

ALL AMERICAN LODGE 2003,04,08,09,10,11,12,13
BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

September 2023



**Join us at the Lodge for our
Family Day Picnic**

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs & Pot Luck
(Bring a Dish to Share)
11:00 am - ????

Elks Bowling League

Meeting August 31, 2023
Elks Lodge at 1 pm

Join us and receive all the news for
the upcoming year.

League starts September 7, 2023

Questions or team sign up call

Carol Sigler - 928-412-0193

Havasus Lanes - 928-855-2695



Please join us in honoring those who make our community safe at our annual

Law and Order Night

Saturday, 23 September 2023

Cocktails: 5:00 pm Dinner: 6 pm

Dinner will be: Ribs, Beans and Corn followed by Apple Caramel Blossom with Cream



FYI:

You can now purchase hot dogs at the bar

Monday thru Sunday from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm

Grant Activity 2023-2024

Our lodge has been actively involved in the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Community Investments Program (CIP) for a number of years. There are two types of grants: competitive and non-competitive.

The Freedom Grant is competitive and ENF awards only 300 lodges with funding. Our grant started six years ago with the first Lake Havasu City, Stand Down. This is an event that brings services together for Veterans. Our lodge does the food for the entire day and creates 36 emergency backpacks for Veterans in need. The backpacks and contents are funded with the grant funds of \$3000.

The Beacon, The Spotlight, and The Gratitude grants are all money that is guaranteed by ENF. To receive these funds, you must have a project. This year, I was able to combine all three for a \$9000 donation to Parks and Recreation for free and scaled tuition for the after school programs, clubs, and Teen Break. This is an ongoing, yearly donation supported by all the visits Drug Awareness and Youth Activities volunteers complete.

Grants are lodge projects. As the writer, I take an idea for a project, develop a goal and objective, and create Elk involvement. Each grant requires writing, administration, and evaluations. This year, we will give away \$12,000 to charity which is the very best of my job as Grant Administrator.

Sincerely,
Debbie Herd
PER/Grant Administrator

OFFICERS

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PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF
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LOYAL KNIGHT

Angella "Angie" Horton

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TILER

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ORGANIST/MUSICIAN**Wapiti Wind**

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Kevin Rogers

Club Manager

Vanessa Brewster

Elks Websites

Want more information about the Elks? You can get limited access to these sites without an account. Creating an account will give you access to the Members Only sections for even more information.

www.elks.org for any information regarding Elkdom.

www.arizonaelksassociation.org for any information about our state association.

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

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Chuck Fox
Wapiti Wind Editor

ELK OF THE MONTH

2023-2024

April 2023

Bob Richards

May 2023

Marilyn & Dean Butcher



Bob
Richards



Marilyn &
Dean
Butcher

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com

Phone: **661-644-5656**

(If no answer, please leave a message)

Auditing & Acct.

Audit/Acct.
Inventory

Activities Committee

Activities-Volunteers
Awards Banquet
Bingo
Blood Drive

Bowling
Bulk Mailing
Charity Ball
Christmas Baskets
Community Activities
Decorating Committee
Door Greeters
Drug Awareness
Elkettes
Entertainment Committee

Family Picnic
Fishing Club
Giving Tree
Golf League
Grants Administrator
Hi-Way Cleanup
Hoop Shoot
Hot Dogs
Information Technology
Law & Order Night
Lodge Activities
Lodge Emails & Website
Long Range Planning
Monday Night Dancers
Old Timers Night
Pasta Night
PER President

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Chairman

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Bud Watts
Gary Parsons
Gary Parsons
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Lynne Hall
Hank Thonnard
Marilyn Butcher
Bill Horton

Public Relations
Queen of Hearts
Retail Sales
RV Club (Vagabonds)
RV Parking
Scholarships
Soccer Shoot
Special Olympics
Taco Tuesday Night
Volunteer Coordinator
Yacht Club Commodore
Youth Activities

Fraternal Committee

All American Lodge/Training
Americanism
Constitution & By-Laws
Elks National Foundation

Flag Day
Elks Training
Government Relations
Guest Monitoring
Interview Committee
Orientation
Lodge Inspection/Accident
Major Projects
Major Projects (Purple Pig)
Mediator
Membership/Lapsation
Memorial Service
Presiding Justice
Protocol
Ritual Coach
Ritual Word Coach
Veterans Services
Wapiti Wind

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Pauline Thonnard
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Tracy Konkell
Addie Angle
Joyce Bradley
Jay Bidwell

Jackie Turcotte
Hank Thonnard
Bud Watts
Chuck Fox

Attend Meetings

Lodge business is conducted during the official Meetings - not at the end of the bar. Get the facts at a Lodge Meeting or House Committee/Trustee Meeting.

