

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham: E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com Phone: 928-453-3557 (If no answer, please leave a message)

Exalted Rulers Message

Greetings,

Here we are in the month of September already. It is hard to believe that at the end of this month, my year as your Exalted Ruler will be half way over.

As you have probably seen, the Lodge Expansion Project has begun. With 4,357 members currently on our roster, this is a project that has been needed for a long time. Most of us have experienced the need for more space when you come to dinner and have to wait to get seated. The Expansion Project was voted on by the members and approved. It is happening and will move forward.

In my position, it worries me that we have members that oppose the Expansion Project and continue to try to find ways to hinder the progress of the Expansion. Our Lodge Expansion Committee has worked very hard and diligently to make sure that every step of the construction is done by adhering to all required ordinances, laws, etc.. It is sad that these

members do not remember the Obligation that they took when becoming an Elk. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. These are the principles of our order and should be kept in mind at all times. So, please support the Lodge and its committee in bringing this project to completion.

The month of August has passed and was a pretty slow time around the Lodge. Many of our winter visitors had left the heat of Arizona and headed to cooler locations. I hope that everyone of you had a pleasant

summer. For those of you that will be returning to Lake Havasu in the next month or so, have a safe journey and we will see you around the Lodge.

The month of August saw myself and several of the Lodge Officers heading to Yuma, AZ for a District Deputy Clinic. These occur a couple times a year and provide a lot of information for the current Officers and those Officers moving up the ranks.

Hope to see you around the Lodge. Have a great month.







Chuck Fox Exalted Ruler OFFICERS LAKE HAVASU CITY LODGE 2399 OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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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.

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.

<u>www.elks.org</u> for any information regarding Elkdom.

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

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

To join our <u>Facebook Page</u>, search Lake Havasu City, AZ Elks Lodge #2399

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> Chuck Fox, PER Wapiti Wind Editor

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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 Information Technology Law & Order Night Library Lodge Activities Lodge Emails & Website Long Range Planning Monday Night Dancers Old Timers Night Pasta Night Volunteers PER President

Chairman Elizabeth Ledingham Hank Thonnard Chuck Davis Paulette Nainteau Jackie Turcotte Steve Shirley Wanda Parsons Pam Depweg Jon Villalobos Eva Fox Elkettes Sheri Sanderson Pam Depweg Vanessa Brewster Eva Fox Sheri Sanderson Pam Depweg Jerry Boyce Vanessa Brewster Scott Brown Debbie Herd Dan Dieter Pam Depweg Tom Harvey Bud Watts Wanda Parsons Gary Parsons Gary Parsons Gabriele Medley Patrick Lee Hank Thonnard Glen Petty Chuck Fox

<u>"ANNUAL EVENTS"</u>

June 15 Elkette Concert/Show June 16 Father's Day Breakfast July 4 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Potluck August 4-18 Lodge Closed (Cleaning) September 2 Labor Day Bar Open September 8 Family Pic Nic September 15 1st Ladies Event October 14-15 District Deputy Visit October 26 Halloween Party October 27 Drug Awareness Lunch October 31 Halloween Main Street November 17 PER Pizza November 28 Thanksgiving December 7 Elkettes Christmas Dinner December 20-21 Christmas Baskets December 24 ER Wassail December 25 Christmas Day December 31 New Years Eve Dinner January 1 Bar Open 10AM January 26 Special Olympics Lunch February 1 Charity Ball February 8 Fashion Show February 9 PER Super Bowl/Pizza February 22 Old Timers Dinner February 23 Volunteer Dinner March 1 Crazy Auction March 9 Elkettes Concert/Show March 22 Lodge Awards

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 Eva Fox Joyce Bradley Lodge Office Marty Weston Tom Duff Chuck Fox Pam Depweg Debbie Herd Donna Pineau Elizabeth Ledingham Julie Talbert Debbie Herd

Fraternal Committee Chai

All American Lodge/TrainingGary ParsonsAmericanismPam DepwegConstitution & By-LawsGary ParsonsElks National FoundationJerry Gillen

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

Chairman Pam Depweg Gary Parsons Jerry Gillen Eva Fox Joyce Bradley Gary Parsons Gary Parsons Sue Thomas Paulette Nainteau Pam Depweg Pat Costello Gary Parsons Eva Fox Pat Costello Sheri Sanderson Nikki Harvey Jay Bidwell Vanessa Brewster Jackie Turcotte Hank Thonnard Bud Watts Chuck Fox

