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Lodge Events in May

Wed May 1	Steak Night Dinner 5:30pm
Wed May 1	Orientation 7pm
Thurs May 2	Lodge Meeting 7pm
Fri May 3	Dinner 5:30pm
Sat May 4	Youth Dinner & Awards 5pm
Sat May 4	Youth Movie and Ice Cream 6:45pm
Sat May 4	Texas Hold 'Em 7pm
Sun May 5	Cinco de Mayo Lunch/Pinata 12:30pm
Sun May 5	Scholarship & Essay Awards/Dinner 5pm
Mon May 6	Bunco 1pm
Tues May 7	Fun Bingo 6pm
Wed May 8	Line Dancing 6pm
Fri May 10	Dinner 5:30pm
Fri May 10	Live Music 6:30pm
Sat May 11	Fun Bingo 7pm
Sun May 12	Mothers Day Ceremony 12pm
Mon May 13	House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
Tues May 14	Kids Comm. Meeting 5:30pm
Tues May 14	Fun Bingo 6pm
Tues May 14	Trustee Meeting 7pm
Wed May 15	Steak Night Dinner 5:30pm
Wed May 15	Applications Meeting 7pm
Thurs May 16	Lodge Meeting 7pm
Fri May 17	Dinner 5:30pm
Fri May 17	Live Music 6:30pm
Sat May 18	Texas Hold 'Em 7pm
Sun May 19	PER Breakfast 9am
Tues May 21	Fun Bingo 6pm
Wed May 22	Trivia 7pm
Thurs May 23	Veterans Meeting 6pm
Thurs May 23	PER Meeting 7pm
Fri May 24	Dinner 5:30pm
Sat May 25	Fun Bingo 7pm
Sun May 26	Memorial Day Picnic 12pm
Tues May 28	Fun Bingo 6pm
Fri May 31	Dinner 5:30pm
Fri May 31	Live Music 6:30pm

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Exalted Ruler, Joe Brown

I'd like to thank the Veterans Committee for putting on a great Cowboy Cookout. Thank you to all the committee members and helpers, and to the members for supporting it. It was a great first event for our new year. The House Committee is looking for a Banquet Set up and take-down person; this would be a paid position to set the dining rooms, dance floor, bandstand if needed. Anyone interested should contact Nadine at 602-482-2339 or stop by, and you can talk to her in person.

We're looking for volunteers for various committees: Membership, Kitchen, Greeters, Red Coats, Picnics, Children's Shopping Spree, Elks Kids, Youth Activities, Drug Awareness, Public Relations, Facilities to include Lodge Grounds clean up. We are also looking for a Lodge Organist and Lodge Chaplain. If interested, you can contact me or any Officer or stop into a meeting of the Committee or Committees you have an interest in.

Volunteers are what make the Lodge work so well and keep expenses down, which gives us more for the charities. We are not looking for someone to work every event; we would be very happy to have the help once a week, once a month, or whenever you may feel you would be able to help with.

We will be holding our tribute to Mothers; the Mother's Day Ritual will be held in our Lodge room on May 12th, 2024. The time will be announced on the Flash and the TV monitors around the bar. If your mother is still with us, bring her along; the tribute celebrates mothers with us and those who are no longer with us. Bring the family. It's a very nice event to attend.

Let us all make this a great year and have some fun. It is satisfying to know you helped plan and execute an event. We are always looking for new ideas to try and keep our events fresh and new, so as not to burn out the volunteers or our members. I can be contacted by phone at 602-791-6894 or by email at joebrownelks335@gmail.com, or if you see me in or around the Lodge, don't hesitate to reach out to me. Joe Brown, Exalted Ruler 2024-2025.



Esteemed Leading Knight, Karen Seaman

Welcome to May, the month of sunshine, happiness, and endless blessings. April 1 marks the first day of our fiscal year and officer seat shifting. Each of your officers has moved to the next chair in their process of learning how and what falls under each officer's duties. The Leading Knight has given me a long list of assignments that I will be learning as I go along to help me become more efficient in my duties. May will feature our annual Elks Convention, where your 335 team will compete for the state title. We will also be manning a Veteran's table at the front door and hope to collect paper goods needed for Stand Down for next year. The paper goods would include paper towels, wipes, and toilet paper, and we are always in search of toiletries. Memorial Day for 2024 falls on May 27, and I hope to see many of you at the National Cemetery on Cave Creek Road for a day filled with pomp and circumstances, speeches, and the laying of wreaths. Have a wonderful month and volunteer for different

events if you are able. The more you get involved, the more people you will meet, and the more fun you will have. I appreciate every one of you for who you are and what you do for our Lodge and our community. Save the date of February 15, 2025, for the Charity Ball, which promises you an Evening in Paris!



