

# Arizona Elks News

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## “ELKDOM” it is in Giving, that We Receive”

Members All:



Kathy and I would first of all like to say thank you to all of you for this tremendous opportunity to serve this wonderful organization as your State President and First Lady. We are so grateful. This also marks the first time ever that a member of Chandler Elks Lodge#2429 has been selected to this office. What an honor!

Wow! What a convention it was. I would like to thank Past State Presidents Lee Schwein, Rich Botkin, and Jimmy Davis for their parts in the installation of officers program. Great job gentlemen. We would also like to give a "special thank you" to our longtime friend and mentor over the many years, Past State President John James for his Grand Exalted Ruler roll and doing the Installation of the officers as well as giving me the Presidential oath. Thank you so much John.

To the Vice President's, State and Grand Lodge officers, lodge, district, and state committee chairs, thank you for taking a leadership role for this year.

A BIG Congratulations to Past State President Charyl McKeane for an excellent job leading our State Association out of the "covid year" and on to a successful 2021-2022. Because of that, this year's leadership has a solid foundation to build on.

Let's remember, the front line of this order is our Lodges. The lodge officers and members are the driving force in our success for now and for the future. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and hard work towards that success.

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2021-2022  
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## "ELKDOM" it is in Giving, that We Receive"

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My slogan this year is:

"ELKDOM" it is in giving, that we receive.

Giving is what we do. Many children, families, military personnel, veterans, 1st responders and our communities benefit from your "giving". And the smiles, handshakes, cards and letters, and thank yous are what we "receive". This slogan does not stop with Elkdom. It can also be displayed by you with your family, your social life, your place of worship, and the workplace as well. It sums up what ELKS are....

The (B)est (P)eople (O)n (E)arth !!

**\*\*God Bless\*\***

Fraternally,

Mike Weishan - President  
Arizona Elks Association.



**July 3 - 6, 2022**

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

## *“News from the AEA Secretary”*

Members All:

As the new AEA Secretary, just a few things for all Members to know. The new email address for the AEA Secretary/Executive Director is [secretary@arizonaelks.org](mailto:secretary@arizonaelks.org) and the phone number is 928-450-7139.

A new updated listing of all Members information will be sent to our webmaster monthly with any corrections received. This Member listing can be downloaded. Please check if you have submitted any changes to make sure they have been recorded. If you have any information that needs updating, please send an email to the above email address and it will be in the next months Member listing.

If you need anything such as flyers, notices of upcoming events, etc. sent out to the membership please send it to me and we'll get it emailed.

I will be attending the Organizational Meeting to be held by our President Mike Weishan on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at Phoenix #335. I will have badges and Directories for those who did not pick them up at the May Convention, and I also will have vouchers, stationery and envelopes for those who want them. Just to notify all those who will be submitting vouchers with mileage expenses on them – the new rate per mile voted by our AEA Trustees will be 40¢ effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Regards



Charyl McKean  
AEA Secretary/Executive Director  
Arizona Elks Association

## *“Tucson Elks #385 Donates Athletic Equipment to School ”*



Tucson AZ Elks Lodge #385 donated 24 soccer balls and basketballs to support Physical Education programs at Nash Elementary School on Wednesday April 20, 2022. The school was also provided with 160 bottles of water and several American Flags to be used in the classrooms.

**Submitted by:** John Aceves, PR Chairman

Bob Holyoak – ENF Chairman; Wayne Burns – PER; Dr. Laura Esquibel – Tucson AZ Nash Elementary Principal; Arianna Jones – PE Coach; Susan Trecartin – Exalted Ruler

## *“Tucson Elks #385 Hosts AEMP Golf Tournament ”*

Golf Team from Tucson AZ Lodge #385 won second place in the South District Golf Tournament on April 23, 2022. They shot a score of 59 in a scramble tournament. All proceeds from the tournament were donated to Arizona Major Projects.

**Submitted by:** John Aceves, PR Chairman

Pictured L-R: Matt Nelson, Sarah Daniels, Chris Dimit, Angelo Daniels





## ***“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donates to Special Olympics”***

Monday Night Dancers with the Elks Lodge #2399 in Lake Havasu City donated \$250.00 to the Special Olympics. All donations to Special Olympics remain local and are used for programs to benefit local Special Olympians. Accepting a check from all the happy dancers is Lake Havasu City Head of Delegation Jim Winjhamer.