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>I</u> NFL Package 8am Breakfast 11-2pm Hot Dogs 11am Bingo	2 Labor Day Office Closed 10am - 6pm Bar Open Kitchen Closed	3 11am - 2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	4 11-2pm Lunch 12pm Sheriffs Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner: Ribs	5 11-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	6 Office Closes 12pm 11-2pm Lunch 2pm PER Mtg 4-8pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Steve Wayman	7 11-2pm Hot Dogs 4-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music: Steve Wayman
8 NFL Package No Breakfast 11am-? Family Pic nic, Potluck. Lodge will furnish Ham- burgers & Hot Dogs \$\$\$ Raffles No Bingo	2 11-2pm Hot Dogs 4pm-7pm Pasta Night 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts No Monday Danc- ers	10 11 am - 2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day 6pm Elkettes Mtg 7pm House Committee/ Trustee Mtg	11 11-2pm Lunch 1pm Vagabonds 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner: Ribs	<u>12</u> 11-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	13 Office Closes 12pm 11-2pm Lunch 4-8pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Legends	14 11-2pm Hot Dogs 1pm Fishing Club 4-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music: Legends
15 NFL Package 8am-11am Break- fast 11am Bingo 6:30pm First Ladies Event	1611- 2pm Hot Dogs4pm-7pm PastaNight7pm OrientationNo Queen of HeartsNo Monday Danceers	17 11am - 2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day 7:30pm Lodge Mtg/Initiation	18 11-2pm Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4pm Dinner: Ribs	19 11-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	20 Office Closes 12pm 11-2pm Lunch 4-8pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Fritz	21 AZ Elks State President Visit 11-2pm Hot Dogs 2pm Yacht Club 4-8pm Dinner 5pm Law & Order Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music: Fritz
22 NFL Package 8am-11am Break- fast 11-2pm Hot Dogs 11am Bingo	23 11-2pm Hot Dogs 4pm-7pm Pasta Night 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts No Monday Danc- ers	24 11am - 2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day	25 11-2pm Lunch 12pm LAPD Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4pm Dinner: Ribs	26 11-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	27 Office Closes 12pm 11-2pm Lunch 4-8pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Sam & the Band	28 11-2pm Hot Dogs 48pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music: Sam & the Band
29 NFL Package 8am-11am Break- fast 11-2pm Hot Dogs 11am Bingo	30 11-2pm Hot Dogs 4pm-7pm Pasta Night 4pm-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 7-9pm Monday Night Dancers			The Office is accepting Donations of Halloween Candy for Fright Night		



	Daily / Weekly Events				
	11:30 am Pinochle4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts7 pm Monday Dancers	Thursday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot 11 am—?? Bridge 6 pm Karaoke		
Tuesday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot 3 pm Desert Singles	Friday	12-4 pm Poker		

159TH GRAND LODGE SESSION SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-01: To remove the word indoctrination, which has negative connotations linked to forced acceptance of certain values or beliefs and amend it to the term orientation, which is a familiarization with the organization's principles and beliefs. Section 4.357 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-02: (1) To remove the control of the assets from the Grand Exalted Ruler's appointed Defunct Lodge Trustees to that of the State Sponsor(s). (2) Lodges and State Associations are both 501©(8)s. This change will allow funds to be given to State Associations without placing restriction on their use if so deemed by the State Sponsor(s). Section 9.170 of the Laws of the Order PASSED

Resolution 2024-03: To remove the word indoctrination, which has a negative connotation linked to forced acceptance of certain values of beliefs and amend it to the term orientation, which is a familiarization with the organization's principles and beliefs. Section 13.022 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-04: To allow the ability to download and print a current membership application directly from Elks.org. Section 14.020 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-05: To make participation in the physical loss and crime coverage policy procured by Grand Lodge optional for local lodges. Section 4.232 of the Laws of the Order FAILED

Resolution 2024-06: To allow a Lodge to satisfy the bond requirement for the Lodge Secretary through an outside insurance company. Section 12.050 of the Laws of the Order FAILED

Resolution 2024-7: To allow a Lodge to satisfy the bond requirement for the Lodge Treasurer through an outside insurance company. Section 12.060 of the Laws of the Order FAILED

Resolution 2024-08: To REMOVE the requirement for the Lodge Treasurer to attend all District Deputy Clinics. Section 12.060 of the Laws of the Order PASSED

Resolution 2024-09: To give the Local Lodges the opportunity to add or not add the Secretary and Treasure to the Board of Directors. Section 16.020 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-10: To clarify and make uniform the standard of proof at trials before the Grand Forum resulting from any appeal of an Executive Order. Section 9.210 of the Laws of the Order PASSED

