

# Arizona Elks News

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February 2022



## *"Be Proud of Elkdom"*

Members All,

Can you believe it – it's now 2022!!! I remember when we reached the year 2000 and all the talk about computers not working and so on. We've come a long way since then.

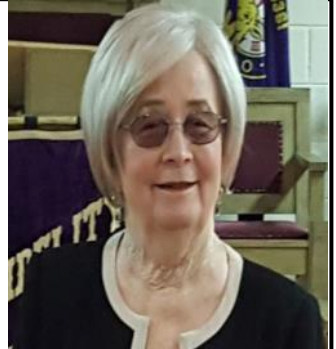
As I write this, three of the four District Hoop Shoots have already taken place and by the time you read this, the fourth will also have taken place. I was fortunate enough to have been able to attend two of those so far and it's always such a wonderful experience to watch the youthful participants. They exhibit such great sportsmanship and poise and it's always a source of such pride in our great Hoop Shoot program. Don't forget the State Shoot in Apache Junction on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see all of you there. Following that is the Regional Shoot which will be held at Boulder City, NV Lodge this year on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and it's a whole lot of fun.

I can't help talking about membership again – our state is now 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation – how great is that!!!. And it's thanks to all of you out there bringing in so many new members. As of January 25<sup>th</sup>, we have gained 3457 members and lost 1075 for an overall gain of 2382, and that's an outstanding accomplishment. The good news is we now show only 1711 delinquents, as well as 438 candidates awaiting initiation. This means, as of right now, without doing anything else, **Arizona has a gain of 671 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!

Please keep bringing in those members and please get them initiated. The only states ahead of us are California and New Jersey. California would be touch to beat but New Jersey is within reach. Again, thanks to all.

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.



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**25 February 2022**



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**ARIZONA ELKS  
ASSOCIATION  
2021-2022  
STATE OFFICERS**

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Charyll McKean

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## *"Be Proud of Elkdom"*

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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.

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"**

Fraternally,



Charyll McKean, President  
Arizona Elks Association



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



**July 3 - 6, 2022**

**\*\*\*Please submit articles to: [aeaneewsletter@arizonaelks.org](mailto:aeaneewsletter@arizonaelks.org)**

## *“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Student of the Month Awards”*

**Dania Anai Jáquez-Guanajuato**, 11, is the daughter of Juan and Roxanne Guanajuato of Eloy, and attends Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School.

Dania has been noticed by her teachers for leadership, holding herself to the highest standards, and asking for and accepting feedback. She is constantly striving for excellence.

Dania has been a student council class representative, an Envision STEM Youth Conference alum, and has also received the Soaring Eagle Award. In addition to her scholarly achievements, Dania has taken the lead in learning how to properly fold the American flag and has shown others the same protocols.

Diane Kopf, teacher, says that “Dania is a definite leader and loves to take control and charge of projects. She holds herself to the highest standards.”

Additionally, Dania also takes multiple dance classes, has a wonderful relationship with her family including her two older brothers, and she responsibly dog sits for a local family.



Dania Jáquez-Guanajuato

**Carter Alexander Ullerich**, 10, is the son of Michelle and Alexandra Ullerich of Casa Grande, attends Grande Innovations Academy.

Carter has been noticed by his teachers as a multi-talented student and community leader.

Carter is an active in the buddy program for the STEM club. Carter also loves to play basketball, t-ball, has been involved in the puzzle club, and is an honor student. Additionally, Carter has acted in the “Black Box Foundation Theater.” One of Carter’s many accomplishments is writing and starring in a video for teacher recruitment for Grande Innovations Academy.

Carter’s school says, “We’ve have had the pleasure of having Carter as a scholar at Grande Innovation Academy since he was in kindergarten. As a fifth grader, he has already accomplished so much both personally and academically. Carter possesses the spirit of GIA as well as the makings of a future community leader.”

Outside of school, Carter illustrates and writes his own comics, loves to read, enjoys swimming, and spends time with his little brother and three dogs. Carter’s parents note that he is a true model for understanding and acceptance amongst people.



