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# Phoenix Elks Tracks

September 2025

## PHOENIX ELKS TRACKS

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#### 🞾 Exalted Ruler, Karen Seaman

September: A Month Full of Purpose and Possibility Welcome to September, a traditionally busy and exciting month, especially for our Esteemed Loyal Knight and Veterans Committee Chair, Tyler Vanwey, who also serves actively in the U.S. Navy.

This month is packed with meaningful events, including:

- Firefighter Appreciation
- •MIA/POW Remembrance Ceremony
- •The Fair (supporting our Children's Christmas Shopping Spree on September 13th)
- •Fun Bingos, Family Bingos, Kids' Movie Nights
- •Honor Flight Training
- ...and so much more!

We invite you to visit the Lodge often and become part of the camaraderie that makes our Elks family so special. When many of us were initiated, we shared a common goal: to serve our community. Now is the perfect time to turn that intention into action.

Our Lodge needs you. Whether you can spare a few hours a month or just a helping hand here and there, your time and talents are truly valued. As the saving goes:

"Use what talents you possess—the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best."

Stay informed by checking your Flash, your Tracks, and the Lodge TV monitors so you don't miss out on any of the exciting happenings. Come often, we love your presence, and we need your participation.

Articles and Photo Submissions for Next Month's Edition via the QR Code or email 335elkstracks@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions to Tracks is the 10th of each month by 5pm

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#### Esteemed Leading Knight, Clint Tompkins

As September cools down we will have the "Phoenix Elks Fun Fair" chaired by Linda Thompson on September 13th. This interactive event supports the Children's Christmas Shopping Spree, one of the cornerstone charitable activities at the heart of Elkdom. Attending and participating in this event is crucial to help raise funds for the children, making it a vital occasion on our calendar. Linda and her dedicated team have

methodically planned an unforgettable day with Fair Food, Midway games, Officer Dunk Tank, Magician, Raffles, Contests and Entertainment for all. Linda is one of our exceptionally talented organizers who has worked tirelessly to create events that rise above bringing joy and friendship to all who participate. So, come on down to the "PHOENIX ELKS FUN FAIR" on September 13th. Let's come together as a GREAT LODGE, have some fun and help make an impact on some deserving kids in our community. I look forward to everyone getting me wet in the dunk tank and if you don't dunk me, I might ask your kids to come to the rescue. LOL!!!



#### **Esteemed Loyal Knight, Tyler Vanwey**

With September upon us hopefully also comes with a little relief from the heat we have been enduring! We all could use a streak of cool days that serves as a reminder of why we all live here. Labor Day picnic is almost here so bring your appetite and pocketbooks because we will have some great food prepared by your awesome cooks and an auction with baskets to bid on to help the Veterans Committee!

The Veterans Committee is hard at work getting preparations underway for the Veteran's dinner dance, so save the date Nov. 8th. This dance may look a little different this year as we still are recovering from the flooding incident from June. The trustees have put in a lot of work to try and get our Lodge up and running to full steam again and I trust they will have both ballrooms ready to go by then. We also have been utilizing 3 separate grants given to us by Grand Lodge to directly help and impact Arizona Veterans. It's far too much to type but if you see me around the Lodge, I'd be happy to share.



#### **Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Jeff Beasley**

Youth and Family Programs at Phoenix Elks Lodge #335

School is back in session, and Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 continues to host monthly tids' movie nights for Elks families. We are now accepting entry forms for our Drug Awareness Contests, including poster, essay, and video submissions.

Our Lodge Hoop Shoot competition will be coming up soon and is open to the public—please help spread the word. In October, we will host our Elks Kids Trunk or Treat.

We are also seeking volunteers for several committees. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Jeff Beasley at 918-808-2605.

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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: The following Sickness and Distress was reported at the July 17, 2025 Lodge session.

Diane Bodwell, PER reported that Brother Norm Bertram had passed away at the end of June. Services will be announced later.

