

Arizona *Elks* News

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

Members all,

Happy December everyone. It's hard to believe Christmas is right around the corner. Get out your wallet, here it comes!



Over the first week of December, all lodges will be honoring those Elks that have passed over the last year with their memorial service program. I encourage all Elks and their spouses to please attend these services and pay your respects "To our absent members".

Hey Arizona, it's that time of year again when lodges are gearing up for the Hoop Shoot season that begins the first week in January. They are gathering volunteers NOW that are needed to help put on these events. So if you can donate 3 hours, that's right only 3 hours, on ONE Saturday in January to help out this program, please let your Lodge Hoop Shoot chairperson or Exalted Ruler know that you are available to help.

Speaking of needing volunteers, the children's shopping spree and clothe a child program will be taking place in early December. Your help is needed to make this wonderful event a success once again. There is no better feeling than the one you will get watching these children enjoy a Christmas they might not otherwise get. For those of you that have done this before, you know what I mean. For those of you that have not participated in this, try it this year! It is one of the most memorable things you will do in your life. And lodges, be sure and take a lot of pictures of these events and send them in to our state newsletter chairperson Shawnee Carlile for publication. It's time to toot your own horn and tell the rest of Arizona what you're doing and how well you're doing it!

On Friday November 18th, Kathy, and I along with several other Arizona Elks and their spouses attended the Steel Research breakfast in Scottsdale to celebrate their 30th birthday. Several speakers as well as Dr Gishan spoke of the success and growth of Steel thanks in large part because of you, the Arizona Elks Association and the over \$9 million we have donated over those years. I will say this that listening to their accomplishments and what the future looks like, makes a person feel "Proud to be an Elk".

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**ARIZONA ELKS
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"ELKDOM" it is in Giving, that We Receive"

Staying on the medical front, this is a very needy time of year for blood. The demand always goes up over the holidays. Lodges, if you haven't done a blood drive yet, please schedule one right away. If you are having difficulty getting one scheduled and organized, whatever the reason, Don't Give Up!!! Call Blood drive state chairperson Joan McConnell or your District chairperson and let them know what you need to put on a drive. They will come up with a way to get one done. Remember, working together.... Works.

Finally, 1st Lady Kathy and I will be taking part in the festivities this upcoming January in Pasadena California representing the Arizona Elks Association at the 134th Rose Parade. For the 1st time in many, many years, the BPOE will have a float in the Rose Parade. We are honored to be representing all of you at this event. The Pasadena Elks Lodge #672 is very active in this parade and Kathy and I are looking forward to a memorable experience. Be sure you have your TVs on and look for us. (Yea right. There's only 800,000 people there) You will see lots of pictures in next month's newsletter. Stay tuned...

Now, our family would like to wish all of you and your families a very Blessed and safe Holiday season. We are so grateful to be a part of this organization and represent all of you throughout our travels. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all.

*** God Bless***

Fraternally,
Mike and Kathy Weishan
AEA President and First Lady

*Merry Christmas &
Happy Holidays*



“Green Valley Elks #2592 Red Ribbon Week”

On Monday October 24, 2022, four members of the Green Valley Elks Lodge # 2592 handed out Red Ribbons to all the Continental School staff and students from 3-8th grades.

We had escorts to help us hand out the Red Ribbons. Jerry Kloos – Lodge Board of Directors Chairman and Cheryl Ponzo PER – Lodge Esquire and Drug Awareness Chairman were escorted to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade rooms. Jack Ponzo PER – AEA Drug Awareness Chairman and Sharon (Terry) Kloos Lodge Inner Guard were escorted to the 3rd-5th grades. There were 650 Red Ribbons distributed to the entire school. Most of the students wore Red for us.

Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592 distributed Red Ribbons to the following Schools with the following Elk Lodge members: John Ponzo, Cheryl Ponzo, Scott Fields (Lecturing Knight), Christine Barter (Trustee) and Dorothy Allen (Loyal Knight)

Wrightson Ridge Sahuarita – 900 Red Ribbons

Copper View Sahuarita – 480 Red Ribbons

Sahuarita Primary School – 365 Red Ribbons

and 50 Coloring Books

Sahuarita Intermediate School – 400 Red Ribbons

Sahuarita Middle School – 580 – Red Ribbons

Sopori Elementary School (Amado, AZ) – 100 Red Ribbons and 50 Coloring Books

Anza Trail School (Sahuarita, AZ) – 1,100 Red Ribbons and 200 Coloring Books



Left to Right – Front Row Escorts:

Emmy Gonzales – 8th grade

Olivia Rojas – 8th grade

Macey Hansen – 8th grade

Coloe Cuevas – 8th grade

Left to Right – Back Row

Jerry Kloos – Lodge Board of Directors Chairman

John (Jack) Ponzo – PER – AEA Drug Awareness Chairman

Submitted by: Cheryl Ponzo, Drug Awareness Chairperson (credited for photo)

“Prescott Elks #330 Holds Clothe-a-Child Event”

On October 23, Prescott Elks Lodge Committee and Volunteers held a Clothe-a-Child event for 35 children. \$4,000 was used from the Beacon Grant along with \$1,551 donated by Elks Lodge Members. The Children were taken to Walmart for their clothes selections. Walmart was kind enough to offer Breakfast Sandwiches and drinks to the children and Coffee and donuts to the Volunteers and Children's guardians.

Submitted by: Bobbie Knorr, Public Relations

“Prescott Elks #330 Donates Grant to CASA”

The Prescott Elks Lodge received this Grant which is only given to Lodges that meet or exceed the ENF goals set by the Grand Exalted Ruler each year.

The CASA, also known as the Central Arizona Seniors Association, Mission Statement is to provide opportunities & resources with focus for active seniors through the promotion of skills, continuing growth in education, physical & mental health, and the participation in community services and social activities.

Submitted by: Bobbie Knorr, Public Relations

Pictured: Betty Robinson, Casa Director, Marycatherine Colvin, Prescott Elks Chair, Mary Baker, Casa



“Payson Elks #2154 Hosts Annual Children’s Halloween Carnival”



Elroy and Spidey attended the Annual Payson Elks Lodge 2154 Children’s Halloween Carnival on October 26, 2022, where about 120 kids and their parents enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers and lots of Halloween treats and games.

Submitted by: LuAnn Frost, Newsletter Editor

“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Brothers win District and go on to State Soccer”

Isaiah and Armando Rodriguez from Casa Grande have advanced to the Elks State Soccer Shoot to be held in Tempe, Arizona on November 12, 2022. The brothers are the sons of Danny and Diane Rodriguez of Casa Grande and will compete in the 10-11 and 12-13 age groups. Both attend Cactus Middle School in Casa Grande.

The Rodriguez brothers of Casa Grande advanced from winning the district shoot to competing at the State Soccer Shoot in Tempe on November 12. Isaiah Rodriguez placed first in his division and Armando Rodriguez placed second in the state. They are the children of Danny and Diane Rodriguez of Casa Grande and attend Cactus Middle School. These winners will compete in a virtual regional and national competition held at a later date.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

Armando Rodriguez



Isaiah Rodriguez



Isaiah Rodriguez



Armando Rodriguez



“Raceway Elks #2852 Holds Annual Flag Raising Ceremony”

On Saturday November 5, 2022, Raceway Lodge #2852 held its Flag raising ceremony. Each year Raceway Lodge Raises a new Flag, over the Lodge to honor our men and woman of the arm forces, and First Responders, these man and woman lay their lives on the line for our country and community.

