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BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

April 2018



OLDIES BUT GOODIES SOCK HOP

Saturday April 21st.

6:30 - 9:30

- LIVE MUSIC FROM A TOP VEGAS SWING BAND
- HULA HOOP CONTEST
- PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED
- 50 / 50 DRAWINGS

No extra charge or ticket required.
Just come on down for a night of great fun.

PLEASE NOTE:

Starting on Tuesday, April 3rd
the hours for serving
BURGERS & MORE
will be

4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

This change is made to allow volunteers to clean
up in time to attend Lodge meetings.

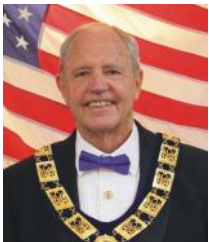
PLEASE NOTE:

The Lodge Office will close on Fridays at 1:00
PM for the months of May thru August.

To All AOL users: We are aware of problems AOL users have regarding vertical response messages and e-mail blasts. The Lodge is working with AOL to resolve this issue. We will keep you informed.

If anyone is interested in helping with Highway Clean-up please meet
with John Bell at the Dairy Queen on Wednesday, April 4th at 9:00 am.

Fellow Members,



I would like to thank the members of this Lodge for giving me the opportunity to be this year's Exalted Ruler.

I would like to also thank Gary Parsons for his tireless effort and total dedication this past year as well as the Trustees and House Committee Members.

As I reflect back on my last six years as an Officer, it is amazing to me the amount of progress this Lodge has made with the addition of the smoking patio and our very successful RV Park. This was all made possible by the hard work and determination of our past and present officers, volunteers and you the members.

In my travels throughout the Country I visited other Elks Lodges and there is no doubt that our Lodge is one of the finest.

This year as Exalted Ruler, I would like to work with you the members to try and replenish our much depleted Volunteer Program. The Volunteers are the backbone of our Lodge and more often than not, our present Volunteers are doing double duty in

different capacities to ensure our Lodge continues to serve the members. There are not enough words to thank them for THEIR GREAT SERVICE!

I would also like to improve the member attendance at Lodge meetings. I want our members to be more informed about what is happening around the Lodge instead of trying to decipher truth from gossip at the bar.

In closing, please be mindful when eating at the lodge on busy nights when you finish eating please take your drinks and conversation to the bar so others waiting to dine may do so.

Remember the foundation and ground work for our order is to do unto others as we would they should do unto us.

Respectfully yours,

Mike Vail

Volunteering for you as
Exalted Ruler

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LODGE 2399 OF THE
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PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF
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Bob Volk

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Barbara Volk

Wapiti Wind

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Material should be typed.

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OFFICE PERSONNEL
Carolyn Dieter
Karen Turpin

BANQUET/BAR MGR.
Kathy Wright

EXECUTIVE CHEF
Adam Sweetow

Attend Meetings

Lodge business is conducted during the official Lodge Meetings and not at the end of the bar. Squelch rumors by getting the facts during a Lodge Meeting, House Committee Meeting, or Trustee Meeting.

Check the calendar for meeting times.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need a volunteer to do data entry work in their home at their leisure. They would need their own computer and printer.

For more information, please call Sue Thomas at 928-453-2886

If anyone would like to start a Dart League at the Lodge please contact Jim Travis at 928-302-6861

From the Editor:

As I approach my one-year mark as your newsletter editor, I would like to thank everyone for the support and kind encouragement you have given me. I have learned a lot, but still have a lot to learn. I will continue to do the best job that I can.

Jackie Turcotte

Donations February 2018

Hospice of Havasu	2,500.00
VFW	100.00
Drug Awareness (Dinner/Trophies)	925.00
LHC High School	125.00
Parks & Recreation	500.00
Sea Scouts	300.00
From Elkettes	
Havasu Community Health	1,000.00
Sally's Place	700.00
From Country Dancers	
Havasu Community Health	300.00
From PERs	
Run to the Wall	300.00
Total	\$6,750.00
Total YTD	\$59,494.00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bingo crew is in need of volunteers. Bingo is held every Thursday at 6 pm.

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Jim Travis at **928-302-6961** (this is a new number) or via e-mail at **jimtravis@frontiernet.net**

If you have any questions you can also contact Exalted Ruler Gary Parsons @ 928-486-8980.

Auditing & Acct.

