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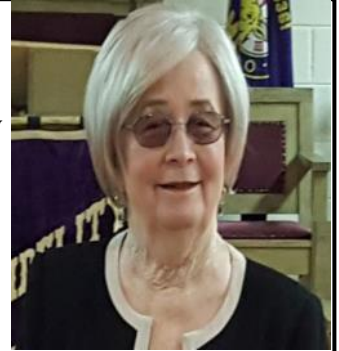
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"Be Proud of Elkdom"

Members All,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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25 January 2022



During this time, many of our Arizona lodges have been holding Clothe-a-Child events, Christmas parties with Santa, and the lodges also help those in need with food baskets as well as toys and even bicycles for our youth. In addition, many of our lodges are holding local Hoop Shoots so that they have winners to send to the District contests. The district contests are held over four weekends in January, with the East being on January 8th, the North on January 15th, the South on January 22nd and West on January 29th. Those will be followed by the State Shoot in Apache Junction on February 12th. Hope to see all of you there.

Of membership, as of December 21st, we have gained 3025 members and lost 949 for an overall gain of 2076, and that's an outstanding accomplishment. The good news is we now show only 1850 delinquents, as well as 507 candidates awaiting initiation. This means, as of right now, without doing anything else, **Arizona has a gain of 226 members!!!!!!**. **Keep up the good work!** And thanks to our great Membership Chairman Jerry Ingram and his committee as well as our Public Relations Chairman Ron Wilson and his committee!

Any lodge that wishes to can participate in this year's Ritual Contest or a Past or current Exalted Ruler may participate in the new Eleven O'clock Toast contest. Please contact your District Ritual Chairman if you wish to participate. Remember – Ritual can be fun, and it promotes camaraderie among your officers, and also helps to maintain officer progression.

Remember for easy donating to ENF you can sign up for the Fidelity club and give as little or as much as you want each month automatically. The same is true for AEMP through the Diamond Club.

You are likely reading this article in our great AEA Newsletter, and our editor is Shawnee Carlile from Sierra Vista #2065. This newsletter has been sent to each Lodge Secretary and I have requested that it be emailed to all members in our Directory and that each Lodge Secretary email it to all their members. If you are not receiving it and wish to do so, please contact Shawnee and she will email it to you.

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**ARIZONA ELKS
ASSOCIATION
2021-2022
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Charyll McKean

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"Be Proud of Elkdom"

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Remember – photos from all of our events are 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.

I hope all of you stay safe, both health wise and in your travels.
From Tim and I, best wishes to each and every Arizona Elk – and we are very proud to serve as AEA President and First Gent!

Remember — Be Proud of Elkdom

God bless everyone – until next month – — — —

"BE PROUD OF ELKDOM"

Regards



Charyll McKean

AEA President



AEA Annual Convention 11-14 May 2022 in Tempe, AZ

*****Please submit articles to: aeaneewsletter@arizonaelks.org**

“Havasu City Elks #2399 Donates to Meals on Wheels”

The Lodge donated funds and multiple items to the Meals on Wheels program. We received and donated \$2,000 from the Spotlight Grant in the amount, 67 boxes of chocolate cake & frosting donated by the Elkettes, and \$1,444.00 from the EYC Ice cream social.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Ice Cream Social Chair Lynne Hall, Meals on Wheel President of the Director Charlene Rupp and Elk Diana Bridge who made a separate special donation.



Pictured L-R: ER Chuck Fox, Meals on Wheels Treasurer Gordon Atterbury, Lodge Grants Administrator PER Debbie Herd and Elkette President Vanessa Brewster.