The honor guard this year was from the Girl scouts Troops # 1948 and #6223 that raised the Flag this year after the Ceremony. We also honored Leilani Gaucin who achieved a Gold Award with the Girl Schouts Troup #484. Exalted Ruler Steven Cox presented her with the Gold Award certificate from the Elks. There were 22 Elks and 12 non-Elks in attendance. For the ceremony and dinner after the Ceremony, The Lodge was also honored with the Vice President Barry Carlile and his lovely wife Shawnee from the South District.

Submitted by: PDDGER William Buttram, PR Chair

“Sun City Elks #2559 Launches Campaign to Help Women Veterans”

The Sun City Elks Veterans Committee launched a month-long campaign dedicated to women-vets. We received an Elks National Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC) grant, as well as money and in-kind donations from Lodge members. We are also fortunate to receive donations from Veterans clubs, and sororities. The donations began to arrive daily. We received clothing, shoes, grooming aids, children's games and videos, food gift-cards, toiletries and products for health and dignity filled the Lodge. Our volunteer teams, shopped in-store and on-line, sorted, packed, delivered and helped to stock the shelves of the women-vet non-profit charities at the Veterans First, and USVets organizations.

Submitted by: PER Vicki Way,
Public Relations

Pictured L to R:

Deliveries: Elk Members Karen Hartman and Joan McConnell to Veterans First Ltd. Director Joan Sisco.

2-Deliveries: Elk Members Jennifer and Rick Huff to USVets Ashley's House



“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Featured Float in Annual City Veterans Day Parade”

On Friday, 11 November 2022, our Lodge honored our Veterans at the Annual Sierra Vista Veterans Day parade. The decorating crew hit the ground running on Wednesday, 9 November, and our Lecturing Knight Gail Eaton provided the materials needed to make it amazing. Our Lodge Veterans waved at the crowd, as our float was led by Scout Troop 444

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Newsletter Editor



“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Feast in a Bag Meals for Needy Families”



Our Lodge held our annual Feast in a Bag event in November, and provided food for 180 bags. We were able to provide the food due to the receipt of the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant of \$4000. Items includes; veggies, yams, gravy, pie, cranberry, and other items that will feed up to a family of 4 over Thanksgiving. Our Lodge has been coordinating the shopping, pick-up, and packing of the bags for 5 years. Peach's added more items to complete a total of 234 bags, while members of the community donated 234 Turkeys to complete the meal. They also received help in distributing the items from businesses in the community.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Newsletter Editor

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Jr. Student of the Month”



Congratulations to our Laguna Elementary Jr. Student of the Month program for November. She was awarded a Grand Lodge Certificate and a crisp \$10 bill. This month's winner is from Mr. Aranda's 5th grade class.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, PR Chair

Pictured L to R: Alan Schmidt, Principal, our award winner and Mary Shaffer, Exalted Ruler

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Participates in Veterans Day Parade”

We were honored to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade. Our entry consisted of two decorated vehicles. The lead vehicle carried our Elks Veteran dignitary.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, PR Chair



Pictured L to R: Kay & Don Baker and our Elks Veteran dignitary is Bruce C Van Den Eng, US ARMY, Chief Warrant Officer 4.



L to R: Pam Summers, Linda, and David Saunders

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Feed Veterans”



Casas Adobes Our Lodge received a AEA Social Welfare Grant of \$1000 to help combat food insufficiency for veterans transitioning from homelessness. We paired with Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans (TVSV) to obtain names and locations. Overall we were able to directly impact 32 families.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, PR Chair

Pictured L to R: Mary Shaffer, ER and Bruce Hamilton, TVSV Board Chair, fill Veterans Day cards with a message of hope and a food card.

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts AEA President Mike Weishan and 1st Lady Kathy”

On 12 November 2022, we had an official visit from our Arizona Elks Association President Mike Weishan, and First Lady Kathy. President Mike sat with our Officer and Committee teams to go over our programs, and provide any help that we may need. PDDGER Sue and PDDGER Jimm Krausman entertained First Lady Kathy along with our Lodge spouses. Thank you to our Officer team, Committee teams, Sue, and Jimm for a great afternoon!

