

Arizona Elks News

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

Members All,

Bye-bye January..... Hello February.

January was another busy month in Elkdom. I hope all of you were able to watch the Rose Parade on January 2nd and see the beautiful Elks float. It was a wonderful sight to bring in the New Year. Our organization has committed to 2 more years of participating in the Rose Parade. So if you missed it this year, you have 2 more chances.



The middle of January saw our Hoop Shoot youngsters compete at the district shoots around the state. If you have never been to a Hoop Shoot, you need to try it. You will be amazed at what these young people can do. The state competition is on February 11th in Apache Junction at Cactus Canyon Junior High School. The contest begins at 9:00 a.m.. admission is free, free hot dogs for lunch and plenty of free parking! What else could you ask for?

Our Leading Knight's clinics were held in each district during the month of January. Those who intend to run for the 2023-2024 Exalted Ruler position in their lodges were in attendance to pick up some pointers on what that position entails. Lodge officer nominations will take place at the first lodge meeting in February for all Lodge officer positions. Good luck to everyone and thank you for your willingness to become involved in your Lodge. A big thank you to our District Deputies for organizing these educational clinics and to all of the chair people who participated in them.

Our state membership program is going very well. We do need to however contact those members who have not yet paid their dues for the 2022-2023 year and to ask them to please do so. If you know someone who is not current, please ask them if they can take care of their dues. Thank you.

All District Deputies are scheduling a "District Initiation" for all lodges to participate in to get their potential new members sworn in at the same time. Contact your Exalted Ruler or District Deputy for the date/time and location of this event. Arizona is looking to finish in the top five in the nation once again this year.

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Submission deadline:
23 February 2023**



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ASSOCIATION
2022-2023
STATE OFFICERS**

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Finally, our lodges have been contacted by a bingo gaming company soliciting them to have their bingo machines installed in our lodges. Their sales pitch sounds great as it should. However, the State of Arizona gaming commission does not condone these machines and will cite any organization who is "caught" in possession of them. There are "opinions" out there on this ranging from a senator to the guy on the street corner about the legality of these machines. We all know however, what "opinions" are like..... And in this case the only one that matters is the one from the state of Arizona, like it or not. Agree with it or not. Just because other organizations have them, doesn't make it legal. It's not a question of "if" you get caught, but "when" you get caught.

You could potentially risk the possibility of losing your bingo license for a period of time. If these machines become legal during your suspension, you cannot have them brought in until the suspension is up. Please don't put your license in jeopardy. Our legal team is working on this situation as we speak. We are in favor of "State" supported legal fundraising opportunities and it is our sworn obligation, as Elks, to obey the laws of the land. I asked all of you for your patience and I promise we will keep you informed as to the progress of this situation.

That's all for now. Have a great February.

*** God Bless***

Fraternally,

Mike Weishan -President



AEA State Convention 10 -13 May 2023



Grand Lodge Convention 2-5 July 2023

“Prescott Elks #330 Host Children’s Christmas Party”

With over 50 attendees at the party, there was much fun and gifts galore! Each child received a stuffed stocking made by volunteers. Along with a lunch of Pizzas, burritos, apples, oranges, cinnamon twists, cookies, and drinks. Elks member Genna Anderson donated her time and talents for face painting. There was also a Toy Walk game with music and Crafts. Santa (Trustee John Ramsey) arrived after lunch and presented presents to the children. There were over a hundred toys donated. Elks members Fran and Rob Phoenix donated over 190 large chocolate chip cookies and several local stores and restaurants donated food items. Along with the Elks Members, Mountain Top Quilters and Thumb Butte Quilters Guild also donated toys.

\$500 was used from the The Elks Social Welfare fund.

Submitted by: Bobbi Knorr PR Chair

Pictured: 1) Callie & Bubba Taylor
2) Santa with little boy, and 3) Trustee John Ramsey giving present to Ava Isla



“Yuma Elks #476 Delivers Food Boxes to Families in Need”



In the early morning hours of December 24th volunteers gathered at the Yuma Elks Lodge 476 to stock food boxes to present to 250 families throughout the Yuma Community. Once the boxes were filled, volunteers delivered to each family the two food boxes along with a bag of fresh produce, a dozen eggs, gallon of milk and a frozen turkey. There was also an unwrapped toy for each child in the family.

Submitted by: Jim Thompson, Leading Knight

“Tucson Elks #385 Donates Grant Funds for Food Bank”

A \$1000.00 check was presented to the Southern Arizona Food bank by the ENF Lodge Chairman Bob Holyoak on December 22, 2022. Funds came from the Gratitude Grant our Lodge received.

