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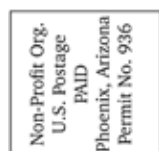
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Lodge Events in January

**** TUESDAY BINGO IS CANCELLED TEMPORARILY ****

Mon Jan 1	Polar Plunge and Lunch 12pm
Tue Jan 2	Fun Bingo 6pm
Tue Jan 2	Trustee Meeting 7pm
Wed Jan 3	Steak Night Dinner 5:30pm
Wed Jan 3	Orientation 7pm
Thur Jan 4	Lodge Meeting 7pm
Fri Jan 5	Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm
Sat Jan 6	Fun Bingo 7pm
Mon Jan 8	Kids Committee Meeting 5pm
Tue Jan 9	Fun Bingo 6pm
Thur Jan 11	Officers Calendar Meeting 7pm
Fri Jan 12	Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm
Fri Jan 12	No Namers Band 6:30pm
Sun Jan 14	PER Breakfast
Mon Jan 15	Spaghetti Dinner
Mon Jan 15	House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
Tue Jan 16	Fun Bingo 6pm
Tue Jan 16	Trustee Meeting 7pm
Wed Jan 17	Steak Night Dinner 5:30pm
Wed Jan 17	Applications Committee Meeting 7pm
Thur Jan 18	Lodge Meeting 7pm
Fri Jan 19	Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm
Fri Jan 19	Frosty and the Silvertones 6:30pm
Sat Jan 20	Kids Movie Night 7pm
Sat Jan 20	Fun Bingo 7pm
Sat Jan 20	Lodge Clean Up Day 8am
Tue Jan 23	Fun Bingo 6pm
Wed Jan 24	BBQ Night 5:30pm
Wed Jan 24	Sunil Acoustic Solo 6pm
Thur Jan 25	Veterans Meeting 6pm
Thur Jan 25	PER Meeting
Fri Jan 26	Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm
Fri Jan 26	Family Feud 7:30pm
Sat Jan 27	Charity Ball 5pm
Sun Jan 28	Chili Cookoff 2pm
Tue Jan 30	Fun Bingo 6pm
Tue Jan 30	Trustee Meeting 7pm
Wed Jan 31	Steak Night Dinner 5:30pm
Wed Jan 31	House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
Wed Jan 31	Orientation 7pm

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Exalted Ruler, Carol Brown



2024: I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the committees that helped decorate the Lodge. This is the spirit of collaboration and enjoyment we need throughout the year. As we welcome the new year, I challenge everyone to start afresh with good cheer and patience towards each other, all for the betterment of our Lodge. So, let's get off the couch and enjoy together. A special thanks to everyone who attended our Lodge's Christmas party and New Year's Eve celebration. As always, you can reach me at 480-239-8273 or via email at navasgrammy@yahoo.com

Esteemed Loyal Knight, Karen Seaman



As we leave 2023 behind, let's move into 2024 with a greater knowledge of how we can bring more sunshine into our lives and those around us. I am very hopeful that in this new year, our contributions will add a glittering dose of sunshine to the Lodge and its Family. Remember, "Many hands make light work." Getting involved helps you connect more quickly with your fellow Elks and creates a cozier home with your Elk Sisters and Brothers. I hope your 2023 was fulfilling, and I pray that 2024 brings you opportunities to enrich the lives of others, yourself, and the Phoenix Elks Lodge 335. Approach the New Year with a resolve to find opportunities hidden in each new day. Together, we can accomplish greater goals. There will be many chances to serve on committees, and I hope you will embrace the positive adventures our Lodge has to offer. This will avail you and others the opportunity to seize greater chances and possibilities. Happy New Year, and may it be graceful, loving, healthy, and prosperous.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Becky Simons



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. As we journey into another year, I'm excited to see what it brings. Thank you to all who donated for my first polar plunge; I'm already planning on doing it again. Congratulations to our Christmas Tree decorating winners, as we're moving towards making this an annual event. I'm open to suggestions on what worked and what didn't to help it run more smoothly. As always, I look forward to seeing and sharing ideas with you.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! DECEMBER 7TH INITIATION

