

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

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December 2023



Elks Memorial Service

The Annual Service to the Memory of our Departed Members will be held in the Lodge Room on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 11:00 am.

"A Coin A Day So The Kids Can Play"

All coins collected are donated to Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP) which supports the Steele Children's Hospital in Tucson, AZ. Any loose change can go into a pig they love paper bills too. "Let us FILL THEM UP".



Your Purple Pig Committee thanks you.

!!! Lodge Expansion Update !!!

ABBCO Builders is providing the Lodge with the steel specifications for our construction drawing.

Capital Campaign

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.

Fraternally,
Gary W. Parsons, PER
Lodge Advisor

Exalted Rulers Message



We are into our busy season with more members coming into the Lodge. Dinner is especially busy, so everyone has to wait to be seated. Oftentimes, members who are here all year assume they don't need to wait in line to be seated because they know where they want to sit. However, some of the people in line are already on a list to be seated. I'm asking all our members to be patient during these very busy times. We're all brothers and Sisters as members so be kind, patient and even strike up a conversation waiting in the same line. You may make a new friend.

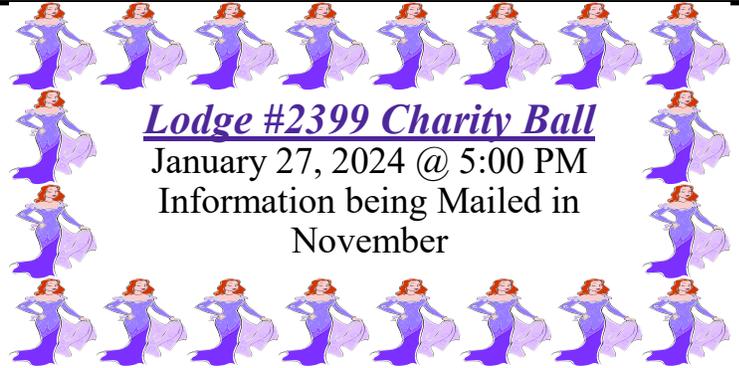
There's a lot going on this time of year with parties and celebrations. So, get involved, buy a ticket to an event and enjoy the season.

There are door greeters almost every evening, so be proud as an Elk and show your card if asked to by the door greeter. Be sure to sign in your Guests, and remember that unless they are family, you can only bring your guest in 3 times. That's only fair to our paying members.

Be sure to attend the Exalted Ruler's Wassail on December 24th at 11am.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS"

Fraternally,
Paulette Nanteau,
Exalted Ruler



Lodge #2399 Charity Ball

January 27, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

Information being Mailed in
November

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)

!!! DRINK CHIPS !!!

Did you Know????

Reminder: When you use your drink chips, they do not include gratuities. Surrender your chip when placing your order for a beverage.

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat												
					<u>1</u> Lunch 11-2 pm PER Meeting - 2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8 pm Music: One Eyed Romeo	<u>2</u> Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8 pm OutCast Christmas Party 4 pm Music: One Eyed Romeo												
<u>3</u> Breakfast 8-11 Hot Dogs 11-2 NFL Package Elks Memorial Service 11 am Vagabonds Christmas Party 5pm	<u>4</u> Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen Of Hearts 4-6:30 pm Monday Dancers 7pm	<u>5</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2 pm, 4-7 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>6</u> Lunch 11-2 pm Sheriff's Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm	<u>7</u> Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4 pm) Karaoke 6pm	<u>8</u> Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8 pm Music: Don Holt	<u>9</u> Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Fishing Club Christmas Party 5 pm Elkettes Christmas Dinner 5pm - ?? Music: Tim Hope												
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<u>24</u> Christmas Eve ER Wassail 11-2pm Hot Dogs 11-2 NFL Package Lodge/Bar closed at 4pm	<u>25</u> MERRY CHRISTMAS Lodge Closed	<u>26</u> Taco Tuesday - 11-2 pm, 4-7pm MCL Mtg 7 pm	<u>27</u> Lunch 11-2 pm LAPD Lunch 12pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm	<u>28</u> Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm	<u>29</u> Office Open 8am-12noon Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu - 4-8 pm Music: Fritz	<u>30</u> Hot Dogs - 11-2 pm Dinner Menu - 4-8 pm Music: Fritz												
<u>31</u> New Years Eve Party, Music: TopShelf Hot Dogs 11-2 NFL Package Bar Closes at 4pm reopens at 6 for ticket holders	<u>1</u> 2024 "HAPPY NEW YEAR" Bar Open 10am-7pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Daily / Weekly Events</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Monday</td> <td style="width: 33%;">11:30 am Pinochle 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Thursday</td> <td style="width: 33%;">12-4 pm Hand & Foot 10:30-3:30 PM Bridge 6 pm Karaoke</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>12-4 pm Hand & Foot</td> <td>Friday</td> <td>12-4 pm Poker Omaha Hi-Lo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>3 pm Desert Singles</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>					Monday	11:30 am Pinochle 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers	Thursday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot 10:30-3:30 PM Bridge 6 pm Karaoke	Tuesday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot	Friday	12-4 pm Poker Omaha Hi-Lo	Wednesday	3 pm Desert Singles		
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ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE



