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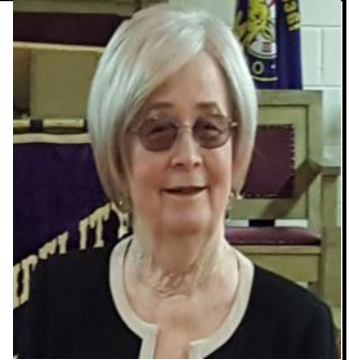
August 2021



“Be Proud of Elkdom”

To all AEA Members:

The Grand Lodge Convention is now in our rear-view mirror! What a great convention. The attendance was great overall and really super for Arizona. Seating in the main meetings hall was spaced out really well and no problems arose due to Covid. Again – thanks to Jerry and Linda Grimes, our Hospitality Room shined!!! We had numerous out of state visitors as well as our own members, and everyone had a wonderful time. The Hospitality Room even featured a balcony overlooking the river. As always, the food was plentiful and always available, as were the libations. Arizona can again be proud of both our turnout and our hospitality!



I want to personally congratulate our Arizona Ritual Team from Phoenix #335 who placed second in the nation – what a great performance. I had the honor watching them perform in the West contest as well as in the finals and each performance was a testament to the great team they are! Also, a great big hand goes to Diane Bodwell from Phoenix #335, as she won the Eleven O’Clock Toast contest overall for the nation!!! Congratulations to Phoenix #335!!!!!!

A focus this year of course needs to be on bringing back all of our programs that could not be carried out last year or were carried out in a different way due to the pandemic. We received a state membership report from Rick Gathen, the Grand Lodge Membership Chairman, and it shows that we have so far this year gained 1225 members, and that’s great!! We have only lost thru transfers, deaths, etc., 385 so we’re way up there. But – the big item is we still have 2992 delinquents, thus giving us a net loss this year to date of 2152 members!!.

Our big push needs to get these delinquents on board again – please pass this on to your lodge Membership chairs to try and get some of those members back in the fold. We also throughout the state have 525 candidates awaiting initiation – let’s get that done and our numbers will look much better. This is doable, as the state of Arizona, overall, only has a little over a 12% delinquency rate – that means that 88% of our members have paid, so great job there. Judging by the attendance at Grand Lodge, now is the time to get those delinquents back in and new members signed up – people are anxious to once again socialize.

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25 August 2021

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"Be Proud of Elkdom"

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A reminder to all Arizona lodges – if you do something good in your community, please make sure and send it to your local paper, post it on Facebook if you use social media and send it to the AEA Newsletter as well as to the Grand Lodge Magazine. We want to let everyone know about all the good things we do.

Remember – photos from all of our events will be available to all Elk Members by logging on to the Arizona Elks website and clicking on "Members Documents & Manuals" and then "AEA Photographs 2021-2022". This link is also at the very bottom of the "Committees" page as well. Our AEA Photographer, Jan Casacchia, traveled to Grand Lodge to take photos there, so those are also available to all.

All lodges should have received visitation requests from either a Vice President or myself. If you have not already done so, please be sure and respond so all the visits can be set up and completed in a timely manner.

I hope all of you stay safe, both health wise and in your travels, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the October Convention. Please be advised the dates in our Directory are incorrect – the Convention dates are October 15th thru October 17th.

God bless everyone – until next month - - - -

Regards,



Charyll McKean
AEA President



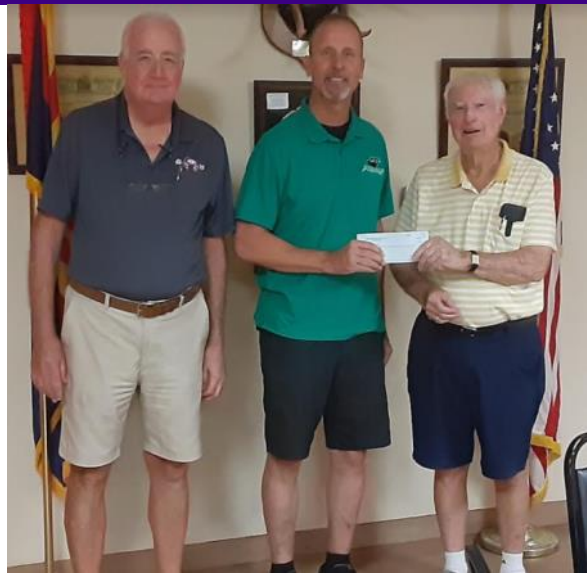
Elks Care - *Elks* Share

“Tucson Elks #385 Donates AEMP Rewards to Summer Basketball Program”

Tucson AZ Lodge #385 using AEMP award to donate \$1,000.00 to Tucson Amphi High School summer basketball.

