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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

2023 - 2024 Lodge Officers

Exalted RulerDennis Bulck

Leading KnightCathy Hart

Loyal Knight Tarrance Marrill

Lecturing Knight Cheryl Garner

SecretaryJanet Koath

Treasurer

Patrea Christofferson

EsquireLeAnn Kersten

ChaplainAileen Boomgaard

Inner Guard Kim Knicker

TilerCarol Burns

Lodge Trustees

Mike Crawford Larry Craver, PER Jackie Helm Bill Knicker Sue Stokes

House Committee

Derek Romanowski
Cathy Hart
Kim Knicker
Janet Koath
Dylan McGivor
Thressa S.
Albert Torrisi

Club Manager Dylan Bobb Hello Mesa-Buckhorn Elks!!

It's MARCH already and my time as your Exalter Ruler is winding down. I am finding it a little difficult to write my message this month. It's been a great year! We have **ALL** accomplished some amazing milestones as well as some just about to occur. All in all, it was a very rewarding year AND, without all of our members, our Lodge could not have been so

being part of this.

I want to thank all of my Officers, both elected and appointed, for all of their help and support. All of my Committee Chairs and their volunteers throughout ALL the events of this past year have made Mesa-Buckhorn again the shining jewel of Arizona

Elkdom. Special thanks to Deb Melton, PER, my mentor this past year - Chirp! Chirp!

successful. A HUGE Thank You from myself and the rest of our Lodge Officers for

The Charity for March is Youth Activities. Some of the facets under Youth Activities are the Student of the Month, Hoop Shoot and the Soccer Shoot. This past year we had more than 20 youths take part in the Hoop Shoot from our Lodge. On the Soccer side, we took part in a MASS shoot that saw over 500 budding soccer stars compete at a combined Shoot in Scottsdale. Your charitable support this month will help us grow those two programs as well as the many others that comprise the BIG category of Youth Activities.

I would like to conclude this message by once again thanking each and every member of Mesa-Buckhorn Elks Lodge #2656 for making this a year full of remarkable events and great accomplishments, and leaving me with memories to last a lifetime.

Always remember ...

We Are **THE** Elks!

Fraternally

Dennis Bulck Exalted Ruler Mesa Buckhorn Elks # 2656

Lodge Committee Chairpersons

Relief Committee	Dennis Bulck, Cathy Hart, Tarrance Marrill,		
	Cheryl Garner-Vaira, Janet Koath, Patrea Christofferson		
AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING	Judy Zeman		
FRATERNAL COMMITTEES:			
Americanism	Debbie Melton, PER		
Flag Day	PER Association		
Memorial Day	PER Association		
Elks National Foundation	Cheryl Garner		
National Veterans Services	Debbie Melton, PER		
Membership	Dennis Bulck, ER		
Investigation	Jay Cervetto		
Orientation	Dennis Bulck, ER		
Lapsation Report	Sue Stokes		
LODGE COMMITTEES:			
Accident Prevention	Jackie Helm		
Boy Scouts	Bill Foucher, PDDGER, PER		
Communications and Public Relations .	Tarrance Marrill		
Community Activities	Giorgio Philips, PER, Debbie Melton, PER		
Youth Activities	Kathy Schelhas PER		
Hoop Shoot	Matt Watson		
Soccer Shoot	Jeff Horton		
Drug Awareness	Apryl Bolin		
Government Relations	Giorgio Philips, PER		
House Committee	Derek Romanowski		
Club Manager	Dylan Bobb		
Entertainment	Dylan Bobb		
Mediator	Sue Stokes		
PER's Association	Debbie Melton, PER		
Photographer	Tarrance Marrill		
Presiding Justice	Don Weinland		
Protocol	Edi & Gary Adams		
Queen of Hearts	Jean Kidwell		
Scholarships	Paul Green, PDDGER, PER		
Slingo Committee			
Social Welfare	Tarrance Marrill, Carol Burns, Jackie Helm, Judy Fisher		
Arizona Elks Major Projects	Cathy Hart		