Left to Right:
Jared Hausmann, William Brant Wise, Vince Lomeo, Danny Chesla, Justin Metz
Front Row Seated: Sharon Concha, and Katie Charles



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Lodge of Sorrow:

James “Jim” E. Anderson
Born: December 24, 1958
Initiated: December 19, 2019
Passed Away: November 21, 2023

Aaron Matlow, Life Member
Born: May 5, 1952

Initiated: March 24, 1987
Passed Away: October 3, 2023

Charles “Charlie” Martyn Yardley, PER, Life
Member

Born: February 12, 1942
Initiated: July 22, 1986

Passed Away: November 12, 2023

Sickness and Distress:

Joan Noble is home and doing well.

Proposition for Membership:

The following applicants were read on the floor
of the Lodge November 16 and December 7, 2023
Lodge sessions.

By Initiation

Sherilynn Budzik
Joyce Heitler
Justin Metz
Pamela Nolen
Kenneth L. Beck
Cory Dunkirk
Rose Mintz
Paul E. O’Connell
Christine M. Price
Sharon Smith
John Thrush

Proposer

Kelly Barlow
Jeannette Turpin
James Burch
Dana Brown
John Hughes
Dennis Dunkirk
Debra Rusk
Sean Leal
Sylvia Carruthers
Dennis Dunkirk
Doss Powell, Jr.

By Reinstatement

Allison Tymkiw
Nancy Schuster
Arthur Ray Simpson, Jr.

Dana Brown
Brenda Kayal
Brenda Kayal

All applicants were referred to the Applications
Committee.

Applications Committee Report:

The following candidates were favorably recom-
mended by the Application Committee at the
November 15, 2023 committee meeting.

By Initiation

Danny Chesla
Jared Hausmann
Justin Metz

Sharon Concha
Vincent Lomeo
William Brant Wise

By Reinstatement

Allison Tymkiw

By Certificate of Release

Daniel Clements

Associate Member

Charles VanBelle

Balloting:

The following candidates were balloted on in
the affirmative at the November 16, 2023 Lodge
session.

By Initiation

Danny Chesla
Jared Hausmann
Justin Metz

Sharon Concha
Vincent Lomeo
William Brant Wise

By Reinstatement

Allison Tymkiw

By Certificate of Release

Daniel Clements

Associate Member

Charles VanBelle

Initiation:

The following 8 American citizens were initiated
on December 7, 2023, at a regular Lodge.session.

Katherine “Katie” Charles
Sharon Concha
Jared Hausmann
Justin Metz

Danny Chesla
Daniel “Dan” Foschi
Vincent Lomeo
William Brant Wise

Membership/Lapsation Report

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2023	1023
Increases:	
Initiated	98
Affiliated	13
Reinstated	26
Subtotal	137
Decreases:	
Dropped	16
Transferred Out	20
Absolute Dimit	1
Deaths	17
Expelled	0
Subtotal	54

CLMS Active Members	1108
Average Age	65.58
Gain/Loss	83
Delinquency:	
Six Months	11
One Year	94
Over One Year	0
Total	131
Lapsation Rate	10.26%
Life Members	156
Honorary Life Members	0
Total	156
Life Percentage	15.25%

**The following members are
eligible for Life Membership and will
be balloted on at the January 18, 2024
Lodge session.**

**Richard Homes
Dick Passmore
Michael Valenti
John Weigand**



Sale of Lodge Property

The Lodge has a 25-foot by 25-foot lot at the corner of 31st Street and Winchcomb Drive.

Circle Road Properties has purchased the Lumparpi LLC property, and their understanding was that the Lodge “signed off” on the Abandonment requested by Lumparpi. The Abandonment hearing approved most of the conditions for the road improvement on Winchcomb Drive, with the exception of one stipulation that is problematic, which is Stipulation #3: “Dedicate and improve sufficient right-of-way for a curved radius street connection between 31st Street and Winchcomb Drive, or an alternative solution as approved by the Street Transportation Department. Improvement shall include paving, curb, gutter, curb ramps, a 5-foot sidewalk, streetlights, and other necessary incidentals as required.” The City will require the existing FPE bordering the south property line, which is the north 25 feet of Winchcomb Drive. However, as a condition of the abandonment approval, it requires additional right-of-way at the corner of Winchcomb Drive and 31st Street.

