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Newsletter

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Remember There is so much to be Thankful for

Golf Outing

2nd Semi-Annual Fund Raiser

Date: Nov. 14th Sat. at 7:45 AM

Location: Starfire Golf Course

Scottsdale and Hayden Roads

Cost: \$65, includes lunch

Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest

To the Pin, and of Course our

Las Vegas Hole, Plus a Get
Out of Jail Free Hole.

Fun-fun-fun-fun-fun-fun-fun-fun-fun-fun-

Raffle and Prizes during Lunch

Contact Jody-837-8180 ASAP

We need 10 Players and hole helpers

Friday night Socials Doing Well

Thank you all for your donations and attendance at our Friday Night Socials. As has been stated before it is these nights that allow us to keep the Lodge as we know it. Please keep having fun and bring quests and prospective members to share in the cheer.

Friday Nov. 6th-Ravolicious Dinner (home made ravioli) Sponsored by the Dunns and Pageaus

Friday 13th-Sponsored by McMahon and Crew

Friday November 20th-Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Asiian rice, and Brownies- by John and Ruby Bjornholt.

Friday November 27th-Favorite Thanksgiving Left- overs and a surprise birthday party

— **Winners of our Halloween Costume Contest were:**
Lucy McGowan-"Cat Woman" and Larry Dunn-"Willie Nelson"
A great time was had by all

Looks like we have two girls for scholarship applications that will be sent on to District to be judged for a \$1000 scholarship.

O The Officers for the Fountain Hills Elks Lodge #2846 are as Follows:

Exalted Ruler: Bill Lucas

Esteemed Leading Knight:

John Hershey

Esteemed Loyal Knight:

Esteemed Lecturing Knight:

Donna Sims

Secretary: Sherry Dillard

Treasurer: Craig Balik

Esquire: William Pageau

Chaplain: Janet Pageau

Inner Guard: Larry Dunn

(Acting)

Tiler: William McMahon

Trustees:

Larry Collins

Jody Knapp

Kay Alexander

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Exalted Ruler's Comments

October was a month to behold! We had our ENF Fundraiser event and raised more money to keep us in 1st Place in the State with per capita donations, as well as building our war-chest in the ENF Chairman's Challenge to stay #1. Anyone wishing to donate to this good cause for education, please send a check to our Secretary Sherry Dillard and it will be sent in to ENF in your name. You will accumulate points towards a collar pin.

We survived the Audit with the District Deputy. We are all accounted for and received praise for our efforts. Yeah! We then rolled right into the Mid-year state convention. We were represented with 13 members and guests and could be #1 in that category as well. The dinners were great, all were well behaved, and all had a good time. First Lady Karen put together the donated basket of goodies. John Hershey filled in for me at the E.R. march with a hefty donation. John and Secretary Sherry tended the Hospitality Room.

We then conducted the District Deputy visit with DDGER Mike Murphy and his Esquire; PER Kevin Kenny. We performed the Opening, Initiation Ceremony, and Closing for them. We had 12 members for dinner at Phil's Place. We exchanged ideas and received good input for our Lodge from both the Auditor and the District Deputy. This information will make us that much better as an Elk Lodge.

Drove to Flagstaff to pick up a donated Elk antler rack which was mounted on a wall plaque by a local Elk Taxidermist from their Lodge. We have that now over our Bar and the Elk head on the West wall. Both are making the lodge more homey. I still am getting antlers done for our ritual table. We may pick up another donated elk rack from Flagstaff, if we are lucky.

I have started a project to get three 8 x10 photos done and onto the wall, of our Exalted Rulers like every lodge has. We are getting more established and permanent every day. We have members to initiate and people dimiting. We continue to grow.

The final results are almost in for Oktoberfest. Our lodge and its 33 volunteers made close to \$6,000 which will help our designated charities. It will go along way towards our charitable work in 2010. Great job Elk Team and volunteers who want to be Elks. Next year we are looking for 40 volunteers for Oktoberfest with an increase in revenue for your efforts.

We still need dinner volunteers. Don't bunch up, but spread your selves out. Otherwise Roadkill Bill will return with Hellfire Chili, Brontasaurus Burgers and Kangaroo Cheesesteaks. My recipe's are endless. Have car, will eat.

We received a thank-you note from the Elks National Home for our donation for our own brick, which they are making for us. It will be included in the walkway to the Peaceful Garden.