Submitted by: John Aceves, Public Relations Chairman

Pictured L-R: ER W. Burns, Amphi Coach B. Hurly, AEMP Committee chair B. Holyoak.



“Tucson Elks #385 Donates Hand-Made Pillow Cases to Steele Center”



Our Tucson AZ Lodge #385 Crafty Critters weekly group members donated nearly 43 pillowcases they made to the Children's Steele Center of Tucson on July 2, 2021

Submitted by: John Aceves, Public Relations Chairman

(Pictured L-R): Joanna Zappia (husband Henry member, Darcy Ross (husband Bud member), Teen Morgan (Crafty Critters, member and chairperson), and Lori Castro (Children's Steele Center representative).

“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Donates Beacon Grant to Parks & Rec”

The Elks Lodge 2399 used the Beacon Grant to make a donation of \$3500 to Parks and Recreation to provide tuition scholarships and activities during Summer, Spring, Winter, and After School Camps for the children of Covid-19 essential care workers.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured is the Summer Camp Finale Swim where Elks served pizza and played "Let's Talk" with the children. In Photo from left to right is PER and Youth Activities chairperson Debbie Herd, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Janis Brown, Exalted Ruler Chuck Fox and Leading Knight Paulette Nainteau.



“Bullhead City Elks #2408 ENF Award”

Elks National Foundation Lodge Chairman Mike Swain presented Marsha Haddick on right with a plaque that proclaimed she has donations, cumulative over the years, over \$1,000 to ENF. This acknowledgement is significant as when the Lodge members contribute to ENF the Lodge reaps three fold back each year which makes our Lodge eligible to apply for grants to give back to our community.

Submitted by: Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair



“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Hosts Breakfast for Journey of Hope”

On June 24th The Elks Lodge hosted breakfast for 26 Journey of Hope bicycle riders during their stop-over in Lake Havasu City. Each year these college students embark on a cross-country trip from the West Coast to Washington DC to spread the message of disability awareness through local media and make stops at partner organizations where they deliver joy to our people from the disability community.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



Pictured L-R: Inner Guard Joyce Bradley, PER and lodge Secretary Gary Parsons, Lodge Auditor Debbie Horton, PER Bill Horton, Exalted Rulers wife Eva Fox, PER Debbie Herd, Exalted Ruler Chuck Fox, Leading Knight Paulette Nainteau and 2 Yr Trustee Marty Gillispie. Journey of Hope riders in blue shirts

“Jerome Elks #1361 Hosts Clothe a Child Event”

On July 17th, 2021 the Jerome Elks Lodge #1361 clothed 13 children from the Verde Valley area. The children were met at Walmart and each family of children were teamed with one or two Elk helpers for the shopping spree. Parents sometimes helped choose the clothes or waited by the cash registers. This shopping spree was made possible with the funds received from a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation.

Submitted by: AEA President Charyll McKean



One photo –picture of one family at Walmart choosing clothes Photo taken by Phyllis Stock Pictured in photo, from left to right: Emmalyn Wall with Mother Nikki Wall and Elk helper Nancy Brushingham.

“Casa Grande Elks #1967 Hosts Blood Drive”

The Casa Grande Valley Elks Lodge #1957 held a summer blood drive on July 19, 2021 and thanks to the support of members and the community they were able to collect 61 units of blood for the American Red Cross.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Golf League Donates to Charity”



The Elks Men's Golf League donated \$400 to the Lake Havasu Golf Club Adaptive Golf Program.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured L-R: Mike Lomelli, Elks Golf Vice President, Scott Brown, Elks Golf President, Craig Adams, Partner and PGA Professional, Lake Havasu Golf Club and Gary Parsons, Elks Golf Treasurer

“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Hosts Blood Drive”

On June 16th Elks Lodge #2399 had a blood drive with 46 donations and 52 lifesaving units of life saving product.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



In the photo giving blood is Elk Member Vito Prisciandaro. Waiting to donate are PER Pat Martino and Trustee Bob Clarke. At the sign in table photo is PER and Blood Drive chairperson Jackie Turcotte along with Blood bank lead crew member. Not in photo Blood Drive chairperson Paulette Nanteau

“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Hosts Swim Camp”

On July 15th the Elks lodge in Lake Havasu City #2399 sponsored a swim day for the Summer Camp Finale Swm where Elks served Pizza and played "Let's Talk" with the children.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



Pictured: Diana Bridge with children and youth activities chairperson Debbie Herd.