2022-2023	Debbie Melton	2001-2002	Wymon Burks * Bubi Konrad	1988-1989	Bob Braun * Bill McKee, PDDGER
2021-2022	Giorgio Philips				,
2020-2021	Kathy Schellhas	2000-2001	Bill Foucher, PDDGER * Gene Hays	1987-1988	<i>B. Kellenberger</i> *Pat Gilmore
2018-2019	Richard Bredahl	1999-2000	Floyd Harlan	1986-1987	Harry Cohn
2017-2018	Richard Bredahl	1998-1999	James Thomas		* Mike Burgio
2016-2017	Larry Craver		* Bubi Konrad	1985-1986	Harry Cohn
2014-2016	Ray Calderon	1997-1998	George Glas		* P. Pinsonneault
2013-2014	Jeff Hodder	1996-1997	Mike Roberson	1984-1985	Al Erlandson
2012-2013	Jeff Hodder		* Ralph Smith	1983-1984	Hugh Cook * D. McClaskey
2011-2012	Nick Kass	1995-1996	Larry Plummer	1000 1000	·
2010-2011	John Edwards		* John Edwards	1982-1983	* John Edwards
		1994-1995	Jack Siefer	1981-1982	* Frank Ekdahl
2009-2010	Ray McKernan		* Len Cassidy	1979-1980	* Bruce Griffith
2008-2009	Tim Jones	1993-1994	Allen Johnson	1978-1979	* R. McGinness
2007-2008	Ray McKernan		* Harold Marshall	1977-1978	* James Martin
2006-2007	Bob Adams	1992-1993	Harold Propp		
2005-2006	Mike Johns		* Don Knuson	1975-1976	* Dennis Fulcher
		1991-1992	B. Kellenberge	1974-1975	* Dean Bentz, PDDGER
2004-2005	Larry Craver		* Richard Bredahl	1973-1974	* Al Terfehn
2003-2004	Larry Craver	1990-1991	Paul Green, PDDGER	1964-1965	* Sam Bender
2002 2003	002 2003 Wymon Burks		* Joe Young	1963-1964	* Bruce Perkins
	* Austin Roy Acuff	1989-1990	O. A. Rosendahl * Pete Peterson	1952-1953	* Ray Jacquet

^{*} Denotes Mesa Lodge #1761 PERs (before merger) ITALIC Denotes Deceased

Mesa Buckhorn Elks Transfer PERs

This to recognize and thank all of the Transfer PERs that are a part of our lodge. Thank you for all that you do at our lodge and all that you have done for ELKDOM.

Van W. Dunham	1992	Claremont, NH # 0879	Carl Peters	1974	Englewood, CO # 2122
Alfred D. Erlandson	1984		Craig Philips	1999	Grand Rapids, MI # 48
Richard P. Frombgen	1985	Lodge is Closed	Jerold E. Tilden	1996	Norwalk, CA # 2142
Jean Hiltunen	2011	LeBanon, PA # 2099	Delma J. Turnbull	2011	Tempe # 2251
Stephen Lafreniere	1977	Casa Grande, AZ#	Don Weinland	1984	Fort Colins, CO #804
William R. Lawson	1992	Vacaville, CA # 2638	Ken Willmon	1992	Bend, OR # 1371
Shari Lawson	2003	Littleton, CO # 1650			