Our Flag Day set of Flags arrived from Grand Lodge including the extra MIA flag. We need large coffee cans to make stands for each of the nine flags. Please bring to the Lodge, minus the cement, please.

We are putting up shelving in the back room. Do you have any put together shelving in your garage to donate?

We are set for the Thanksgiving Day Parade to be formed around the Lake. No number yet for our place, but remember it is a 9 am. start. We will have Buckey the Elk, Dolly the Wonder Dog and maybe the Fountain Hills Chicken on the float. We need members to walk alongside the float and hand out coloring books to the kids lining the curb. It takes less than an hour and has been great fun. Be there to share.

We will need volunteers on December 19th for our children's shopping spree at Target. This year we hope to have 7 children and an increase in gift certificates from Target. More details to follow.

Thanks for the great effort and making my job easier.. **WE Are Still#1! WHO_RAH**

Bill Lucas, Exalted Ruler

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

Committee Reports

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Support the Troops –Nov. 15 is the deadline for all donated items, signed Christmas cards, etc. The deadline is 3 weeks earlier this year because of the extreme time it takes to reach the outposts in the mountains of Afghanistan. All boxes will be packaged and ready for shipping by Monday, Nov. 23. As of right now, we have adopted an entire Platoon plus many additional Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, including several who are still deployed in Iraq. Many thanks to Howard and Ted who have volunteered to take the boxes to our local post office for me. Please it is the **Big Push**.

POP-TOPS for Ronald McDonald House– We are now on our fourth bucket. We have collected approximately 50 pounds of pop-tops and my goal is to reach at least 75 pounds (in order to beat the 70 pounds donated by the Chino Valley Elks). Please beg and plead with friends and family members to help collect. Bring them to the Lodge. The buckets will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald Houses in Phoenix or Tucson.

Street Clean UP–Our fifth street cleanup of the year was held Sat., Oct. 17 beginning at 7 am. This was our first cleanup since the beginning of summer, so there were many trash bags that were filled by the 6 volunteers. The sixth and final cleanup of the year will be Sat. Dec. 12th.



Vets Hospital–Plans are to hopefully deliver 30 lap blanket bundles to the Vets in Mid December. I will not know until after the Troop boxes are packaged if I will even have enough supplies on hand to do 30. **Please** help me reach our goal. There seems to be a need for just about anything and everything that we could possibly send to the Vets. Many thanks to Jack for being my volunteer to deliver the blankets to the Vets Hospital/Home.

Don't forget the Lap Blankets for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & LETTERS NEEDED

Please take a moment and fill out holiday cards, as many as possible, with no individual names on them. These cards will be placed inside each package for the troops and inside each lap blanket bundle for the Vets. I am hoping to place at least 5 separate cards in each package/bundle. This means that I need nearly 500 cards total. Each **soldier/Marine/Sailor/Airman** deserves a handwritten card/letter from someone back here at home. It means so much to them so please have your cards with notes available **by NOV. 15 TH.**

THANK-YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to all who have stepped forward to help me during my recovery process following major surgery. I still have a long way to go, but personally feel that I am now over the “worst” part. I could not have done this on my own. Thank you again. I am very humbled.

Upcoming Events

Friday Socials–November 6, 13th., 20th and 27th. Lodge opens at 5 PM.- Food at 6 PM.

Meeting Nights are on Tuesday Nov 10th and 24th. Lodge opens at 6 PM- Meeting at 7 PM

November 14th. Member/Guest Golf Tournament at Starfire Golf Course. Send off time is 7:45 AM

Thursday-Thanksgiving Day– Parade Around the lake starting at 9 AM (volunteers 30 earlier)

Nov. 15th is the due date for cards and articles to be sent to the troops.

December 19th-Saturday-Childrens Shopping Spree at Target

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Last but not least.....

DURING THIS TIME OF THANKS GIVING WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF THOSE THAT DO NOT HAVE AS MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR, AS WE DO. THE TRUE SPIRIT OF ELKDOM SHOULD SHINE ON THOSE IN NEED. LET US DO OUR BEST TO LIGHTEN THE LOADS OF THE NEEDY IN DEED AND KINDNESS AND LIGHT UP THE NIGHTS FOR ALL.

HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS TO MY FELLOW ELKS

Elks Care Elks Share