Meeting times are posted on the calendar.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	OFFICE SUMMER HOURS Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm				<u>1</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm PER Meeting - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Stormy Davis Band	<u>2</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Terry Hopple & Peter
<u>3</u> NFL Package	<u>4</u> Labor Day Office Closed Kitchen Closed NO Queen of Hearts Monday Night Dancers - 4 - 7 pm Bar closes - 6 pm	<u>5</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting - 7:30 pm	<u>6</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm	<u>7</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 pm - 7 pm Bowling League Starts Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>8</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Slade River	<u>9</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Fishing Club Meeting - 1 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Slade River
<u>10</u> Family Picnic 11 am - ???	<u>11</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	<u>12</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Elkettes Meeting - 6 pm House Committee/ Trustee Meeting- 7 pm	<u>13</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm	<u>14</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>15</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Swamp Donkey	<u>16</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm EYC Meeting - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Swamp Donkey
<u>17</u> Elkettes Left Center Right 11:00 am NFL Package	<u>18</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Orientation - 7 pm	<u>19</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting/ Initiation - 7:30 pm	<u>20</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Vagabonds Meeting - 3 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm	<u>21</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>22</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Legends	<u>23</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Law and Order Night - Cocktails - 5 pm Dinner - 6 pm Music: Legends
<u>24</u> NFL Package	<u>25</u> Interviews - 9 am Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	<u>26</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm MCL Meeting - 7 pm	<u>27</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm	<u>28</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>29</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Cocktail Katz	<u>30</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Cocktail Katz

Daily / Weekly Events

Monday 11:30 pm Pinochle Tuesday & Thursday 12 - 4 pm Hand & Foot
 7 - 9 pm Monday Night Dancers
 Wednesday 3:00 pm Desert Singles Thursday (tables 18 & 19) 10:30 am - 3:30 pm Bridge
 Friday 12 - 4 pm Poker Omaha hi-lo



**The following table shows the result of voting held at the
2023 Grand Lodge Convention
Minneapolis, MN**

Number	Description	Yes	No	P/F
2023-01	To clarify this Constitutional provision by eliminating a redundancy. (2/3 majority required)	2,490	84	PASS 97 %
2023-02	To prohibit the use of resources of the Order and of Local Lodges for private, public, or social media fundraising activities in connection with a Local Forum or Grand Forum action.	2,336	236	PASS 91%
2023-03	To prohibit the use of resources of the Order and of Local Lodges for private, public, or social media fundraising activities in connection with a Local Forum or Grand Forum action, and to authorize the Grand Forum to issue a contempt order.	2,382	224	PASS 91%
2023-04	To formalize the appointment and authority of Special Representative District Leaders or Area Special Representatives.	2,455	145	PASS 94%
2023-05	To clarify that the determination of whether there exists good cause not to attend a District Deputy Clinic rests with the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Per Section 12.020	2,406	185	PASS 93%
2023-06	To clarify that the determination of whether there exists good cause not to attend a District Deputy Clinic rests with the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Per Section 12.050	2,404	196	PASS 92%
2023-07	To require the Lodge Treasurer to attend all District Deputy Clinics.	1,693	897	PASS 65%
2023-08	To clarify the types of projects that are subject to the provisions of this section of the Laws of the Order .	2,375	238	PASS 91%
2023-09	To allow greater discretion for the use of defunct Lodge funds and to allow the Grand Exalted Ruler the authority to appoint a sufficient number of Trustees to administer the funds of a defunct Lodge.	2,370	245	PASS 91%
2023-10	To allow Local Lodges to adopt a by-law setting a minimum age requirement for Life Membership applicants.	2,240	374	PASS 86%
2023-11	To define spouse as used in the Grand Lodge Statutes and in publications.	1,396	1,205	PASS 54%
2023-12	To require the Grand Lodge to provide a credit to Local Lodges for dropped Members.	769	1,826	FAIL 30%
2023-13	To authorize and prescribe the procedure by which a Member may resign from membership during the Lodge year.	1,376	1,229	PASS 53%
2023-14	To allow Members to transfer from a Lodge appealing a Charter revocation.	2,375	240	PASS 91%
2023-15	To permit and prescribe the procedure by which a Member, who has been dropped for non-payment, may apply for reinstatement in another Lodge when that individual's Lodge has had its Charter revoked and has appealed.	2,146	469	PASS 82%
2023-16	To allow a Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association to form a separate non-profit corporation for the purpose of raising, receiving, and distributing funds for such charities, educational, and scientific purposes that are supported by its Lodge, State Association, and/or Grand Lodge.	349	2,251	FAIL 13%
2023-17	To make it clear that the Grand Exalted Ruler shall have the authority to remove any officer of a corporation formed pursuant to the new Section 16.035 who neglects the duties of office, or is guilty of contumacy or conduct injurious to the Order. *This Resolution is dependent upon the passage of Resolution 2023-16.*	1,666	920	PASS 64%
2023-18	To allow a Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association to form a separate non-profit corporation for the purpose of fundraising. *This Resolution is dependent upon the passage of Resolution 2023-16 and 2023-17.*	1,089	1,499	FAIL 42%

ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE



It is already September! The Elkettes have had so many great events this summer. An amazing concert by the Southwest Surfers. It was the perfect beach vibe and so much fun. We held Bunco and LCR games that brought smiles and were successful fund raisers. We have another great fund raiser going on now selling Challenge Coins to purchase and upgrade our security cameras for the inside and outside of the Lodge. These coins are awesome. The coins are now available to the Lodge for \$15.00. This idea came from Elkette Jon Villalobos who is also a Trustee of the Lodge. Jon worked on designing the Challenge Coin and had the Elkettes vote on the design that would be our Challenge Coin for Lodge #2399. Jon gave us the story of how the idea came about to have Challenge Coin for our Lodge.

IDEA -STORY:

The idea for the coin came after I was approached by Jerry Perrault, a Trustee from lodge #1968, which is located in Vista, California. Mr. Perrault introduced himself and handed me the coin. We had a great conversation where he enlightened me about the history and tradition of the coin. He said that at his lodge the coin is very popular and that they will often present it

when amongst friends and the individual that is unable to produce their coin must buy a round of drinks, they also trade coins and give to members of different lodges.



Jon and Jerry Perrault here at our Lodge with Jon presenting Jerry with the Lake Havasu City Lodge #2399 coin.

Please check in the office or call Jon Villalobos or Gabriele Medley to purchase a coin.

I can not say enough about our volunteers. Thank you for all you do for our Lodge!

Gabriele Medley
Elkette President 2023-2024
336-317-4916



The Elkettes received a plaque thanking the Lodge for our donation to Kids of the Colorado River, a non-profit Colorado River educational program dedicated to introducing students to boating and safety, wildlife in the lake, river ecology, water history and culture.

Receiving the plaque left to right- Elkette President Gabriele Medley, Dan DeSantos with Kids on the Colorado River, and Elkette Parliamentarian Tom Bradley.

These Fun Facts about the Elkettes appeared in the October 2017 and February 2018 issues of the Wapiti Wind. I thought you would enjoy re-reading them.

Jackie Turcotte, Former Wapiti Wind Editor

Elkettes Fun Facts

- 1969 - 1970 - Elkettes are formed with Bev Thomas as the first Elkette President
- 1972 - 1973 Darrol Tornton and Rocco Demase are the first Honorary Elkettes
- May 1978 - Charlotte Thornton becomes the first Lifetime member of the Elkettes
- 1989 - 1990 Verna Matlock is named the first Elkette of the Year
- 1992 - 1993 Lola King is the recipient of the first Outstanding Elkette Award

Some interesting facts about the Elkettes:

- The Elkettes was formed by Barbara Brown, wife of Exalted Ruler Dave Brown, in September 1969, one year after Elks Lodge 2399 was chartered. Bev Thomas was the first Elkette President.
- The club, although predominant throughout the country, is not regarded as a national organization. The officers decided to not be called "Does" or "Emblem" as other Elks women's groups because they would have to pay National dues, so they came up with the name "Elkettes".
- The first project of the newly formed Elkettes was a swap meet and then a myriad of projects followed. Later, since youth activities were high on the list of Elks projects, it also became an important project for the Elkettes.
- It was discovered that the President of the Elkettes had one of the most demanding schedules in the city, which all Presidents will attest.
- Since inception, the Elkettes have been an indispensable part of Lake Havasu City Elks Lodge, No. 2399. Elkette membership is composed of wives of Elks and Elks in good standing, volunteering to raise money to help support Lodge 2399.

Compiled from "The History of the Elkettes From 1969"

FISHING CLUB NEWS



The dates for the September Derby's will be Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at the

Lodge following the fish cleaning process. The Club will need fish for the October Fish Fry so all participants are encouraged to bring in the state limit of 10 fish per person. Only the five (5) largest fish will count per boat for paid positions. Due to the expected large quantity of fish caught, help will be welcome at the fish cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Tuesday, September 5th at 11:00 a.m. due to Labor Day falling on Monday. All members are welcome to attend. After the board's regular meeting, questions or comments are open to all attendees.

The Club's General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9th at 1:00 p.m.