Esteemed Loyal Knight, Becky Simons

May is a busy time for all of us. School is ending, our winter friends have gone, and many are planning summer vacations. We are in the second month of my time as Loyal Knight; time is already flying. We have many new members, and I invite you, as well as our longtime members, to come and talk. I have made lots of new friends this last year and look forward to meeting more.



Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Clint Tompkins

May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, and the month of hope. We will start the month off with Youth Week (May 1st-May 7th), celebrating some of our bright young stars from our youth groups on May 4th with a dinner, awards, and a movie. This will be followed by an awards dinner on May 5th honoring Scholarship and Americanism Essay winners. Mothers will have a special ritual on May 12th at noon, celebrating all mothers, both present and absent. The AEA 109th Annual Meeting will also be held this month, where we will compete in multiple Ritual competitions. Have a wonderful May and hope to see everyone at these events.

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PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:
The following applicants were read on the floor
of the Lodge March 21, 2024 and April 4, 2024
Lodge sessions.

<u>By Initiation</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Anjenette Anderson	Stephen Smith
Laura Browne	Norm Bertram
Todd Budzik	Kelly Barlow
Sherry Erickson	Karen Seaman
Lisa Ferguson	Clint Tompkins
Rebecca Escarcega	Brenda Kayal
James Hughes	Linda Head
Daniel Jensen	Timothy Brown
Mark Romaneski	Brenda Kayal
Kent Beckman	Jay Gage
Joyce T. Kissner	Sheila Dufield
Maverick Courtney	Irene Ploski
Don Mohrmann	Linda Head
Dennis Rohrman	Linda Head
Tammara Gage	Jay Gage

<u>By Reinstatement</u>	
Lyn Bunting-Hall	Linda Head

By Certificate of Status
Patrick Schwindt
From Erie, PA Lodge #67

By Transfer Dimit
Renee Chavez
From Fontana-Rialto, CA Lodge #2013
Teresa Fredenburg
From Chico, CA Lodge #423
Jeff Zupanic
From Silverton, OR Lodge #2210

All applicants were referred to the Applications
Committee.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:
The following candidates were favorably recom-
mended by the Applications Committee at the
March 20, 2024 Committee Meeting.

<u>By Initiation</u>	
Anjenette Anderson	Laura Browne
Todd Budzik	Denis Danicic
Daniel Carmichael	James Devine
Sherry Erickson	Lisa Ferguson
Terrence Flanagan	Jay Gage
James George	Jerry Hingtgen
James Hughes	Daniel Jensen
James Rayroux	Mark Romaneski
William Wickers, Jr.	Ericka Willasch
Steve Wilson	

<u>By Reinstatement</u>	
Robert Allen	Lyn Bunting-Hall

Adam Schwartz	
<u>By Certificate of Release</u>	
Tommy Price	Patrick Schwindt
<u>By Transfer Dimit</u>	
Renee Chavez	Jeff Zupanic
Teresa Fredenburg	

BALLOTING:
The following candidates were balloted on in the
affirmative at the March 21, 2024 Lodge session.

Anjenette Anderson	Laura Browne
Todd Budzik	Denis Danicic
Daniel Carmichael	James Devine
Sherry Erickson	Lisa Ferguson
Terrence Flanagan	Jay Gage
James George	Jerry Hingtgen
James Hughes	Daniel Jensen
James Rayroux	Mark Romaneski
William Wickers, Jr.	Ericka Willasch
Steve Wilson	

<u>By Reinstatement</u>	
Robert Allen	Lyn Bunting-Hall
Adam Schwartz	

<u>By Certificate of Release</u>	
Tommy Price	Patrick Schwindt

<u>By Transfer Dimit</u>	
Renee Chavez	Jeff Zupanic
Teresa Fredenburg	

All candidates were voted on in the affirmative.