Resolution 2024-11: To clarify and make uniform the standard of proof at trial before the Grand Forum from any appeal of an Executive Order. Section 9.013 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-12: The purpose of this resolution is to clarify and make consistent the processes for nominations following the requirement that two meetings be held. Section 3.080 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-13: To make the year-round entry of the charitable service statistics a formal duty of the Secretary. Section 12.050 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-14: To formalize a standing Government Relations Committee. Added a New Section 13.025 to the Laws o the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-15: To formalize a standing Government Relations Committee. Section 13.020 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-16: To formalize the Soccer Shoot Program with the Laws of the Order. Section 13.021 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-17: To formalize the Soccer Shoot Program within the Laws of the Order. Section 18.020 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-18: To clarify the role of the Exalted Ruler as an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees and a voting member of the Board of Directors of an incorporated Lodge. Section 12.020 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-19: To provide a right of due process, hearing, and appeal to a member who is subject to expulsion from membership for an undisclosed felony conviction. Section 9.090 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-20: To clarify the appellate jurisdiction and review process of the Grand Forum over appeals of an Order entered under the revises GLS 9.090. Section 7.020 of the Laws of the Order **PASSED**

Resolution 2024-21: To make a record of the preliminary hearing. Section 8.050 of the Laws of the Order PASSED

Resolution 2024-22: To codify what flags or other insignia may be displayed within the Order.

Added a new section 4.325 to the Laws of the Order **SET ASIDE (NOT VOTED ON)**



<u>Elkette's President Message</u>

September, how is it even possible? I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. So much has been happening at the Lodge this summer. Connie Jones, Games Chair, and many Excellent Elkettes ensured we played LCR throughout the summer months. We had beautiful gift baskets, thank you Wanda Parsons, we had great prizes, thank you all who donated, we had so much fun. Over \$5,000 has been generated for the expansion fund.

Speaking of expansion, the groundbreaking was held August 1st and construction started the following Monday August 5th. The expected time frame for completion is 8-10 months. There will be many changes. Please be patient. We are doing the best that we can.

Many of you continued donating to Food4Kids throughout the summer. I say it over and over again, "we do great things!" Because we do. I want to thank Donna Pineau, Scott Pierstorff, and Karen Ford for delivering the donated items to H.A.V.E.N.

Many fun events are on the horizon. September 8th is the "Family Picnic". We will need volunteers, please let me know if you can help. On September 28th we are holding our first annual "Elktober Fest". Seating is limited so if you are interested buy your tickets early in the office.

I look forward to seeing you all around the lodge.

Vanessa Brewster Elkettes President 2024/25 "We do great things!"



The Monday Night Dancers donated \$300.00 to Steele Children's Hospital in Tucson, AZ. The hospital benefits from the support of the Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP), a program that involves all Arizona Elks Lodges. Pictured are the Monday Night Dancers, with Elks Exalted Ruler Chuck Fox, Music Coordinator Lynn Hall (center) and PDDGER Hank Thonnard (Treasurer of the State AEMP Program).

The Elkettes donated \$500.00 to the Clothes Closet. The Clothes Closet strives to provide free clothing, worthiness, respect and dignity by utilizing existing relationships and accessing other community resources to further help individuals and families obtain needed services. Funds were reaised from the Pie Sales program.

Elkettes Craft Fair applications will be available in the Lodge Office starting July 5, 2024 or a request can be sent to Chair Connie Jones at 928-733-0357 or cj86406@hotmail.com

ELKETTES CRAFT FAIR

Note: Only completed and paid applications submitted and date stamped by the office and a text/email sent to the vendor by Connie Jones will be eligible for this year's Craft Fair. The first 27 table applications received and notified by the Craft Fair Chair will be accepted.

We expect the event to sold out early, so don't wait to apply. Table placements cannot be assigned until we get closer to the actual date of the event November 16, 2024 due to Lodge remodeling/expansion..

Connie Jones, Craft Fair Chair



The Elkettes donated \$500 to R&R Pet Sanctuary, an in home sanctuary for elderly and special needs pets. They provide a loving and comfortable home for animals that are less likely to be adopted due to their age or needs. In the photo (L to R) are Elkette Pie Chair Lisa Nutt, R&R Founders Richard and Rachel Crayne with Elkette Melinda O'Bradowith. Funds donated came form Pie Sales

During the dinner hour. The Elkettes donate to a Local 501(C)3 each month.



The Elks Lodge donated \$4,000 from their Beacon Grant to support the Lake Havasu Parks and Recreation Department and their after school and Break Camps for children in need. Pictured (L to R) are Tom Bradley (Chaplain), Chuck Fox (Exalted Ruler), Paulette Nainteau (PER), Parks and Recreation Employee Sarah Ross, Pam Depweg (Youth Activities Chair and Leading Knight), and Debbie Herd (PER and Youth Activities). Also pictured are youth participants Serenity McElroy, Adeline Thurman and Hope Villasenor.

VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Hello Vagabonds friends:

We are at the start of our summer and it appears that we may have another hot one this year. Everyone is scattering in their RVs to visit friends/family, get out of the heat or just exploring which is always fun.