Karen Seaman, Exalted Ruler reported that Sister Jennette Turpin had fallen, which resulted in Jennette having surgery. She is currently in Rehab and will require assistance when she is home.

Clint Tompkins, Est. Leading Knight reported that Brother Bill Riddle, Life Member passed away. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lodge, on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

Clint Tompkins, Est. Leading Knight reported that Brother Tom Sullivan, Life Member has been placed in Hospice.

Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

#### PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applicants were read on the floor of the Lodge at the July 17, 2025 Lodge sessions.

By Initiation Proposer Colleen Blacktin Karen Anderson Tina M. Barker Donna Surma James Kobashi Joyce Kissner Joseph Oppliger Tony Pantera, III Christine Randal Andrew Oppenheim

Applicants were referred to the Applications

## Committee. APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

No Report. BALLOTING: No Balloting. INITIATION:

The following 11 American citizens were initiated into Phoenix Lodge #335 on July 17, 2025.

Daniel Baran Elisha Fiore Ricardo Mediano Gena Moley Ross Strozewski Kerry Woods

Roy Doten Laura Gravina Joseph Moley Heidi Pantera Wolfgang Wiemer

#### Membership/Lapsation Report:

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2025

Increases Initiated 32 Affiliated 2 Reinstated Subtotal 36 Decreases: Dropped Transferred Out 2 Deaths 4 Expelled 0 Subtotal 13

CLMS Active Members 1104 Average Age Gain/Loss 65.18 23 Delinquency: Six Months 149 One Year Over One Year 0 Total 150 Lapsation Rate 13.88% Life Members 146 Honorary Life Member 147 Total Life Percentage 13.60%

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## Reconstruction Water Damage Project & Kitchen Grease Interceptor Project

Introduction:

The two referenced projects have individual costs that are in excess of the \$25,000 limit imposed by Statute16.050(d). The Lodge Trustees managing these projects are required to notify the Lodge Membership in writing that motions will be made at the September 18th 2025 Lodge Meeting to approve funding for each of the referenced projects.

Per Statute 16.050 (section k 1-6) the following are stated by the Board of Trustees:

Project #1 - Kitchen Grease Interceptor

Funding of the Kitchen Grease Interceptor Project will be accommodated in its entirety through the Lodge Major Capital Improvements Restricted Fund. This Project is necessary to meet Governmental requirements. A Scope Of Work document has been created, contractors have bid on the Project and a contractor has been selected. The anticipated cost will not exceed \$95,000.

No indebtedness of the Lodge or mortgaging of the Lodge Property will be incurred in the payment for the completion of the Kitchen Grease Interceptor Project.

A motion will be made to put this Project funding to a vote by the Members attending the September 18th 2025 Lodge Meeting. Membership approval of the motion by a 2/3 majority will initiate a request to the Grand Lodge for approval. Upon final approval from the Grand Lodge the contracts may be signed by the Board of Trustees and work may commence.

Project #2 - Water Damage Reconstruction

Funding of the Water Damage Reconstruction Project will be accommodated through several phases beginning with a partial payment of the Lodge insurance claim supplemented with Lodge funds disbursed from the Major Capital Improvement Restricted Fund. Upon completion of the Reconstruction Project the remainder of the insurance claim "hold back" will be paid to the Lodge and returned to the Major Capital Improvement Restricted Fund. Although an initial proposed settlement in the amount of \$85,273 has been made by the Lodge insurer, a Public Adjuster hired by the Lodge (Morgan-Ryan) has submitted a counter claim in the amount of \$213,866 to the insurer. The Reconstruction portion of the total project is scalable and will not exceed the final insurance settlement amount. The final claim award shall not exceed the proposed claim of \$213,866. There is a \$10,000 deductible applicable to this claim and a 5% charge applied to the difference of the original insurance claim and the final claim negotiated by Morgan-Ryan (not to exceed \$6,430).

