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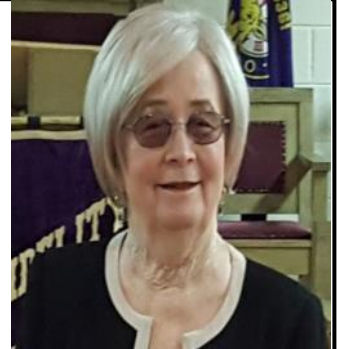
March 2022



“Be Proud of Elkdom”

Members All:

As of this writing, we’ve celebrated Valentine’s Day and President’s Day, and I hope each of you enjoyed those holidays.



We will be going to Boulder City, Nevada the weekend of February 25th and 26th for the Regional Hoop Shoot, and we hope to have some winners go on to the National Shoot. We have six chances, so everyone please root for Arizona.

At this point in the lodge year, each lodge should have nominated and most likely elected their officers for the ensuing year. All incoming Exalted Rulers should be working on getting all their committee chairmen, and looking towards planning for the upcoming year. All incoming ERs should also be signed up to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, GA being held July 3-6, 2022. Also, all new Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights and Lodge Secretaries are required to attend the AEA Annual Convention held in Tempe on May 11-14, 2022.

I can’t help talking about membership again and again and again. – Our state has dropped to 4th in the nation – still doing great but we dropped from 3rd to 4th. I am still so, so proud of what all of our Membership and Public Relations teams have done in our great state of Arizona. I’m also proud of all those in our member lodges who have recruited, indoctrinated and initiated our new members. **Arizona has a gain of 879 members as of February 23rd!!!!!! Keep up the good work! We still have 588 candidates waiting to be initiated.** Remember, we have just about one month left to bring those new members in, and if we do that, we might move up back into 3rd place or maybe even 2nd place. In addition, we can have over a 1400 member gain this year. For all of you going to Grand Lodge, this means a front seat at the business sessions in Atlanta.

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 March 2022



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"Be Proud of Elkdom"

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I hope all of you are receiving our AEA Newsletter via email – for anyone who wants it but is not receiving it, please contact me at charyll@ctmckean.com and I will see if I can help..

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.

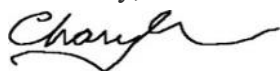
From Tim and I, best wishes to each and every Arizona Elk – and we are very proud to serve as AEA President and First Gent!

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**

“Fountain Hills Elks #2846 Hosts Blanket Drive for Homeless Vets”

Fountain Hills Lodge #2846 recently held a blanket drive for homeless Veterans. The goal was 50 blankets and thanks to the generosity of Lodge members that goal was exceeded with a total of 83 collected. In addition to the blankets, 48 bags of MREs, 60 \$10 McDonalds gift certificates and bus passes, and numerous gift certificates for Albertsons and Safeway were channeled to the Veterans through the non-profit organization Community Bridges Inc.

Submitted by: Jim Beischel, Loyal Knight / PR Chair



Pictured with the blankets is Lodge Veterans Committee Chairman Ralph Christofferson.

“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Honors Student of the Month”

In January the Casa Grande Valley Elks Awards the following Students with the Student of the Month Award:

Lila Ava Lopez, 10, is the daughter of Eddie and Shannon Lopez of Casa Grande and is a fifth-grade student at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School.

Zander Robles, 9, is the son of Joshua Robles and Taylor Greeley of Coolidge and is a fourth grader at Mary C. O'Brien Elementary School.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

Pictured L-R: Zander Robles, and Lila Ava Lopez



“Coolidge-Florence Elks #2350 Hosts Multiple Events”

Veterans Committee Fundraiser- Lodge held a dinner fund-raiser to honor veterans and collected more than \$1900. During this event, a donation of \$2500 was made to Hiring/Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County, which provides support services to needy veterans.



Student Awards: Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter District Scholars!! These high school juniors excelled in their academics and extracurricular activities for the 2nd quarter of the 2021-22 school year. Each student received a certificate and a check for \$50.