“It is unlawful for the City to require you to dedicate right-of-way or make improvements on property you (Circle Road Properties) do not own as a condition to zoning or site development.”

There was an oversight by the City staff on the final approval for the Great Hearts School. The final plat for the Great Hearts School dedicated right-of-way for 31st Street that stopped short of its required length. Whether by oversight or some other reason, it remains under the title to the Phoenix Elks Lodge #335.

Circle Road Properties would like to finish the Right of Way issue, hopefully without the formality and potential condemnation by the City. Their offer is \$1,000. By accepting this offer, we will not have to encumber any improvement costs to the property. I am hoping that you come out and support the sale of the property on January 18th. They will then put the money in escrow until the sale of the property is approved by the Grand Lodge. Fraternally yours,
Martin S. Griffith PER & Chairman of the Trustees &
Trustees: Clem Brown PER, Rich Becker & Mark Thompson

This proposal was read at the December 7, 2023 Lodge session, is being published in this January 2024 Tracks and has been laid over for vote of the Lodge membership at the Lodge session on January 18, 2024.

Proposed Bylaw Change

Section 1 of Article XV11 currently reads as:

Section 1. 65% (percent) of funds received each year shall be designated for Major Capital Improvements. These funds will be credited to the Lodge general account and offset by Major Capital Improvements Expenditures for the current Lodge year. The net amount will be deposited to the Lodge Investment Account. Unspent funds are to remain in the Investment Account and roll over to the following years to allow for future Major Capital Improvements. An annual budget shall be required for Major Capital Improvements.

Section 1 of Article XV11 to read as:

Section 1. 50% (percent) of funds received each year shall be designated for Major Capital Improvements. These funds will be credited to the Lodge general account and offset by Major Capital Improvements expenditures for the current Lodge year. The net amount will be deposited to the Lodge Investment Account. Unspent funds are to remain in the Investment Account and roll over to following years to allow for future Major Capital Improvements. When the Lodge Investment Account for Major Capital Improvements reaches \$500,000.00, all funds that are not needed to sustain the Major Capital Improvement Investment Account at \$500,000.00 shall be deposited into the Lodge general account. An annual budget shall be required for Major Capital Improvements, except for emergency repairs for the building and grounds that may be drawn as needed by the Trustees and approved by the Lodge.

-Read by Martin Griffith, Board of Trustees Chairman-

This proposal was read at the regular Lodge session on December 7, 2023, is being published in this January 2024 Tracks, and has been laid over for vote of the Lodge membership at the Lodge session on January 18, 2024.

Veterans Christmas Cards

Submitted by Karen Seaman, Loyal Knight

On December 11, Christmas cards were delivered to the Arizona State Veterans Home to help the residents feel the happiness of the Miracle Season. Many of our Elks Lodge 335 Members took their time to fill out Christmas cards for the



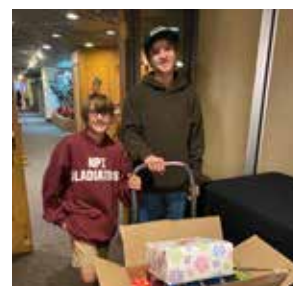
State Home. I was sad to see that 2 of the residents and 4 of the caregivers were sick with COVID. As you can see, the greeter stood back and accepted the cards I laid on the table, smiled and said thank you and gave me the look that it was time to go. I know we all wish the State Home residents a happy and healthy holiday season, and it was nice to play even a small part of their day.