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Newsletter Editor



“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Veterans Day, and Flag Retirement Ceremony”

Our Lodge Past Exalted Rulers conducted the Elks Veteran's Day Service followed by the Flag Retirement Ceremony. The service was led to PER Bruce C. Van Den Eng. After both ceremonies were completed we moved outside to retire the worn flags accumulate during the past year.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, PR Chair



PER Ken Short received service-worn Flags from the officers and places them reverently on the altar.

Pictured (L to R): PER Ken Short, ER Mary Shaffer, PER Bruce C. Van Den Eng, PER Ursula Woods, PER Don Baker and PER Don Douglas. The service was led to PER Bruce C. Van Den Eng.



Following the Service, service-worn flags were 'retired' in the proper, dignified manner. PER Bruce read the flag retirement order of precedence prior to the officers adding the flags to the fire.

“Raceway Elks #2852 Donates to the Coronado Foundation”

On November 11, 2022, Raceway held its Veterans Day dinner for the Lodge members and guest. There were 24 in attendance, 21 Elks, 8 who were veterans, 3 non-Elks. All veterans ate for free. All of the Veterans got up and introduced themselves and branch of service and what they did while serving our country. One of the Veterans Gary Tufitu who was an Army Veteran that served in Viet Nam and who received a Purple Heart, gave a short encounter of his time in Viet Nam, and showed some pictures that he took while he was there. It was a great night for our Veterans, members and guest, the meal was cooked by Exalted Ruler Steven Cox.

Submitted by: PDDGER William Buttram, PR Chair

“Payson Elks #2154 Holds Special Needs Fundraiser”

Committee Chair, Michele Montbleu along with several volunteers provided a Thanksgiving Dinner treat to Special Need adults from the Payson area on Saturday the 19th. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and all the fixings were served to 30 plus adults and their caretakers. Dancing was provided later by DJ Craig.

Submitted by: Kathy Zeisse



“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Hosts First Responders Banquet”



The Casa Grande Valley Elks Lodge held their annual First Responders Award banquet on November 4, 2022 to recognize first responders of our communities who have performed above and beyond the call of duty. Eight agencies were recognized and supervisors of the recipients spoke of their achievements within the department.

Volunteers from Seeds of Hope served the meal to all in attendance which included recipients, Elk members, agency supervisors and the families of those receiving the awards. The Officer of the Year award is given each year by the Casa Grande Elks during the Elks' week of First Responder Recognition.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

Pictured (LtoR): DPS Trooper Aaron Rimbach; DPS Trooper Charles Riccomini; PCSO Deputy Cody Hudson; AMR EMT Jerry Deering; Elks Exalted Ruler Chris Repass; AMR Paramedic David Velarde; and CG Fire Tyler Bogart. Not pictured is Eloy Police Department Officer Timothy Lindsey and Casa Grande Police Department Detective Nicholas Elliott.

“Buckeye Elks #2686 Cooks Breakfast for Veterans”

On Thursday, November 10, ER Steve Staudinger and Trustee Eric Cooke woke up bright and early to cook a homemade breakfast for veterans and their families. They dropped off the food at the Liberty Elementary School so the students could honor the veterans in our community.

Submitted by: Leatta McLaughlin



“Fountain Hills Elks #2846 Participates in Red Ribbon Week Event”

Fountain Hills Lodge #2846 recently participated in The Fountain Hills Middle School Red Ribbon drug awareness program.

Submitted by: James Beischel, Loyal Knight



Pictured are Exalted Ruler Judi Beischel and Loyal Knight Jim Beischel.

