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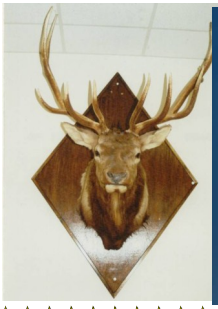

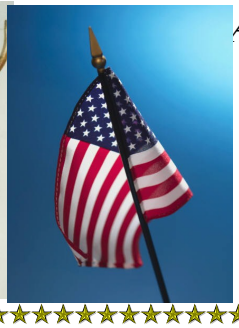

WAPITI WIND

July/August, 2012

ONCE AGAIN !

Lake Havasu City Elks Earn All-American Honors.

For the seventh time and for the fifth consecutive year # 2399 has earned the distinction of being named All-American Lodge Division VI. A letter, from the Grand Lodge Activities Association, acknowledging this accomplishment has been received and was certified during the May AEA State Convention. Exalted Ruler Hank Thonnard will receive the official plaque at the Grand Lodge session in July.

Congratulations to all members for their continued support of the lodge and to all committee chairs and their members for the outstanding effort exhibited during the past year. A gala celebration to recognize this prestigious accomplishment has been scheduled for later this year. Pictured is PER Tim Fairbank accepting congratulations from Exalted Ruler Hank Thonnard on behalf of all members of 2399.

We have now started the process of winning this prestigious award for 2013. Jump aboard!!!

JOIN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AND CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY AT THE LODGE.

The ever popular horse race event will follow the meal with post time at 1:00 PM.

The lodge will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and each member is encouraged to bring their favorite pot-luck dish to share. Always a fun afternoon.

FLAG DAY OBSERVENCE

Exalted Ruler's Message: Summer has definitely arrived! With temperatures above 110 degrees we know we're in Lake Havasu City, AZ and glad to be here. Why? Because this is the home of 7 time All-American Lodge winner #2399! You did it again. Congratulations to each and every member for helping make this happen. A celebration dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2012.

We will host our 4th of July Picnic in the Lodge again this year with the help of the Hamburger Crew, the Elkettes and our Club Manager Al Stewart. Come and have fun, food and beverages free while they last. Ace Johnson will have horses ready to run so come on down, starting at noon.

In May your officers competed in the finals of the Ritual Contest at the State Convention. Just so you know how much pressure was on us, the GRAND EXALTED RULER was in the room watching us perform. We didn't win but we didn't come in last either. All in all it was a great experience for everyone involved.

The National Convention or, Grand lodge, is in Austin ,TX this year from June 30 through July 5. I will be attending and representing you. Big changes to the Opening and Closing Rituals and to the Ritual of Initiation will be voted upon by the assembly, approximately 8,000 Elks. We can't tell if these changes will be approved but an updating of these Rituals seem to be welcomed among Elks I have talked with.

Here is the schedule for "Elk Training" classes for this fall. These classes are open to ANY ELK wishing to expand their knowledge of Elkdom. All are Saturdays; September 8, October 6, and November 3.

The Monday Night Spaghetti Crew is in need of help. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, for the good of the ORDER, please contact me or leave your name in the office. The crew needs two volunteers for the morning shift from 6:00-7:30 AM and 3 or 4 volunteers from 4-7 PM every Monday. Here is a great opportunity for you to meet many Elks while keeping a long volunteer spaghetti dinner tradition going.

I am available to anyone who wants to offer any supportive suggestions to move forward. Call me @ 702-327-4294.
thonnard@frontiernet.net

Hank Thonnard. Exalted Ruler

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ELKS 2399 BOCCE LEAGUE

All who are interested in learning and playing in a Bocce league please sign the sheet on the bulletin board with your name, phone number and e-mail address.

For additional information call Doris Perez @ 855-3851 or e-mail @ misty2439@msn.com

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

The lodge honored mothers with a delicious brunch prepared by the lodge PERs and served by the lodge PERs and Officers. Pictured is a representative sample of the large crowd enjoying the event.

Material from old brochures and pictures have been pulled from the store room. A few of the most recent ones will be reassembled as a resource for the future. The rest will disposed of after July10, 2012. If you would like to rescue your work please do so before then. For more information contact PER Marilyn Webber @453-1781.