Kids Committee Wrapping Party

Submitted by Heather Leal, Kids Committee

On December 13th, the Kids Committee hosted a Wrapping Party to prepare for the upcoming Breakfast with Santa event. True to the saying “Many hands make light work,” the evening was a show of efficient teamwork, with all wrapping completed in under two hours. Kicking off at 7pm and wrapping up just before 9pm, the event featured five tables with different age groups ranging from 1 to 12 years. A HUGE thank you members, their children, and our Antlers for being so generous with their time! Rosemary, Crissy, Nicole, Heather, Kathy A. and Diane S. from the Committee oversaw the organized chaos and supervised our 20+ volunteers through the process. Young volunteers Ryan Leal and new Antler & Boy Scout, Will McDermott, played the role as runners, transporting the finished packages to their respective places. Special thanks go to Nicole for her planning and coordination, which played a crucial role in the night’s success and in supporting our future Elk Members. The event was not only effective but also enjoyable for all who participated!



Meet our Members



Submitted by Karen Seaman, Loyal Knight and Jeff Beasley, Inner Guard

Our December Elk is Mike Mazor. Mike has been an esteemed Member of the Elks for 22 years and is a devoted service officer with the American Legion. Mike embodies the spirit of community and compassion in a way that resonates deeply in the hearts of those he touches. Mike was born in Trenton, New Jersey, but at 6 months of age, he and his family moved to Long Island, New York. Mike lightly described himself as a “hood” in his childhood years, but then he evolved into a loving, caring Veteran superstar. At 19, Mike enlisted in the Army to “avoid being drafted and sent to Vietnam”. After basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he was taught to be a Combat Engineer (sapper), he was sent to

Baumholder, Germany. Halfway through his three-year enlistment, he was informed of the death of one of his high school mates in Vietnam. At that time, Mike chose to honor his schoolmate’s death and volunteered for duty in Vietnam. With one year left in the service, he arrived in Vietnam and was assigned to an engineer battalion stationed at Long Binh. In 1968, right after the major Tet offensive by the Viet Cong, he was assigned to travel to Ton Son Nhut Air Force Base, Saigon to use a front-end loader to excavate fox holes for Air Force personnel. He had a 2nd Lieutenant with a driver, a jeep, and a rifleman, assigned to lead them to the base. At some point, the Officer and driver disappeared. Mike and his Rifleman were lost in Saigon, left to fend for themselves, quite unaware of their surroundings. Trying to find the Air Force Base, they found themselves on a road right alongside Phu Tho Horse Racing Track, which was a Viet Cong base of operations. Mike remembers being amazed that they were able to travel the length of the racetrack looking over the wall at the Viet Cong, and that they were never detected or attacked. Eventually, they found their way to the Air Force Base. When asked if they were ambushed, they responded “no”, and they were told that they were the first convoy to arrive safely from that exact journey.

Mike later started his own company of Life Safety Equipment, which was used by fire companies for life-saving needs. He owned his Company for 15 years. For 8 years, he volunteered as a Service Officer Advocate for Veterans at the VA, VFW, and the American Legion.

Years after his military service, Mike encountered a Veteran teetering on the brink of eviction. With his unwavering dedication to helping fellow Veterans, Mike did not hesitate to help. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, Mike embarked on a mission to reconnect the Veteran with his family in Colorado. Mike gathered a group of supporters to fund getting this vet home by flight. After that, Mike took it upon himself to drive with a trailer to move the vet’s belongings and his beloved cat to their new home!

Mike’s commitment to Veterans is a constant in his life. He spends countless hours driving Veterans from the parking lot to the clinic at the VA. This service provides more than just physical mobility; it offers emotional support, a listening ear, and a reminder that they are not forgotten.

During the Christmas season, Mike dons the red suit and embodies the role of Santa Claus. He brings - not only toys - but joy, hope, and a sense of worth to children in impoverished communities. His compassion extends beyond the Veteran community to the children who need it most.

Mike Mazor’s story is a testament to the “true Elk spirit” – a spirit characterized by selflessness, compassion, and a commitment to uplift those in need. His actions remind us that one person’s dedication can create a chain of kindness with links that extend far beyond the initial act. In a world often clouded by indifference, Mike stands as a beacon of hope.