“Apache Junction Elks #2349 Participates in Annual Veterans Day Parade”

On Friday November 11th Exalted Ruler Jim Watkins was accompanied by House Committee Member Chris Vann and PER, Leading Knight Heather McClellan (not pictured) on Lodge 2349's float in the annual Veterans Day Parade. They were honored to have two Vietnam Veterans ride thru the city of Apache Junction celebrating their service to this great country. Member of the Black and Gold Youth Football team assisted the Elks by walking with the float handing out 500 American flags to the spectators.

Submitted by: Heather McClellan, Leading Knight



(Pictured top row left to right - ER Jim Watkins, Vietnam Veteran Nick Nicodemus, House Committee Member Chris Vann, Vietnam Veteran Frank Schoenbeck. Lower lever: Player from the Black and Gold Youth Football League.)

“Apache Junction Elks #2349 Donates to Youth Football League”



On Sunday November 13, 2022, Apache Junction Elks made a donation of \$6165.28 to Black and Gold Youth Football League. This money was raised from a Rocky Point Weekend Giveaway and Cornhole Tournament that was held on September 10, 2022, along with various small fundraising thru the lodge. This money will go to help pay for players that their families otherwise would not be able to afford for them to play as well as any equipment purchases for the safety of the players.

Submitted by: Heather McClellan, Leading Knight

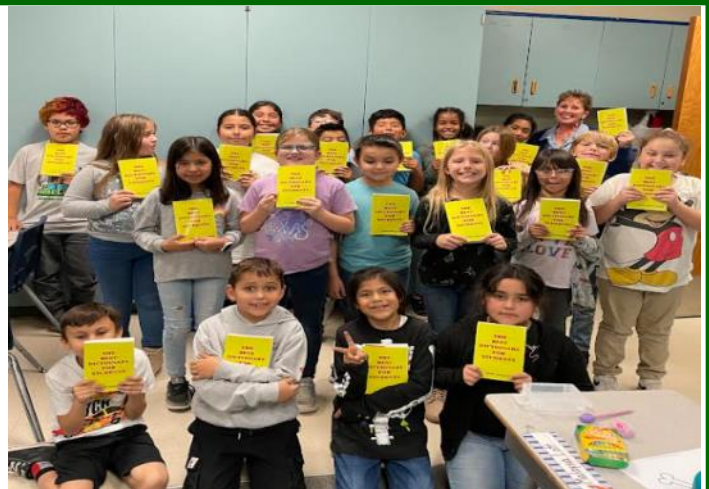
Pictured Left to Right, Inner Guard- Rocky Bonillas, ER- Jim Watkins, PER, Leading Knight- Heather McClellan, BGYFL President- Raquel Guerrero and members of her board of directors for the league.

“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Distributes Dictionaries to Kids”

The Casa Grande Elks Lodge distributed dictionaries to third graders in the Casa Grande, Stanfield, and Sacaton, AZ elementary schools. This is an annual Elk contribution which is funded by the Elks Golf Tournament held in the spring. Kate Schmidbauer, Drug Awareness Chair, organized members for the distribution of the dictionaries to the schools.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

Pictured are students that received the dictionaries and Elk member, Lori Gemmell.



“Phoenix Elks #335 Donates Clothes to Veterans Center”



On November 2, 2022, our Lodge donated several large boxes of mens and ladies clothing to HARVEST COMPASSION CENTER AT 4744 in Phoenix. This Center provides help to local Veterans in our community and is very close to our Lodge. We also dropped off some book donations from our Lodge to the Free Books Library at their facility.

Submitted by: Clem Brown, Exalted Ruler

Pictured are Dawn Quinn, Sheila Mazzeo and Matthew (Matt) Jansen from

“AEA Jewelry Project News”

We are set for the Christmas Jewelry project giveaways at the Steele Clinic which includes the second and third floor patients! Also, three Elks Clinics in Tucson.

In the East District Tempe Lodge #2251 is set to serve the Mesa Clinic Patients on South Dobson. The Chandler Lodge #2429 Gilbert #2848 and Kearny Lodge #2478 are set to distribute jewelry to the children at their local Clothe a Child Shopping Sprees.