“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Hosts Children’s Christmas Spree”



On December 5, 2021, Santa and Mrs. Claus (Elk Members Grover and Deborah Ramsey) visited with children at the Casa Grande Valley Lodge #1957. Twenty four children were taken Christmas shopping by the CG Elkes and received \$150 in clothes and shoes. The children and Christmas Elkes then returned to the lodge for a pizza party and a visit from Santa Claus. Each child also received a gift from Santa.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

“Havasu City Elks #2399 Donates to Search and Rescue Team”

In November Elk members PER Debbie and Rod Herd (2nd and 3rd from left) donated new walkie-talkies to Search and Rescue to replace outdated equipment which made communications difficult especially in our vast desert. Also pictured from left are: ER Chuck Fox, with Search and Rescue Captain Mike Beets, 1st Lt. Dave Quiggle, 2nd Lt. Dena Mangana and Sgt. at Arms Todd Sosey.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



“Payson Elks #2154 Honors 13 Military Members KIA”

On Saturday, 12-4 the Elks along with the Sawmill Theater celebrated our Veterans by Honoring and Remembering the 13 US Service Members who were Killed in Action in Afghanistan on 23 August 2021. The 13 names were read during the solemn ceremony which included 11 young men and 2 women, all were in their early twenties, which also included 11 Marines, one Army Soldier and one member of the Navy. The Honor Guard was present and played Taps after the names were read. The ceremony continued with Payson Mayor Tom Morrissy saying a few words, then introducing other local officials and Art Schier from the Elks. All Veterans were then treated to the 1975 movie "Midway" starring Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda and James Coburn. There are over 6000 veterans in Gila County of which 40 percent call Rim Country home. All proceeds go to help the veterans of Gila County.

Submitted by: Kat Zeisse



“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Donate Thanksgiving Bags to Food Bank”

On Sunday, November 21, 2021, twenty-two Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 members filled 240 Thanksgiving food bags for IMPACT of Southern AZ clients. The lodge used the \$2000 Spotlight Grant to purchase turkeys for the food bags. In addition to turkeys, each family received 2 cans each of green beans and corn, a can of cranberry sauce, a box of stuffing, gravy mix and fresh rolls.

Submitted by: Jim Beregi



First Picture from Left to right: Larry Wittenborn, Bruce Lierman, Zach Arnold, and Deborah Derting. In the background: Patricia Lierman.
Second Picture – Catalina Mountain Lodge Members

“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Hosts Booth at Winter Wonderland”

The Casa Grande Valley Elks provided information for drug awareness, youth activities, veterans programs, American flags and other information to all at the Winter Wonderland held December 5, 2021 from 2-5 PM at Peart Park in Casa Grande, AZ.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary



Pictured (LtoR): Exalted Ruler Chris Repass, Grover Ramsey, Andrew LaBakis, Jake Shetka, Arvid Bayer, Michael Oldham, Julie Oldham, Lloyd Rich, Rachel Moya, and Mike Worley. Kneeling is CGV First Lady, Diane Repass.

“Sun City Elks #2559 Delivers Truck-load of Items to Veterans Charity”

On Wednesday, December 16, 2021, the Sun City Elks, in partnership with the Paralyzed Veterans Organization, made another huge haul of furniture and clothing. Sun City Elks Veterans Chairman John Hjerpe, committee member Marty Galchutt, members Dawn Quinn (Phoenix #335), Sara Schutt, and Val Bianchini, picked up approximately \$10,000 in furniture and clothing. All items were donated by Mr. Jim Jordan, USAF MSG (RET), who wished to donate his belongings to a Veterans Organization upon his death. Medical supplies were also donated to the “Durable Medical Closet Organization”, which provides medical equipment and supplies to community Veterans.

Submitted by: Val Bianchini, Veterans Committee PR Chair



Pictured L-R: Elk Members and flatbed truck loaded with the furniture donations from Jim Jordan. On the ground to the left is Sara Schutt, Jim’s friend; on truck to left Marty Galchutt and John Hjerpe (Elks Veteran Chairman); on the ground to the right is Dawn Quinn, Paralyzed Veterans Donations coordinator and driver of the 26 foot truck provided by the “Stuff Store”.