INITIATION:
The following 19 American citizens were initiated
on March 21, 2024 and April 4, 2024, at regular
Lodge sessions.

Anjenette Anderson	Laura Browne
Todd Budzik	Denis Danicic
Daniel Carmichael	James Devine
Sherry Erickson	Lisa Ferguson
Terrence Flanagan	Jay Gage
James George	Jerry Hingtgen
James Hughes	Daniel Jensen
James Rayroux	Mark Romaneski
William Wickers, Jr.	Ericka Willasch
Steve Wilson	

Membership/Lapsation Report	
Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2024	
1051	
Increases:	
Initiated	5
Affiliated	0
Reinstated	1
Subtotal	6
Decreases:	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	0
Expelled	0
Subtotal	0

CLMS Active Members	
1057	
Average Age	65.66
Gain/Loss	6
Delinquency:	
Six Months	294
One Year	0
Over One Year	0
Total	294
Lapsation Rate	27.97%
Life Members	151
Honorary Life Members	0
Total	151
Life Percentage	14.37%



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! MARCH 21ST AND APRIL 4TH INITIATION

Left to Right/Back to Front: Anjenette Anderson; Steve Wilson; Jay Gage; Mark Romaneski; Daniel Jensen; William Wickers Jr; James Rayroux; Laura Browne; Sherry Erickson; Sherry Lynn Budzik; Todd Budzik; Jerry Hingtgen; James Hughes; Lisa Ferguson; and Lionel McCray, Esquire

Left to Right: JJeff Beasley, Esquire; Daniel Carmichael; Ericka Willasch; James George; James Devine; Terrence Flanagan; and Joe Brown, Exalted Ruler



Celebrating Elk's National Youth Week

Submitted by Clint Tompkins; Esteemed Lecturing Knight & Eileen Austin; Antlers Lead Advisor

The Kids Committee is dedicated to organizing engaging events tailored for children, providing fun and festive opportunities for families to connect and celebrate throughout the year. Here's a glimpse into the activities they host.

Question: What do we do?

Answer:
Trunk or Treat: Halloween with themed car decorations, costumes, candy, and prizes in a family-friendly setting.
Christmas Party: Experience the magic at the Breakfast with Santa event, featuring gifts from the North Pole and photo ops with Santa.
Easter Celebration: Fun with games, an Easter egg hunt, lunch, and photos with the Easter Bunny.
Back to School Bash: Back to school pool party/BBQ and a movie screening.
School Supplies Donation: Support education with donations ensuring every child has essential learning tools.
Parents, Take a Break!: Relax with movie nights at the Lodge while your kids are entertained.

The Antlers of Elks Lodge 335 is a student-led volunteer organization, empowering high school students aged 12-20 to lead and serve their community. Through a variety of initiatives and outreach programs, these young leaders contribute to making a difference both within and beyond the Lodge.

Youth Leadership: Comprised of high school students aged 12-20, The Antlers operate under a student-elected board, fostering leadership and teamwork among its members.
Community Service: Engaged in various volunteer efforts, including homeless outreach programs to support the local community in need.
Event Participation: Actively assist in organizing the Kids Christmas Party, ensuring a smoothly run event for the younger children.
Fundraising Initiatives: Host dessert tables at various events to raise funds for outreach programs, showing their commitment to their causes.

Honor Flight April 13th

Submitted by Becky Simons; Esteemed Loyal Knight

Honor Flight is a non-profit organization that arranges for Veterans from the U.S. to visit war memorials in Washington, D.C. without any cost to the Veterans. It was founded in 2005 by Earl Morse and Jeff Miller. The organization initially focused on World War II Veterans but has since expanded to include Veterans from the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and those who are terminally ill from any service era. Honor Flights are entirely funded by donations, and the trips are designed to allow Veterans to honor their fallen comrades and reflect on their service.

Each Veteran is accompanied by volunteer guardians to assist them during the trip. The visits typically cover several memorials, including the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial, among others. To date, the Honor Flight Network has transported hundreds of thousands of Veterans to D.C. This initiative not only honors the Veterans' service but also aims to give them closure and recognition for their sacrifices.