*Submitted by;* Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



## ***“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Lodge Awards Ceremony”***

The Raceway Elks Lodge hosted their Annual Lodge Awards Ceremony. Winners include: Dave Elia Officer of the year, William Buttram, PDDGER Elk of the year, and last Mary Snyder Citizen of the year.

*Submitted by;* Willie Buttram PDDGER, Lodge PR Chair



Officer of the Year, David Elia



Elk of the Year, Willie Buttram PDDGER



Citizen of the Year, Mary Snyder

## ***Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Donates to Meals on Wheels and Veterans”***

A \$500.00 donation was made to Meals on Wheels, and to the Veterans court for their drug testing program. Proceeds came from the Elkette Pie Sales.

*Submitted by;* Eva Fox, News Team



(L) Pictured L-R: Pie Sales Co-Chair Chris Dukey, Elkette Addie Angle who accepted the check on behalf of Meals on Wheels and Pie Sales Co-Chair Doreen Davis.



(R) Pictured L-R: Pie Sales Co-Chair Chris Dukey, Elkette Addie Angle, Military Moms President Cindy Ritter, Pie Seller Jim Angle and Pie Sales Co-Chair Doreen Davis.

## ***“Tucson Elks #385 Scholarship Winners”***

On May 1, 2022, the Tucson Elks Lodge #385 held its annual Youth Scholarship, Strings and Americanism program. The Lodge #385 Scholarship donated \$7,900.00 and the AZ Elks Association Scholarship program donated another \$12,000.00 to 6 of our 10 award winners. Our Harry Dobiesz Strings Program (named after late member Harry Dobiesz) gave 2 violins, 2 violas and 1 cello worth \$3,000.00. In addition, we had our Americanism winner!

**Submitted by:** John Aceves, PR Chairman

### **Scholarships:**

Mimosa Van  
Karen Nguyen  
Mila Willis  
Jasmin Rainwater  
Beartiz Solis  
Ximena German  
Alex Caulin Cardo  
Humbeto Valdez

### **String Winners:**

#### **Violins**

Julian Guerrero  
Allison Nunez

#### **Violas:**

Vaugh Laos  
Amara San Angelo

#### **Cello:**

Mallory O'Brian

### **Americanism Essay winner:**

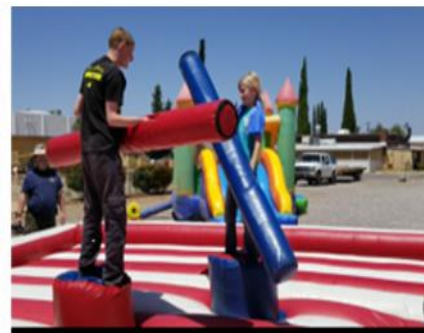
Madeline Hernandez



## ***“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Youth Week”***

On 30 April, and 1 May 2022, Cub Master & Lodge Chaplain Mike Martin, along with Scout Master, Scott Pierce, led our Lodge Youth Week. On Saturday, the Cub Scouts had a blast with their Annual Derby races, our Mayor, Rick Mueller read the proclamation declaring Youth Week in Sierra Vista, and the kids had a blast. On Sunday, the Scouts hosted a family friendly Youth Event that included: Jousting, a bouncy castle, knife and axe throwing (in a safe / controlled environment). Coolfmonline came out to interview us and help kick off our tribute to the youth in our community. Please visit our Lodge Facebook page [www.facebook.com/sierravista.elks.3](http://www.facebook.com/sierravista.elks.3) for the interview and album.

**Submitted by:** Shawnee Carlile, Lodge Newsletter Editor





## *“Raceway Elks # 2852 Youth Week Event”*



During youth week, Raceway lodge #2852 holds a youth breakfast and awards to honor the youth who took part in our youth programs and helped in lodge events. This year we had contacted boys and girls who were in the hoop shoot, drug awareness poster contest, Scholarship, and Americanism. This year we had four of the children show up to receive their awards. Of the ones who were contacted, the kids who were not available, their awards will be mailed to them.