“Scottsdale Elks #2148 Hosts Multiple Events”

Scottsdale AZ Lodge 2148 held our first ever Lasagna cookoff, Saturday, July 17, 2021. We had 6 entries to choose from and 70 hungry judges helped us raise over \$700.00 towards our annual school supply drive and award trophies to the top 3. It was a close race as only one vote separated third from fourth place. We had a lot of great food and good fun helping raise money for a worthy cause.

Scottsdale AZ Lodge 2148 donated the use of our hall for a Navy Promotion Ceremony for Captain William Brooks. We had the honor of the presence of a 2 Bird Admiral along with his battalion to watch Captain Brooks receive his honors at our Lodge on Saturday, July 24, 2021.

Scottsdale AZ Lodge 2148, initiated 21 new members to our Lodge on Sunday, July 25, 2021. We had a good turnout and great fun celebrating with our new members to Elkdom.

Submitted by: Debra Clark, Lodge Secretary

“Phoenix West Elks #2729 Hosts Water Drive for the Needy”

Phoenix West Elks Lodge 2729 has been doing a water drive for the homeless and needy families. We have donated 100 cases of water so far with the help of our members and guests. We will be continuing the drive all summer long.

Would like to thank Lodge Officers and Members for their donations and help getting the water delivered to the Lodge for distribution to the Justice Center for distribution.

Submitted by: Tina Hudson, Lodge Secretary



“Phoenix Elks #335 Donates to Love House Kids Organization”

It was our pleasure to assist our community this year as well as the Love House Kids Organization (foster kids). Love House Kids reached out to us in desperation for supplies. The Phoenix Elks Kids Committee was happy to help with about 35-40 backpacks and A LOT of supplies. It is what being an Elk is all about!! We are still taking school supply and backpack donations all through August for Love House Kids, they still need more help!!!

Submitted by: Nicole Beach, Chair

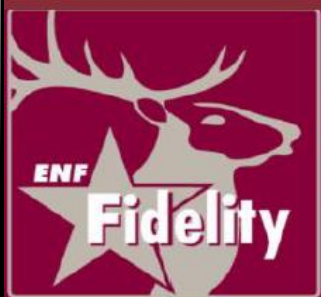
“Phoenix Elks #335 Lodge Antlers Volunteer at Dog Rescue”

On Sunday June 27, the Phoenix Lodge #335 Antlers volunteered their time at the Arizona Small Dog Rescue. They assisted with cleaning up the viewing area, straightening up the dog clothes and exercising some of the animals in residence. Even though the day was very hot, the work was rewarding. The hardest part was leaving the animals in the shelter. In addition to their time the Antlers also donated a 50 pound bag of food for the animals. We will be returning to the shelter for additional volunteer work on Sunday August 1st and Sunday August 29th.

Submitted by: PER Diane Bodwell, Chair



“Join the ENF Fidelity Club Today”



Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at enf.elks.org/recurring and start your gift today! If you prefer to sign up through the mail, [click here](#) for an enrollment form.

Questions? Contact enf@elks.org or 773/755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity Club.

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Grand Lodge Awards”

The 2021- 2022 Grand Exalted Ruler Awards will be presented to individuals and Lodges who truly exemplify his theme: “Meeting the Challenge.” FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBERS: A. Elks who recruit (3) three or more new or reinstated Members will receive a personal message of thanks and a GER Award Pin. For bringing in 11 new or reinstated Members, an Elks watch will be awarded. For 33 new or reinstated Members, an Elks desk clock will be awarded.

Casas Adobes received two awards that were presented to Kellie Smith and Steve Baker at the July Lodge Meeting for proposing 3 or more new members during the 2020-2021 Elk year.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, Public Relations Chair



Left to Right: PER Kellie Smith, Secretary Don Baker, Trustee Steve Baker and ER Carolyn Smith

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Resumes Volunteering at State Vets Bingo”

After more than a year of COVID-19 restrictions keeping us from visiting, cooking, or calling Bingo, the Veterans Home has once again opened their doors to visitors with some restrictions. All visitors are required to wear a mask. If you have had the COVID-19 vaccine, then you may visit after filling out a questionnaire. If you have not had the vaccine, then they will administer a rapid COVID test, and you will also fill out the questionnaire. If the result is negative, then you are allowed to visit. These requirements are subject to change if there is a resurgence of COVID cases for the protection of the residents.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, Public Relations Chair



Pictured in red vest Mary Shaffer, Casas Adobes Leading Knight with some of the residents.