The Veterans Committee, in addition to hosting and providing lunches several times a year for Honor Flight Arizona, had the pleasure of donating \$2,600 to cover the costs for two Veterans on an upcoming flight. Thank you to everyone who donates to and participates in our events.

Pictured are Becky Simons and Robert Krug, who is both a member of the Honor Flight Board and an Elk.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Esquire

The Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 continued their tradition of community service by hosting yet another successful Red Cross Blood Drive on March 20th.

The Phoenix Elks Lodge #335, known for its commitment to charitable causes, welcomed volunteers and donors from the community. Each unit of blood collected has the potential to save a life, making this event a testament to the impact a dedicated community can have.

In a message of thanks, the Red Cross expressed their gratitude to the Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 and their team for their unwavering support in organizing the blood drive.

In the current climate, access to blood resources remains vital for various medical treatments and emergencies. The Phoenix Elks Lodge #335's continued sponsorship of these essential blood drives demonstrates their ongoing dedication to serving the community.

The Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 and its volunteers have once again shown their commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. As the community faces ongoing challenges, the generosity and support displayed by the Phoenix Elks Lodge in hosting this blood drive serve as a beacon of hope and unity.

Looking ahead, the Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 plans to maintain their partnership with the Red Cross, reaffirming their commitment to hosting future blood drives with the goal of achieving even more life-saving milestones. Together, they exemplify the power of community and the impact it can have on saving lives.

Pictured top right corner: Marty Griffith

Below Left: Tom Schiavone Below Right: Pat Nitze, Stephanie Beasley, Stetson, David Nitze



Pictured: Will McDermott, Kathy Allasia, Janis Steiner and her son, and Bill Herring

20th Anniversary Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial

Submitted by Karen Seaman, Esteemed Leading Knight

This event took place on March 23, 2024, at the Piestewa Peak Ocotillo Ramada. This event was open to Gold Star Families, Veterans, Tribal Leaders, and the public. "20 years ago, Lori Ann Piestewa lost her life in combat in defense of our country. She was a member of the Hopi Tribe, and her family also had strong ties with the Navajo through friendship and marriage. Her death sent shock waves through the Hopi and Navajo Nations and throughout the entire Indian Country. She will be revered throughout the ages for her unselfishness and for being the first Native American woman warrior to give her life for us in defense of our freedom."- Report on the Fallen Heroes Memorial

If you ever wondered where the blankets go that we collect and are given by generous donors such as Sue Bushmaker and her quilting group, please see the picture that displays our beautiful donations that are wrapping the Indian Nation in warmth and comfort. We, the Phoenix Elks Lodge, sent over 100 blankets this year, and we are starting to gather more for next year.



Meet Our Members

Submitted by Karen Seaman, Esteemed Leading Knight

It is my pleasure to introduce you to one of our new members, Sherry Erickson.



Sherry was born in South Dakota, but due to the extreme weather, her family moved to Thornton, Colorado, when she was 3 years old. Her mom was a bookkeeper while her Dad was an official with the Teamsters Union. He was a veteran of both the Army and the Navy. Later in life, he sold cars for a living. Sherry was educated at a Baptist school for grade and middle school. However, it closed down in her senior year of high school, and she attended public school for her final year. She went on to a specialized school in Denver for a business degree. She met her first husband, Larry Erickson, upon finishing her schooling in Denver, and together they raised two children, a daughter Lori and a son Shane.

Larry and his father owned an appliance store, and together they grew that business. The Ericksons belonged to an Elks Lodge in Colorado, and you could find them, and the kids there quite often, which was her inspiration to become an Elk at 335. Sherry stayed home and raised her children, then later worked for a school as a baker. She and Larry were married for 18 years, and sadly, Sherry became a widow. She moved to Phoenix in 1998, at that juncture in her life. She later married a man she met at a Polish Club, where she frequented to enjoy Polka dancing. She married Zenon Zawadki, her Polka partner, but kept her Erickson last name, as it was easier to pronounce. She and Zenon, an electrical engineer, were married for 18 years, when she once again became a widow. She opened a Polish American restaurant in Mesa called Hello Deli, which she ran for 4 years, then sold and retired.