ATTENTION SENIOR BOWLERS

The Elks Senior Bowling League (age 50 or older) is currently taking names of bowlers to compete in our League, or be added to our sub list.

The League bowls on Thursday @ 2:00PM and runs for 31weeks. The League is a 4 person mixed team. The league will have an organizational meeting @ 1:00PM September 6, 2012 @ the lodge and we will start bowling on September 13th at Havasu Lanes.

For additional information contact Elaine Bradford @ 453-4683

MEETING TIMES
LODGE:
Tuesday July 3, 7:30 PM.
Tuesday August 21 7:30 PM
Take Time to attend!
ELKETTES:
Dark July/August
HOUSE COMMITTEE:
7:00 PM 2nd Tuesday
TRUSTEES
Following the House Committee.

All lodge meetings are open to all paid up members and all are encouraged and welcome to attend. Lodge business is conducted at these meetings, not around the bar!

Auditing & Acct.	**Chairman**
Audit/Acct.	Burnell Dacus
Inventory	Jan Kahle
Activities Committee	**Chairman**
Bingo	Jeff Brown
Blood Drive	Al Long
Bocce Tournament	Doris Perez
Bowling	Tom Bradford
Christmas Baskets	Tom Bradford
Clothe-A-Child	Debra Bosch
Community Activities	Ace Johnson
Dart League (Thur.)	Joanne Raymond
Dart League (Mon.)	Katie O'Neal
Decorating Committee	Al Jedrey
Drug Awareness	Penny Heridia/Mike Arlowe
Fishing Club	Don Hall
Golf League	Jim Lammes
Hamburger Night	Bill Horton
Hi-Way Cleanup	Don Carter
Hoopshoot	Sandy MacNevin
Information Technology	Tim Fairbank
Leather	Robert Piche
Lodge Activities	Mario Perez
Public Relations	Ace Johnson
RV Club (Vagabonds)	Bruce Joy
Scholarships	Bill Ensley
Scouts	Richard Chinn
Soccer Shoot	Casey Zertuche
Spaghetti Night	Eddie Heredia
Special Olympics	Larry Sears
Yacht Club Commodore	Ed Perez
Youth Activities	Lue Tidmarsh/Ken Sebahar

Fraternal Committee	**Chairman**
All American Lodge/Training	Richard Conway
Americanism	Robert Piche
Elks National Foundation	Jerry Gillen
Flag Day	Jim Joubert
Government Relations	Richard Ross
Interview Committee	Jan Kahle
Lapsation/Orientation	Marti Johnson
Lodge Inspection/Accident	Tim Fairbank
Long Range Planning	Richard Ross
Major Projects	Jim Joubert
Mediator	Richard Conway
Membership	Richard Conway
Memorial Service	Sandy MacNevin
Presiding Justice	Mike Centofanti
Protocol	Richard Conway
Veteran Services	Bud Watts
Visiting Committee	Ace Johnson
Wapiti Wind	Ace Johnson

ELKS CARE~ELKS SHARE

ER Hank Thonnard presented five student scholarships during the LHHS Evening of Excellence Program

The lodge hosted the high school outstanding Students of the Month, Teens of the Month, Seniors of the Month and their parents to a spaghetti and meat ball recognition dinner. In all there were 44 students and 98 parents attending. Lodge member and LHC Mayor Mark Nexsen was the events featured speaker. Pictured with the Seniors of the Month are: Mike Arlowe, ER Hank Thonnard, Penny Heredia, Mark Nexsen, Bill Ensley and Lue Tidmarsh.

County Supervisor and lodge member Buster Johnson presented ER Thonnard with a certificate of appreciation recognizing the lodge's youth activities and community involvement programs.

Elks Golf Club Donates to HAVEN

Elks Golf Club Treasurer Jim Lammes presented Mary Lou O'Connell Of HAVEN with a check for $150.00.

Elks Jr. golf is up and running under the direction of Elk Jim Toy. The April/May session had 21 Jr. golfers participating, 12 of whom were girls. The program is to teach the fundamentals of striking the ball and the program will continue in September with more instructions and tournaments. All type golf equipment is needed.. For more information call Jim Toy @ 208-0200.