Audit/Acct.
Inventory

Activities Committee

Bingo
Blood Drive

Bowling
Christmas Baskets
Clothe-A-Child
Community Activities
Country Dancers
Dart League
Decorating Committee
Drug Awareness
Fishing Club
Golf League
Hamburger Night
Hi-Way Cleanup
Hoop Shoot
Hot Dogs
Information Technology
Lodge Activities
PER President
Public Relations
Queen of Hearts
RV Club (Vagabonds)
RV Parking
Scholarships
Scouts

Chairman

Burnell Dacus
Wayne Adler

Chairman

Denise Robbins
Paulette Nainteau
Jackie Turcotte
Jim Goodine
Ed Wdowiak
Debbie Herd
Jackie Turcotte
Julie Cameron
Drop In
Shelly Buck
Mike Arlowe
Jerry Boyce
Steve Owensby
Bob Volk
John Bell
HR Radtke
Larry Westerfield
Tim Fairbank
Mario Perez
Dennis Dunkirk
Jackie Turcotte
Debbie Vail
Don Underwood
Royce Morris
Rick/Lisa Stilson
Richard Chinn

Soccer Shoot
Special Olympics
Yacht Club Commodore
Yoga/Health & Fitness Club
Youth Activities

HR Radtke
Art Fliesman
Julie Talbert
Shelly Buck
HR Radtke

Fraternal Committee

All American Lodge/Training
Americanism
Constitution & By-Laws
Elks National Foundation
Flag Day
Government Relations
Drug Awareness
Guest Monitoring
Interview Committee
Orientation
Lodge Inspection/Accident
Major Projects
Major Projects (Purple Pig)
Mediator
Membership/Lapsation
Memorial Service
Planning Committee
Presiding Justice
Protocol
Ritual Coach
Veterans Services
Visiting Committee
Wapiti Wind

Chairman

Dennis Dunkirk
Mike Arlowe
Richard Conway
Jerry Gillen
Mike Vail
Gary Parsons
Mike Arlowe
Sue Thomas
Marti Johnson
Gary Parsons
Jim Travis
Gary Parsons
Donnell Cook
Richard Conway
Wanda Parsons
Bill Horton
Debbie Horton
Randy Bartlett
Dennis Dunkirk
Jim Joubert
Bud Watts
Dennis Dunkirk
Jackie Turcotte

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Easter April Fool's Day	2 Hot Dogs - 11 - 2 pm Pinochle - 11:30 am Spaghetti Night - 4 - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Country Dance - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	3 Yoga - 8:30 am Elketete Board Mtg - 10 am Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Burgers & More - 4 - 6:30 pm Lodge Meeting - 7:30 pm	4 Dance Class - 9 am Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Chicken or Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 - 7 pm Music - Steve Wayman	5 Yoga - 8:30 am Lunch - 11- 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm Karaoke - 6:30 pm	6 Yoga - 8:30 am Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 - 8 pm PER Meeting - 6:30 pm Music- Steve Wayman	7 Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 - 8 pm Music - Sidewynder
8 Yacht Club Opening Boat Parade - Rotary Park Cabana 5 8 am - 1 pm	9 Hot Dogs - 11 - 2 pm Pinochle - 11:30 am Lasagna - 4 - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Country Dance - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	10 Yoga - 8:30 am Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Burgers & More - 4 - 6:30 pm Elketete Meeting - 7 pm House Committee/ Trustee Meeting - 7 pm	11 Dance Class - 9 am Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Vagabonds Meeting and Lunch - 12 pm Desert Singles - 3 pm Chicken or Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 - 7 pm Music - Melodie Louise	12 Yoga - 8:30 am Lunch - 11- 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm Karaoke - 6:30 pm	13 Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 - 8 pm Music - Melodie Louise	14 Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Fishing Club - 1 pm Elks Bowling Banquet - 5 pm Dinner Menu - 4 - 8 pm Music - Melodie Louise
15 DD Clinic - Phoenix West	16 Hot Dogs - 11 - 2 pm Pinochle - 11:30 am Spaghetti Night - 4 - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Orientation - 7:00 pm Country Dance - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	17 Yoga - 8:30 am Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Burgers & More - 4 - 6:30 pm Lodge Meeting - Initiation - 7:30 pm	18 Dance Class - 9 am Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Chicken or Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 - 7 pm Music - Jeanne Nowak	19 Yoga - 8:30 am Lunch - 11- 2 pm Chicken, Fish and Meatloaf - 4 - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm Karaoke - 6:30 pm	20 Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 - 8 pm Music - Swing Band - Nichole	21 Hot Dogs - 11-2 Yacht Club - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 - 8 pm Sock Hop - 6:30 - 9:30 Music - Swing Band - Nichole
Vagabonds Tri-State - Yuma						
22 Vagabonds Tri-State - Yuma	23 Interviews - 9 am Hot Dogs - 11 - 2 pm Pinochle - 11:30 am Lasagna - 4 - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Country Dance - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	24 Yoga - 8:30 Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Burgers & More - 4 - 6:30 pm MCL Meeting - 7 pm	25 Rosebuds - 9 am Dance Class - 9 am Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Chicken or Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 - 7 pm Music - Fritz	26 Yoga - 8:30 am Lunch - 11- 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm Karaoke - 6:30 pm	27 Lunch - 11 - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 - 8 pm Music - Fritz	28 Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 - 8 pm Music - Fritz
29	30 Hot Dogs - 11 - 2 pm Pinochle - 11:30 am Bunco - 12 pm Spaghetti Night - 4 - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Country Dance - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm					