Pictured L-R: Maya Valencia (Florence High School), Angie Schenk Scholarship committee chairmen, and Yazmin Martinez (Coolidge High School)

Drug Awareness Awards: Congratulations to our Drug Awareness Poster winners!! First Place winner Ember Lynn and Second Place winner Alexa Byers, both students from Skyline Ranch K-8. Each student received a certificate and a gift certificate for \$10.

Hoop Shoot District Winners: Congratulations to our Hoop Shoot winners!! Josiah Navarro and Drake Tipton will be moving on to the East District contest. Each student received a certificate and a check for \$10.



Pictured L-Rt: Drake Tipton and Josiah Navarro, along with the Hoop Shoot judging team and Ken Schumann Hoop Shoot Chairman

Submitted by; Angela Shenk, Lodge Secretary

"Fountain Hills Elks #2846 13th Annual Children's Shopping Spree"

On Dec. 11th. The Fountain Hills Elks Lodge #2846 hosted their 13th annual Children's Shopping Spree at our local Target Store. 29 local, eager children arrived at Target and were greeted by Santa and his helper. Each child was paired with a volunteer who guided them on their Shopping Spree for needed items, a toy and gifts for others. Target was very helpful and accommodating as usual, with a special register set up for the little shoppers. As the children departed they were again greeted by Santa and his helper and were given lunch bags. The families were also given Bashes grocery gift cards provided by the Fountain Hills Elks Lodge. The Elks would like to thank all the volunteers (33), Target and their staff, McDowell Mountain Elementary School, and of course the families that participated in this Christmas event. The joy and the holiday spirit was overwhelming.

Submitted by: Jim Beischel, Loyal Knight / PR Chair



"Casa Grande Elks #1957 Donates to Veterans Pantry"



The Casa Grande Valley Elks donated food to the Veterans Pantry at the HOHP office. These items are purchased with a grant received from the Elks National Foundation. Thank you to volunteers and co-chairs of the Veterans Committee, Kate Schmidbauer and Sherree Svoboda for doing the shopping and delivery!!

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

“Raceway Elks #2852 District Hoop Shoot Sponsors”

On January 29, 2022, Exalted Ruler John Stergulz, Leading Knight Steven Cox, Secretary Robin Cox, Tiler Bonnie Trader, Esquire Tim Barrett, Associated Member PER Kim Barrett, and Lodge Volunteer Mary Snyder. Traveled to Wickenburg for the West District Hoop Shoot, to work the Hoop Shoot and support our Lodge Free Throw Shooters. Raceway sponsored six boys and girls to Shoot in the Contest at Vulture Peak Middle School in Wickenburg. Seven District Lodges took part in the Shoot with the 1st place winner from each boy and girl age group advancing to State Elks Hoop Shoot in Apache Junction, Arionna on February 12, 2011. Raceway took five 1st place wins and one 2nd place win.

The winners are 1st place 8-9 Girls Bianca Smith, from Mabel Padgett School. 1st place 8-9 boy Steven Miles Lancaster from Corte Sierra School, 10-11 Girls Teej Sidhu from Dreaming Summit School, 1st place 10-11 boys Tyler Rhodes from Palm Valley School, 2nd place 12-13 girls Kiera Jozefiak from Western Sky and 1st place 12-13 boys Jackson Rogers from Western Sky School. Raceway honors all the Hoop-Shooters, for they all are winners to us.

Submitted by: William Buttram, PDDGER / PR Chairman



“Buckeye Elks #2686 Donates Gratitude Grant to Benefit the Homeless”

On February 16, Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 presented a \$2,000 check to the All Faith Community Services in Buckeye. This donation was made possible via Grand Lodge's Gratitude Grant Program. All Faith will be using the monies to help fund their new mobile unit, which allows them to provide food and hygiene products to the homeless, shut-ins, and those without transportation. Their director let us know that due to their recent growth, they are looking for a cheap storage unit to use for sorting their donations. So if you know of such a place in the Buckeye area, please let us know.

Submitted by: Leatta McLaughlin

Pictured Lodge Trustees Jay Broadbent and Leatta McLaughlin, All Faith Director Cassie Wilkens, and Lodge Exalted Ruler Eric Cooke.