“Sun City Elks #2559 Adopts Veterans Organization”

The Sun City Elks adopted “The Colina Family Center” a family support facility, which presently houses approximately 172 family members (including 75 children). The facility recently added 30 additional units and was in dire need of kitchen and clothing items to outfit the units. Our Lodge dropped off ten, 50-gallon plastic bags full of towels, washcloths, blankets, and a variety of other items for the home. We also provided 14 cardboard boxes full of kitchen items such as plates, cups, pots, pans, and silverware. The total monetary donation to the Colina Center for December is \$11,189. We also dropped off an additional 15, 50-gallon bags of items to C.A.S.S.

Our Lodge also visited the Carl T. Hayden Veterans Hospital, where we dropped off 33 paper Christmas Bags containing handmade lap robes. The robes were handmade by the ladies of the “Happy Hearts Quilting Club”.

Submitted by: Val Bianchini, Veterans Committee PR Chair



Pictured: 1) Two vehicles loaded with Christmas bags. L-R Elks Members Stephen Conwell, Mary Ann and John Hjerpe. 2) Delivery of lap robes. 4) Elks members and Nate Levinsky, Outreach Coordinator for C.A.S.S. 5) Elks Members Deliver items to Family Center, and John Charlie “Colina” staff member.

“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Annual Children’s Shopping Spree”

On November 30, 2021, Raceway held the kid’s shopping spree with 7 girls and 3 boys to shop for, each child received \$100 to purchase clothing. A total of, 10 helpers; 4 non-elks and 6 elks, helped each child with there shopping, making sure that the child got necessary items. After the shopping event all helpers, kids and parents went back to the lodge for lunch that was prepared by 4 elks and 1 non elk. Each child was given a Christmas stocking filled with goodies. Transportation was provided by the school, that took them shopping then back to the lodge and home. We had 8 parents were in attendance with there child all were very appreciative and had a day that they will remember.

Submitted by: PDDGER William “Willie” Buttram, PR Chairman

“Raceway Elks #2852 Holds Annual Elks Memorial Ceremony”



On the first Sunday in December Raceway Elks Lodge held the Elks Memorial, to honor our past members. This year we honored 11 past member, **Robert Bailey, Olive Brook, Karl Gaither, Alton Holes, Howard Mahler, Michael Mrazek, John Scherman, David Smith, Daniel Snyder, PDDGER, PSP. Edward Vance, Steve Ward**, they are gone but not forgotten. The Memorial was one of the most Beautiful Services with the Music, Oration by Tim Barrett and the performing officers did an outstanding service. There were 28 in attendance 9 non-Elks, 19 Elks. There was a short brunch afterwards for all in attendance.

Submitted by: PDDGER William “Willie” Buttram, PR Chairman **maker of Memorial Plaque

“Raceway Elks #2852 Annual Children’s Tree Trimming Service”

On December 3, 2021, Raceway Lodge #2852 held its annual kids Trimming and potluck. This year we had 38 in attendance 31 Elks 7 non-Elks and 5 kids to trim the tree. Some are still holding back on coming to the lodge with Covid still lingering around. The kids did a great job decorating the tree, and the Big Guy in the Red Suit showed up for the kids. Find out what they wanted for Christmas. We had a lot of food for all to eat and enjoy, it was fun time for all Members, Guest and of course the kids. We also raised \$50 for our Scholarship from the sale of peanut brittle.



Submitted by: PDDGER William “Willie” Buttram, PR Chairman

“Raceway Elks #2852 Hoop Shoot Contest Winners”

On December 6, 2021, Raceway Elks #2852 Lodge held the 2021 Lodge Hoop Shoot there were 20 helpers 7 non-Elks and 17 Elks, with 16 shooters in the 8-9 boys, 13 shooters in the 8-9 girls, 12 shooters in the 10-11 boys, 11 shooters in the 10-11 girls, 7 shooters in the 12-13 boys, and 8 shooters in the 12-13 girls for a total of 67 boys and girls shooting in the Hoop Shoot. The winners in the 8-9 boys were 3rd place Marco Stella, 2nd place Jamarr Boyd, and 1st place Steven Lancaster, winners in the 8-9 girls were 3rd place Arianny Muon, 2nd place Aliya Marsh, and 1st place Bianca Smith, winners in the 10-11 boys were 3rd place Will Hill, 2nd place Rafe Charbonneau, and 1st place Tyler Rhodes, winners in the 10-11 girls were 3rd place Genesis Aguebor, 2nd place Jaeda Elder, and 1st place Teej Sidhu, the winners in the 12-13 boys were 3rd place David Tejada, 2nd place Keegan Hamburgh, and 1st place Jackson Rogers, winners in the 12-13 girls were 3rd place Jadyann Valeriano, 2nd place Taylor Pase, and 1st place Kiera Jozefiak. All 1st place shooters will go on to shoot in the district shoot in January. All Raceway members agree there were no losers just winners.