In the mitigation phase and initial tear-out, the need for uninsured major repairs and replacement in the Heritage Bar area was identified. The cost to effect these and other miscellaneous related uninsured repairs and miscellaneous costs will approximate \$25,000.

The Lodge will be required to provide interim funding of up to \$155,000 through the Lodge Major Capital Improvements Restricted Fund in order to complete the Restoration Project prior to final insurance claim payout. The projected Lodge final cost will not exceed \$41,430 (inclusive of policy deductible, charges due to Morgan-Ryan and uninsured replacements/repairs). A Scope Of Work document has been created, contractors have bid on the Project and a contractor has been selected.

No indebtedness of the Lodge or mortgaging of the Lodge

Property will be incurred in the payment for the completion of the Reconstruction Project.

A motion will be made to put this Project funding to a vote by the Members attending the September 18th 2025 Lodge Meeting. Membership approval of the motion by a 2/3 majority will initiate a request to the Grand Lodge for approval. Upon final approval from the Grand Lodge the contracts may be signed by the Board of Trustees and work may commence.

A special presentation for interested Members will be made on September 15th, 2025 by the Trustees for the Interceptor Project and the Reconstruction Project. The purpose of this presentation is to provide information to the Members concerning the definition and funding of these Projects and to invite questions and suggestions prior to the final presentation at the Lodge Meeting of September 18th, 2025.

## Darts Tournaments

Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 is keeping the tradition of friendly competition alive with darts tournaments and open play held on the first and third Sundays of most months. Members and guests are invited to come enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, test their aim, and share good times with fellow Elks.

Greg Welsh, pictured here, is organizing play and tournaments. Whether you're a seasoned darts player or just looking to try something new, the Lodge's darts days offer a great way to connect with the community.

Mark your calendar and join in on the fun!

Pictured: Greg Welsh and Rick Eastman





## ELK OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Karen Seaman, Exalted Ruler

Meet Kathy Allasia: A True Volunteer Powerhouse

If you haven't yet had

the pleasure of meeting Kathy Allasia, you're in for an inspiration.

Originally from San Jose, California, Kathy moved to Phoenix in 1989, bringing with her an impressive background in biotech and computer startup ventures through her work with various venture capital firms.

Since joining Phoenix Elks Lodge #335, Kathy has been a steadfast and generous volunteer, lending her time and

talents across numerous committees—including Americanism, Veterans, Bingo, Kids, and our monthly newspaper, The Tracks.

For years, I've been told that Kathy's résumé is nothing short of inspiring and to no surprise to me, it's true. Her superpower is her organizational talent, which she brings to every role she takes on at the Lodge. As the Secretary of the Veterans Committee, she exemplifies dedication and precision month after month.

Kathy's commitment to Veterans is deeply personal. Her father volunteered to serve in World War II, was severely wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, and passed away in 2013 at the age of 89. This legacy of service clearly resonates in Kathy's own path.

Beyond the Elks, Kathy has devoted her life to supporting disabled children, women's organizations, and friends in need and most often quietly and behind the scenes. Since retiring from American Express in 2015, Kathy has embraced "goditi la vita"—Italian for "enjoy the good life", while still giving back in every way she can. Her golden résumé reflects a lifetime of service and leadership:

- •AARP Reading Program Tutor (3rd grade, Madison School District)
- President, Paradise Point Homeowners Association
- President, Phoenix Center for Healing & Recovery
- Chair, San Mateo County Parks & Recreation
- President, Stonegate and Millbrae Homeowners Associations
- Chair, San Mateo County Political Committee
- President, San Francisco Business and Professional Women
- President, San Mateo County American Business Women's Association
- Volunteer, San Mateo County Women's Abuse Shelter & Disabled Children's Center

Kathy is a goal-oriented, resourceful administrative professional with strong organizational, computer, and interpersonal skills. Her ability to engage with individuals and teams, at all levels and enhances the efficiency of people, processes, and infrastructure. She thrives in challenging roles, works seamlessly both independently and in teams, and continues to be a pillar of success within our Lodge.