You can often find Sherry at #335, enjoying dinner, music, and yes, always bingo on Tuesday nights. She has won 5 times in the short time she has been a member at our Lodge. She loves to travel and cook, and did I mention, she loves to play bingo... Good luck Sherry, and we're glad to have you as a member of Phoenix Lodge 335!

Children's Christmas Shopping Spree News

Submitted by Linda Thompson: CCSS Chair



The Children's Christmas Shopping Spree Chocolate Making Class on March 17 was a great success. We sold 39 tickets, surpassing our initial plans. We had fun, and the creativity was incredible. The semi-organized chaos was amazing to watch. Everyone reported having a great time, and many are ready to do it again. Maybe next year? It's time to start planning for the September 14th Redneck Party!

After expenses, the Chocolate-Palooza netted about \$900 for the Children's Christmas Shopping Spree, enough to shop for five

kids. Thank you all for participating. We had very high demand from kids in need last year, so please keep the charity in mind. Our goal is to help 130 children this year.

We have a fundraising event coming up, Painting on Glass, on April 20th from 4-7 pm. It's a Paint N Sip with a twist; instead of a canvas, you can decorate a wine, margarita, or beer glass or wine bottle table decorations. Enrollment starts at \$22 depending on your crafting selection, plus there will be charcuterie boxes available for purchase, raffles, and drink specials. Bring your family and friends for dinner and music from 6-9 p.m. Look for the QR code in the Tracks ad or on the lounge table ads to sign up.

Additional photos of the event are in the next column at the top right

What is a Private Event?

Submitted by Club Manager; Nadine Lucas

Our Lodge thrives on hosting Private Events, not only to support our many functions but also as a means to serve our community and open doors for potential new members.



In light of this, we kindly request your cooperation during these Private Events. Please refrain from entering the event spaces, exploring the decor, or sampling the catered treats and food. Should you need to access the kitchen and there's an alternative route, we ask that you use it. Additionally, we appreciate your efforts in informing your guests about the importance of respecting these private gatherings.

Your consideration greatly aids us in maintaining a respectful and enjoyable environment for our valued guests, whose patronage significantly benefits our Lodge.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

Kids Easter Party

Submitted by Heather Leal

The Elks Kids Committee is grateful to all the volunteers and Antlers for their support during our Easter Party. Your collective efforts in stuffing and hiding 1600 eggs, along with the seamless setup, serving, cooking, and cleanup, were essential to the day's success. The children enjoyed in the egg hunt, marigold planting, lunch, and capturing moments with the Easter Bunny, thanks to you. We appreciate the contributions of desserts and guessing jars from all our volunteers, helping with the event! This day was a joy for the kids, who left with baskets full of eggs, all thanks to your dedication!



Pictured Nandana Rajesh Antler, Bill Herring (Mr Easter Bunny), Stetson Beasley, Ezra, Josh and Jalen Miller.

Remembering Ira Hayes

Submitted by Karen Seaman, Esteemed Leading Knight

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

"Seventy-seven years ago, Ira Hayes helped raise the U.S. flag on the island of Iwo Jima. The historic moment was captured in a photo.

World War II was raging in the Pacific and once that photo hit the front page of pretty much every newspaper in the country, Hayes and his fellow U.S. Marines became national heroes.

Still, his bio on the United States Marine Corps University website doesn't mention the photo or the fanfare that followed. It does note that Hayes is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Section 34, Plot 470A." - Patty Talahongva of ITC News

Ira was born on the Gila River reservation in District 5, Bapchule, on January 12, 1923. Hayes attended the Phoenix Indian School, the government-run boarding school next to the VA on Indian School and 7th Street. Ira died on January 24, 1955, and is thought to have suffered from PTSD.



St Paddy's Day Party!

Submitted by Diane Bodwell, PER Scholarship Committee Chair

Phoenix Lodge #335 held their annual St. Paddy's Day party on Saturday, March 16, 2024, to benefit the Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program for our Lodge. It was a great success. Dinner was prepared by Larry Bodwell, DDGER, Randy Doescher, PER, and their amazing kitchen staff. The corned beef and cabbage were plentiful, and no one

went home hungry. We had 105 members and guests in attendance. Dinner was followed by dancing to the music of DJ and the Midnight Sun Band. Thank you, DJ, for another night of great music. The gun raffle netted the Scholarship Committee \$1,260. Thank you, Exalted Ruler Joe Brown, for donating the guns to this cause. Congratulations to our members Rick Holmes and Manuel Jacquez on their new guns. Thank you to all who helped put on this fundraiser, those who attended, and those who were very generous with their donations. We raised over \$4,400 to help the youth in our community attend college.