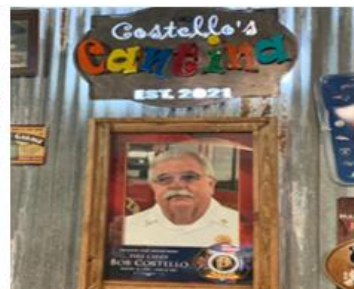
“Buckeye Elks #2686 Memorializes Past Trustee and Fire Chief”

During the last weekend in January, the Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 honored departed Lodge member, Bob Costello, who was the City's Fire Chief. Bob and his wife Wanell have been devoted members of the Lodge for numerous years and both have served on the officer team. Wanell is currently the Treasurer while Bob was on the Board of Trustees.

On Friday night, they dedicated their Cantina to Bob, which he helped build, and it will now be known as Costello's Cantina. After the dedication and ribbon cutting, they served dinner to Bob's family, friends, and fellow Lodge members.

The next day, they held the 1st Annual Chief Bob Costello Car Show where proceeds benefited the Bob Costello Vocational Scholarship Fund. They awarded the following People's Choice Award hand-made trophies at the car show: 1st – Kim King, 1967 Mustang Coupe; 2nd – Michael Favela, 1966 Chevy C10 fleetside short bed truck; 3rd – Ramiro Rodriguez, 1970 Chevy C10 truck.

Next time you're in Buckeye, they invite you to their Lodge to visit Costello's Cantina. They are already looking forward to next year's 2nd Annual Chief Bob Costello Car Show, which will be held the last weekend of January 2023.



“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Host Ceremony for Girl Scouts”



Casa Grande Elks honored three Girl Scouts on Saturday, February 5th with a Silver Award Certificate presented by Exalted Ruler, Chris Repass. Pictured are the recipients in front of the Casa Grande Lodge

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

Pictured L-R: Cambri Geller, Gigi Hesley-Satalino and Evalyn Hesley-Satalino.

“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Chili Cook-Off for Scholarships”

On February 5, 2022, Raceway Lodge #2852 held its annual chili cook-off and raffle of donated items from Local Businesses, and the members to raise money for our Scholarship program. We had 9 cooks this year with 62 in attendance, including 6 non-elks. The chili tasting was \$5.00, and additional bowls for \$1.00. The Judge's winner was Ken Billups, and the people's winner was Rose Hendricks. After the chili cook-off the raffle was held, there were 60 items to raffled off, with a special item, a Pandora bracelet from Osborn Jewelers, tickets for the bracelet were \$5.00 each and all-other item were 6 tickets for \$5.00. The night was a great success and we raised \$1000 for our Lodge Scholarship Program.

Submitted by: William Buttram, PDDGER / PR Chairman

“Raceway Elks #2852 Donates Items to Paralyzed Veterans of America”

On February 10, 2022 Raceway lodge #2852 donated to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, one office chair and an electric wheelchair, The Paralyzed Veterans of America will donate both items to a Paralyzed Veteran in need. Both items valued totaled was \$3,700. Items were a donation from a member of the Lodge to be given to a veteran.

Submitted by: William Buttram, PDDGER / PR Chairman

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Clothe-a-Child Event”

On 7 January 2022 we held our Annual Children's Shopping Spree. Due to some of the restrictions our initial date in November had to be postponed, and we modified the event to minimize crowding. We were able to partner with the Disabled American Veterans, and our local representative from the Veterans Administration Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)- a big thank you to member Glenn Hohman for putting us together with both the DAV and HUD-VASH. We received a list of eligible children and with the help of our Lodge Secretary Barry “Bear” Carlile, JR we morphed the Shopping spree into Clothe-a-Child. Each child received \$125 worth of clothing plus 1 toy from their wish list (under \$10.00). We held a BBQ, and celebrated with Santa Claus.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Leading Knight



“Yuma Elks #476 Donates Beacon Grant to MENTA Academy”



The Yuma Elks Lodge donated \$3500.00 ENF Beacon Grant to the MENTA Academy Yuma. The MENTA Group has been providing treatment for children and young adults with Autism in Yuma since 2016. They support, within the school setting, foundational life skills to children with both vocal and n vocal abilities, sensory processing struggles, food tolerance issues, self-care needs, aggression, and a variety of traumas.