Submitted by: John Aceves, PR Chair



“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Annual Blood Drive”

On Saturday, 7 January 2023, our Lodge hosted our first Blood drive since 2019. We hosted the drive from 8am until 2:00pm with 24 donors signed up to give the lifesaving gift of a blood donation. We didn’t hit our goal of 24 units, but we did collect 18 to include 2 power red blood donations. The 18 units will go on to save many lives.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Newsletter Editor

“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Hoop Shoot Winners”

Five Casa Grande area boys & girls won their age groups in the Casa Grande Valley Elks Hoop Shoot on Saturday. Two girls and 17 boys competed in the Elks annual Hoop Shoot in three age group divisions 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

Hoop Shoot is a free throw contest open to all boys & girls between the ages of 8 and 13 advancing from the local shoot to district, state, regional then National Finals in Chicago. Six National Champions will have their names on a digital display at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. The local winner in the girl's divisions were Gianna Mejia; 10-11 division, she also won the 8-9 division last year and Layla Harris in the 12-13 division. The winners in the boy's divisions are, Damon Dominguez, 8-9; Dominick Mejia, 10-11 and Weston Doble, 12-13.

The Elks District Hoop Shoot will be held in Chandler on January 14, 2023; at the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley, 300 N. Chandler Blvd. at 10 AM. Winners in each division will advance to the state shoot in Apache Junction in February.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary



Pictured L-R: Chris Repass Exalter Ruler; Gianna Mejia, Layla Harris, Damon Dominguez, Grover Ramsey, CG Hoop Shoot Chair; Dominick Mejia, Weston Doble and Denis Appel, District Hoop Shoot Chair.

“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Annual Lodge Hoop Shoot Contest”

On Sat Jan 7, 2023, Raceway Lodge 2852 had 6 shooters go to Wickenburg for the West District Hoop Shoot all 6 shooters won their division and will be going to Apache Junction for the State Shoot. The following are our winning shooters

- 8-9 Girls Bianca Smith---19 out of 25
- 8-9 Boys Steven Miles Lancaster---20 out of 25
- 10-11 Girls Yurall Gonzalez 8---25 and won the shoot off
- 10-11 Boys Joshua Paheco 14 out of 25
- 12-13 Girls Nemo Sidhu 18 out of 25
- 12-13 Boys Tyler Rhodes 19 out of 25

The Lodge presented each shooter 's family with a 25-dollar gift card to help with gas.

Raceway Lodge was well represented with Steve Cox, Exalted Ruler, Tim Barrett, Leading Knight, and Bonnie Trader Lodge Tiler, and Kim Barrett all volunteered to help with the shoot. Also in attendance was John Stergulz, Lodge Esquire, Robin Cox, Lodge Secretary, Judi Melott Loyal Knight and grandson Benjamin, Kim Barrett and Mary Snyder for a total of 10 members and helpers to help support our shooters. We wish at of the shooter luck in Apache Junction.

Submitted by: William Buttrum, PDDGER / PR Chairman

“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Receive USMC Donation for Elkettes’ Charity”



The United States Marine Corps League donated \$2000 to the Elkettes of Elks Lodge #2399 in Lake Havasu City. The funds will be used for the Elkettes Giving tree. Each year the Elkettes provide clothing and gifts at Christmas time for aprox 80 children in Lake Havasu City that are in the foster care system. .

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured: USMC Leagues Commandant Kim McCoy, Elkette President Vanessa Brewster and USMC Leagues Senior Vice Norm Carrick

“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 and Elkettes Donate to Dementia Charity”

The Elkettes with Elks Lodge #2399 in Lake Havasu City donated \$1000 to the Dementia Connection with profits from their See's candy sales.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured L-R: Elkette and See's candy chair Teresa Bremenour, Dementia Connections Volunteer Chair Libbe Gilbert and Elkette President Vanessa Brewster.



“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Donates Funds to Clothes Closet”



The Elkettes with Elks Lodge #2399 donated \$1000 to the Clothes Closet. Money came from See's Candy Sales during the holidays. The Clothes Closet helps the needy and homeless with clothes and services in the local area.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured: Elkette and See's Candy Chair Teresa Bremenour, Clothes Closet CEO/Founder Christine Watson-Buntemeyer and Elkette President Vanessa Brewster.