Due to our summer break, the following Derby's were not in the Wapiti:

Want to join the Elks Fishing Club? Applications are located on the Fishing Club bulletin board. Place completed forms in the blue box with a check. DO NOT turn in to the office. In addition, all interested Elks may come to our Club meeting for further information. Any Club Officer at the meeting would be happy to answer your questions or call Jerry Boyce at (928) 208-1073.

April 27th Derby:

First Place:

Charles & Jennie Robertson with 5 Fish weighing 17.58 lbs.

Second Place:

John Burns & Jerry Boyce with 4 Fish weighing 8.24 lbs.

May 10th Derby:

First Place:

Ken Miller & Charles Robertson with 5 Fish weighing 4.36 lbs.

Second Place:

Dave Fanning & Jack Williams with 2 Fish weighing 2.29 lbs.

June 7th Derby:

First Place:

Dale Bremenour with 5 Fish weighing 13.77 lbs.

Just a reminder. The Club's next Fish Fry is on October 14th at 11:30 a.m. Meeting to follow.

Club hats and shirts will be available to pick up or purchase at the September meeting.

VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS

Hello Vagabonds friends:



Hope your summer is going well ... gosh its almost gone and we have Williams to look forward to in September!

The last outing of Spring 2023 was the Camp Verde outing hosted by Barry/Suzie Stillwell and Jackie/Dennis Newbeck May 14-18. 31 rigs showed up for this outing!!! The resort was just fabulous and the locale was perfect for exploring. Bike riding was popular at this venue as well. Everyone shared their experiences at our daily happy hours: one that lasted until 7:30 pm (Why break up a great happy hour while everyone is still sharing stories, drinking margarita's, and playing the shot game)!

We did a "progressive" 50/50 that held over from Tuesday to Wednesday night. Windy Geiske won the jackpot but gave it back to the club to use for charity.

Also, Windy hosted Left/Right/Center game for two nights playing several games per night.

At the end of the event the consensus was that Camp Verde must be repeated ... that there was not enough time to do all the things that were available from that location.

Our next outing will be at RAILSIDE RANCH RV Resort in Williams Sep 13-16 hosted by Cami Luke/Carl Peistrup and Mike/Joyce Grabowski. NOTE: Since this event starts on Wednesday Sep 13, out regularly scheduled monthly meeting, our meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 20 at 1 pm (or 11:30 if you would like to have lunch prior to the meeting).

Stay cool and safe for the rest of the summer ... we look forward to meeting again in September.

Here is a photo of the Happy Hour crew selling margaritas and shots



Suzie Stilwell, Barry Stilwell, Jackie Newbeck, Windy Geiske

Best,

Jackie Newbeck
Vagabonds Secretary

Remember – BPOE – Best People on Earth

4th of July Family Picnic

Fun, food, dancing and most importantly great displays of patriotism made for a wonderful and successful 4th of July Celebration.



Prize Winners

1st Place Janet Parkerson
2nd Place Grace Williams
Basket #1 Jim Reed
Basket #2 Sandy Doerfler

Family Swim Day at the Aquatic Center

For many years, the Lodge has provided free pizzas and swim at the Aquatic Center following the annual Stick'em to get children ready for the start of the new school year. Kids answered questions and received awards at the "Wheel", enjoyed pizza and splashed around in the pool.



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To Our Absent Members

**James Benefield
Sam Nichols
Bonnie Varvais
Edgar "Ed" S. Hayes
Julia Peat
Jack L. Feutell
Ken Bishman**

**Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns**

Blood Drive

We would like to extend a big "Thank You" to all who donated blood at our Blood Drive in June. We collected 74 units. This may not seem like a lot, but for the Lodge it was the best drive ever. Most importantly though is that we helped save lives.

Again, thank you all.

Blood Drive Co-Chairs
Paulette Nanteau
Jackie Turcotte



As I step down as the Wapiti Wind editor, I think back to all the issues I have created, all the photos I have taken, the miles driven to the Lodge, the printers, to wherever I needed to go to take pictures and all the time I took to try to make each issue one that you want to read. It has been over six years. Those six years have been rewarding but sometimes frustrating. I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

It is time to pass the reins on to a new editor. PER Chuck Fox has agreed to assume the responsibilities of Newsletter Editor. If there is one thing I learned during my career in the

Navy, it is that when I transferred out, someone transferred in to continue doing the job. Chuck, I am sure, also learned the same in his career. Being Editor may be new for Chuck, but I am sure he will do a great job.

I want to take a moment to thank all who supported me during my time as editor. I appreciate all you did for me from sending in reports on time to simply telling me I did a fine job. It has been fun.

Jackie Turcotte, PER
Former Wapiti Wind Editor