Submitted by: John Fuller, Chairman

Pictured from left; Esteemed Loyal Knight Mike Burnet, Dr. Stacy Jantzi PhD, CBT, Menta Bus. Mgr. Aileen Arzate, and Exalted Ruler Gary Gist.

“Sierra Vista Elks #2450 Veterans Committee Highlights”

Edward “Ed” Mealy, Jr., Chairman of the Veterans committee, highlights some of the activities our Lodge has participated in this past year, thanks to the Freedom and Spotlight grants. During our three (3) Feed A Vet BBQs we had a crew cooking, working, and cleaning the grill. In August, our committee rocked the Cochise County Standdown at the Sierra Vista Mall where we were referred to as, “The Belle of the Ball!!”. We passed out over 80 of our signature purple bags which were seen everywhere as veterans actively hunted for information concerning the BPOE! Christmas was a real hoot as we proudly purchased, packaged, and delivered 45 gift bags and backpacks filled with essentials, snacks, and other requested items from our local veterans. What an honor to serve on this committee!!

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Leading Knight



“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Hosts Annual Charity Ball”

We had an entertaining night at our Sweetheart Ball Fundraiser. Everyone enjoyed themselves. After dinner Blackjack band played and dancers filled the floor. We had some wonderful raffle prizes donated for the event. We raised an estimated \$1,000 that night for use during the upcoming year for our charitable endeavors.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, PR Chair



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



We finished our Gratitude Grant with a donation to the Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Bank. In addition to the Food Bank, they offer Emergency Assistance, Self-Sufficiency Programs, Caregiving & Senior Services and Community Health Outreach. This organization provides exceptional service to our community.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, PR Chair

L to R Celena Robles, Development Coordinator and Mary Shaffer, PER, Leading Knight

“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Americanism Essay Winners”

The Casa Grande Elks Lodge holds an Americanism essay contest annually which is open to the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students attending Casa Grande schools. This year the theme was "What Does It Mean to Love Your Country?" The following were students were selected as the winners of our lodge Essay Contest:

Each of the winners will receive a plaque from the Casa Grande Elks which will be delivered to their school. The winning essays have been submitted for competition in the East District Americanism Essay contest. One winner will be selected from the students above.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

5th Grade Winners

- 1st Place-Jacob Rodriguez - Mesquite Elementary
- 2nd Place - Bella Gastelum - Mesquite Elementary
- 3rd Place - Jenesis Taimanglo - Mesquite Elementary

6th Grade Winners

- 1st Place - Emily Pina - St. Anthony's of Padua
- 2nd Place - Ryan Sander - St. Anthony's of Padua
- 3rd Place - Ruben Limon -- St. Anthony's of Padua

7th Grade Winners

- 1st Place - Madeleyn Garcia-Sosa - St. Anthony's of Padua
- 2nd Place - Adriana Sanchez - St. Anthony's of Padua
- 3rd Place - Eliana Medel - St. Anthony's of Padua

8th Grade Winners

- 1st Place - Evelyn Maldonado - St. Anthony's of Padua
- 2nd Place - Angelik Baeza - St. Anthony's of Padua
- 3rd Place - Amaya Casares - St. Anthony's of Padua

“District Hoop Shoot News and Winners– East”

On January 8th the East District completed their District Hoop Shoot to advance the winners on to the State Shoot on February 12th. Dennis and Deb with the help of a great bunch of volunteers did an outstanding job. (4th picture) The results are as follows: 8-9 year old girls L to R 3rd place Ysenia De Las Reyes Kearny Lodge #2478 2nd place Gianna Mejia Casa Grande Valley Lodge #1957 and 1st place Kambree Bond Mesa Buckhorn Lodge #2656

8-9 year old boys R to L 3rd place Luke Griffiths Mesa Buckhorn Lodge #2656 2nd place Cooper Soboski Apache Junction Lodge #2349 and 1st place Joshua Zapata Kearny Lodge #2478

10-11 year old girls L to R 2nd place Alaysia Peace Apache Junction Lodge #2349 and 1st place Noelle Duarte Kearny Lodge #2478