One special girl Kenzie Schooley, a 15-year-old girl, Daughter of Denise and Teg Schooley and Granddaughter of Jean Blasco all members of the Lodge. Kenzie helps the lodge with events, cleaning and setting up and most of all she had her hair cut again, she has it cut, 12 to 16 inches to donate the cut hair to “Wigs for kids”.

Kenzie has done this 3 time in the past as well as this year. Along with Kenzie, we had one girl show who was one of our hoop shooters, and two of our Scholarship winners. One of which was also a state winner, scholarship winner. We had 22 in attendance 8 Elks 2 helpers and 12 family members of the awards winners.

*Submitted by:* Willie Buttram PDDGER, PR Chairman

## *“Buckeye Elks #2686 Mother’s Day Ceremony”*

On Saturday, May 7th, the Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 held a Mother's Day event to honor the wonderful women in our lives. After we conducted a Mother's Day ceremony, we had a free homemade breakfast of biscuits & gravy, bacon, sausage, and juice. Thank you to all who cooked the amazing food, conducted the ceremony, and to the mothers that came out to celebrate!

*Submitted by:* Leatta McLaughlin, Trustee



## *“Lake Havasu Elks #1957 Hosts Swim Day”*

In May of 2022 Lake Havasu City Elks Lodge # 2399 Youth Activities sponsored a free swim as part of Youth Week. Drug Awareness, Let's talk, pizza and ice cream was served to 400 members of the community. The event took place at the indoor Aquatic Center. In photo is Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau with PERs', drug awareness chairs along with other volunteer members.

*Submitted by:* Eva Foxx, Lodge News Team



## *“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Mother’s Day Ceremony”*

On 8 May 2022 our Lodge hosted our Annual Mother of the Year Ceremony. This year’s topic was “What Makes My Mother So Special.” Each of our winners received a gift card and certificate. The Mother of the Year received gift cards from our Lodge along with a few gifts, our Lodge Auxiliary, and from our Past Exalted Ruler’s Association. Our Judges were, Inner Guard Ben Granado, Leading Knight Laura Davis, S. District VP / Secretary Bear Carlile, PER Richard Davis, and Exalted Ruler Shawnee Carlile.

**Mother of the Year:** Michelle Moreno submitted by son Jaxon Davis (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Benson)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place winners:**

Jaxon Davis- Mother Michelle  
Kaliyah Hernandez- Mother Serena  
Angelica Valdivia- Mother Veronica

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners:**

Mathew Ware- Mother Susie  
Madison Croft- Mother Meghan  
Charlotte Cluff- Mom Elise

**Submitted by:** Shawnee Carlile, Newsletter Editor



## *“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Scholarship Awards Ceremony”*

Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge 2815 is proud to announce and extend congratulations to five Oro Valley, high school graduates who are recipients of an Arizona Elks Association \$ 2,000.00 scholarship award.

An Award ceremony and luncheon were held at the lodge for the five recipients and their families

The following students received this award for their exemplary performance in: academic achievements, leadership skills & awards, participation in community activities, and strong family contributions.

(All five students have been accepted with scholarships to the universities of their choice.)

**Submitted by:** Jim Beregi

Pictured from L to R :

(Roger Mastro, Elks Lodge #2815 Scholarship Chair)

ALEXANDER NELSON

MARK ANDRICOPOULOS

ZACHARY NELSON

(Monty Derting: Catalina Mountain ELKS Lodge, Exalted Ruler)

JOURNEY FLEISHMAN

CAMILLE BEESON





## *“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Students of the Year”*

The Casa Grande Valley Elks recently honored the youth of our community with a Youth Recognition Banquet during Elks National Youth Week.

Shyenne Lopez and Carter Ullerich were named “Students of the Year” and awarded plaques for their accomplishments academically and personally and their community service.

**Shyenne Lopez**, 13, is the daughter of Stephanie and Stephan Lopez of Casa Grande and is in the eighth grade at The Grande Innovation Academy. She has been a student at GIA for most of her education.

**Carter Alexander Ullerich**, 10, son of Michelle and Alexander Ullerich of Casa Grande. He attends Grande Innovation Academy.