Carter Ullerich

**Submitted by:** Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

## *“Chandler Elks #2429 Receives Grant for Lodge Charities”*

Chandler Elks Lodge Charities Inc. (CELC) recently received a \$1,000 Grant from Chandler-based Hidden Treasures Thrift Store. Pictured below are CELC board members Dennis Appel and Brian Gorski receiving the grant from Hidden Treasures Thrift Store Manager Laura Cervi.

It offers an inventory of good, clean reusable items donated by individuals and local businesses. Its vision is to turn these donations into dollars that will be used to fund grant requests from local organizations.

**Submitted by:** Terry Mickelson





## *“Yuma Elks #476 Delivers Food Boxes”*

On December 24<sup>th</sup> the Yuma Elks Lodge #476 did not let a little rain stop them on their annual Christmas Food Box Drive. They built and delivered food boxes to 205 families throughout Yuma County. In addition to the dry goods pictured, each family also received a turkey, milk, eggs and a bag of fresh produce.

*Submitted by;*



## *“Tucson Elks #385 Annual Bike in a Box Delivery for Elementary School Kids”*

Tucson Elks Lodge #385, ER Wayne Burns and 3rd Year Trustee, Jesse Lugo, Principal, Kira Rendon and her children loading 25 Christmas bicycles that were donated to Ochoa Elementary School in South Tucson, AZ.

This year's 13th Annual Elks Lodge 385 Bike In A Box event bicycle delivery was prolonged due to logistics issues that prohibited our event to occur. Instead, we had churches, schools, nonprofit organizations, and youth support agencies either pickup the bicycles or we scheduled to deliver them as we received our 500 purchased bicycles from our vendor.

*Submitted by:* John Aceves, Lodge PR



## ***“Kingman Elks #468 Donates to Area Food Bank”***

The Kingman Area Food Bank received a \$2,000 donation today from the Kingman Elks Lodge No. 468. Elks Exalted Ruler Mike Timm presented the Elks National Foundation Grant funds to Kingman Area Food Bank's Executive Director Mark Pardue.

**Submitted by:** Nani Chrimes, Lodge PR



## ***“Raceway Elks #2852 Delivered Food Boxes for Agua Fria Food Bank”***

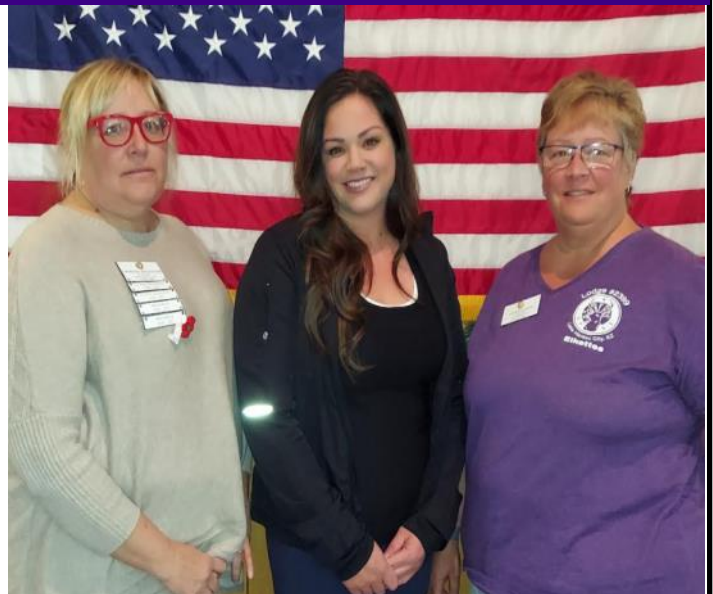
On December 23, 2021, Raceway #2852 delivered approximately \$350 worth of food to Agua Fria Food Bank in Avondale, Arizona. Our Lodge held a food drive, collecting food donated by the members for the community. During these times food banks need food to give out to community. Raceway is always there for the Community and willing to help. Two Elks, and one non-Elk helped Deliver the food; Exalted Ruler John Sergulz, Leading Knight Steven Cox, and Lodge volunteer Mary Snyder helped deliver the food.