ELK OF THE MONTH 2017-2018

April 2017	Dan Hanes
May, 2017	Jim Frost
June, 2017	Larry Westerfield
July, 2017	Jack Zehr
August, 2017	Jane Sahn
September, 2017	Denise Robbins
October, 2017	Ron Veary
November, 2017	Jerry Boyce
December, 2017	Shelly Buck
January, 2018	Debbie Herd
February, 2018	Chuck Fox



Chuck Fox

Chuck has spent countless hours volunteering in the kitchen and in the Lodge in general. His willingness to tackle any task has earned him Elk of the Month.



The Country Line Dancers donated \$300.00 to the Meals of Wheels program. Pictured from left are Country Dance Club Member Julie Cameron, Dick Karl from the Meals on Wheels program and Country Dance Club Member Nancy Reynolds.



The Elks Youth Activities donated \$500.00 to the Parks and Recreation Department to rent the pool at the Aquatic Center over Spring Break. Pictured are Elks Youth Activities Chair HR Radke and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Janice Brown.



PER Hank Thonnard presented a check for \$300.00 from the Past Exalted Rulers Association to Run For The Wall representative Roy Meek for their annual Run For the Wall motorcycle ride



Several Lodge members were among hundreds of dancers on hand to strut their stuff at the 7th Annual Line Dancing on the Bridge organized by the Havasu Community Health Foundation. Proceeds from this event help fund low-cost health-screening programs, support groups and health education in our community.

ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE



I want to thank everyone for supporting me as I take over as Elkettes President this 2018-2019 year. I am looking forward to the upcoming year and with the support of 1st Vice, Kim McLaren, 2nd Vice, Joyce Bradley, Secretary, Susan Seals, Treasurer, Lisa Burchard, Parliamentarian, Carol Melendez and Sergeant at Arms, Lynn Hall, I am sure it will be a successful one.

In addition to the regularly scheduled Elkette functions please keep an eye out for flyers on monthly events. Anyone is welcome to volunteer to help prepare for these events. Please feel free to call me to volunteer. Remember, we make money to give it away.

The March 10th Crazy Auction was another huge success, a big shout out to Debbie Whitlock-Roush for chairing this event and many kudos to all the hard working crazy dressed volunteers. Debbie has chosen Lake Havasu High School and the local DAV to receive \$700 each as a donation from this event.

Look for upcoming information on our Cinco DeMaio event on May 5th. It will be a fun event. Feel free to dress for the occasion and prepared to have fun!!

May 13th, 2018 is our Mothers day Brunch. Mothers eat free. Fathers and guests are \$6. See posted flyers for more information as date gets closer.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva D. Fox
916-417-3176



Elkette Officers for 2018-2019 were installed at the March Elkette Meeting. From left are Parliamentarian Carol Melendez, Treasurer Lisa Burchard, 2nd Vice Joyce Bradley, 1st Vice Kim McLaren and Elkette President Eva D. Fox. Not Pictured is Secretary Susan Seales.



Outgoing Elkette President Paulette Nanteau proudly displays a plate, presented to her by the Elkettes, etched with her name and years as Elkette President to be placed on the Move Forward Board in the Lodge.

Paddles were up and anticipation was high as Crazy Auction attendees wait for the next number to be drawn.



Several Elkettes worked the annual Elkette Crazy Auction with many wearing crazy costumes to go with the crazy auction theme.



With profits from the annual See's Candy Sales, the Elkettes were able to donate \$1,000.00 to Dementia Connection of Havasu. Pictured are back row from left Elkette Eva D. Fox, Elkette President Paulette Nanteau and See's Candy Chair Elkette Teresa Brenemour. Front are Pam Barry, Paula Anderson from HCH Foundation and Roberta Bayless from the Dementia Connection of Havasu.

LODGE CLUB NEWS



ELKS BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS

The great games continue on.