Mayor Mark Nexsen and Elk member presented ER Thonnard with a certificate proclaiming May as Elks Youth Week in Lake Havasu.

Both certificates were presented during the family swim day at the Aquatic Center when over 600 Havasu residents enjoyed swimming, hot dogs and soft drinks, compliments of the lodge.

2399 HOSTS CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY

The lodge hosted the annual Pinewood Derby for the lodge sponsored Cub Scout Pack 85. In this event each scout must build his own car to exacting specifications and race on a computerized track against scouts of his own age. The lodge also handed out Drug Awareness material to all scouts and red ribbons were pinned on all attendees.

DONATIONS APRIL/MAY, 2012

ER March AEMP	$1,000.00
911 Ceremony	250.00
Marine Corps League	100.00
Relay For Life	150.00
Student Dinner	403.00
LHC Fire Dept.	100.00
Swim Day	532.00
From Elkettes:	
Lady's March AEMP	500.00
Havasu Community Hlt	1,200.00
From Elks Club Golfers:	
HAVEN	100.00
Total	$4435.00

2399 SUPPORTS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The lodge members of 2399 turned out in force May 30th to recognize those who made the supreme sacrifice for our country and the Lake Havasu Elks attended with the most members of any group. Pat yourselves on the back for the strong support!

Pictured are: Donna Brister, Margret Nyberg, Jim Goodine, Royce Morris, Bud Watts, Pauline Thonnard, Floyd Davis, Gloria Flint, Tim Fairbank, Kathy Fairbank, Dennis Danielson, Marilyn Webber, Donna Goodine, Jackie Turcotte, Denny Dunkirk, Leo Arsenault, Sandy MacNevin, Jim Barton, Lou Tidmarsh, Sherry Joubert, Jim Joubert, Georgia Dacus, Paul Dacus, Paul Blankenship, Barbara Blakenship, Sarah Morris.

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IN GOD WE TRUST

A near capacity crowd attended the Flag Day Service to honor our Nations Flag. Congratulations!

Young Marine Ivan Anutta succeeds Dusty Turpin in reciting, "Remember Me!" Dusty started this tradition 8 years ago and has been an inspiration for all of us at each Flag Day

LAKE HAVASU ELKETTES DONATE TO ARIZONA ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS.

Twice a year baby blankets and hats have been donated to the Steele Children's Research Center in Tucson for preemie babies.

Nan Black, Ruth Mock, Linda Carter, Ruth Sherwood and Ilene lee used their time and talents to make these items for the preemies. Yearly over 150 of these blankets and caps are used at the Center.

Ralph Bedell
William R. Betchel
John Kalmbach
Wayne Powell
Charles Pravel
Eldon Sanborn
Howard Sherman
Lawerence Smith Jr.
Les Staten
REST IN PEACE
UNTIL THE HOUR OF ELEVEN
REGULARLY RETURNS

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

Just a friendly reminder that the ENF, Elks National Foundation needs your support. This is the charitable arm of the Elks and this organizations has no enormous overhead expenses as do so many of the other charitable organization. Millions of dollars are returned to the local and state charities each year, especially in the form of scholarships, youth activity support, veterans assistance and State Major Projects. Consider a donation of ten dollars, less than the cost of a meal, but much more lasting!

Thanks to brother Robert Watts for his generous donation of $300.00. Mr. Watts contributes on a regular basis throughout the entire year.

Thanks for your past support of the ENF. Jerry Gillen ENF Chair and Lodge Trustee.

FISHING COMMITTEE REPORT

We will have a Christmas in August party Saturday August 11,2012 @ 12:00 Noon. This will be a pot-luck with A-G main dish, H-O salads, P-Z deserts. The Club will furnish the chicken. Also there will be a 50/25/25 drawing.

Derby's for July, August and September have been canceled and the Derby's will start again in October.

There will be no board or fishing club meetings in July. The next board mtg. will be August 6th @ 1:00PM and the next fishing club mtg will be August 11th @ noon.

Anyone interested in joining the fishing club or obtaining more information regarding the club please call Don Hall @ 505-6367.