**Submitted by:** PDDGER Willie Buttrum, Raceway PR Chairman

## ***“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Donates to Parkinson’s Charity”***

Proceeds in the amount of \$1,872.00 from the Lake Havasu City Lodge #2399 Elkettes Fashion Show were donated to the HCHF Parkinson’s Strong & Steady program. The Fashion Show was held in memory of Rebecca Duffey, the Coordinator of that program which helps Parkinson’s patients maintain physical fitness to improve mobility, function, gait, balance and mental sharpness.

**Submitted by:** Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



Pictured L-R: Elkettes President Vanessa Brewster, HCHF Parkinson’s Strong & Steady program Director Rebecca Lidstrom and Fashion Show Co-Chair Doreen Davis. Fashion Show Co-Chair Jane Watkins was not available for photo.



## *“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donates to Rachel’s Challenge”*



Lake Havasu City Lodge #2399 donated \$500.00 to Rachel’s Challenge. Rachel’s Challenge was created after the Columbine High School shooting, in honor of Rachel Scott and the other victims lost on that terrible day. After Rachel’s death, her family discovered that she left behind a legacy of kindness and compassion – through her life, her writings, and the people she had reached out to. Money donated will support an assembly to promote a path to ending school violence, bullying, self-harm and suicide by creating positive connections that improve self-worth and mental health.

**Submitted by:** Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured L-R: Leading Knight Paulette Nanteau, Thunderbolt Middle School Assistant Principal Jennifer Black, Superintendent of School Becky Stone and Exalted Ruler Chuck Fox.

## *“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Hoop Shoot Winner”*

Arizona Elks Association held the East District Hoop Shoot Free Throw Competition on Saturday January 8, 2022. Angelique Martinez sponsored by the Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 won the 12-13 Girls age division. She will now compete at the State Competition Saturday, February 12th at Cactus Canyon Jr. High in Apache Junction, AZ.

Besides Angelique, three other area youth competed in the District Hoop Shoot: Lee Vincent Trammell, Gianna Mejia, and Adrian Garcia, each competing in different division based on age and gender.

**Submitted by:** Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary



## *“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Veterans Donations”*



As of 12/20/21, our Veterans donations have totaled \$123,822 for our Lodge year! Included in our total donation is \$4,129 for new warm clothes and food for our homeless veterans. Every year the Veterans Committee is asked to shop for Vets living at the Arizona State Veterans Home on the VA Campus. Belinda and Les Waller spearheaded this effort. In total, we provided Christmas gifts for about 28 Veterans living in the home

**Submitted by:** Jim Beregi

Belinda Waller, Veterans Committee Co-Chair, Alane Asp, and Steve Asp, of Arizona ELK Lodge 2815 delivered Christmas gifts for 28 Veterans at the *Arizona State Veterans Home* in Tucson.

## ***“Tempe Elks #2251 Donates Clothing, Food and Toys to Needy Students”***

The Tempe Elks Lodge held a drive-thru distribution of gifts of clothing, toys, and food boxes for needy students and their families from Wood Elementary School in the Tempe Community. The food boxes contained breakfast lunch, dinner, and snack items along with a turkey and a ham for the families' special holiday meals. Each family also received several gallons of white milk and boxes of cereal which were all donated by the United Dairymen of Arizona and their employees and bottles of chocolate milk which were donated by Shamrock Farms. Tempe Elks members, families, and friends donated over 200 toys so that each of the 94 children had toys to open on Christmas Day. More than half of the children also received gifts of clothing items, made possible with the help of grant monies from AEA Social Welfare and ENF. The families were all so appreciative, and the children were so excited to see Santa and his Elf as they came to pick up their gifts. It was obvious the Tempe Elks made a huge difference in the lives of these children and their families!

**Submitted by:** Sheryl L. Filliater, Social Welfare Chair



## ***“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Adopt-A-Family Donations”***



The PERA did donate \$500 to Jan Trudeau's Adopt-A-Family at Christmas program through Impact of Southern Arizona. Our Lodge "adopted" 20 children this year through our local food bank—Impact of Southern Arizona. Through generous donations and with some help from the PERA, we purchased toys, art supplies, and clothing for each of these kids. We spent \$75.00 per child. Each received at least 5 gifts to open for Christmas.