Kathy, thank you for all that you have done, all that you are doing, and all that you will continue to do. You are a true professional, and a treasured member of Phoenix Elks Lodge #335!

## Pizza, Prizes & Patriotism at the Phoenix VA

Submitted by Karen Seaman, Exalted Ruler

On Sunday, July 27th, Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 proudly delivered pizzas, sodas, and smiles to the Veterans at the Carl T. Hayden Phoenix VA Medical Center. Our Veterans Committee, supported by a Freedom Grant from Grand Lodge, organized an uplifting afternoon of food, fellowship, and bingo.

Veterans enjoyed delicious pizza and sodas while competing for a variety of heartfelt prizes, including handmade wheelchair blankets, crisp dollar bills, and activity game books. Though the group was small this first visit—due to recent relocations during repairs at the Community Living Center (CLC)—future gatherings are expected to grow in attendance. In fact, there's already a waiting list of residents eager to join in.

The next Pizza & Bingo Day was held at the CLC on August 17th, at 12:30 pm, where this event will continue regularly going forward.

Special thanks go to our dedicated Veterans Committee volunteers:

- •Tyler Vanwey, Committee Chairman and Esteemed Loyal Knight
- Marybeth Bloom, retired teacher and scientist
- •Lizanne Luke, great-niece of Frank Luke (namesake of Luke Air Force Base)
  - Cookie Nanni, VAVS Deputy
- •Karen Seaman, Exalted Ruler and VAVS Deputy We're grateful for our volunteers—and even more so for

the Veterans who have kept us safe and secure. We look

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forward to returning in August with more pizza, more prizes, and more appreciation!

## Presentation of the Flag to Eagle Scout Submitted by Larry Bodwell PDDGER

Exalted Ruler Karen Seaman had the honor of presenting our flag to Michael Follensbee in recognition of his earning the highest award in Scouting, Eagle Scout. Less than 6% of all Scouts ever achieve this honor.



## Children's Christmas Shopping Spree News Submitted by Linda Thompson, CCSS Chair

Ladies & Gentleman, Boys & Girls! The Phoenix Elks Fair is here! On Saturday, September 13, from 3-7 p.m. you have the opportunity to be entertained, to show your skills, to press your luck, to

feed your face, and win fantastic prizes! Most of the activities are indoors, so you'll stay cool!

This event is open to the public and we've shared the news with our Archway - Great Hearts and Paradise Valley Unified Schools families, You'll

have a chance to meet new friends that may be great additions to our Phoenix Elks family. Most of all, you'll have so much fun!

We've lined up music, a magic show in the lounge at 4 p.m., balloon animals and temp tats for the kids (little and big), a crafting zone for jewelry making and coloring fun, and fishing and duck capture for the little ones. For the adults, don't miss the Human Slot Machine, Roomba Pool Roulette, or Ship, Captain Crew games of chance, and an entertaining tarot card reading. Take a shot at dunking your favorite officer, PER or other voluntold, win footballs and Top Golf cards at those skill games, show your throwing, tossing, shooting, and pie eating skills for wowza top prizes including many gift cards and cash! Best of all, you'll be supporting our Children's Christmas Shopping Spree charity provide new clothes and great gifts for the kids of our community and Phoenix area military families.

Adult passes are \$20 including 10 tickets for games and food items, and Kids 15 and Under are Free and receive 5 tickets for games and food. Kids can also use their adult's tickets. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. Our CCSS Cash Calendars sold out and it's time to draw the winners! We'll be posting the winners daily in the lounge and on Facebook. Our big \$500 winner will be drawn at the Fair. Watch your texts and voice messages... it could be Linda bringing good news! Good luck!