“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Donates Purple Pig Funds to Steele Center”

The Purple pig team has counted pigs from the bar area at the Lake Havasu City Elks Lodge # 2399 for a 30 day period ending January 16th, 2023. We collected \$1137.00. All money goes to the Steele Children's hospital.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

L-R PER Chuck Fox, Elk spouse Karen Kizer with Husband Elk member Charlie Kizer and Elk member Eva Fox.



“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Member is Awarded Red Cross MVP”



Diana Repass, Casa Grande Elks Club #1957 was presented the American Red Cross MVP Award at a luncheon held in Tempe this month. The MVP award is presented to a Blood Program Leader that manages a blood drive program with a consistent donor base that runs on a regular schedule. The Blood Program Leader goes out of their way to ensure that all the blood drives run smoothly and efficiently. The MVP award is based on a well-rounded program that

includes donor recruitment, year-round blood drives, and outstanding hospitality. Casa Grande Elks has been hosting blood drives since 2001. Over the years, they've collected 4,601 blood units, potentially saving up to 13,803 patients. In recent years, Blood Program Leader, Diana Repass, has demonstrated an outstanding commitment by hosting a blood drive every month and has added extra drives when asked.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary



“Chandler Elks #2429 AEA Jewelry Project for Kids”

The Arizona Elks Association, recently started the Jewelry Project to help hospitalized children pick out a gift for their mom for Mother's Day but it has grown and grown due to the generosity of Arizona Elks. It is currently serving the patients of the Arizona Elks Clinic's and the Steele Center Patients in the cancer ward on the second floor as well as the third floor patients. It also expanded to additional projects to also include the children being served by the Arizona Elk Lodges' Clothe a Child & Shopping Spree programs. The donated costume jewelry from the Elk ladies is cleaned and boxed and presented to the children.

During the Christmas Shopping spree this year the children attending the breakfast where whisked away to Mrs. Clauses workshop to pick out a gift for their primary care giver (mom, step-mom, grandmother or in some cases a teacher). These gifts were donated by Elks Ladies to the AEA Jewelry Project. They made the selection and wrapped it up to ensure it would remain a surprise.

The smiles on the children's faces were so heartwarming when they learned that they too could give

Submitted by: Taleen Carpenter, Exalted Ruler



“West District Hoop Shoot Winners”

January 7th, 2023 the West District held the Hoop Shoot competition at the Vulture Peak Middle School. This event was hosted by Wickenburg Lodge # 2160. As you can see they had plenty of volunteers and West District Chairman Randy Sterling wanted to thank them all. The results are as follows with the 1st place winners representing the West at the State Shoot on February 11th, 2023 in Apache Junction.

8-9 year old girls L to R; 3rd place Reagan Hardin Buckeye Lodge #2686 2nd place Ella Parker Yuma Lodge #476 1st place Bianca Smith Raceway Lodge #2852

8-9 year old boys R to L; 3rd place Burke Holmes Parker Lodge #1929 2nd place Jaxson Bosch Yuma Lodge #476 1st place Steven Miles Lancaster Raceway Lodge #2852

10-11 year old girls L to R; 3rd place Brooklyn Bachano Scottsdale Lodge #2148 2nd place Alayna Robledo Parker Lodge #1929 1st place Yurali Gonzalez Raceway Lodge #2852

10-11 year old boys R to L; 3rd place Colby Jenkins Buckeye Lodge #2686 2nd place Christian Breazzeal Parker Lodge # 1929 1st place Joshua Pacheco Raceway Lodge #2852

12-13 year old girls L to R; 3rd place Jewelz Garcia Yuma Lodge #476 2nd place Mia Pino Scottsdale Lodge #2148 1st place Nema Sidhu Raceway Lodge #2852

12-13 year old boys R to L; 3rd place Eli Santiago Parker Lodge #1929 2nd place Brandon Morris Buckeye Lodge #2686 1st place Tyler Rhodes Raceway Lodge #2852

Good luck to all at the State Shoot.