10-11 year old boys R to L 3rd place Kaleb Vanwinkle Apache Junction Lodge #2349 2nd place Caleb Skacy-Paw Tempe Lodge #2251 and 1st place Nathaniel Sintental Kearny Lodge #2478

12-13 year old girls L to R 2nd place Rachelle Barraza Apache Junction Lodge #2349 and 1st place Angelique Martinez Casa Grande Valley Lodge #1957

12-13 year old boys R to L 3rd place Dayton Bond Mesa Buckhorn Lodge #2656 2nd place Grayson Pavia Fountain Hills Lodge #2846 and 1st place Carson Rose Chandler Lodge #2429

Once again a big thanks goes out to Chandler Lodge #2429 for hosting this contest and to all of the volunteers for donating their time.

The 1st place winners will advance to the State Shoot on February 12th in Apache Junction and represent the East District. Good luck to all.

Also Pictured: Charyll McKean AEA State President and Dennis Appel DD East District, East District Hoop Shoot Chairman and Gregg Boyce PDDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Director

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



“District Hoop Shoot News and Winners– North”

The North District completed the second round of the District Hoop Shoots on January 15th in Camp Verde. Chairman Rick Kimberly PDDGER wants to thank Jerome Lodge #1361 and all the volunteers that showed up (pictured above) to make this a successful shoot. The results are as follows:

8-9 year old girls L to R 3rd place Amey Miller Page Lodge #2498 2nd place Kobi Rova Show Low Lodge #2090 and 1st place Callie Orton Holbrook Lodge #2450

8-9 year old boys R to L 3rd place Amare Brown Holbrook Lodge #2450 2nd place Luke Reid Page Lodge #2498 and 1st place Jerron Jordan Winslow Lodge #536

10-11 year old girls L to R 3rd place Lyla Craner Show Low Lodge #2090 2nd place Kyron James Winslow Lodge #536 and 1st place Payton Orton Holbrook Lodge #2450

10-11 year old boys R to L 3rd place Josiah Wiles Holbrook Lodge #2450 2nd place Owen Sombrero Page Lodge #2498 and 1st place Jacoby Chee Winslow Lodge #536

12-13 year old girls L to R 3rd place Taylin Puhuhevaya Winslow Lodge #536 2nd place Shayla Attekai Holbrook Lodge #2450 and 1st place Carla Arreola Show Low Lodge #2090

12-13 year old boys R to L 3rd place Elijah Farris Winslow Lodge #536 2nd place Cameron Reidhead Show Low Lodge #2090 and 1st place Adrian Guerrero Holbrook Lodge #2450

The 1st place winners will now advance and represent the North District in the State Shoot on February 12th in Apache Junction.

Also pictured are Charyll McKean AEA President, Rick Kimberly PDDGER, North District Hoop Shoot Chairman, Gregg Boyce PDDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Director.

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



“District Hoop Shoot News and Winners– West”

On January 29th the last leg of the District Hoop Shoots was completed. Wickenburg Middle School was the site and a big thanks to the Wickenburg Elks Lodge for hosting. Chairman Tim Woods would also like to thank all of the volunteers who gave up their time to assist in getting this Shoot done. The results are as follows;

8-9 year old girls L to R 3rd place Alayna Jones Yuma Lodge #476 2nd place Reagan Hardin Buckeye Lodge #2686 and 1st place Bianca Smith Raceway Lodge #2852
 8-9 year old boys R to L 3rd place Christian Breazzeal Parker Lodge #1929 2nd place Troy Nelson Buckeye Lodge #2686 and 1st place Steven Miles Lancaster II Raceway Lodge #2852

10-11 year old girls L to R 3rd place Destiney Litzan Buckeye Lodge #2686 2nd place Isabella Arriola Yuma Lodge #476 and 1st place Teej Sidhu Raceway Lodge # 2852
 10-11 year old boys R to L 3rd place Labrado Querta Parker Lodge #1929 2nd place Makhi Coleman Sun City Lodge #2559 and 1st place Tyler Rhodes Raceway Lodge #2852

12-13 year old girls L to R 2nd place Kiera Jozefiak Raceway Lodge #2852 and 1st place Jaida Bosch Yuma Lodge #476

12-13 year old boys R to L 3rd place Darwin Welsh IV Parker Lodge #1929 2nd place Evan Smith Scottsdale Lodge #2148 and 1st place Jackson Rogers Raceway Lodge #2852

1st place will now travel to the State Competition on February 12th in Apache Junction to take on the winners from the North, South and East for a chance to advance to the Regional finals in Las Vegas. Good luck to them all.