Submitted by: PDDGER William “Willie” Buttram, PR Chairman

“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Hosts Breakfast with Santa”

On Sunday, December 12, from 10-12 PM, the Casa Grande Elks served breakfast for parents and children who came to see Santa Claus. Food donations were accepted for a picture with Santa and parents also donated for the breakfast served. Approximately 150 people attended the event.

The Casa Grande Valley Elks are also collecting food for food boxes to be distributed before Christmas and gift cards for veterans within our community.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary



Mrs. Claus (Deborah Ramsey), Colten Dumas, Abbey Wallace, and Santa (Grover Ramsey)

“Tucson Elks #385 Clothe-a-Child Event”



The Tucson Lodge #385 distributed 25 bicycles, 25 backpacks with school supplies and \$75 gift cards to 25 students at Tucson AZ Walter Douglas elementary school on December 13, 2021. In photo: Leading Knight-Susan Trecartin, PER-Bob Holyoak and ER-Wayne Burns.

Submitted by: John Aceves, Lodge PR Chairman

“Havasu City Elks #2399 Sponsored Families at “Giving Tree” Event”

Through the “Giving Tree” program Lake Havasu City Elks members adopted/sponsored 78 local foster children. Each child received new underwear, socks, shoes, pajamas, two complete outfits and requested gifts. 32 caregivers also received a special gift.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured: Member and Elkette President Vanessa Brewster, H.A.V.E.N Family Advocate Kelsey Thurman, Elk Exalted Ruler Chuck Fox and Elk Member PER Debbie Herd. Front is H.A. V, E. N Family Advocate Ashley Buckles LSAT.



“Yuma Elks #476 Holds Annual Shopping Spree and Brunch”

On December 4, 2021 Yuma Elks Lodge 476 conducted a Christmas Shopping Spree. Over 80 local children were taken shopping at J C Penny's for new clothes for the Holidays. Assisting the Elks in escorting the children were volunteers from the Yuma Police Department, Yuma Fire Department and AEROCARE. Afterwards the children and volunteers were invited to the Elks Lodge for a breakfast buffet of pancakes, potato tots, eggs, sausage and bacon.

Submitted by: Jim Thompson, PR Chairman



“Yuma Elks #476 Provides Spaghetti Dinner for Special Olympics Christmas”

On December 4, 2021 the Yuma Elks Lodge 476 provided a spaghetti buffet for the Yuma Special Olympics athletes and families at their Christmas Celebration.

Submitted by: Jim Thompson, PR Chairmn



“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Supports Wreaths Across America

Elks Officers, Lodge Veterans Committee, and Riders, along with Casa Grande VFW Honor Guard and J. Warren Funder Home, participated in the Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 18. This effort placed Christmas wreaths on the graves of our Veterans at Mountain View Cemetery. This event is a group effort of organizations across the United States to honor our veterans during the holidays.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

Pictured: Member, Mike Oldham, placing a wreath on a Veteran's grave



“Tempe Elks #2251 Hosts Scholarship Fundraiser ”



The Scholarships committee would love to thank everyone that attended our first annual winetasting and auction event. We need to give a huge thanks to Stephanie and Larry Pratt for bringing the idea from another Lodge, Larry was out on the road with Shamrock and watched the same event at another Lodge! We also went to Thank Mesa Buckhorn, and the Chandler much for supporting our scholarship fund to help raise money for our children and grandchildren of our Lodge. The event was a huge success and we are looking forward to next winter to do the same. Also start watching for the dates for our Chili cookoff and peanut butter and jelly fundraiser.