Elks Memorial Service

Submitted by Clint Tompkins, Lodge Chaplain

The Annual Elks Memorial Service was held on Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:00 P.M.

Ken Stewart, Tiler, welcomed Lodge Members, as well as the spouses and guests of the 16 departed Members. As the attendees entered, they were greeted with the music of our special guest, Kevin Huang, playing the violin.

The service started promptly after Larry Bodwell, DDGER, rang the Elks Lodge Bell. As the chime of the bell faded, Exalted Ruler, Carol Brown,



began the service with a quick rap of the gavel. The service progressed with Al Kayal, PDDGER, on vocals and Kevin Huang on the violin, playing fantastic renditions of “Amazing Grace,” “The Lord’s Prayer,” “The Vacant Chair,” and “Auld Lang Syne.”

Brenda Kayal, Secretary, read the names of the departed Members.

Our Esteemed Knights - Leading, Joe Brown; Loyal, Diane Bodwell PER; and Lecturing, Becky Simons - all honored the departed Members by making declarations and placing the offerings of each station on the altar.

Exalted Ruler, Carol Brown, closed with an enlightening explanation of each offering. Clint Tompkins, Chaplain, gave the opening and closing prayers for the departed Members.

After the service ended, all attendees were invited to enjoy a charcuterie board with multiple meats, cheeses, fruits, and desserts in the lounge area.

Thank you to all who helped, participated, and joined in honoring the 16 departed Members with a combined total of 498 years of membership and service



Santa’s Elves Bring Christmas Joy!

Submitted by Linda Thompson, CCSS Chair

Thanks to all our benevolent Elks and kind volunteers who generously offered their time and patience. We were able to make Christmas joyful for 150 local underprivileged children. The kids included 54 children of Veterans, active military, and survivors’ families, along with children from five local schools. We had a record 41 children referred by our Phoenix Lodge #335 Elks.

All of you who donated to and helped with the Redneck Party fundraiser were a big part of this success. We had 101 volunteers who shopped for and/or with the kids, 15 who helped wrap gifts, and 10 who prepared and served the children’s food and handed out the gifts. A special thanks to Smurf, who was again driving Santa’s “sleigh” (in Arizona, a F350 is more suitable for desert gravel) to deliver the clothing and gifts to our three Veterans’ organizations.

It was an incredible adventure that brought as much joy to us as it did to these deserving families. THANK YOU!!! We are looking forward to the fun times in 2024 at the party and shopping! Wishing you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!



Public Safety Appreciation Dinner Event

Submitted by Clem Brown, Past Exalted Ruler

Continuing our Lodge tradition of excellence in honoring our police, firefighters, and first responders on Public Safety Appreciation Night, this year's event was held Thursday, November 9th, in our Vista and Heritage Banquet rooms. The Banquet rooms were filled for this event with over 70 invited Public Service Agencies awardees and their guests, and nearly the same number of Elks and their guests for a total of over 120 persons. This event had nine participating Agencies this year. All of our guests and awardees were served by our volunteers with a buffet-style dinner. A very special demonstration was made by the Phoenix Fire Department preceding the Awards Ceremony, showcasing a Search and Rescue Canine Officer, Elvis. Elvis, a three-year-old Black Labrador Retriever, and his partner, Captain Dana Medlind, provided a demonstration of how Elvis locates a missing person (in this case hiding under a buffet table covered with a tablecloth) and then communicates with his partner once the person has been found. This demonstration greatly impressed all who had the opportunity to see something far different than the ordinary keynote speaker at these events! A very large dog running through the banquet rooms and barking certainly captured



everyone's attention. As each Agency Department Head took the podium, a resounding message came forth expressing deep thanks to the Elks, our Lodge, and all of our Members for their welcoming and appreciative reception to their visit and to their efforts, especially in these times. It was noteworthy and heartwarming to see the number of Award Recipients with their family taking candid family "selfies" in front of the podium with the flags and our 100-year-old "B.P.O.E. Lodge #335" Banner at the conclusion of the event. Special thanks to Bill Darr, PDDGER, Randy Sterling, PER, and Karen Seaman, Esteemed Loyal Knight for their efforts in ensuring a successful event. Thanks to our kitchen staff volunteers, particularly Randy Doescher, Cindy Pendergrass, and Rich Becker for their efforts in producing the great meal all enjoyed.