Also pictured are Randy Sterling PER Phoenix Lodge #335 West District Chairman and Gregg Boyce, PDDGER, PSVP and AEA Hoop Shoot Director

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



“East District Hoop Shoot Winners”

On Saturday January 14th, 2023 the East District held their East District Hoop Shoot competition at the Boys and Girls Club in Chandler, AZ. Chairman Dennis Appel would like to send out a big thank you to all the volunteers that showed up to help put on this very successful event. The results are as follows;

8-9 year old girls R to L; 3rd place Kailani Lyons Tempe Lodge #2251 2nd place Keyla Alvarez Apache Junction Lodge #2349 1st place Kimiela Kalalau Chandler Lodge #2429

8-9 year old boys L to R; 3rd place Omar Gill Tempe Lodge #2251 2nd place Jacob York Mesa Buckhorn Lodge #2656 1st place Damon Dominguez Casa Grande Lodge #1957

10-11 year old girls R to L; 3rd place Gianna Mejia Casa Grande Lodge #1957 2nd place Noelle Duarte Kearny Lodge #2478 1st place Kaulia Boeler Chandler Lodge #2429

10-11 year old boys L to R; 3rd place Dominick Mejia Casa Grande Lodge #1957 2nd place Hunter Collins Chandler Lodge #2429 1st place Caleb Skacy-Daw Tempe Lodge #2251

12-13 year old girls R to L; 3rd place Jailyne Martinez Kearny Lodge #2478 2nd place Aryanna Juarez Mesa Buckhorn Lodge #2656 1st place Natalie Kelley Chandler Lodge #2429

12-13 year old boys L to R; 3rd place Javier Ortega Kearny Lodge #2478 2nd place Jakoby Juarez Mesa Buckhorn Lodge #2656 1st place Weston Doble Casa Grande Lodge #1957

The first place winners now advance to the State Shoot to be held on February 11th, 2023 in Apache Junction. Good luck to all.

Also pictured Mike Weishan AEA President, Dennis Appel PDDGER, PSVP, East District Hoop Shoot Chairman, Gregg Boyce PDDGER, PSVP, AEA Hoop Shoot Director

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



“North District Hoop Shoot Winners”

On January 21st, 2023 the North District met at the Camp Verde Middle School to put on the North District Hoop Shoot. Daniel Patterson the North District Hoop Shoot Chairman wants to thank all of the volunteers for taking the time out of their busy schedules to help make this shoot a huge success. The results are as follows;

8-9 year old girls R to L; 3rd place Kassidy Calnimptewa Winslow Lodge #536 2nd place McKenzie Ackermans Prescott Lodge #330 1st place Kolbi Rova Show Low #2090

8-9 year old boys L to R; 3rd place Spencer Hatch Show Low Lodge #2090 2nd place Tyren Whitehorse Page Lodge #2498 1st place Austin Rositas Prescott Lodge #330

10-11 year old girls R to L; 3rd place Callie Orton Holbrook Lodge #2450 2nd place Kortney Bennett Prescott Lodge #330 1st place Cinniah Echoles Winslow Lodge #536

10-11 year old boys L to R; 3rd place Kody Begay Page Lodge #2498 2nd place Cache Ulberg Show Low Lodge #2090 1st place Thells Baker Winslow Lodge #536

12-13 year old girls R to L; 3rd place Courtewa Vigil Show Low Lodge #2090 2nd place Bailey Cline Payson Lodge #2154 1st place Payton Orton Holbrook Lodge #2450

12-13 year old boys L to R; 3rd place Kristopher Kelly Flagstaff Lodge #499 2nd place DeVae Willis Payson Lodge #2154 1st place Manny Guerrero Holbrook Lodge #2450

The winners in each age division will represent the North District at the State Shoot on February 11th in Apache Junction. Good Luck to all.

Also pictured is Daniel Patterson North District Hoop Shoot Chairman and Gregg Boyce, PDDGER, PSVP, AEA Hoop Shoot Director

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



“South District Hoop Shoot Winners”

The State Shoot is set as the South District Hoop Shoot was held on January 28th at the Boys and Girls Club in Tucson. This was last of the Districts to hold their Shoot. South District Chairman Joe Jablonski would like to thank all of the volunteers that were present to help put on this contest. The results are as follows; 8-9 year old girls L to R; 2nd place Esmeralda Bolivar Green Valley Lodge #2592 1st place Sophia Valenzuela Tucson Lodge #385

8-9 year old boys R to L; 3rd place Ismael Victorino 2nd place Santiago Barraza Wilcox Lodge #2123 1st place Arian Tapia Green Valley Lodge #2592

10-11 year old girls L to R; 3rd place Arasely Gonzalez Green Valley Lodge #2592 2nd place Aubree Brown Tucson Lodge #385 1st place Savana Ebert Wilcox Lodge #2131

10-11 year old boys R to L; 3rd place Zhandos Aitiken Tucson Lodge #385 2nd place Allen Grisson Wilcox Lodge #2123 1st place Alek Martinez Green Valley Lodge #2592

12-13 year old girls L to R; 2nd place Taytum Defeo Wilcox Lodge #2131 1st place Ana Flores Green Valley Lodge #2592

12-13 year old boys R to L; 3rd place Kaleb Gonzales Tucson Lodge #385 2nd place Kessler Collins Tucson Lodge #385 1st Nate Huber Green Valley Lodge #2592

The 1st place winners will now go and compete against the winners from the North, East, and West District winners at the State Shoot on February 11th in Apache Junction. The winners of the State Shoot will represent Arizona at the Regional Shoot in Las Vegas. Good luck to all.

