hurts our other members and our lodge. Do you like it when someone in your family criticizes you to a neighbor? Of course not. Then there's no reason for anybody to do that to our members or our lodge. Please be respectful.

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Special Events Sunday May 14

PER Breakfast
8:00am - 10:30am

Past Exalted Rulers serve-up an amazing breakfast with eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, and orange juice. Only \$8.00



Bingo!

25¢ Bingo 9:45am
Regular bingo 12:45pm
Open to the Public
Bring a Friend!



Mother's Day



Following Bingo

(approx. 5:00pm)
Our Special Ceremony
Thanking All Moms

ER Message *continued*

Want to complain that something can be better? Say it to a lodge officer or help fix the problem. Our lodge, like every other Elks lodge in the country, runs on member volunteers and we only have a few volunteers right now. Want more members? Invite others to join our lodge. Want a dart league, pool league, and other things to do? Volunteer to put together and run a league. Want the lodge to look cleaner? Grab a bucket and cloth and start cleaning. Criticizing doesn't help anybody or the lodge. You can get involved to help yourself and everybody. You and each member can get lend a hand to the lodge. Help out four hours a month. That's only an hour or two a week. It's not much time out of your schedule but would be a huge help to your fellow Elks and the lodge.

Some projects that can be done fast with lots of helping hands: tending to the front and back yards and cleaning up the parking lot before it gets too hot, painting the bingo hall, general cleaning of the lodge, and a few other things to do. Your help would mean a lot to your fellow Elks.

When's the last time you came to a lodge meeting? This is when the important decisions are made Learn what me and the lodge officers are doing. See what's talked about at the meetings to know what we're doing for you and the lodge. Want to make something better? Become a lodge officer.

When's the last time you invited a friend or coworker to happy hour or Friday dinner? New people visiting our lodge makes things more fun. Friends and coworkers becoming members is even better. More members means more fun and more things the lodge can offer the members.

I would like to do a membership drive. Several of you and the officers think it's a fabulous idea. It's a way to get our neighbors knowing what we do and maybe get some 21-40 year olds to become members so that this lodge can live on. Fresh bodies coming in as members will bring freshness to the lodge. I would love to do a membership drive, and this is where you can help. Let me know how you want to be part of the membership drive.

Have a great month!

Christine McReynolds
Exalted Ruler

Lodge Information

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Officers 2022-2023

Christine McReynolds Exalted Ruler
Richard Kovaleski Leading Knight
Dave Caldwell Loyal Knight
Jan Brown Lecturing Knight
Rick Hudson Esquire
Tina Hudson Secretary
Open Treasurer
Bill Hathaway Inner Guard
Paul Baca Tiler
Pat Mattensen Chaplain

Regular Lodge Meeting

First and Third Thursdays 7:00pm
Lodge/Lounge closes at 6:45pm

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Distributed by email and [available online](#).

Please update your member account online to ensure delivery or contact the Lodge office for assistance.

Deadlines for articles, advertisements, articles, updates, and other materials is the 15th of each month.

Editor: John Safin, [send an email](#)

Lodge & Lounge Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3:00 - 9:00pm (bingo remains open)
Wednesday	First & Third Weeks: 12:00 - 4:00pm Second & Fourth Weeks: 1:00 - 5:00pm
Thursday	2:00 - 8:00pm Meeting Nights: 2:00 - 10:00pm
Friday	12:00 - 11:00pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	12:00 - 5:00pm

Lounge may close earlier when member participation is slow

AEA Convention Basket

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Drop off donations to the lodge by Thursday May 4.

Mother's Day Celebration

All Elks and their families are invited to attend the annual Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday May 14.

We will honor moms, living and lost, during this a simple ceremony. It will be our chance to share remembrance, benevolence, protection, and inspiration for our mothers whose influence is – and has always been – a continuous force in our lives.

The ceremony will begin around 5:00pm following afternoon bingo.



Tuesdays

6:45pm

Sundays

9:30am 25¢ Bingo
12:45pm Regular Bingo

Bring a Friend!

Steak & Fish Fry Fridays

HAPPY HOUR

4:00-6:00pm

DINNER

5:30-7:00pm

"The Basket Menu"

All Items Include French Fries

- Hamburger
- Fish Sandwich
- Chicken Tenders
- Cheeseburger
- Shrimp
- Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich

May 12 Basket Menu Only

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8:00am - 10:30am



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Share the HANDSHAKE!
Invite your friends to become members of our wonderful lodge!

Donate Water, Please

Water for Homeless

This year's goal: 250 cases

Summer is here. Our community, sadly, has a homeless problem. We are asking for cases of water that we will deliver to the Justice Center's homeless support program. Last year, our total donation was 250 cases. We hope to be able to match or exceed that count this year. Drop off water to the lodge during regular lodge hours. Cash donations will also be accepted if you're unable to bring a case (or two) to help build the Wall of Water.

May

Karaoke Now First and Third Fridays



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
April 30 9:45am 25¢ Bingo 12:45pm Bingo 	May 1 Lodge & Lounge Closed	2 6:45pm 	3	4 7:00pm Lodge Meeting <div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Convention Basket Donations Deadline </div>	5 5:30-7:00pm Steak & Fish Fry Dinner 7:00pm Karaoke	6 Lodge & Lounge Closed	
7 9:45am 25¢ Bingo 12:45pm Bingo 	8 Lodge & Lounge Closed	9 6:45pm 	Elks State Convention - Tempe, AZ			12 5:30-7:00pm <u>Basket Menu</u>	13 Lodge & Lounge Closed
14  8:00-10:00am PER Breakfast 9:45am 25¢ Bingo 12:45pm Bingo  Mother's Day Ceremony after Bingo	15 Lodge & Lounge Closed	16 6:45pm 	17	18 3:00pm House Committee Meeting	19 5:30-7:00pm Steak & Fish Fry Dinner 7:00pm Karaoke	20 Lodge & Lounge Closed	
21 9:45am 25¢ Bingo 12:45pm Bingo 	22 Lodge & Lounge Closed	23 6:45pm 	24	25 7:00pm Lodge Meeting	26 5:30-7:00pm Steak & Fish Fry Dinner	27 Lodge & Lounge Closed	
28 9:45am 25¢ Bingo 12:45pm Bingo 	 Memorial Day Lodge & Lounge Closed	30 6:45pm 	31	June 1	June 2 5:30-7:00pm Steak & Fish Fry Dinner 7:00pm Karaoke	June 3 Lodge & Lounge Closed	

Snacks, Goodies, and Lottery Available in the Lounge

* Except when noted for holidays or special events and Mondays open at 5pm