I want to thank everyone for coming out to support our Elkette events this year. November was a very busy month and December will be the same. We have the Elkette Christmas dinner on December 9th. Tickets are \$20.00 and available for purchase in the office. Our menu is delicious. Spareribs or baked chicken with potatoes gratin, vegetable & my most favorite dessert Crème Brûlée. The Dixie Bells will perform, and Tim Hope will be our Entertainment for the evening. Our theme is “Winter Wonderland” and it will certainly prove to be yet another memorable event. Cocktail hour starts at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. Don’t forget to buy your See’s candy. It makes a sweet Christmas gift. The Elkettes will be selling the candy in the Lodge every evening except on Sunday till it is gone. Another great gift idea is the Lodge Challenge coin. Cookbooks are available for \$20.00. Amazing Elkette recipes

to try out. We have received names for the Giving Tree that will be located in the Lodge Office entrance area. Just pull a tag and the awesome office ladies will register the tag. Last year we made it a wonderful Christmas for 105 children and their foster families. Please help us again this year to make some wishes come true for children who sometimes have a pair of shoes or a coat on their wish list of gifts. Remember when you have your evening meal at the Lodge to get that dessert when the Pie Angels come by. Each month we donate from the proceeds of pie sales. We are able to donate \$500.00 every month to a charity.

I want to thank all the Elkettes for their volunteer hours. We could not do all the amazing things we do without you!! I am beyond honored to be the Elkette President this year!

Gabriele Medley – Elkette President



Elkettes donated \$500 to Faith and Grace, a local domestic violence service from the Elkettes “Pie Sales” program. Pictured (back row from left to right) Faith and Grace board members Susan Murphy, Jean McDougal, President Kathy DeClark, Elkette Pie Chair Lisa Nutt with Elkette President Gabrielle Medly. In the front row are Faith and Grace Volunteers Virginia Michels and



With funds raised from “Pie Sales”, the Elkettes donated \$500 to the H.A.V.E. N. House (a domestic violence service). Pictured from Left to Right are Elkette President Gabriele Medley, Kelsey Thurmin with H.A.V.E.N. House, Pie Chair Lisa Nutt and Elkette Member Scott Piestorff.



Monday Dancers Donated \$250 to HAVEN. (front row ctr) is Kelsey Thurman HAVEN Victim Advocate, DJ/ Dancers Lynne Hall and Brenda Powers. Dancers behind.



Monday Dancers donated \$250 to the Lodge Expansion Fund. Pictured in the front row are ER Paulette Nanteau (center) with DJ/ Dancers Brenda Powers and Lynne Hall. Remaining dancers in back two rows.



VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



As we enjoy Autumn and the annual outings at Williams and Wickenburg are behind us, we have also been working hard to fill our calendar for 2024 with the help of our membership. I solicited site information from you and ended up with 14 options for outings; then, put out a survey where we received 49 responses back. The results of the survey gave us direction to move forward. We took the top 5 of your choices and I put a Campout Committee together to make phone calls to the various RV Resorts and present to the committee dates that were available in each of the months. This is what our calendar will look like for next year.