Also pictured are co West District Chairman Tim Woods PDDGER and Randy Sterling PER and Gregg Boyce PDDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Director

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



“AEA State Hoop Shoot Winners”

On February 12th at the Cactus Canyon High School in Apache Junction the State Hoop Shoot was held to crown the six Champions that will go on to Las Vegas to compete in the Regional Finals on February 26th. If successful there they will then compete to become National Champions in Chicago Ill. on April 30th. The gym was packed with spectators and it was awesome to see. As usual they did not go home unsatisfied as the competition was top notch.

Gregg Boyce the AEA Hoop Shoot Director wants to thank all of the volunteers that showed up and lent a bunch of hands. A special thanks goes out to the Apache Junction Lodge #2349 for all of their help because they went above and beyond.

The results are as follows;

8-9 year old girls R to L 4th place Charlee Parker Green Valley Lodge #2592 3rd place Kambree Bond Mesa Buckhorn Lodge #2656 2nd place Bianca Smith Raceway Lodge #2852 and State Champion Callie Orton Holbrook Lodge #2450

8-9 year old boys L to R 4th place Joshua Zapata Kearny Lodge #2478 3rd place Jerron Jordan Winslow Lodge #536 2nd place Steven Miles Lancaster II Raceway Lodge #2852 and State Champion Mathew Salazar Green Valley Lodge #2592

10-11 year old girls R to L 4th place Nani Weldon Green Valley Lodge #2592 3rd place Teej Sidhu Raceway Lodge #2852 2nd place Noelle Duarte Kearny Lodge #2478 and State Champion Payton Orton Holbrook Lodge #2450

10-11 year old boys L to R 4th place Ivan Arvizu Green Valley Lodge #2592 3rd place Tyler Rhodes Raceway Lodge #2852 2nd place Nathaniel Sinteral Kearny Lodge #2478 and State Champion Jacoby Chee Winslow Lodge #536

12-13 year old girls R to L 4th place Angelique Martinez Casa Grande Valley Lodge #1957 3rd place Sophia Lopez Tucson Lodge #385 2nd place Carla Arreola Show Low Lodge #2090 and State Champion Jaida Bosch Yuma Lodge #476

12-13 year old boys L to R 4th place Angelo Granados Green Valley Lodge #2592 3rd place Jackson Rogers Raceway Lodge #2852 2nd place Carson Rose Chandler Lodge #2429 and State Champion Adrian Manuel Guerrero Holbrook Lodge #2450



“AEA State Hoop Shoot Winners– continued”

After the competition had ended the awards for the top girls and boy shooter was handed out. The Bob Benson award going to the top girl shooter went to Payton Orton from Holbrook Lodge #2450. She made 19/25. The LeRoy "Bugs" Lewis award goes to the top boy shooter and went to Adrian Manuel Guerrero also from Holbrook Lodge #2450. He made 23/25.

Also pictured are AEA State President Charyl Mckean the host of the event and Gregg Boyce AEA Hoop Shoot Director.

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



“AEMP NEWS”

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major projects

The Arizona Elks Major Projects has embarked on a sustainable jewelry collection program for pediatric patients of the Steele Center.

We are asking for the donations of costume jewelry that we will have professionally cleaned. The children at the Steele center will then be able to pick out a beautiful piece of jewelry to give to their mom / caregiver as presents for holidays, especially Mother's Day.

For more information, please contact your Lodge ER / Secretary. Donations will also be accepted at the AEA Annual Convention.