Also, IMPACT of Southern Arizona received a donation of \$6,000 and was able to purchase \$171.43 of additional groceries per family. Each family was provided a minimum of two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and snacks for each of the two weeks. These meals included fresh meats, produce, dairy and nonperishable items too.

**Submitted by:** Jim Beregi

Pictured: delivering presents to Impact employees Sue Dowler and Michele Santorelli.



## ***“Sun City Elks #2559 Receives Golf Cart Donation”***

On Friday, January 14, 2022, Mr. Mike Bunker, proprietor of the "Discount Golf Car Company", challenged the proprietors of other golf car companies, to match his donations of golf cars to the charitable programs of the Sun City Elks. Mike has been an active supporter of the Sun City Elks and to our charitable programs which support our nation's Veterans, and the community at large for eight years. This year Mike donated two golf cars. We will auction the first car at our annual Charity Ball.

We will auction the second gold cart donation at our annual "Casino Night", and proceeds will benefit our Veterans Charities, specifically the Honor Flight Program. We have at least 11 Vietnam Veterans scheduled to go to DC this spring.

*Submitted by:* Val Bianchini, Veterans Public Relations Chairman



Pictured Mike Bunker next to donation, Wanda Leading Knight and Bruce Kather, Charity Ball chairman

## ***“Coolidge-Florence Elks #2350 Host Officer of the Year Awards Ceremony”***

The Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge hosted our annual Officer of the Year Awards Dinner on 13 November 2021. Our 2021 Officer of the Year award was presented to Coolidge Police Officer Daniel Maciver.

Officer Maciver began his career in law enforcement by joining the Arizona Dept Corrections in 2006. In 2018 Officer Maciver was hired by the Coolidge Police Department. He has the highest self-initiated contact rate of any officer at CPD.

Officer Maciver is a textbook example of a hardworking employee. He is especially skilled in locating illegal drugs during his contacts. Maciver is one of our best illegal drug interdictors.

*Submitted by;* Angela Shenk, Lodge Secretary





## *“Sun City Elks #2559 Donates Items to Two Organizations”*

Sun City Elks Lodge # 2559 donated needed items to the C.B.I. (Community Bridges Inc.), which serves both Veterans and the needy and to the Vista Colina emergency family center. Our Lodge receives items from members to distribute to out community organizations.

**Submitted by:** Val Bianchini, Veterans Public Relations Chairman



Picture 1: John Hjerpe (left) with Tasha Martin, CBI assistant and Army Vet, pose inside of the Sun City Elks storage shed, which is nearly full of items ready to be donated. Many furniture items are already on the truck.

Picture 2: John Hjerpe, Elk Member and Chairman of the Elks Veterans committee, Aaron McIntyre, CBI Navigator; Bill Walters Navigator 2; Jace Hochstetter Lead Navigator; Tasha Martin, army vet and Russ Wildey, CBI Supervisor. Pose in front of the CBI 18 foot box truck, which is already partly loaded, with other items on the lift.



## *“Holbrook Elks #2450 Hoop Shoot Winners”*

Holbrook Elk's Lodge had three district hoop shoot winners that will be advancing to state:

8-9 Year Old Girls: Callie Orton (purple)  
 10-11 Year Old Girls: Payton Orton (black coat)  
 12-13 Year Old Boys: Manny Guerrero

All three will advance to the State Hoop Shoot on February 12th in Apache Junction!

**Submitted by:** Bev



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



Proceeds in the amount of \$1,450.00 from the Elkettes' Concert Series went to Meals on Wheels.

**Submitted by:** Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured L-R: Elkettes 1st Vice President Adie Angle, Meals on Wheels Board Member and Driver Nancy Mann, Elkettes Cyndie Boatright, and Elkettes Concert Series Chair and Elks First Lady Eva D. Fox.

## *“Kingman Elks #468 Donates Transition Kit to Vet in Need”*

Through a VA HUD/VASH voucher a home was secured and the Kingman Elks Lodge No. 468 Veterans Committee provided a full Welcome Home Kit to get them started with all the household essentials including beds, linens, dining set, couch, heater, and a double stroller. Kingman Elks Veterans Committee's Nani Chrimes and Richard Joseph purchased the Welcome Home Kit and with muscle from JAVC delivered all the items in time for the Christmas holiday.

The Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council paid off Veteran Joni's car to relieve the monthly burden and JAVC Veterans Richard Mickle and Kevin Burns delivered and set up a dryer in her home. The Elks, JAVC, Kingman Area Food Bank, Safeway Stores, and Golden Valley Baptist Church (GVBC) provided food and clothing too. GVBC made sure the children had those special wish list items under the tree this year.

**Submitted by:** Nani Chrimes, Operation Turnkey



## *“Casas Adobe Elks #2663 Donates to ICS Food Bank”*

We are proud to donate \$1,000 to Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Bank from our Beacon Grant. Two of our members currently volunteer with this organization.

ICS is often the place to go in Pima County for those who have nowhere else to turn. Their programs enable seniors and people with disabilities to stay safe and independent in their homes. They also assist individuals and families facing food hardship, job loss and financial crisis regain stability and gather the resources to move forward to self-sufficiency.

In addition to the Community Food Bank operated by ICS in Tucson they recently added a Food Bank Service Truck. This vehicle was built to distribute frozen meats and refrigerated items ensuring that the same items are available as if the client went to the main food bank. This Mobile Food Bank is stocked and ready to roll to distribution sites in underserved communities.

**Submitted by:** PER Mary Shaffer, PR Chair



L to R: Mary Shaffer, Leading Knight presents Tim Kromer, Director of Outreach and Partnerships for Interfaith Community Services (ICS) a check for \$1,000 for use to use for replenishing the ICS Food Bank.



## *“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Donates to Dementia Connection”*

Proceeds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Elkettes See's Candy sale went to the Dementia Connection.

**Submitted by:** Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured L-R: Elkettes President Vanessa Brewster, Dementia Connection Volunteer Roberta Bayles and See's Candy Sales Chair Teresa Bremenour.





## *“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donates to Clothes Closet”*

Proceeds in the amount of \$750.00 from the highly successful Elkettes See's Candy sale this year went to the Clothes Closet.

**Submitted by:** Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured L-R: Elkettes President Vanessa Brewster, Clothes Closet founder Christine Watson Buntmeyer and See's Candy Sales Chair Teresa Bremenour.



## *“Buckeye Elks #2686 Hosts Children's Christmas Shopping Spree”*

On Saturday December 18, 2021 the Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 hosted our annual Children's Christmas Shopping event. Due to the current pandemic, Santa Claus gave the children gift cards to go shopping. The children, their families and all the volunteers were also treated to a delicious breakfast cooked by our Lodge volunteers. Thank you to Jay Broadbent (pictured as Santa) and Kevin Johnson for working hard to raise funds and to organize the event for the children. And thank you to all who donated to the Children's Christmas Shopping fund. It is your generosity and caring nature's that make this annual event a success!!

**Submitted by:** Leatta McLaughlin



## *“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Donates to Prescott VA”*



Lap quilts made by Lodge Members and Elkettes, along with other gifts, totaling \$11,200.00 were donated to the VA Hospital in Prescott, AZ for Christmas.

**Submitted by:** Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured: Veterans receiving gifts were Air Force Master Sgt Peggy Schmidt 1986-2017, and Air Force airman, James Ahlsrom, 1988-1990. Standing in back are Bud Watts, Elks Lodge # 2399 in Lake Havasu City's Veterans Committee Chair and Elk member Kim McCoy who is also the Lake Havasu City Marine Corps League Commandant.

## *“Buckeye Elks #2686 Hoop Shoot Winners”*

On Saturday, November 20, 2021 the Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 held our local Hoop Shoot Contest at West Park Elementary School. We would like to thank all the kids that participated, as well as all of the volunteers that made this event possible.

Congratulations to the following winners that will be moving on to the district level of the contest as we look forward to seeing these Buckeye athletes compete in Wickenburg in 2022:

8/9 year olds: Troy Nelson & Reagan Hardin

10/11 year olds: Dylan Thomas & Destiny Litzan

12/13 year olds: Jonas Shannon-Phillips & Audrina Torres

*Submitted by:* Leatta McLaughlin



## *“AEA State Veterans Committee News”*

Arizona State Veteran Home – Yuma is currently hiring in preparation for opening. There is not an opening date at present. Required staff are in the interview, hiring and training process. Due to COVID and shortages it is unknown how long this will take. The new Arizona State Veteran Home - Yuma sits on ten acres of land donated by the City of Yuma near the Colorado River. The 73,000 square foot long-term care skilled nursing facility will have 80 beds that serve Arizona Veterans and their families. All residents will enjoy private rooms, full baths, and more in a home-like environment.