Pictured above: Karen Seaman, Kathy Papsun; Jan Mitchell with her guests, Helen and Mona

Membership Committee News

Submitted by Kathy Jones, Membership Chair

On March 9th, our Elks Lodge hosted Membership Day, attracting 30+ volunteers and committee chairpersons who showcased their activities to the public. Attendees were offered lunch, tours, and discussions about Lodge Committees. The event saw 20 visitors, resulting in new membership applications. We thank all volunteers for their dedication.

Additionally, the Membership Committee will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo event featuring lunch and piñatas on May 5th at 12:30 pm. We invite everyone to join us for this occasion.



Awards Ceremony

Submitted by Carol Brown, PER

The annual Elks Lodge 335 Awards Ceremony, held on March 23rd, was hosted by Carol Brown, Exalted Ruler. It celebrated the contributions of our Lodge members. The event began with the pledge and prayer, led by Esquire Lionel McCray, at 6 PM. Dinner followed and was prepared by Randy Doescher PER, Cindy Pendergrass, and Rich Becker, with Anton Jones taking photos.

The awards highlighted our members who went above and beyond this year. Nicole Beach was celebrated as Elk of the Year, and Becky Simons was honored with the Officer of the Year award for her time and dedication as Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Marty Griffith, PER, was awarded the unique Stirring of the Pot award, complete with an oversized spoon as a lighthearted joke. April Hartel, Manager of WinCo Foods, was awarded the Citizen of the Year for assisting with the Thanksgiving Baskets by providing discounts to further our donations. Carol awarded Betty Chamberlain, the Banquet Coordinator, and Heather Leal, the Editor of the Lodge Bulletin, with the Outstanding Members award - G.E.R. Special Commendation Award.

Al Kayal, PDDGER, presented Carol Brown with the Grand Exalted Ruler's Special Citation award for her leadership and service. Marty Griffith, PER, recognized Carol's continuous dedication with a plaque from the Past Exalted Rulers Association, highlighting her years of exceptional service as a Lodge Officer.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in this event, whose efforts made it a great time for all members.

See additional photos on page 6





March 2024 Stand Down Event

Submitted by Dawn Quinn

Engagement at the Stand Down event at the State Fairgrounds on March 21 and 22 is a longstanding commitment of Elks Lodge 335 to support Veterans. This annual event is part of a broader initiative led by the Arizona Veterans StandDown Alliance (AVSA), which since its establishment in 2013, organizes yearly events across 13 of Arizona’s 15 counties, including the nation’s largest event of its kind, the annual Maricopa County StandDown. These yearly Stand Downs are crucial in providing homeless and at-risk Veterans with a wide array of services such as food, clothing, health screenings, as well as referrals for health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment, and mental health counseling.

For years, Elks Lodge 335 has been an active participant in these events, significantly contributing to the support offered to Veterans. Our Veterans Committee not only attends but also plays a vital role by offering services such as a coffee cart filled with snacks, all supplied by our volunteers, focusing on support in the women’s section of the event. The first day saw Darlene Shepard, Betty Chamberlain, and Dawn Quinn providing service with coffee and snacks. The following day, the team grew to include Karen Seaman, Kathy Allasia, Cookie Nanni, Kathleen Rose, Darlene Shepard, Jane Luckman, Pat Batt, and Dawn Quinn, all united in their efforts to support. Tom Schiavone and his friend Tom Seros managed the medical equipment, ensuring the health-related needs of the Veterans were met. These yearly events are critical touchpoints for our community to rally around our Veterans, offering not just immediate aid but also connections to ongoing support services. We encourage our community and others to stay informed about and to participate in these vital events by reaching out to a committee member.