*Submitted by:* Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary



Shyenne Lopez



Carter Ullerich

## *“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Host Blind Rehab Veterans”*

We hosted 15 Veterans and 4 staff from Veterans Blind Rehabilitation located on the Southern Arizona VA Campus on our first Burger Night of May. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal and said they looked forward to coming again soon. The Veterans Committee made up a bag of snacks for each veteran to take with them. They were thrilled with the contents that contained Ding Dongs, Rice Krispie Treats, Potato Chips, Candy, and an Apple.

*Submitted by:* Mary Shaffer PER, Exalted Ruler

Exalted Ruler, Mary Shaffer greets our guests from Veterans Blind Rehabilitation





## *“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Delivers Mother’s Day Giftbags to AZ Vets Home, Tucson”*



For Mother’s Day Casas Adobes Veterans Committee contributed to the Mother’s Day Tea held at the Arizona State Veteran Home-Tucson. Each of the Ladies in attendance received either a bracelet, brooch, or a necklace in addition to a small potted flower. Unfortunately, on this occasion we were not allowed to participate with the Tea other than dropping off gifts.

**Submitted by:** Mary Shaffer PER, Exalted Ruler

Exalted Ruler, Mary Shaffer at the reception desk dropping off our gift bags with security guard Kermit

## *“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Scholarship Winners”*

Casas Adobes 2663 hosted two Arizona Elks Scholarship Award recipients and their families during our annual Youth Week dinner. Mr. Paul Fuentes and Ms. Ananya Kumar were each presented with a Scholarship certificate from the Arizona Elks for \$1,500. The Casas Adobes Lodge also presented a Scholarship certificate for \$250 to each one. Due to a scheduling conflict awardee Paul was unable to attend and his mother accepted on his behalf.

**Submitted by:** Mary Shaffer PER, Exalted Ruler



L to R: Eugene Benevenia, Scholarship Chair, Mrs. Fuentes & Mary Shaffer, ER



L to R: Ananya Kumar, Eugene Benevenia, Scholarship Chair & Mary Shaffer, ER

### *“Chandler Elks #2429 Hosts Youth Awards Banquet”*

On Wednesday, May 18th the Annual Youth Awards Banquet was held honoring our five scholarship winners, six Americanism essay winners, three scouting awards, two Drug Awareness Posters winners and our JROTC nominee. Dinner and refreshments were provided. The key note speaker was Maxwell Bregman, one of last year's National Most Valuable Students who participated in the Elks Scholar Service Trip in March. It was a great honor to be able to host this year's recipients, families' teachers and school administrators. It was a true blessing to see the lodge so full of smiling youthful faces.

**Submitted by:** Dick Garlic, Lodge Newsletter Editor



### *“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 AEA Veteran Volunteer of the Year ”*



Casa Grande Valley Elks are proud that our member, Sherree Svoboda, was named the State Veteran Volunteer of the Year at the convention held in May. The Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award honors those who have demonstrated outstanding service to veterans and military members in need. We know that our programs could not exist without our volunteers, and this award is a way to recognize that and honor those outstanding volunteers among our members who make things happen. Sherry has been very instrumental in reviving the veterans' program at the Casa Grande Elks Lodge. Working very close with our Helping, Hiring, and Honoring Veterans of Pinal County, she has raised awareness of veterans' needs, purchased groceries for the veterans' pantry through our Beacon grant, honored veterans at a monthly birthday celebration at the lodge, and organized a program and sponsorships of Wreaths Across America. Sherri also saw the need for sleeping bags for our vets and was able to provide them for the Stand Down held in November 2021. For Christmas, gift cards for food and gasoline were presented to HOHP for distribution in the amount of \$2770. She has also organized 50/50 raffles to raise money for veterans. Working with the City of Casa

Grande and other Elk members, our veterans' committee's float entry won first place for the most patriotic. Sherri knows each veteran by name at our lodge and is first to thank them for their service. Being a veteran herself, Sherree works hard to insure "that as long as there are veterans, we will never forget them" at Casa Grande Valley Elks Lodge

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



### *“Chandler Elks #2429 Hosts Armed Forces Day Event”*

On Armed Forces Day, Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, Chandler Lodge #2429 Veteran's committee sponsored a breakfast to celebrate our Military. Veterans in the Lodge and in the community were invited. It was well attended and inspiring, and the Veteran's committee paid for all the veterans and other military members who attended the event. In addition, each veteran was given a red, white and blue Elks hat specifically designed by the Chandler Elks Veterans committee. The color guard for the event was from Basha High School Air Force ROTC, and our guest speaker was MAJ (ret) Cas Facciponti, founder of Operation Shockwave and Lodge member. They all made the event special. However, our members made it happen. The night prior our committee members decorated our hall in red, white and blue regalia. In the morning, Lodge members cooked an outstanding breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage, and there was plenty of coffee and orange juice to compliment the food.