AEMP CAREER OPENINGS

News from the Interim AEMP Director, Jimm Krausman PDDGER: AEMP is looking for a dynamic individual to fill the Executive Director position full time. They are also looking for an Executive Assistant (Book Keeping, and Data Entry duties). Interested parties should send their resumes to: P.O Box 12668, Tucson, AZ 85732-2668 / 520-326-0556

“Grand Lodge Enrique Camerena Award”



The winner of the Elks National Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program Enrique Camerena Award for 2021-2022 is Detective Michael Leshar of the Peoria, AZ Police Department.

Detective Leshar is the winner of the Arizona Elks Association – Camerena Award and was our Nominee for the Elks National Drug Awareness Camerena Award.

Thank you to the Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 for submitting the winning nomination selected by our panel of judges.

The awards are made each year to a law enforcement officer who has made outstanding efforts in Drug Awareness, prevention and service to his community.
Please join me in congratulating Detective Leshar.

The presentation of the award is at the Arizona Elks Association Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022 during the Morning Session.

The Elks National Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program Director Kent Gade will present the award at the annual Arizona convention meeting.

Submitted by: Jack Ponzo, AEA Drug Awareness State Chairman

“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 _____

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**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Arizona Elks Association

Mail to: Jerry Grimes
3397 Monte Moro Street
Kingman Arizona 86401
928-753-5925 (W) 928-692-5633 (H)
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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 # _____

Amount Due _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Balance Due: _____

Hospitality Room _____

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

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Finish strong with Elks programs, ENF contributions

The Elks year is winding down, but now is not the time to sit back and relax and ride the wave to the finish line. You still have time to complete some unfinished projects and make subtle adjustments to finish strong.

All of the various programs and awards for your Lodge and Members are due this month. Take some time to review Elks programs on elks.org to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members. One great program is the Contest ‘A’ — All American Lodge Contest. Although you may believe your Lodge does not qualify for this award, you should still submit the application to see where your Lodge stands and



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

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where you can make improvements next year to continue *“Meeting the Challenge.”*

This is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Foundation. I know your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$4.80 per Member goal. There are also many ENF

awards and certificates for your Lodge and Members. These should be applied for and given out. ENF provides money to your State Association, as well as funding many grant programs for your community activities. The most common recommendation from your Grand Lodge Area Auditor is for Lodges to better use the ENF grants to help improve operations. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

Newly elected Exalted Rulers, if you have not done so, list your committee appointments and give the list to the

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Congratulations AEA Webmaster— Barry “Bear” Carlile Jr., PER

GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

Top SA websites are current, colorful

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What a blessing to have the opportunity to evaluate State Association websites! I learned so much about State Associations and gained fantastic insights and ideas. There was so much creativity and excellent information and news, as well as vivid color and photographs.

Websites were graded on 1) content, 2) layout, 3) design, 4) graphics, and 5) effectiveness in telling the Elks story. Congratulations to the 2021–2022 award winners.

5-Star Awards

Arizona	Connecticut
Georgia	Idaho
Louisiana	MD-DE-DC
Mississippi	Minnesota

4-Star Awards

Arkansas	Kansas
New Jersey	New Mexico
Washington	

3-Star Award

Utah

I found that the best State Association websites tended to include:

- a calendar of events,
- current newsletters,
- details about upcoming events,
- information on conventions with registration forms and reservation information,
- Lodge directories with meeting dates and times, and
- lists of state officers and committee leaders with contact information.

Membership information is very important to those wanting to join or reinstate. After all, we all need more Members, don't we?

Other great ideas I saw on the websites included a newsletter archive; procedures and training manuals; supply forms and shirt order forms; bylaws; and minutes of meetings.

I spotted some issues with State Association websites, too. Webmasters should remove discontinued pages, old information, and pictures from 10 years ago. The biggest flaw in all websites was the lack of current information, news, and photos.

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Lodge Secretary. Secretaries, please get this information to your District Deputy for the Lodge directory. This information then should be entered into CLMS2.

Finally, for all retiring officers, I would like to thank you for your commitment, dedication, and service to our Order. Retiring Exalted Rulers, please do not stop being involved. I understand some ERs feel they need to take a break, but your knowledge and experience cannot be replaced. Your new role is to provide assistance and guidance to your Lodge, new officers, and Members. Also, consider getting on a state committee. They need your help and experience as well.