Our Campout Committee is working hard to secure group spaces at the top 6 RV Resorts that were chosen by you on the Campout Questionnaire that you filled out last fall. It is our desire to have our Calendar of Events sorted out by our next meeting on September 11 so that you can plan your events for September, 2024 through May, 2025 Vagabonds calendar year . . . (We already have Williams in September and Wickenburg in November on our calendar as they are standing locales) ...

We are currently working on Pahrump, NV, / Bisbee, AZ / Ehrenburg, AZ / Temecula, CA / Bullhead City, AZ / Borrego Springs, CA. Our Campout Committee is working on selecting the appropriate Month/days, the availability of meeting space and other concessions. Once we get our calendar completed, we will be looking for Hosts and Co-hosts to organize the various locations. Please consider doing one of these tasks ... our outings cannot happen without somebody to organize. If you have not done the job before we will make certain to team you up with someone who has.

Have a cool and safe summer ... we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Jackie Newbeck

Vagabonds Secretary

"CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN ELK"

When becoming a member of this great Brotherhood, you are required to undergo the Ritual of Initiation. During this process a member is reminded that to become a faithful member among us, "You must at all times have in mind the solemn and binding Obligation that you have so recently Assumed". This requires you to adhere to the cardinal principles of our Order; Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

With this in mind, be kind to all. Name calling, berating another member or our staff and employees should not be done. This is a violation of our Statutes and considered "Conduct Unbecoming an Elk", and may cause you to lose your privileges in the Lodge or your membership. Remember you are also responsible for the actions of your guests. This also applies to all widows/widowers.

Fishing Club News

The September Derby's will be held on Wednesday, 9/11 and Wednesday 9/25 from 6am to 11am. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes from 11am to 11:30am. Lunch will be served at the Lodge following the fish cleaning process. Help is always welcomed at the fish cleaning station.

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Tuesday 9/3 at 11am instead of Monday 9/2 due to the Labor Day holiday. All members are welcome to attend. After the Board's agenda is completed, questions or comments are accepted from all in attendance.

The Club's General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 9/14 at 1pm.

Want to join the 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 Jery Boyce at (928)-208-1073.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF) and ARIZONA ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS

"Become a monthly Donor to the ENF program at elks.org and the Arizona Elks Major Projects program at http://azelksmp.org".

You can donate as little as \$5 per month and help the Lodge of meeting it's ENF goal of \$5.00 per member. Meeting this goal is how our Lodge is eligible to receive the ENF Grants.

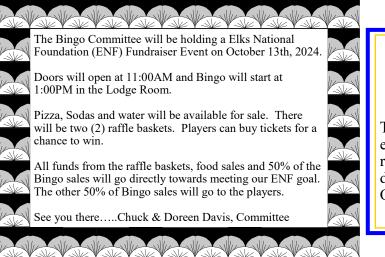
The "Fidelity Club" is an easy way to contribute towards our ENF Goal and takes only a few minutes to join. Signing up for this program, helps the Lodge meet its ENF goal, and can help the Lodge get additional bonus funds for our Grants. These Grants, are the funds that the Lodge uses to support several programs throughout our community.

"SNOOKER TABLE"

FOR SALE –Professional Snooker Table. Available for viewing at the Lodge. If interested, contact our Club Manager Vanessa Brewster and "MAKE AN OFFER".



Wapiti Wind



!!! Lodge Expansion Update !!!

<u>Capital Campaign</u>

The Lodge is still accepting donations towards the expansion project. The donation dollars we receive reduces the amount of the loan. If you have not donated and would like to, please contact the Lodge Office as soon as possible.

AUGUST 1, 2024

The Lodge Expansion Project kicked off with a symbolic groundbreaking ceremony. The event was attended by many Lodge Members and several dignitaries. After the photo session, a light continental breakfast was enjoyed by all. The Expansion Project is adding 5,000 square feet to the Social Quarters and was approved by the Lodge Members. The Lodge Expansion Committee has been the driving force behind bringing this Project to reality. Great Job!!!!!



Lodge Expansion Committee Members (L to R) Gary Parsons, Tom Bradley, Paulette Nainteau, Bill Horton, Tom Duff, Gabriele Medley, and George Bryant



Lodge Expansion Committee Chair Gabriele Medley, Arizona Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jerry Grimes, Exalted Ruler Chuck Fox, and Lake Havasu City Mayor Cal Sheehy



Lead Trustee Tracy Konkel, Trustee Gabriele Medley and Foothills Banks Vice President Bo Carringer signing the final loan doc-



Pictured (L to R), Paul Lehr (Architect), Nels Anderson (Contractor ABCO Builders), Bo Carringer (VP Foothills Bank), and Dan DelMonaco (Regional President, Foothills Bank)



Mayor Cal Sheehy, speaking at the Ground Breaking Ceremony.



MCL Detachments 757 Past Commandants But Watts and Kim McCoy present a check for \$1,000 toward the Lodge Expansion Project.