*Submitted by:* Tracy Hanlon Cabell, EVAC Chairperson



### *“Yuma Elks #476 Holds Scholarship Awards Ceremony ”*

The Yuma Elks Lodge 476 recently held an Awards Banquet honoring local high school graduates. Scholarships totaling more than \$38,000.00 were given out by the lodge from the Elks National Foundation, the Past Exalted Rulers Assoc., Arizona Elks Assoc. and the Lodge Golf committee. Pictured above are 11 of the 19 students who received scholarships, including 13 year old Jaida Bosch holding her third place trophy from the Elks national free throw contest.

*Submitted by:* John Fuller



## *“Sun City Elks #2559 Hosts Youth Week Awards Event”*

Sun City Elks was honored to give awards to our Lodge's Hoop Shoot winners, Drug Awareness poster contest winners, 23 Students of the Months, 8 Teenagers of the Year, and 20 scholarship winners. It was a wonderful evening for over 170 attendees.

Congratulations to our Hoop Shoot winners: Emma Quilar, Makhi Coleman, and Benjamin Lopez. These three were our first-place winners in their age division. Makhi Coleman also attended the district contest in Wickenburg where he placed 2nd in his division. Not only are these students awesome at shooting baskets but excel in all aspects of their young lives.

We honored 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Congratulations to Kylee Martin-1st place, Claire Ramsey-2nd place, and Olivia Yaktus, 3rd place.

Honored were 23 Students of the Month, who were featured monthly in our Chatter during the months of October 2021-May 2022. These students attend Dysart, Sunrise Mountain, and Liberty High Schools and are exemplary students in both academics and community service.

Eight teens of the year (8th graders) were honored-1 boy & 1 girl each from Parkridge, Vistancia, Coyote Hills, and Lake Pleasant Elementary Schools.

Finally, we awarded \$1000 scholarships to 20 area high school seniors (pictured) chosen by our scholarship committee. Of these students 3 were award an additional \$2000 from Arizona Elks Association and 2 receive an additional \$4000 (\$1000 per year for 4 years) on the National level.

**Submitted by:** Vicki Way PER, PR Chairperson



## *“Kingman Elks #468 Donates 450lbs of Food to Food Bank”*

A truck driver contacted the Kingman Elks to see if they could use a food donation. His vehicle was 450 pounds overweight, and he could not proceed until the weight was removed. The volunteers at the Elks went into action and took charge. In turn Kingman Area Food Bank received a donation of 450 pounds of individual packages of Macaroni and Cheese meals Thank to the Kingman Elks #468. This donation will serve 450 families Kingman and Mohave county area.

A huge thank you goes to the Kingman Elks volunteers, Brian Burgette, Tom Stalhut, Debra Odin, Sandra Powell, Jimmie Powell, E.R., Chuck King, and Gene Gregor.

**Submitted by:** PDDGER Ronald Wilson, AEA Public Relations

Original News Story may be found by clicking on the following link.

<https://kdminer.com/news/2022/apr/09/kingman-area-food-bank-receives-large-donation-kin/>

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#### **Kingman Area Food Bank receives large donation from Kingman Elks**



Kingman Elks Lodge recently donated 450 pounds of individually packaged macaroni and cheese meals to the Kingman Area Food Bank. (Photo courtesy of Kingman Area Food Bank)

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## *“AEA Hoop Shoot Champion”*

On April 30th, 2022 our very own Hoop Shoot Champion from Arizona traveled to Chicago, Ill to compete at the National finals. She competed in the 12-13 year old girls division and she represented Arizona with such pride. She made 22 out of 25 and brought home a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. The first place winner in her division was a National Champion the year before.