We are preparing to open admissions for the Arizona State Veteran Home - Yuma. If you have not yet subscribed to the email list for the Yuma home, now is the time! This email group will be the first to receive notice of the opening. Subscribe at <https://bit.ly/2NdmVal>. #AZVETS

*Submitted by:* PER Mary Shaffer, AEA Elks National Veterans Services





## *“District Hoop Shoot News and Winners– South”*

The third round of four District Shoots was completed on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the boys and girls Club in Tucson. The South District Shoot which Chairman Joe Jablonski put on was a success by all standards. Joe would like to thank all of the volunteers who showed up to help make it successful. The results are as follows;

8-9 year old girls on left 1<sup>st</sup> place Charlee Parker Green Valley Lodge #2592  
 8-9 year old boys R to L 3<sup>rd</sup> place Billy Ramos Catalina Lodge #2815 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jose Navaro Tucson Lodge #385 and 1<sup>st</sup> place Mathew Salazar Green Valley Lodge #2592

10-11 year old girls L to R 3<sup>rd</sup> place Aleesa Sanchez Wilcox Lodge #2131 2<sup>nd</sup> place Victoria Navara Tucson Lodge #385 and 1<sup>st</sup> place Nani Weldon Green Valley Lodge #2592  
 10-11 year old boys R to L 3<sup>rd</sup> place Nicholas Medina Tucson Lodge #385 2<sup>nd</sup> place Axel Arellano Wilcox Lodge #2131 and 1<sup>st</sup> place Ivan Arvizu Green Valley Lodge #2592

12-13 year old girls L to R 3<sup>rd</sup> place Damaris Guerra Wilcox Lodge # 2131 2<sup>nd</sup> place Natalie Barraza Green Valley Lodge #2592 and 1<sup>st</sup> place Sophia Lopez Tucson Lodge #385  
 12-13 year old boys R to L 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lorenzo Salas Wilcox Lodge #2131 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kaleb Gonzales Tucson Lodge #385 and 1<sup>st</sup> place Angelo Granados Green Valley Lodge #2592

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will now compete against the winners of the North, East and West Districts at the State competition on February 12th in Apache Junction for a chance to move on to the Regional Shoot in Las Vegas. Good Luck to all.

Also pictured is Joe Jablonski PER, South District Hoop Shoot Chairman and Gregg Boyce PDDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Chairman.

Pictures and article submitted by Gregg Boyce PDDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



## ***“AEA Contest Due Dates”***

### **2021-2022 Important Hoop Shoot Dates**

#### **State Competition**

12 Feb 2022 in Apache Junction, AZ

#### **Regional Competition**

26 Feb 2022 Las Vegas, NV

#### **Elks National Competition**

30 Apr 2022 Chicago, IL

### **Americanism Essay Contest 2021-22 Criteria and Rules**

#### **State Submissions**

28 Feb 2022

#### **Grand Lodge Submissions**

31 Mar 2022

### **Americanism Brochure and Mini-Brochure Contest**

#### **Due Dates are as follows:**

#### **State Submissions**

28 Feb 2022

#### **Grand Lodge Submissions**

31 Mar 2022

### **All American Lodge Contest – Contest A**

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler to receive (postmarked) no later than  
March 15th, 2022

State Chairperson to receive (postmarked) from DDGER no later than  
April 1st, 2022

State Chairperson to mail to Grand Lodge on April 15th, 2022

### **Community Service & Image Brochure Contest – Contest B**

District Chairperson to receive submission no later than March 7th, 2022

AEA Judging date: April 13th, 2022



## “2022-2023 Grand Lodge Convention Registration Form”

### Atlanta Georgia Grand Lodge Convention Reservation Georgia “On Our Minds”

July 3 – 6, 2022

Return This Form To: Jerry Grimes By March 31, 2022

Please Print Legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: Please PRINT CLEARLY \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Significant Other Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Double \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Flying \_\_\_\_\_ Driving \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 – 2023 Year Position \_\_\_\_\_