Volunteer Hours

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BOB ADAMS	32	KIM KNICKER	363	
EDI ADAMS	93	JANET KOATH	60	
GARY ADAMS	54	SUSAN KRATZNER	278	
GARY ANGEL	13	JOHN LACERDA	40	
CAROL AUSTIN	27	BILL LAWSON	4	
KIM ATWOOD	94	SHERI LAWSON	7	
VICKIE BASS KATHLEEN BARNHART	142 35	GARY LEWIS BOB MAGNUSSON	2 16	
DIANA BAUER	33 84	BARB MARRILL	26	
MAYNARD BAUER	30	TARRANCE MARRILL	338	
HARRY BEALL	1	JOHN MCCARTHY	5	
AILEEN BOOWGAARD	17	LYNN MCCARTHY	62	
ARIL BOLIN	8	BEVERLY MCKAY	21	
DE BOYER	2	DEBBIE MELTON	365	
ANNA BOZOVICH	29	TROY MELTON	75	
LYNN BRANNON	2	DEE METZ	105	
SCOTT BRYAN	24	VAL MILLER	25	
TRACY BRYAN	24	PAUL OBRIEN	89	
DENNIS BULCK	160	SUE OCKER	27	
CAROL BURNS DEBBIE BURNS	660 3	SHIRLEY PARMLEY	24	
DENNY BURNS	2	PATRICIA PETIT AMY PHILLIPS	9 20	
DOUG CARDEN	9	GIORGIO PHILLIPS	283	
SINDY CARDEN	7	BRIAN RICSE	40	
CORAL CARMICHAEL	116	GEORGE RINARD	47	
JOHN CAROUSO	27	KATHY SCHELLAS	146	
LEN CASSIDY	447	CAROLYN SCHEK	72	
JAY CERVETTO	79	KEN SHADLEY	121	
STEVE CHANDLER	7	BECKY SHILDMYER	56	
VIOLET CHANDLER	144	JOE SHILDMYER	56	
CHERYL CHASE	7	JOANN SMITH	71	
PATREA CHRISTOFFERSON	253		143	
MIKE CRAWFORD	531		2	
STEVE CRAWFORD	113		4	
SUE CRAWFORD JEFF CROCKER	5 2	DEBRA STEFANIAK	18 2	
CAROL DANLEY	12	ROBERT STEFFED LINDA STEVENS	38	
GERMAIN DAVIS	76	MICHAEL STEVENS	18	
JAN MCVAY DICKEY	9	SUE STOKES	4	
JIM DUARTE	28	MAUREEN SUCCOP	7	
LOUISE DUARTE	28	GEORGE SVOBODA	60	
RICHARD EBNER	1	THERESA SVOBODA	418	
JUDY FISHER	163	HOPE SWANK	2	
CAROL FULLMER	2	HOPE TAFT	9	
TONY GONZALES	108	ROBERT TAFT	7	
PAUL GREEN	12	MARILYN TAKAS	6	
VERNA GREEN	6	PAT TANINIES	213	
CATHY HART	94	KAREN TENBOER	2	
KRIS HART	57	MARC THOMPSON	2	
GERALDINE HEINRICY JACKIE HELM	39 244	ALBERT TORRISI JOHN J TOTH	44 1	
JIM HETKEMAN	4	LARRY TRAPANI	3	
SHARON HILLAN	83	JAMES TYRELL	25	
JUSTINE HUSKEY	301	CHERYL VAIRA	481	
LILIANE JENKINS	1	E K WAGNER	6	
KELLY JOHNSON	39	MERLE WALES	6	
LORI JOHNSON	83	DON WEINLAND	509	
LISA JONES	157	DEE WILLIAMS	898	
BARBARA KALEMBER	2			
JEAN KIDWELL	204			

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BILL KNICKER

JERENE KNICKER

Propositions for Membership:

As per Grand Lodge Statute, these are now posted in the lobby of the Lodge and will be going forward.

Please review them and be ready to cast your ballot on the meeting as listed on the posting.



Proposing a New Member?

When proposing a prospective member, please advise them of the following rules:

Once they have been proposed and paid their \$50.00 application fee, until they have been initiated and have their membership card they:

- May only allowed to sign in their spouse (no other guests)
- Cannot visit another Lodge or use another Lodge's facilities (campgrounds)

Also, when you propose a prospective member, please support them by attending their initiation.

VETERAN'S CORNER

This last month we worked at Valor on 8th for our monthly work at the pantry handing out food, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items to the residents there. It is so rewarding when the residents tell you how much it means to them that we are there for them! We also had 5 more Welcome Home kits put together by Judy Fisher to give to veterans who are moving into their new homes. These kits help make an empty apartment into a home and helps the veteran save a lot of their money by not having to purchase pots and pans, dishes, silverware, bedding and more.

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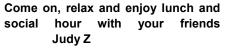
Debbie Melton, PER



LADIES LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 7th

Starts at 11:30. Lunch is \$7, Chef's choice for lunch.





Office Hours:

Secretary: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from

10am-to 2pm

Or By Appointment

Treasurer: Monday through Thurs

10am - 12P Noon

Or By Appointment



House Committee Meals

480-427-2973

SUNDAY:

Mar. 3 Chicken Kiev \$12

Mar. 10 Pot Roast Dinner \$10

Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day Special Menu

1pm to 6pm

Mar. 24 Chicken Fried Steak \$10

Mar. 31 Easter Brunch 10am to 2pm

MONDAY:

Mar. 4 Pork Tenderloin Sandwich \$8

Mar. 11 PER Broasted Chicken \$7

Mar. 18 Brat or Polish Dog \$6

Mar. 25 Tacos 2 for \$5

Volunteer Recontion Dinner

Hello all Mesa Buckhorn Elks Volunteers!

Remember to submit all your volunteer hours by February 13th, so we can extend an invitation to you for the volunteer dinner which will be held on March 3rd. If you are close to the required 24 hours, come into the lodge, and I am sure someone can use your help to get you qualified.