The dedication and grit that Jaida showed to take home a 3<sup>rd</sup> place is just amazing. As her father stated during the competition that he probably couldn't have made 3 baskets in the setting that she was shooting in. Awesome job and great ending to a wonderful year in the AEA Hoop Shoot.

Also pictured: Jaida with Gregg Boyce PDDGER, PSVP, AEA Hoop Shoot Director 2<sup>nd</sup> picture is from L to R Mom Jennifer, sister Aubrey, dad Derek, Jaida, AEA Director Gregg Boyce, and the biggest fan brother Jackson, 3<sup>rd</sup> picture from L to R Grand Lodge Ritual Chairman Patrick Riley, Jaida, and Carol Riley.

Jaida was sponsored by Yuma Lodge #476

Article and pictures submitted by Gregg Boyce PDDGER, PSVP, AEA Hoop Shoot Director





# Arizona Elks Association

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## Press Release

### 2021 – 2022 Enrique S. Camarena Winner

The Elks Drug Awareness program is proud to announce the Arizona and National winner of this year's Enrique "Kiki" S. Camarena Award. Detective Michael Leshar is a 14-year veteran of the Peoria Police Department and was nominated by the Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 in Arizona. During his service to his community, Detective Leshar has held several positions including:

- Police Officer
- Field Training Officer
- Mentoring New Officers
- Technical Support Team Officer
- Recruitment Team Officer
- Instructor
- Union Representative
- Street Crimes Unit Member
- Narcotics Detective

Early in his career, while performing his duties as a patrol officer, he observed first-hand the destruction illegal drugs caused to his community. He wanted to do something to make his community better and safer. He sent out to learn as much as he could about the issues and crimes related to illicit drugs. He knew that he did something positive, he could improve the quality of life for all citizens in his community. Like "Kiki", he truly believed that one person could make a difference.

He began working with and training the Street Crimes Unit in 2015. This put him in contact with several State and Federal agencies, where he was able to forge relationships and build partnerships. He was able, through his work, to seize countless number of drugs; remove numerous firearms from the street; and was able to rid several known drug dealers from the streets of Peoria. He also worked throughout the Metro Phoenix area. In the fall of 2016, he was promoted to Narcotics Detective and has worked tirelessly since then. During the last two years alone, Detective Leshar has executed over 75 search warrants, resulting in over \$1 million dollars' worth of illicit drug seizures; hundreds of thousands of dollars of property taken; Large amount of US currency confiscated and removed countless number of firearms from the street.

His supervisor noted: "Due to Detective Leshar's experience and effectiveness in organized crime and narcotic investigations, he tends to be assigned higher profile investigations that are more complex. He also assists other detective in the unit if they have questions regarding their investigations. I do believe Detective Leshar is one of the hardest working detectives in the unit and he is a great role model for other detectives. His knowledge, abilities, and high work ethics is a great asset to not only the department but his peers as well."

Detective Leshar will be presented the Elks DAP Enrique Camarena Award in May at the Arizona Elks Association Convention.





**“AEMP NEWS”**

# Arizona Elks

## Major Projects

**June 2022 Quick Update**

**Please see the June AEMP Newsletter for greater details**

Bruce C. Van Den Eng, Executive Director

Starting on June 1st our office will be located at 2262 W. Magee Rd in Tucson and is just a few miles from I-10. The AEMP phone number remains the same (**520-326-0556**) but our new mailing address is **P.O. Box 91560, Tucson, AZ 85752**. Any mail sent to our previous P.O. Box after May 31st will be forwarded to our new address for six months.

**AEMP Calendar Raffle!**

**Introducing the AEMP Calendar Raffle with 155 chances to win a cash prize.** Be sure to get your tickets before the drawings begin to have the greatest number of chances to win. Tickets are \$10.00 each or three tickets for \$20.00 and are not eligible to win until the ticket stub with payment is received by the AEMP office in Tucson. Tickets are available at every lodge, can be requested using the AEMP raffle ticket mailer, or by contacting the AEMP office to have a ticket request form emailed.

Winning tickets will be selected by a random drawing made by the Executive Director of AEMP starting on November 30, 2022, and ending on March 31, 2023, An "early bird" drawing of three tickets will be done during the AEA Mid-Year Meeting in October 2022. All winners will receive a check by mail and their names will be posted in the AEMP newsletter. Tickets can only be drawn once as a "single" winner however, all previous winning tickets will be eligible for the grand finale.