## School Supply Giveaway Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 volunteers came together to hand out school supplies to Elks kids and their grandkids. Donations included notebooks, pencils, folders, and more, with volunteers on hand to distribute items and assist

In addition to school supplies, Drug Awareness Smarties were handed out as part of the Elks' ongoing efforts to promote healthy choices among youth. The event handed out \$800 in school donations to support Elks Kids.



"This is what the Elks are all about—helping kids and families when it matters most," said Stephanie Beasley, Elks Kids Chair. "We want every Elks kid to feel confident and supported as they head back to school.'

## Fun Bingo Nights Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Elks Lodge Phoenix #335 hosted a packed Fun Bingo Night with many people coming together for an evening filled with laughter, excitement, and community spirit. Guests enjoyed fun games, great prizes, delicious snacks, and the warm atmosphere that makes Lodge events so special.

Karen Seaman, Exalted Ruler of Phoenix Lodge #335, shared:

"It's wonderful to see our community come together like this. Fun Bingo Night isn't just about the games—it's



about connecting with friends, supporting our Lodge, and making memories that last."

## Golf Tournament

Submitted by Gus Noble, PER

The Arizona Elks Social Welfare Committee will be holding their Annual Golf Tournament on October 4 at the Continental Golf Course in Scottsdale. The entry fee is \$100 per golfer for teams of four, with an early bird discount of only \$90 per golfer if registered before September 21. The fee includes golf, a cart, lunch at Scottsdale Lodge, and a goodie bag.

Additional opportunities such as mulligans, a 50/50 raffle, a putting contest, and a longest drive competition will be available. Individuals are welcome, as players will be placed on teams, and you do not need to be an Elk to participate. T-Box sponsorship signs are available for only \$50.

For more information, contact Gus Noble, State Chairman, at 602-799-5560. All proceeds will go to the Children's Christmas Shopping Spree/Clothe-a-Child Program.

"We Do It For The Kids."





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New Phoenix Elks Lodge Pins Available for Sale!

See the Bartender for Purchase - Only \$5 each





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

September 5 Stuffed Pork Chops \$15 Teriyaki Chicken \$15 Baked Fish / Beer-Battered Fish & Chips \$14

September 12 Prime Rib \$23 Baked Chicken \$15 Baked Fish / Beer-Battered Fish & Chips \$14 September 19
Steak Tips \$15
Fried Chicken \$15
Baked Fish / Beer-Battered
Fish & Chips \$14

September 26
BBQ Ribs \$15
Garlic Parmesan
Chicken \$15
Baked Fish / Beer-Battered
Fish & Chips \$14

All dinner prices are a flat fee and include tax.

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

Desserts: Donation, please

Any substitutions or changes will be listed 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
Se	ptem	ber		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! Members, spouses, and widows may volunteer!  Phone: 623-582-4298		
	1 9am Pool Players 12pm Poker Games 1pm Bunco 5:30pm Italian Dinner Night	2 12pm Texas Hold'em 5:30pm Taco Tuesday! 6:00pm House Comm Mtg 7pm Trustees Mtg	3 9am Pool Players 5:30pm Steak Night 7pm Orientation 7:15pm Trivia	4 12pm Poker Games 7pm Lodge Mtg and Initiation	5 9am Pool Players 11am Canasta 5:30pm Dinner	6 6:30pm Texas Hold'en 7pm Fun Bingo
7 12-3 Sunday Funday! NFL Opening day! Come for fun and prizes!	8 9am Pool Players 12pm Poker Games 5:30pm Pizza and Wings	9 12pm Texas Hold'em 5:30pm Taco Tuesday! 6pm Kids Comm Mtg	10 9am Pool Players 5:30pm Steak Night 7:15pm Music Bingo	11 12pm Poker Games 7pm Elks Training Fol- lowed by Pizza (Hosted by PER Association)	12 9am Pool Players 11am Canasta 5:30pm Dinner 6:30 Live Music Good Hair Joe	13 3pm-7pm Carnival
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