The Master of Ceremonies was Al Kayal, PDDGER and Arizona State Elks Association President; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lodge Esquire Lionel McCray, the Invocation and Benediction by Inner Guard Clint Tomkins, the welcome Introduction by Exalted Ruler Carol Brown. The Color Guard was performed by our resident Scout

Troop #607.


Awards were made as follows: Phoenix Fire Department, Captain Todd Keller presenting to Captain William Rini; in absentia Arizona Game & Fish Wildlife, Richard Myers presented to Investigator Jennifer White; Maricopa County Emergency Management, Supervisor Rich Peel presenting to Coordinator Marisa Van Holten; United States Marshal Service, U.S. Van Bayless presenting to Marshal Walter Alvarado; Paradise Valley Police Department Chief Freeman Carney presenting to Officer Edgar Rodriguez; Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Service Specialist Joe Looper presenting to Special Agent Kevin Keefe; Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Anthony Menella presenting to Deputy Michael Bytnar; Arizona Department of Corrections Supervisor John Mattos presenting to Officer II Jesus Mendoza Atondo; Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Cheri Oz presenting to Special Agent Benjamin LaMonthe.

All of our awardees will be reviewed by the Lodge's Public Safety Recognition Committee, and the top recommended recipients will then be provided to the Arizona State Elks Association for the final selection of 'Officer of the Year' and 'Firefighter of the Year.' These awards will be presented at the May 2025 State Elks Convention in Tempe.





Lodge Clean Up Day!



Lodge Clean-Up Day - January 20, 2024
Join Us for a Day of Community and Care!

When? Saturday, January 20, 2024
Time? Kick-off at 8:00 AM
What to Bring:
Leather gloves (watch out for thorns!)
Any pruning tools you can provide
Activities Include:
Pruning and general cleanup
A special hot dog lunch, courtesy of Tim Woods
Everyone's Welcome! Whether you're big or small,
young or old, your help makes a difference. Let's
beautify our Lodge together!



WE'RE HIRING

Join our team

Looking for a job?

Are you looking for a part-time maintenance role? We're hiring at the Lodge! This position offers 20 hours per week at a rate of \$16.20 per hour. If you're interested and would like to schedule an interview with the Trustees, please reach out to Marty Griffith, PER, at (602) 614-8663 or Richard Becker, 1st Year Trustee, at (602) 908-8133. The role is set to begin around April 1.

For those who would like more details about the job responsibilities and requirements, simply contact Richard Becker. He will be happy to provide you with a full Position Description



APPLY NOW

Holiday Party

Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Inner Guard

The Elks Lodge hosted their annual Christmas Party, which was organized under the leadership of Exalted Ruler, Carol Brown. This year's event was a significant celebration of community and the holiday spirit. The menu featured turkey, ham, and various side dishes, reflecting the effort and skill of those who prepared them. Lodge Officers and volunteers played multiple roles during the event, including hosts, servers, and entertainers. A key activity was the White Elephant gift exchange, characterized by laughter and surprises. Amidst the festivities, the tree decorating contest was a highlight, with the Veterans' tree, exquisitely decorated by Lizanne Luke, Cookie Nanni, Stephanie Deuchene, Brian Deuchene, Eleanor Ybarra, Sandra Bailey, and Jan Mitchell, winning the contest. Children were also catered to, receiving stockings filled with treats to enhance their holiday experience and remind them that they are a part of the Elk community. The event included raffles, with winners receiving various prizes, and the party stood as a shining example of the spirit of Elkdom – full of warmth, generosity, and genuine joy.