“AEA Public Relations”

Here is some good news from the Grand Lodge Public Relations, Membership and Marketing Committee. The July 14th report regarding membership has Arizona adding 1,225 new members in our Lodges. Good job Lodges, but you must continue to Initiate, Initiate, Initiate. The State delinquency currently 12.0%. While 2020 was about survival, 2021 is about growth, hope and new opportunities. Keep working in a positive manner.

Here is how the 4 Districts have grown in membership since the beginning of the Lodge Year.

State District	Begin	Gain New	Gain Affiliated	Gain Rein.	Gain Total	Loss DNP	Loss Expel	Loss Transfer
AZ East	4559	141	42	26	209	4	0	22
AZ North	4391	155	67	45	267	9	4	23
AZ South	4009	112	25	29	166	10	0	12
AZ West	11808	412	79	92	583	72	2	48
AZ Virtual	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Totals	24471	820	213	192	1225	95	6	10
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As we approach single digit delinquency percentages, progress will be slow and difficult. G.L. will be mailing out about 30,000 invoices from the new billing program. As was mentioned in Tampa, the Chicago staff has agreed to get invoices out much sooner. You Exalted Ruler will or should have reported on the new billing program in his report from the G.L. Convention to the Membership.

Does your Lodge have a Public Relations Chairman or does the Exalted Ruler or Secretary do the job? Is the information being collected? The duties of the P.R. Chairman is very simple, just gather the needed information and use the provided form to send to the District Chairman. Public Relations is very important to Grand Lodge. Any Lodge that does any community functions just did Public Relations. Having an article in your local Lodge newsletter, PUBLIC RELATIONS along with your success stories to the AEA Newsletter or local media.

Many Lodges do a great job in P.R, but others do not get the information needed to the proper committee. Help the Arizona Elks Association and do what is a necessity.

Fraternally,
 Ronald R. Wilson, PDDGER
 AEA Public Relations Chairman
 AEA News West District Chairman

“2022-2023 Grand Lodge Convention Intend to Attend”

**Intent to Attend
Atlanta Georgia Grand Lodge Convention
Georgia “On Our Minds”
July 3 – July 6, 2022**

Please Type or Print Legibly

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Spouse / Significant Other Name _____

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____

2021 – 2022 Year Position _____

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Rooms are limited. Reservations will be on a first-come basis.

**Please return no later than January 1, 2022**

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Comments/Questions/Concerns: _____

"Grand Lodge News"



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



Elks keep moving forward and Meeting the Challenge

Wow, what a fantastic opportunity to serve our great Order. I would like to first thank my wonderful wife, Amy. Without her love, support, and commitment this experience would not be possible. We both are very grateful to have been chosen to take this incredible journey. I would also like to thank my other family members. Knowing they are helping take care of our personal obligations at home during this time is a huge help to both of us.

My theme this year is *"Meeting the Challenge."* This past year was like no other in the history of our Order. With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, I want to congratulate local Boards of Directors and members for their



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**T. KEITH
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efforts in continuing Lodge operations and remaining active in their community. Thank you for taking and showing pride in our Order. Not only could we not meet regularly, but we all experienced a crash course in virtual meetings.

Summer is still upon us, but fall is closing in. Now is the time to begin

planning Lodge fall activities. For example, begin working on a school supply program, or start one if one is not available in your community. This is an opportunity to engage with your schools, help children who need it by providing critical school supplies, and lay the groundwork for other Elks youth programs (e.g., Hoop Shoot, scholarships, drug awareness).

This year, my goal for Elks National Foundation will remain at \$4.80 per Member. I know this goal is easily obtainable since we have more than doubled this number for many years now. The stronger your Lodge, the greater benefit to your community.

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With the various grants from the Elks National Foundation, we can readily add to existing Community Service Projects. Today, our communities need us more than ever. There are always projects that could use our help to strengthen the charitable works we do. For some ENF Grants, your Lodge just needs to apply. Others are competitive. However, ENF personnel are there to assist you with these proposals.

The Elks Most Valuable Student applications are now open and online. Create a little explanation sheet or download one from elks.org. Then call your high school counselors to inform them of our program and where they can direct their seniors for the eligibility requirements and application. Follow up that call with a small letter. Remember we also have the Student/Teenager Month and Year Program. This is one way for your Lodge to recognize high school students for their work and volunteerism. Look into this program within the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Program Manual.

Finally, this week, visit Elks.org. Under the Fraternal Committee, print off the "Patriotism Week Proclamation." Have your city mayor sign it to proclaim September 6-12, 2021 as National Patriotism Week in your town. Then, use this opportunity to encourage new Members to join our great Order.