Rooms Are limited. Reservations will be on a first-come basis. Send reservations in early.  
All Rooms Require A Deposit - First Night's Stay \$148.30

1. Room Deposit \$136.00 (includes tax) - Required \$ \$148.30

2. New Arizona Individual Trading Pin \$ 3.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Arizona Hospitality Room - (\$100.00 - Per Lodge - Exalted Ruler) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:

### Arizona Elks Association

Mail to: Jerry Grimes  
3397 Monte Moro Street  
Kingman Arizona 86401  
928-753-5925 (W) 928-692-5633 (H)  
[nulcid@upgcable.com](mailto:nulcid@upgcable.com)

Note: You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel. I will receive a master list of confirmation numbers. Be assured if you send me your registration form by DEADLINE DATE (3/31/22) you will have a room reservation.

### Office Use Only - Please Leave Blank

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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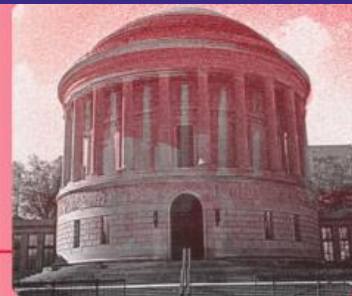
**DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION NUMBER**  
ANY/ALL cancellation or changes in reservation MUST go through the Housing Chairman

## “Grand Lodge News”



# Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

*Elks Care — Elks Share*



## Work still needs to be done, even in birthday month

Our Elks' birthday this year falls on Wednesday, February 16. Hold an event to celebrate the occasion. One more important reminder: Do not forget Valentine's Day. I can honestly say I have never forgotten this day, but I have needed to run to the store early to get a few things before someone wakes up.

February is a very important month for us. Only a few weeks remain in this Elks' year and a lot of work still needs to be done. For example, new officer elections should be held at your last regular monthly meeting this month. Do not look at February as only having a few weeks left to serve, but as the opportunity to finish the year strong. Do your best to make your Lodge



### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**T. KEITH  
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more successful than you started for the Members and community to continue *“Meeting the Challenge.”*

Current Exalted Rulers, there are many programs and awards at your disposal. Any Member who has a combination of sponsoring or reinstating three Members is eligible to receive the Grand Exalted

Ruler Award Pin. Exalted Rulers can also submit two Members for the Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation. There are also two Making A Difference Special Citation awards, one for the Exalted Ruler and another for the Lodge. You can find this information in the Lodge Activities Program supported by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee.

The Elks Legacy Scholarships deadline is also this month. Remember, this scholarship is for any Elks Member's children and grandchildren. Make sure your Members are aware of this program.

Finally, new officers need to start

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### G/L PR AND MEMBERSHIP MARKETING COMMITTEE

## New membership motto for 2022

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The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is one of the premier charitable organizations in the United States. Our membership over 15 decades has consisted of tens of millions of America's finest citizens.

We continue to grow, connect, educate, and engage people nationwide. We are driving positive messages, expanding the Elks brand, and engaging new audiences every day. Just like generations of Elks who came before us, we too continue to make our mark on history and bravely stand our watch.

Our membership battle cry this year is **Respond, Recover, and Renew in 2022**. Our recovery is real and robust. We will hit our January goal of 75,000 Members added. We have more than 13,000 candidates waiting to be initiated! Lodges have been working hard to add Members. Our Order has not added 90,000 new Members in one year since 1994.

Help us get there. Urge your Lodges to hold initiations, share content that shows the public what we do, and invite your friends and family to join.

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having meetings to plan for the next year. Start developing your yearly budgets and, if possible, set your yearly calendar of events. Be realistic when developing your budget. This is a working document that can and should be amended as your year moves forward. The work and effort you put in now will show throughout the year in your operations. Your year will still have some bumps and curves, but you will be better prepared to handle any situation that will arise. All officers should act as one. Having monthly meetings better prepares you for your upcoming activities and will help you to continue *“Meeting the Challenge.”*