Pictured from left to Right Top to bottom. Kathleen Rose, Karen Seaman, Darlene Shepard, Betty Chamberlain, Dawn Quinn, Darlene Shepard, Pat Batt, Kathy Allasia, Tom Schiavone, Tommy Seros, and Dawn Quinn

Kids Committee Chair Needed

Submitted by Becky Simons

The Elks Kids Committee is looking for a parent of school-age children to chair this committee. Everything we do is for school-age kids and younger. This group needs

someone with this perspective to update and bring in fresh ideas. If you are interested, please contact me, Becky Simons. My email and phone number are listed on page 2.

Elk OF THE MONTH ELEANOR YBARRA



Submitted by Joe Brown, Exalted Ruler

The Elk of the Month for May 2024 is none other than Eleanor Ybarra. She has been a dedicated member of Our Lodge for many years. She serves on many committees and has attended almost every Lodge meeting for the last 7 years that I have been a member of Phoenix Lodge 335. It is always a pleasure to see her in the audience on meeting nights. If there is an event at Our Lodge, rest assured that Eleanor will be there. Thank you, Eleanor, for your commitment.

House Committee Corner



Submitted by Bill Darr, House Committee Chair

Hello Brothers and Sisters. The new Elk year has started, and your new House Committee has begun our duties. I would like to thank Tim Woods PDDGER, House Committee Chairman 2022-2024, for his leadership and determination in making the House Committee so successful. Tim’s commitment to our Lodge is inspiring, and we have learned a lot from his experience and wisdom in Lodge matters. I would also like to thank our retiring committee Scribe, Janet Smith. Her minutes were always submitted promptly, and all subjects reported correctly. Janet’s record-keeping was flawless and helpful when researching prior HC decisions. These two terrific Elks will be missed on the committee, but I’m sure they will enjoy a well-deserved rest. When you see them in the Lodge, please thank them for their hard work in making our facilities efficient and welcoming.

The rest of the committee will be returning to HC service, and I am proud to serve with them in this new year. We have an addition to the committee this year with the inclusion of Harry Magnan PER as HC secretary. All the members of the HC are enthused about making this a great year.

We will be using the knowledge and expertise of committee members, Dan McDermott, Heather Leal, Nicole Beach, Randy Sterling PER, and Karen Seaman Leading Knight, to streamline the event approval process, increase calendar access, and upgrade some systems in the Lodge to increase the use and availability to our members of our beautiful facility. The Lodge is a safe place for all Members and their guests, and we will continue to make it a desirable location for all who enter our establishment. As we are reminded in our Ritual before we open the Lodge, it is the duty of the Members, under their Obligation, to assist in upholding and maintaining the honor and dignity of the Order and of this Lodge. This is a good time for us all to review our House Rules and maintain our mantra BPOE “Best People On Earth.” House Committee meetings are at 6:30 pm on Monday, the same week as Lodge meetings, and like all meetings, are open to all Members, and attendance is encouraged. Let’s have a great year at Phoenix #335!

Fraternally,

Bill Darr

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House Committee Chair
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Join us at the Lodge to help celebrate the Boy/Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Cadets, Antlers & more. They do so much for our Lodge & community. Bring your appetite for pizza, sweet ice cream novelties, an exciting awards ceremony & top it off with an outdoor movie.



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Beginners to Intermediate
6-7:30pm
All Dance
7:30-9pm

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May 17th
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Baked fish / Beer battered fish & chips \$14

May 24th
Beef Stroganoff \$16
Baked fish / Beer battered fish & chips \$14

May 31st
BBQ Ribs \$16
Baked fish / Beer battered fish & chips \$14

All dinner prices flat fee, includes tax

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Desserts: Donation please
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28	29 9am Pool Players 12pm Poker Games 6:30pm House Comm Meeting	30 12pm Texas Hold'em 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Fun Bingo 7pm Trustees Meeting	1 9am Pool Players 5:30pm Steak Dinner 7pm Orientation	2 12pm Poker Games 7pm Lodge Meeting	3 9am Pool Players 11am Canasta 5:30pm Dinner	4 5pm Youth Dinner-Awards 6:45pm Movie & Ice Cream 7pm Texas Hold'em
Youth Week May 1st- May7th						
5 12:30pm Cinco de Mayo Lunch 2pm Dart League 5pm Scholarship & Essay Awards/Dinner	6 9am Pool Players 12pm Poker Games 1pm Bunco	7 12pm Texas Hold'em 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Fun Bingo	8 9am Pool Players 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Line Dancing Lessons	9 12pm Poker Games	10 9am Pool Players 11am Canasta 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Good Hair Joe	11 7pm Fun Bingo
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26 12pm Memorial Day Picnic Karaoke 4-8pm	27 9am Pool Players 12pm Poker Games <div>MEMORIAL DAY Remember and Honor</div>	28 12pm Texas Hold'em 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Fun Bingo	29 9am Pool Players	30 12pm Poker Games	31 9am Pool Players 11am Canasta 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm RickyD	1