In the West District we have Phoenix Lodge #335 along with Yuma #467 are in place to distribute the gifts of jewelry also at their local Children's Shopping sprees.

It is now too late in assisting any other Lodges with jewelry for the Holiday season. Should any Lodges wish to get onboard the jewelry project which could include your Spring Shopping Sprees, please contact Diane Skorupski via text (520)235-5598 or email dcskorupski48@gmail.com by February 1st, 2023!!

The Lodges wishing to get involved in the Jewelry Project will be responsible for cleaning the jewelry and providing boxes for distribution.

The Jewelry committee wishes to thank everyone who has been apart of the great endeavor.

Submitted by: Diane Skorupski, Committee chairperson

“AEA Public Relations News”

Grand Lodge has instituted 2 very important manuals in 2022. The Youth Protection Guidelines and Privacy and Social Media Policy.

The intent of the Youth Protection Guideline is to provide Elk activities and programs to benefit the youth. These activities must be conducted in a safe manner and structured environmentally free from drugs or destructive influences. This manual has in-depth information while Elks are working with our Youth. All the forms required for the safety of our organization and the children are included in the manual, print as many of the Legal forms as required for your Lodges activity. Please take the time to read and update yourselves with the Grand Lodge Youth Protection Guidelines.

The other manual is the Privacy and Social Media Policy. E-mail, social media along with all online communication systems are vital tools in our advancing technical world. The Elks has developed policies for our Members of the respective Lodges, Districts, State Association Committees and State Major Projects, along with other Charitable Commissions to ensure everyone is using social media in a way that is safe, effective and consistent with their Oath and Obligation and Elks ideals goals and policies. Compliance with this Policy is required to insure adherence to the Rules and Regulations of the Order.

These manuals may be found on the Grand Lodge website, elks.org proceed to Members Only, click on manuals and scroll down to your intended manual.

Anyone requesting a Grand Lodge Publicity Kit, I just received them from Grand Lodge. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Submitted by: Ron Wilson, AEA Public Relations Chair

“AEA Social Welfare News”

The AEA Social Welfare committee is searching for an Elk that is a jeweler or a jeweler wishing to help the committee in capping several Elks teeth they have obtained to raise money for their benevolence towards the Children's Xmas Shopping Spree. Contact Gus Noble State Chairman at:

602-354-4306 H
602-799-5560 C
nobullone@msn.com



“AEMP News”**December 2022 Update**

Bruce C. Van Den Eng, Executive Director

Congratulations to the three October “Early Bird” Raffle Winners:

Cole Blake from Page Lodge #2498, Maureen Dupis from Apache Junction Lodge #2349, and Teen Morgan from Tucson Lodge #385. The November winners we're drawn on November 30th, will receive a check from AEMP in the mail, and their names will be published in the December AEMP newsletter.

Don't Forget to Get Your Raffle Tickets

The December raffle ticket drawing will be held on Dec 30th. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$20 and can be purchased at your lodge or directly from the AEMP office by completing the form below and mailing it to AEMP (with a check or money order for the tickets) at PO Box 91560, Tucson, AZ 85752.

Please fill out this form completely (with applicable information) to order your raffle tickets

And please include a check or money order for your desired number of tickets

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Street Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Lodge Name and Number _____

Steele Children's Research Center News

In November, the interns at the Steele Children's Research Center, sporting their new Elks scrubs spent a day at the Doolen Elementary School interacting with the students.

“Grand Lodge Registration”

Minneapolis, MN Grand Lodge Convention Reservation “Join Us As We Mingle In Minneapolis”

July 2 – 5, 2023

Return This Form To Jerry Grimes By March 1, 2023

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 _____
All Rooms Are Non Smoking.	
Special Requirements: _____	
Arrival Date: _____	Departure Date _____ Flying _____ Driving _____
Lodge Name _____	Lodge # _____ 2023 – 2024 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 \$142.00

1. Room Deposit \$142.00 (includes tax) –	Required	\$ 142.00
2. 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:

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Check #	_____
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Hospitality Room	_____

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 (3/1/23) you will have a room reservation.

DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION NUMBER

ANY/ALL cancellation or changes in reservation MUST go through the Housing Chairman

“Red Vest Form Registration”

Arizona Elks Red Vest Order Form



FlashOver Graphics

2425 Hualapai Mtn Rd STE C

Kingman AZ 86401

928-718-6892 Phone

rebekahshelton@flashovergraphicsaz.com

Please make checks to: FlashOver Graphics

Name:

Address:

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Email:

All vests will have a breast pocket on the left-hand side.

Please Circle Size

Vest	S	M	L	XL	\$32.00	
Vest/ with pocket on bottom	S	M	L	XL	\$32.00	
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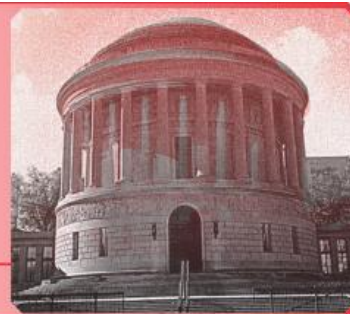
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“Grand Lodge News”



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



Absent Members commemorated in December

It's hard to believe the end of 2022 is here. There are so many ways to reflect upon the month of December.

On Sunday, December 4, we Elks pledge Fidelity to our Members who have entered into the realm of eternity. Lodges across our great country will pay a just tribute of affection and honor to all the Members who no longer answer when their names are called. The Elks Memorial Service is a very solemn day when we hear the chimes of eleven rings in honor of our deceased Members.

The Members who we honor on Memorial Sunday spent many hours of dedicated service to their Lodges. It is a fitting tribute to them to have their families with us at this memorial ceremony. Their names shall endure forever in our tablets of love and memory.



**Message from
the Grand
Exalted Ruler
BRUCE A.
HIDLEY**

We thank the Jolly Corks who found the need for a formal memorial service as fellow Members passed. Through their insight, a formal designation took place in 1889 at the Grand Lodge Convention proclaiming the first Sunday in December would be designated as Memorial Sunday. **“An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.”** May all our deceased Brothers and Sisters rest in peace and may they all be enjoying that great Elks

Lodge above.

Let us not forget Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7. It is a day to remember and honor all who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I have personally toured Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It is an absolutely solemn experience to visit the memorial above the USS *Arizona* and see the names of over 2,400 Americans who were killed that day. In addition to the lives lost, more than 1,100 troops were wounded during the attack. In a speech to congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a date which will live in infamy. There were no truer words spoken. Please take the time at your Lodge to lower

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the Flag to half-staff on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to honor all the military personnel who were killed in this attack. May they all rest in peace.

December is also a time when we celebrate the Christmas holiday with family and friends. Christmas is a very busy time of the year as we decorate our homes and Lodges, put up and decorate Christmas trees, and shop for our loved ones. Christmas is when we as Elks must practice one of the Cardinal Principles of our Order, **Charity**. What better way of **“Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm”** than to have your Lodge membership work together to collect food items for your local food pantry and host children's Christmas parties with Old Saint Nick himself, Santa Claus.

I encourage Lodges to participate in your local Adopt-A-Family Program to help a family who may not otherwise be able to enjoy the Christmas season. Let's also not forget our veterans who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. When you host your Lodge Christmas party, ask every Member to bring a gift for a veteran at your local VA Hospital. COVID-19 has changed our way of life and our interaction time with the veterans at the VA Hospitals. I encourage you to contact your VAVS Representative to coordinate the delivery of the gifts to our veterans.

Helen and I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May the joy and happiness of the Christmas season be with each of you throughout the year. Have a very safe holiday season.