AEMP will mail the winner's check to the address listed on the ticket stub by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. **It is imperative that each ticket stub is completely filled out by the purchaser, to avoid any delays in receiving their winnings.**

*The purchase of tickets does not qualify with the IRS as a charitable donation.*

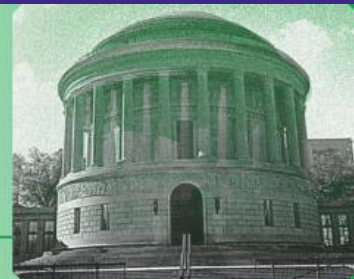


## "Grand Lodge News"



# Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

*Elks Care — Elks Share*



## Flag Day events can involve veterans, youth groups

We are two months into our Lodge year and time is moving fast. June 14 is Flag Day—a mandatory service the Elks are asked to perform.

Try to get one of your local service youth groups to participate in your ceremony. This will not only serve as your observance of Flag Day, but it will also help educate our youth about our history associated with "Old Glory." Reach out to your local veterans facilities or Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and invite them to the ceremony. Offer them a chance to participate, or just perform our ceremony for them.

Later in the month is Father's Day. My father was the one who sponsored me into this great Order. I can honestly say there were times we did not see eye



### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**T. KEITH  
MILLS**

to eye. Now that I am older, I understand what he was teaching me and how those conversations helped shape me into who I am today. Since my father's passing over 14 years ago, I still stop and reflect on what his advice and wisdom would be now as I continue on my daily path. Whether your father is still with you or not, use this day to honor fathers everywhere.

Our Order does not have a ceremony for this day, but I would suggest you hold an event to honor them.

Let this serve as your last reminder that if any Members have sponsored or reinstated three Members, send in the request for them to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler Award pin. The deadline for this is June 15.

I hope to see you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, Georgia from July 3–6. If this is your first convention, congratulations. The information and the experience you will receive will be second to none.

Use your time wisely. Take time to visit the Exhibit Hall and examine the Grand Lodge Committee and State

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## GRAND LODGE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

## Time, money, miles count for reporting

By **GLENN E. FOSTER**  
Committee Member

Exalted Rulers, you have been the leader of your Lodge for about three months. Talk with the person you have chosen to be the Chairperson of your Lodge Government Relations Committee. Stress that he or she hit the ground running with the duties charged to that position. Please ask him or her to contact the District Chairperson or the State Chairperson for more information.

The most important item is charity records reporting. Ask for a list of reportable events, including hours spent, money donated, etc., which will help when filling out these reports. Have these reports done soon after the event while everything is still fresh in the minds of the committee working each event.

Our charity reporting will ensure our continued not-for-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service. Here are some examples of things to report:

If a Lodge donated its banquet room for a charity Bingo, the normal room

rental rate is reportable charity. If you have Lodge Members working the Bingo games, their donated time is reportable, too. If Lodge Members go around town collecting donated items for Bingo prizes, the time spent and miles driven are also reportable. If your Lodge holds a dinner for veterans, the meal costs and hours spent preparing the food, if done by volunteers, may be reported, as well as any volunteer time spent setting up before and during, and cleaning up after the dinner.

There are many more examples so please, ask the district or state leaders for more information to give to your Government Relations Chairpersons.

To be a good Elks Member, surround yourself with good Elks Members. Volunteer. It is not only fun, but you will get to know your fellow Members much better. Remember, you only get out of your Membership as much as you put into it.

*Elks Care—Elks Share.* Report what your Lodge has done.

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Association booths. Attend the Grand Lodge Sessions. Attend the seminars that are offered every afternoon.

Spend some time with your own state delegates. Use this opportunity to visit other state gatherings and meet Elks from across the nation. Some of the best ideas have come from the interaction between Elks from different states. Let them know what is working for you and let them tell you what is working for them. By exchanging ideas and taking them back to your Lodge, you will be successful in *"Meeting the Challenge."*

For returning attendees, I can assure you the Grand Lodge Convention Commission will put a fantastic convention together for all of us to enjoy.