Elk OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Carol Brown, Exalted Ruler



Nicole Beach truly stands out in our Lodge and deserves to be recognized as Elk of the Month. She's a familiar face on both the House and Kids Committees, where her hard work is apparent. Nicole puts her heart into organizing all sorts of events for our Lodge, from fun activities for the kids to exciting parties and live bands. She's always busy, making sure our entertainment calendar is packed with something interesting for everyone. Her efforts keep our Lodge full of life, making it a more enjoyable place for all of us. It's clear that Nicole's passion and dedication are key to our Lodge's atmosphere. Hats off to you, Nicole! Well done!

Kids Movie Night

Submitted by Heather Leal, Kids Committee Member

On December 2nd, the Kids Committee hosted a Movie Night in the Heritage Room, featuring a grand 16-foot movie screen playing a Christmas favorite, the "Polar Express". Children enjoyed the movie in their pajamas and with their favorite blankets, while eating cookies and drinking hot cocoa. They also had a fun craft activity, creating ornaments to take home as keepsakes. Looking forward, we're thrilled to announce another PJ Movie Night on January 20th, where kids can once again come in pajamas, bring blankets, and enjoy the movie with snacks and drinks, all thanks to our dedicated committee and volunteers. Thanks to all who made this evening possible.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Submitted by Becky Simons, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

The Phoenix Elks Lodge 335 successfully completed its annual Thanksgiving Baskets this year, under the leadership of Becky Simons. We want to give thanks to the 178 volunteers from the Elks community who made this event a success. Together, they raised \$6,000 in gift cards for families in need and prepared 250 food boxes. These boxes were distributed among 98 school families, with 54 families receiving two boxes each. Additionally, Elks families were allocated 44 boxes, and 54 boxes went to Veterans. The total amount in grants reached \$9,500. This three-day project was made possible with all the food supplies provided by Winco. We are incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of everyone involved.



Photos on the opposite page

**ELK COMMUNITY PHOTO PAGE! CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE NIGHT,
THANKSGIVING BASKET DRIVE, HOLIDAY PARTY, LODGE DECORATING!**



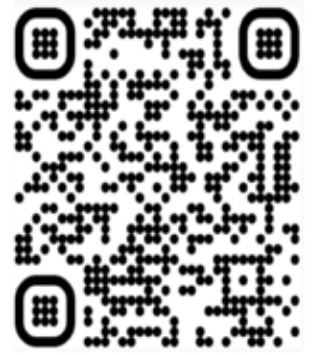
ANNUAL OLD TIMERS DINNER

Thursday, February 1st at 5:00 PM

Phoenix Lodge 335 will be holding our annual "Old Timer's Night," honoring those Members who have been part of both the Elks organization and our Lodge for a minimum of 25 years. We will also be celebrating our newly elected Life Members. This event is open to all Members, their spouses, and guests. Dinner is complimentary for the "Old Timers" and Life Members. The cost for other Members, their spouses, and guests is \$12. Honorees will additionally receive a complimentary drink. Please RSVP to the Lodge Secretary by January 25th at (602) 482-2335 with the number of people in your party.

After dinner, all Elks are welcome to attend our Lodge meeting, conducted by our Past Exalted Rulers. During this time, spouses and guests are invited to stay in the Lodge for special activities coinciding with the Lodge Meeting.

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24 JANUARY 2024 - 6-9PM - IN LOUNGE



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Prepared and served by your Phx Lodge Past Exalted Rulers
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\$15.00 PER PERSON

KIDS EAT FREE

Bring the whole family



Biscuits & Gravy
Eggs to order
Omelette station
Toast
Waffle Station
Pastries
Bacon
Sausage
Juice
Coffee/Tea

SUNDAY JAN 14TH
Serving 9am to 12am

Frosty &
The Silver
Tones

LIVE MUSIC

FRI. JAN 19 | 6:30PM

THEY WILL ENTERTAIN YOU WITH AN ECLECTIC
SELECTION OF TUNES AND GENRES FROM THE 1950'S
TO THE 2010'S! GUARANTEED TO HAVE A GREAT TIME!