Date Location Host Co-host

January 20-28 show Quartzsite Ho-Host
Vagabonds dates not known

Feb 29-March 3 Coachella RV Resort Trisha Ito Marty/Diane Weston

March 18-21 The Oasis RV Resort Open Open

April 18-21 Verde Ranch RV Resort Joyce/Mike Grabowski Deanna/Richard Marsh

May 29-Jun 1 Ruby's Inn Bryce, Utah Jackie/Dennis Newbeck Barb/Les Campbell

Jun-Aug DARK

Sep 18-21 Williams Open Open

Oct TBD Wickenburg Joyce/Mike Grabowski Open

We really appreciate those whom have stepped up to Host and Co-host; but as you can see, we still need some help. If you would like to do one of these jobs just contact myself or anyone on the board. If you have not done it before we will make certain we pair you up with someone who has. Tickets for our annual Christmas party have been on sale since Tuesday, October 7 in the main office. If you have not yet picked up your tickets you still have time. Our Christmas Party is on Sunday, December 3... 5pm for cocktails and 6pm for dinner. Fritz will be our entertainment for the evening. Enjoy your holidays!

Jackie Newbeck
Vagabonds Secretary



Volunteers packing Back Packs for the annual Veterans Standdown with essential items needed such as tarps, hygiene supplies, food items, water bottles, drinks, socks and food.



Veterans Day Free Lunch

The Veterans Day free hot dog or hamburger and chips lunch was a total success at our Lodge.

Chuck Fox did an outstanding job coordinating the food service for the event. I would like to commend our volunteers who made every effort to support our Veterans and their guests on this special day: **Bill and Debbie Horton, Larry Branguin, Pat Martino, Ron Sanderson, Gary and Wanda Parsons, Sheri Sanderson and our very own ER: Paulette Nainteau. Eva Fox, who photographed and coordinated having our Six Pin-up girls show up to serve our Veterans. What a fantastic job they did. Finally, Diane Watts for decorating the tables in red, white and blue for our Veterans.**

We had 198 folks show up for our Veterans Day event and collected \$525 in ticket sales and donations for the Veterans fund.

I am extremely proud of those who attended our annual event, to honor our Veterans. May God bless our Lodge, our Veterans and may God bless the United States of America.

Bud Watts
Elks Lodge Veterans Committee Chair



"HighWay Clean-Up"

A big Shout Out and Thank You to Elk Members who came out to participate in the High Way Clean-Up on October 19,2023.

Thanks Again,
Dan Dieter
HighWay Clean-Up Commissioner



Elk Members along with our new "Parade" Elk (pictured above), getting ready to participate in the Veterans Day Parade. Thanks to Vanessa Brewster, our Trustees and PER Pat Martino for stepping up and getting the new Elk ordered and delivered. Also, thanks to PER Don Carter for the use of his trailer so we can proudly display our new Elk acquisition.

FISHING CLUB REPORT

The dates for the Nov. Derby's will be, Dec 6th and 20th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Weigh-in will be at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes from 12:00 -12:30pm. 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 Mon., Dec. 9th at 11:00 a.m. 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 Sat. Dec. 9th. This will be our Christmas Dinner Party and the meeting will take place after dinner. Social hour will be from 5-6pm and dinner from 6-7pm.

Our Nov. meeting produced the following list of officers for the year 2024 to be voted on by the Club during our Christmas meeting:

President – Jerry Boyce, Vice President – Charles Robertson, Treasurer – Jennie Robertson, Fishing Co-Ordinator's: Larry Boles, Dave Fanning, Larry Heller, Don Obradovich. Positions appointed by the Executive Committee are: Web Master – John Burns, Indocrinations – Jim Hatter, Sunshine Lady – Ester Thayer.

The phone list for the Christmas Party has been completed. If you did not submit your dinner request to a Board Member, call Charles or Jennie Robertson at 928-486-2279.