Submitted by: Donna Williams, Newsletter Editor



“Jerome Elks #1361 December 2021 Students of the Month Awards”

On December 16, 2021, the Jerome Elks Lodge #1361 presented Student of the Month Award to one eighth grade student from Clarkdale-Jerome School, Kariza Smith. A second eighth grade student, Mukye Fields, was chosen but did not attend the presentation. These students were chosen by the teachers of the school to be the December recipients of these awards. The attending student was provided a free dinner at the lodge for herself and her father, as well as a \$10.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card. Immediately following dinner, the student was honored with her award.



Submitted by: AEA President Charyll McKean, Lodge PR Chair

“Phoenix Elks #335 Donates Items to Mana House”



On November 22, 2021, Veterans Committee members Henry Brown and Karen Seaman visited Mana House, a transition home for veterans. We donated clothing and bedding and kitchen items valued at approximately \$4,500. Mana House was thrilled to receive the donations and some of these items of clothing were for ladies, which they desperately needed. We also visited the Phoenix Veterans' Administration and gave a truck full of handmade blankets as well as large print game books. We delivered 40 blankets and 20 game books for a total of \$4,020 in value. Henry Brown also delivered 150 Thanksgiving baskets to the Luke Air Force Base and the Veterans Administration. We remain loyal to our veterans.

Submitted by: Clem Brown, Leading Knight

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Distributes Holiday Gift Boxes”

Members of Casas Adobes 2663 assembled Holiday Food boxes for 34 needy families from two local schools on Saturday, December 18th. The turkeys and hams were generously donated by our members and other foodstuffs were brought utilizing our Gratitude Grant. Most families drove by to pick up their Holiday box on Sunday, and a few we delivered to the family at their home. The families were from two of our neighborhood schools and identified by the schools as most needing some extra help during the holidays.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer, PER / Leading Knight, PR Chair



Filling the boxes



L to R: Marv Thompson, PER, Don Baker, PER & Secretary, Mary Shaffer, PER & Leading Knight and Carolyn Smith, PER & Exalted Ruler



Mary Shaffer, PER & Leading Knight and Alan Schmidt, Principal Laguna Elementary School

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Hosts Clothe-a-Child Event”

Members of Casas Adobes 2663 knocked it out of the park with their annual Clothe a Child event at J.C. Penny's. Thirty-five children shopped with an adult for much needed clothes and shoes. Afterwards they and another 25 children were treated to Cane's Chicken, cookies, and juice at the Lodge. Finally, to the excitement of the children Santa arrived with backpacks filled with school supplies and a gift for each child.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer, PER / Leading Knight, PR Chair



Children with their adult shopper checking out



Jim Walker as Santa talks to one of the children and gives him his gift



Santa with some of his helpers

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Delivers Kitchen in a Box Kits to Veterans”

It took some time for all our kitchens in a box to arrive due to supply difficulties however, finally all 40 were delivered. Utilizing a couple of trucks and some cars everything was transported to the VA Hospital where we were met by HUDVASH personnel. We then were directed to their storage area and unloaded our vehicles. These complete kitchens will ultimately be given to homeless veterans transitioning into homes.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer, PER / Leading Knight, PR Chair



Contents of Kitchen in a box



Linda Seggie-Saunders, Lecturing Knight helps load one of the trucks



L to R: Don Baker, Secretary and Darrin Cross, HUD-VASH off-load kitchens at the VA

“Sun City Elks #2559 Provides Items for Veterans Organizations

Sun City Elks were able to apply for, and receive two Grants totaling \$5,500. \$3,500 of which will be used to pay for 12 months storage at the C.B.I. organization, plus \$1,200, to purchase twin and full mattresses and bed frames. The furniture will be used for Veterans to use when they move into permanent housing. C.B.I. (Community Bridges Inc. located at 804 Jones Street in Phoenix Az.) is one of the latest charitable organizations adopted by the Elks and its housing units (Colina Rapid Housing) is the organization chosen to store any donated furniture.