CHECK DINNER MENU BOARD 5:30-7PM

Frosty &
The Silver
Tones

Phoenix Elks 335

Live Music

LINE UP :

Fri | Jan 12 | 6:30pm
The No Namers Band

Fri | Jan 19 | 6:30pm
Frosty & The Silvertones

Wed | Jan 19 | 6-9pm
Sunil ~ Acoustic artist
pop/country/rock

LET'S PLAY

FAMILY FEUD

FRI JAN 26	\$5/PLAYER
7:30PM	IN LOUNGE
2-6 PLAYERS	18yo & OLDER
\$1 POPCORN	\$1 ICE CREAM



Veterans Committee Presents!

Chili

COOKOFF

Make the best chili to win 1st or 2nd place prize
Tasting starts @ 2:30pm

SUNDAY JAN 28 2PM

FREE TO ENTER
\$5 TO TASTE
bowls, cornbread, chips & crackers included
Kids under 12 eat **FREE**
Desserts for donation

NFL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP
AFC GAME 3PM & NFC GAME 6PM
Football Squares for purchase \$1, \$2, & \$5
Entries due by 2pm

KIDS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

MOVIE Night

20 JAN | 7PM **FREE ENTRY**

NOW SHOWING



SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED ONLY!
IT'S ALWAYS A PJ PARTY! BRING PILLOW & BLANKET FOR THE MOVIE! PARENTS ARE TO REMAIN ON THE PREMISES - PICK UP IS AT 9:30PM!

FRIDAY MENU

Dinner served 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Groups of 8+ please call a day in advance
(602) 482-2335

January 5th
Beef Stroganoff \$16
Baked fish / Beer battered fish & chips \$14

January 12th
Prime Rib \$23
Baked fish / Beer battered fish & chips \$14

January 19th
Pork Chops \$16
Baked fish / Beer battered fish & chips \$14

January 26th
Meatloaf \$16
Baked fish / Beer battered fish & chips \$14

All dinner prices flat fee, includes tax

Every Friday night:
Soup and Mixed Greens & Coleslaw - \$9.00
Kids menu – Only \$5.00

Desserts: Donation please
Any substitutions or changes will be on the menu board in the lounge.

Lounge Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 11am-10pm
Friday and Saturday: 11am-11pm
Sunday: 11am-7pm

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9am-10pm
Friday: 9am till close
Saturday: 11am till close
Sunday: 11am -7pm

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9am-2pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>JANUARY</div><div><p>Friday Night Food Servers Needed! Come in, join a team and help once a month for just a couple of hours on a Friday Meet Members and make new friends, contact Cindy Pendergrass to get involved & on the schedule! Phone: 623-582-4298 ***ATTENTION*** TUESDAY BINGO IS TEMPORARILY CANCELLED***</p></div></div>						
31 8pm NYE Party	1 12pm Polar Plunge and Lunch	2 12pm TOURNAMENT/ Texas Hold Em 6pm Fun Bingo 7pm Trustees Meeting	3 9am Pool Players 5:30pm Steak Dinner 7pm Orientation	4 12pm Poker Games 7pm Lodge Meeting	5 9:30am Pool Players 11am Canasta 5:30pm Prime Rib	6 7pm Texas Hold ‘Em 7pm Fun Bingo
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New Year's Party

You're invited for some holiday cheer to celebrate the New Year!

8pm-Midnight
Sunday, December 31
 Appetizers & Champagne Toast
 Music by DJ Ron!

Price TBD - Keep checking Flash, Lodge TV's & Table Tents & Social Media

Phoenix Elks 335 Officers



Join us! **JANUARY 15TH 5:30PM**

SPAGHETTI NIGHT!

SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD AND SALAD! BRING THE FAMILY

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JAN 27TH

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Contact Sharon McGuiness

Pool Players Club 9am-12pm Monday/Wednesday and Friday. Call Art Vance 602-740-9241 or Roger Clark 602-568-1437

Canasta group, Fridays at 11 am. Play as long as you like. Beginners welcome - we'll teach you! Interested? Contact Janet Smith: 216-544-1521

Canasta

It's BUNCO Time!

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