The Fishing Club donated \$500 to the "Giving Tree" for the purchase of Christmas gifts for underprivileged children. Any member wishing to donate additional funds may do so by donating to the Elkettes who are managing the Giving Tree Program.

The Derby on Oct. 18th was won by Jim Richardson and Bryce Wann with 5 fish weighing 19.78 lbs. Bryce also won Big Fish with an 8 lb. striper. Second Place went to Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 3 fish weighing 4.86 lbs. Third Place was won by Don Obradovich and Ryan Parker with 3 fish weighing 3.51 lbs.

The Derby on Nov. 1st was won by Mike Michaels and Bill Webley with 5 fish weighing 14.37 lbs. Mike caught Big Fish of the Derby with a striper weighing 4.22 lbs. Second Place went to Kevin Johnson and Greg Maus with 5 fish weighing 11.62 lbs. Third Place was won by Jim Richardson and Shondra Wann with 5 fish weighing 11.12 lbs.

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.



The Elks Fishing Club donated \$500 to the Elkettes in support of the "Giving Tree" program. Pictured (left to right) are Elkette President Gabriele Medley, Club Vice President Charles Robertson and Fishing Club Secretary/Treasurer Jennie Robertson.



Member Bud Watts was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame on Oct. 13, 2023. Pictured above (left) is Bud receiving his medallion and plaque. Pictured above (right) is Bud receiving his Lapel Pin and his wife Diane receiving a support Pin. Congratulations.



"Halloween Costume Party Winners"

Mens -Marcus Montepagano (Monte) (top left)

Women's -Vicki Bill-Morrison (bottom left)

Couple/Group – Daniel, Nayele, and Ashley (top right)

Most Unique - Marcus Montepagano and Cheryl Montepagano (bottom right)



ER Paulette Nanteau presented a donation of \$1,000 to the River Riders for their annual Christmas Run to purchase toys for children. Other River Rider members Paul Linse, Frank Androezzi, Brian Pluta, Paul Becker



Elkette Officers, PER's and Elkettes ready for the Lake Havasu City London Bridge Day Parade.



Arizona Elks Association Vice President JeRay Bellon and his Wife Nita, are introduced to the Lodge October 30th. Vice President Bellon represent the Arizona East District (left picture). In the picture on the right Vice President Bellon is introduced to the Lodge OPfficers, PER’s and Committee Chairs. Following introductions , a meeting was held which was followed with dinner and attending a Lodge event.



“Be Kind To Your Mind” 2023 Drug Awareness Poster Winners. Winners were presented certificates by Lake Havasu City Mayor, Cal Sheehy and ER Paulette Nainteau. Winners and their families, teachers and guests were treated to a luncheon. All of the winners were from Oro Grande Classical Academy .



Pam Depweg being sworn in as “Loyal Knight” by AEA Vice President - West District/PDDGER Hank Thonnard , on November 7,2023.



“Elkette’s Beach Boys Tribute Concert”

The “SouthWest Surfers” (a Beach Boys Tribute Band) performed at the Elkettes Concert . A “Fantastic” time was had by all. It was a pretty packed house, with lots of dancing and comradery. All proceeds from the Concert going to the



“Veterans Day”

Following the Veterans Day Parade, the Lodge provided free Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Chips to all Veterans. Over 100 Veterans were served along with their guests and friends making the meals served almost 200. Serving the meals were the “Rock-A-Billy” Pin-Up Girls. It was a memorable day for all.

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Fred Luedeman

To Our Absent Members

Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns

JOIN THE DOOR GREETERS TEAM!

“Meet”, “Greet” and “Get to Know” our members as they enter the Lodge.

Volunteer greeters needed to be at the door from 4pm to 7pm Monday thru Saturday at the height of the season. Training will be provided to all volunteers. We aim to schedule greeters for only two days a month.

COUPLES ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER AS A TEAM!

SINGLES ARE FINE.

As a token of the Lodge’s appreciation 2 drink chips per person will be provided at the end of each shift.

Please call Hank Thonnard PDGGER (702 327 4294) for details or to volunteer some time.