On Friday, December 17, 2021, Member, “Lindy” Lindahl, personally purchased sixteen, \$25 gift cards (\$400) to be presented to Veterans residing at the facility. In addition to the gift cards, the Elks also delivered 9 boxes and bags filled with dozens of socks and t-shirts. St. Clemens of Rome, also donated several wrapped gift boxes and toys to children at the Colina Facility.

Submitted by: Val Bianchini, Veterans Committee PR Chair



Pictured: (1) Veterans residing at the C.B.I. facility M. Thomas, Army, P. Brainard, USMC; Joe Zimmerman, Navy; Christy Campbell, Army, Inocente Hernandez, USMC, and Michael Simms, Army. (2) “Lindy Lindahl, gift cards to Veterans residing at the Facility. (3) William Moyer, Housing and Community Integration Manager thanking Lindy.

“Tucson Elks #385 Donates Bicycles for Kids of Lugo Charities ”



On 23 December 2021, the Tucson AZ Elks Lodge #385/Lugo Charities donates 9 kids bicycles and helmets to local non-profit Southern AZ Family Involvement Center (SAFIC).

Submitted by: John Aceves, PR Chair

Pictured L-R: ER W. Burns, SAFIC representative Ed Casillas, J. Lugo from Lugo Charities, PER B. Holyoak. December 22, 2021.

“Raceway Elks #2852 Operation Christmas Card”

This year Raceway Lodge collect 400 Christmas Cards from the members, the Cards this year were taken to Verrado Elementary School for Students to write a little note and sign them. Then our Lodge Secretary picked them up on December 22, 2021 and delivered them to Veterans Homes and Assisted Living Homes in our Community. Each year this program shows the Veterans and people in the Community that the Children and Raceway Lodge #2852 Care.

Submitted by: PDDGER William “Willie” Buttram, PR Chairman

“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Annual Christmas Party”

On December 18, 2021, Raceway held its annual Christmas and anniversary event. We are glad to say at this event we held a basket and 50/50 raffle that raised \$377 for our scholarship program, Steven Cox won the 50/50 and donated back the money he had won to the Scholarship. The HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Girls from Agua Fria High School help as servers and clean up and a total of \$175 was collected for them and there HOSA program. We had a total of 62 people in attendance, 14 were non-Elks, this included the HOSA girls and caterers, 48 were Elks. This is an annual event and each year moneys raised goes to help one or Lodge programs and Schools programs.



Submitted by: PDDGER William “Willie” Buttram, PR Chairman

“Phoenix Elks #335 Hosts Public Safety Appreciation Night ”

Phoenix Lodge #335 honored our police, firefighters and first responders on Public Safety Appreciation night. The event included 70 invited Public Service Agencies guests and 79 grateful Elks and guests. This event honored participating Agencies with eleven Departments in all. All of our guests and awardees were served a wonderful dinner. As each Agency Department Head took the podium a resounding message came forth expressing deep thanks to the Elks, our Lodge and all of our members for their welcoming and appreciative reception to their visit and to their efforts, especially in these unprecedented and trying times. It was heartwarming to see the number of Award Recipients with their family taking candid family “selfies” in front of the podium with the flags and our 100 year old “B.P.O.E. Lodge #335” Banner at the conclusion of the event. The Presentation of Colors was performed by the Sea Cadets, and also thanks to the Scout Troop #607 and Antlers who also provided Escort to the honored guests. Master of Ceremonies was Carol Brown, Esteemed Loyal Knight and Keynote speech was by Special Guest Speaker, US Marshal David Gonzalez. Awards were made as follows: Phoenix Fire Department, Tammy Moreth; Arizona Dept. of Public Safety Detective Sergeant Daniel Hartemes, Arizona Game & Fish Wildlife, Officer Eric Podoll; Maricopa County Emergency Management, Coordinator Brian Woodland; United States Marshal Service, U.S. Marshal Audra Bidegain; Paradise Valley Police Department, Officer Raja Karim; Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Deidre L. Gotjen; Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, Deputy Fabian Vazquez; Arizona Department of Corrections, Officer Eric Victorino. A very special posthumous award was made by the Drug Enforcement Agency by Special Agent in Charge Cheri Oz to Special Agent Michael G. Garbo who died this year in the line of duty.