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

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



“AEA Secretary News”

From the Desk of AEA Secretary Charyll McKean

Here's hoping that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

As Secretary, it's my job to compile all the information that goes in our State Directory. **Each Lodge Secretary is tasked with notifying me of their incoming Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight and Secretary as soon as elections for the 2023-24 Lodge Year have been completed.** In addition to just the names of the officers, all the information that appears in the Directory is also needed, which includes home phone, cell phone, fax, business phone, email address, home or mailing address, spouse first name, spouse's cell, and lodge name and number.

To obtain this information in the easiest and most accurate way, I have created a fillable .pdf form for the use of each Lodge Secretary. This form will be emailed to each Lodge in February. Please fill out one form per officer and email it back to me at secretary@arizonaelks.org. Each form must be saved under a new name, and then just attach all 3 to an email. Please call me at 928-450-7139 or 928-542-6423 if you have any questions or problems about this. I will need those forms all returned to me prior to March 1st in order to add all those names to the Directory. Your timely help will be appreciated.

Also, we will be displaying Historical Directories and Minute Books at the May Convention. We are working to obtain and display some history items at each convention. If you or your members know anyone who may have old Directories, Minute Books or photos that they would like to donate, please let me know.

Regards
Charyll McKean
AEA Secretary
928-450-7139
secretary@arizonaelks.org

“AEA Past First Ladies' Jewelry Project News”

Jewelry Project Distribution Reports Needed

The following lodges have not reported their # of children served from their December Shopping Spree events:

Chandler #2429

Gilbert #2848

Kearny #2478

Phoenix #335

PLEASE SEND TO: dcskorupski48@gmail.com ASAP OR you will be dropped from Spring Shopping Spree

“Grand Lodge News”



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



Review your Lodge programs before the year ends

It's hard to believe that on February 16, 2023, our great Order will celebrate its 155th year of existence. **Happy birthday to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks!**

February is an extremely busy month for us as Elks. There are only two months left in your Lodge year. I respectfully request that you review the progress of your Lodge programs. It's not too late to achieve the goals you haven't yet reached. Your Lodge certainly can get a lot done in the remaining two months. I can't think of any better way of *“Promoting Elklom With Enthusiasm”* than to proudly tell all your Members you have successfully achieved your per capita for the Elks National Foundation, reached a +1 in membership, and accomplished the goals of the programs



**Message from
the Grand
Exalted Ruler**

**BRUCE A.
HIDLEY**

that are so important to the Elks and your community.

The month of February is also a time when new officers are nominated and elected for the new Lodge year. I encourage all the Lodges in our great Order to elect someone who is going to be dedicated to the affairs of your Lodge and your community. The success of your Lodge programs will depend upon their leadership. A fine way of *“Promoting*

Elklom With Enthusiasm” is for your Exalted Ruler to demonstrate dedicated leadership to all the Members of the Lodge. It truly shows your community that *“Elks Care – Elks Share”* when we have a great group of officers.

Lodge Secretaries should note that February is the time when you must file the Statutory Lodge Committee Chairpersons report and the Local Lodge Directory information report in the respective CLMS2 online forms. This information is extremely important so that updates are done in a timely manner.

February is also when our Past Exalted Rulers perform the ritual during your Lodge's Past Exalted Rulers Night. To our PERs: This is your time

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to shine by performing an excellent rendition of the initiatory ritual for the incoming Members.

On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil emerges from his burrow on Groundhog Day. This day is important to me since I live in the Northeast. If Phil sees his shadow that day, it means six more weeks of cold and snow. *Brrrrr.*

During February, we recognize American Heart Month. This is when we get our Local Lodges and communities together to raise awareness to prevent heart disease. Proudly wear red during this month to show Elks care about addressing heart disease.

Let's not forget Valentine's Day on February 14. Cupid catches each of us so we express our love and affection for each other. To my wife, Helen: Happy Valentine's Day. You are the love of my life.

God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.