- Week 20 - The top men bowlers this week were Jerry Downing with a 236, Dan McNulty with a 224 and Vince Gouthro with a 222.
- And the women were led by Lon Melvin with a 240 game, Vicky Shirley with a 206 and Anna Wilder, one of our subs, with a 204.
- Week 21 - Mike Vail led the pack for the men with a 269, Bill Surga followed with a 268 and Carl Engle had a 246.
- Judy Rogers rolled a 214, Bonnie Monroe and Pat Hall both bowled a 203 for the women this week.
- Week 22 - Men's top bowlers this week were Steve Shirley with a 257 game, Carl Engle with a 236 game and Garry Dearen with a 235.
- Top women were Lois Engle with a 215 game, Bonnie Monroe had a 206 and Connie Salzman a 190.
- Week 23 - Topping off this week was Steve Shirley with a 239, Laren Maxon with a 235 and Bob Bailey with a 230.
- Women on top were Lisa Burchard with a 204, Judy Downing and Pam Davis both with a 201.

Way to go Elks Bowlers!!!

Carol Sigler
Secretary, Elks Bowling League

ELKS BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS

Thanks to all the participants in the Jack & Jill Bowling Tournament held on February 18, 2018. We hope a good time was had by all.

Game 1:

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| 1st | Steve Shirley and Judy Rogers - 497 |
| 2nd | Garry Dearen and Vicky Shirley - 483 |
| 3rd | Bob Cummings and Ann Wilder - 480 |
| 4th | Mike Vail and Debbie Vail - 467 |
| 5th | John Kaspar and Jan Capone |

Game 2:

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| 1st | Steve Shirley and Vicky Shirley - 522 |
| 2nd | Jim Travis and Ruth Mock - 504 |
| 3rd | Jim Goodine and Connie Salzman - 482 |
| 4rd | Royce Morris and Lori Melvin - 477 |
| 5th | Garry Dearen and Debbie Horton - 470 |

Game 3:

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| 1st | Mike Vail and Pam Davis - 531 |
| 2nd | Walt Lamb and Connie Salzman - 517 |
| 3rd | John Salzman and Debbie Vail - 508 |
| 4th | Steve Shirley and Debbie Horton - 499 |
| 5th | Dan Schrecengost and Jan Capone - 480 |

And a very Special Thanks for an awesome job on the pizza.
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Health & Fitness

Please join our Yoga and Pilates class held Tuesday and Thursday 8:30- 9:30 am. Classes are \$5.00 a day.

For more info please contact Shelly Buck
714-393-2847.

GOLF CLUB NEWS



No report was submitted for this issue.

YACHT CLUB NEWS

Greetings to all members,

Thanks so much to everyone who made it out to Sara Park for the Lobster Fest. The food was excellent, as always, and fun was had by all getting down with Kevin Jaxon!! A huge thank you to the Talbert's and Stilson's for chairing this event.



The opening day Boat Celebration is set for April 8th at 8:00 am at Cabana 5. The theme is "Show Your American Pride." There will not be a parade as we lose our spots in the channel while out parading. We are having bloody

Mary's and a potluck. I encourage everyone to bring yard games, chairs, and a dish to share. Let's get the boating season going. Show your enthusiasm for America in any way you wish.

Decorate your boats and yourselves and we will have some fun! No stress, anything you do is great!!!

Mark your calendars for the EYC brunch, at the lodge, on Sunday May 6th. More information to come at April's meeting.

A salute to EYC membership for their donation of \$200 to the VFW. Elk's do care, do share!!!!

Finally, the outgoing EYC board wishes to thank every member for their support and participation this year. It has been an honor to serve you all and we look forward to many more fun times together. A huge thank you to Julie Talbert for stepping up as co-commodore for next year in a training capacity. Hats off to 2018 and a ton of fun with the Elk's Yacht Club.

Sincerely,
Debbie Herd
Outgoing EYC Secretary

LODGE CLUB NEWS

VAGABONDS NEWS



April 1 is the beginning of our new year and we are looking forward to another successful and fun year with RV trips. Our last trip was to Davis Dam with 19 rigs. This was hosted by Bob & Barb Volk and Mike & Cheryl Lomeli. Friday night was dinner at the Bullhead Elks and Saturday breakfast and bloody Mary's and Maria's provided by Mike & Cheryl. On Saturday evening Bob & Barb cooked hamburgers and brats for all of us and we provided side dishes. We do have a bunch of great cooks!