Submitted by: Clem Brown, Leading Knight



“Phoenix Elks #335 Honors Eagle Scout”

On December 13th in a ceremony held at Phoenix Lodge #335, Samuel Johnson of our Lodge’s resident Scout Troop #607 was presented with a Lodge Certificate of Recognition by Exalted Ruler Ted Sadlowski. An American Flag which had been flown at our National Capitol was presented to Samuel by Leading Knight Clem Brown. This was done to honor Samuel’s achievement in attaining Eagle Scout rank, recognizing his hard work and community contributions. Congratulations Samuel, well deserved!

Submitted by: Clem Brown, Leading Knight



“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

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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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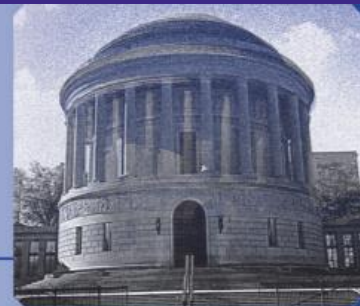
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"Grand Lodge News"



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



New calendar year arrives, but Elks year ends soon

Happy New Year to you all! As I write this letter, I think back to January 2000. The big scare about the electronic world coming to an end at the onset of the new century, and the tricks about turning your computer clock back a few years to ensure you would not lose all your data. Now look at us 22 years later. I was not even thinking this far ahead, or about what I would be doing.

I am not a big resolutions guy. I used to try to stick to a few things, but I found out resolutions just caused me more stress. I decided long ago to work on the things that I can control and do my best to adjust to the things that I cannot control.

Now is the time to start working on



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**T. KEITH
MILLS**

your next year's officer corps. Officer nominations begin in your Lodge meetings this month. I hope most Lodges have individuals stepping up and moving forward to the next chair. If not, now is a good time to start looking for people who want the opportunity to serve. Do your best not to just fill a chair. Be open

and honest with the person you are asking. Let them know just what the expectations are for the position they are committing to.

At this time, your Lodge also decides the Citizen, Elk, and Officer of the Year. I am going out on a limb here, but you probably have multiple individuals who deserve these honors. It is now time to start observing the final choices. Lodges should have these names submitted to Grand Lodge by the end of February so certificates can be printed and sent back to the Lodges for Officer Installations.

Membership and Lapsation Committee members also need to look over

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ARIZONA ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS

2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, 15 JANUARY 2022

Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM
Blind Draw for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Arizona Golf Resort
425 South Power Road
Mesa, AZ 85206

OPEN TO ALL ELKS & PUBLIC
\$95/person includes green fees, golf cart & lunch
at the Lodge, 6718 East Avalon Street, Mesa 85205.
Deadline to register is Monday, January 10

SPONSOR A TEE \$50 or SPONSOR A CART \$25!!!

Register at chandlerelks.com/AEMP

Questions? Contact

Mesa - Richard Bredahl 480-710-1053, AJ - Sherry Coker 480-734-3387,
Tempe - Marty Laird 602-741-4448, Chandler - Randy Appel 480-329-4839

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the lapsation list. We all do a great job initiating new Members, but sometimes we forget about our delinquent Members. Your delinquent Members had a reason for joining and sometimes they just need a reminder. If they do not want to return, find out why. If everyone is saying the same thing, you might want to change some things in your Lodge.

The end of year will be here before you know it. With the new Financial Reporting System, your Lodge just needs to ensure all entries are current. The nice thing about the FRS system is your Lodge no longer needs to have the annual audit completed. **However**, you still must submit your 990 and 990T for each corporation in your Lodge. Have them completed by a qualified individual (e.g., CPA) and filed with the IRS and uploaded on Elks.org.

I have said it before and I will say it again, thank you for everything you do.