Phoenix Lodge #335, B.P.O.E. Past Exalted Rulers



Year	Exalted Ruler	Year	Exalted Ruler	Year	Exalted Ruler
1896	Dr. J.M. Ford*	1896-97	C.W.Morrell*	1897-98	Ira P. Smith*
1898-99	Selim J. Michelson*	1899-00	Willam M. Mayers*	1900-01	Bernhard Anderson*
1901-02	George Purely Bullard*	1902-03	W. C. Foster*	1903-04	Frank H. Lyman*
1904-05	M. O. Bicknell*	1905-06	Harry Taffe*	1906-07	Tom Whitney*
1907-08	Frank Connely*	1908-09	Paul Renau Ingles*	1909-10	George P. Driscoll*
1910-11	Frank De Souza*	1911-12	Brady O'Neil*	1912-13	A. L. Moore*
1913-14	Archie Gatter*	1914-15	George Mintz*	1915-16	Frank Baptist
1916-17	Sidney P. Osborne*	1917-18	Hugh B. Cassidy	1918-19	Amos A. Betts*
1919-20	Guy Alsap*	1920-21	E. M. "Sid" Berg*	1921-22	E. L. O'Malley*
1922-23	Joseph C. Haldiman*	1923-24	E. F. Harrington*	1924-25	A. H. McLellan*
1925-26	A. Lee Moore*	1926-27	Harry J. Lawson*	1927-28	R. William Kramer*
1928-29	Bernard Gilpin*	1929-30	Benton Dick*	1930-31	Alex W. Crane*
1931-32	J. M. Brown*	1932-33	Herman Lewkowitz*	1933-34	James A. Godwin*
1934-35	Lewis S. Neeb*	1935-36	Joseph B. Zaversack*	1936-37	A. P. Harrington*
1937-38	William C. Miller*	1938-39	Jack Seider*	1939-40	E. J. Brennan*
1940-41	Clyde Timberlake*	1941-42	Dr. H. D. Ketcherside*	1942-43	Martin W. Amador*
1943-44	Dr. W. V. Ammons*	1944-45	William Peterson*	1945-46	Harry E. Williams*
1946-47	Clyde A. Auger*	1947-48	J. Howard Rochford*	1948-49	T. R. Mofford*
1949-50	Al W. McGrath*	1950-51	L. Cedric Austin*	1951-52	John M. Gillespie*
1952-53	Dr. Robert G. Robb*	1953-54	W. T. Choisser*	1954-55	John Haldiman*
1955-56	W.H. (Judd) Gray*	1956-57	William M. McMillon*	1957-58	L.Wayne Adams, Jr.*
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1961-62	Peter A. Mench*	1962-63	Walter Stull*	1963-64	Harry E. Horn*
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1967-68	Dr. John E. Van Such*	1968-69	Leo M. Elias*	1969-70	Jack W. Merrell*
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2000-01	Jack Head*	2001-02	Timothy "Tim" E. Woods	2002-03	James "Jim" Karam
2003-04	James "Jim" Karam	2004-05	Sam Burkhardt	2005-06	Albert "Al" Kayal
2006-07	Pat Rizzo*	2007-08	Brad Lucas	2008-09	Kevin Mulvey
2009-10	Greg Nieciecki*	2010-11	Jackie Hartman*	2011-12	Marilyn Burkhardt
2012-13	Randy Cain	2013-14	Robert Rapps	2014-15	Keith Christensen
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2018-19	Diane Bodwell	2019-20	Thom Strupp	2020-21	Randy Sterling
2021-22	Ted Sadlowski	2022-23	Clem Brown	2023-24	Carol Brown

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Cory Dunkirk
- Tiler**
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