We have a Tri-State rally coming up in April in Yuma. The dates for that is April 19th through the 22nd. This is a big fund raiser for us and Jim Goodine coordinates all the events and makes arrangements for our campsites. This is a big job and he puts in lots of hours coordinating everything with all the attending Lodges. Thank you, Jim.

Our campout in May is scheduled for Wickenburg and those dates are May 17th through the 19th. This will be hosted by Jim & Janet Sims and Tom & Joyce Bradley. If you are interested in attending this, please contact Janet Sims to make your reservations.

We are always looking for new places to visit. If you want to host a campout, don't hesitate to let us know. It's fun to host with another couple.

Welcome to many new members. They are Jack & Anita Meredith, Paul Nigrey, Don & Red Dwire, Marty & Nina Gegersen, Chad & Melissa Underwood, John & Mya Magleby, Dave & Judy Zimmerman, Ray & Ellen Albert, Steve & Jan Bertling and Gary & Wanda Parsons. We look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

If you are interested in joining our club, please come to a meeting. Our meetings are always the second Wednesday of the month, except June, July and August, when we go dark. Even though we don't have formal meetings during those months, we meet for lunch at the Lodge at noon, so feel free to join us. Our next meeting is April 11th at 1:00. Get there by noon if you want to have lunch and don't forget to buy your Queen of Hearts tickets. They quit selling those at 12:45. The pot continues to grow. It's now over \$700.

Remember – BPOE – Best People on Earth

Marti Johnson
Vagabonds Secretary

ELKS FISHING CLUB REPORT



Dates for the April Derby's are as follows:
Wednesday, April 4th from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, April 18th from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Scales will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at the Lodge following the fish cleaning process.

The Board of Director's will meet at the Lodge on Monday April 2nd at 11:00 a.m. The Club's General Meeting will take place on Saturday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m.

The Derby on February 7th was won by the team of Dave Fanning and Joe Evans with four stripers weighing 7.83 lbs. Second Place went to Ken Miller and Charles Robertson with two fish weighing 6.34 lbs.

The Derby on February 21st was won by Bill Waldron and Greg Maus with 4 stripers weighing 12.04 lbs. Greg had the Big Fish of the Derby with a 4.41 lb. striper. Second Place went to Dave Fanning and Jerry Stratinsky with 4 fish weighing 6.98 lbs. In Third Place was the team of Jack Sullivan and Merrit Olmstead with 1 fish weighing 1.51 lbs.

The March Fish Fry was well attended. Executive Chef Adam Sweetow and his kitchen crew did an outstanding job preparing and cooking the fish for this event.

Our Club's winter visitors will be leaving our city in the coming months. We have enjoyed their participation in our club's activities and look forward to their return next year.

Please remember when you are fishing in our Derby's to call in if you are not going to the weigh-in, or if you are going to miss a prepaid Derby. We need to account for your safety on the water. When you fail to notify us of your change in plans, we begin a search for troubled or stranded members and their boats.

Want to join the Elks Fishing Club? Applications are located on the Fishing Club bulletin board in the back of the room next to the bar. After filling out the form, place the application in the blue box. DO NOT turn it in to the office.

Any questions, call Jerry Boyce at (928) 208-1073.

Vagabonds Donations



PER Hank Thonnard accepted a donation of \$500.00 from Vagabonds President Don Underwood for the annual Veterans' Run for the Wall motorcycle ride.



The Vagabonds donated \$1000.00 to the VFW. Accepting the donation is Omer Ethier.



Frank Blain accepted a quarterly \$250.00 donation on behalf of the DAV for maintenance and upkeep on their van used to transport veterans to various appointments.

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To Our Absent Members

James Lissick
Carl Flusche
L. Donald Stenbroten
James Reed
Richard E. Dunham
James R. O'Byron

Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns

From the ENF Chairman

I would like to thank all of the members who upon renewing their lodge dues have donated to the ENF Fund and other charities. A special thanks to the following members for their donations to the ENF fund: Larry Brangwin \$ 200.00; Gerald Arngson, Floyd Ferguson, William Philo, Gareth Goetz, James Casto, James Sims, \$ 100.00; and George Mountjoy \$ 50.00. These donations were received only up to Feb. 20th so if I missed anyone let me know and I will post your name next month.

Our members of this lodge should be proud that we donated over \$ 30,000.00 throughout the year 2017-2018 and we were the highest in donations of all the lodges in Arizona.

**Thanks again !
Jerry Gillen,
Lodge Elks National Foundation
Committee Chairman**

HOW THE ELKS BEGAN

The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman and actor named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune.

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments.

When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.

If you want to learn more about the history of the Elks, go to the Grand Lodge website at www.elks.org