VOLUNTEER HOURS CUT OFF DATE: FEBRUARY 13

DINNER: MARCH 3RD

COST: VOLUNTEERS EAT FREE. \$15 FOR EACH

GUEST

Volunteer(s) of the Month

Len Cassidy, PER

In addition to the many hours Len puts in working on the PER broasted chicken and BBO ribs programs and working House Committee meals, he also spends many hours helping our Lodge to run smoothly. He orders the pull tabs for the machines, keeps the machines stocked and repairs the machines as needed. Also, on his own time, he comes into the Lodge every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to take out the banks for the morning bartender. He is also kind of a "mister-fix-it" for the many small jobs that need to be tended to, albeit, it usually involves duct tape. Next time you see Lenny, thank him for his service to the Lodge. If you know of a deserving member, you can nominate him/her for VOM by putting a note

Kitchen Hours

Wednesday - 11:30 am - 7:00 pm

Thursday - 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Friday - 11:30 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday - 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am - 11:30 am



In December we initiated 29 new members to our lodge. Our lodge continues to grow by the membership exemplifying and promoting Elkdom. Thank you for that! Welcome the new members. The Lodge only thrives if it's members are actively participating in the functions of the lodge. We are always in need of volunteers. If you are unsure of how to volunteer, please ask one of the lodge officers.

February - Elk's National Foundation

ENF provides scholarships, community grants, veteran grants and so much more. Here are two videos to watch on what ENF does.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Fqo9Y_2CBY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-M_3trbDWtQ

Please see Lecturing Knight Cheryl if you want to be involved in any of the fundraising events that are planed.

Veteran's Committee

Greetings Everyone!

It is hard to believe it is March and the last month of our Elks year! The Veteran's Committee has been busy all year helping Veterans in our community and hopefully next year we will be doing even more!

This last month we worked at Valor on 8th for our monthly work at the pantry handing out food, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items to the residents there. It is so rewarding when the residents tell you how much it means to them that we are there for them! We also had 5 more Welcome Home kits put together by Judy Fisher to give to veterans who are moving into their new homes. These kits help make an empty apartment into a home and helps the veteran save a lot of their money by not having to purchase pots and pans, dishes, silverware, bedding and more.

We are also in talks with the Arizona National Guard to hopefully be able to send care packages to our local National Guardsmen who are deployed around the world. I don't have a lot of details yet but hope to have more information after our March 6th meeting, so stay tuned!

In the last year, we have used a \$1000.00 grant to help Ashley's Place, which is a women's transitional home. We also used a \$5000.00 grant for Valor on 8th to supply food, hygiene products and cleaning supplies to the veteran residents there. We found that we will have to up our grant requests for next year due to the need for food there! We have also used a \$2500.00 grant for the women's and babies' program at the VA Hospital. With an average of 25 babies being born at the VA hospital, these products help give the mom and baby a good start in life.

This is my last month as Chairman of this committee, but I will still be there helping the new leader and the rest of the committee! My thanks to Vickie Bass, Pat Taninies, Beverly McKay, Judy Fisher, and Dee Metz. (I hope I haven't missed anyone) You all have made my job so much easier, and I look forward to continuing to work with you all!

Continue to support our committee and our Veterans!

Thank you!

Queen of Hearts

Hello My Fellow Elks,

The Queen of Hearts pot is starting to build up again! At this time we are just over \$10,000.00. As always the Queen of Hearts Committee is very thankful for your continued support, you are the true Hearts in all of this. Part of our team will be gone to Colorado, Tony is there supporting his Grandson during football season for a couple months. We wish him and his Grandsons team the best of luck! A huge thanks Derek and his House Committee, Bartenders, Albert and his Crew in the kitchen, and Dylan for keeping it all on track! Of coarse thanks to all the people who volunteer their time to make this the best Lodge in Arizona! Let me not forget the GREAT volunteers I work with: Kim K, Germaine, and Bert (as he fills in for Tony)! You're the best!

I Love and look forward to seeing and meeting all of you every week! You make it my Wednesday night fun!

Sincere Thanks
Jean Kidwell—Chair of Queen of Hearts

GRANTS FOR OUR LODGE!

Thanks to the Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program our lodge received 5 different grants this year. We are already using 3 of them to help Veterans.

We received the Freedom grant for \$1,000. This grant has been helping Ashley's place, which is a women's transitional shelter in Phoenix. We were able to get them curtains, curtain rods, food, meat, baby items, etc.

We also qualified for the Focus Grant again. Once again we are partnering with the Chandler Elks to supply food, cleaning supplies and hygiene items to Valor on 8th. This is a subsidized apartment complex helping veterans. Our grant is for \$5,000 this year.

We are using our Gratitude grant for the Women's and Baby program at the VA. With approximately 25 babies being born each month at the VA, mothers sign up to take classes to help get their babies off to a good start. The VA then gives each new mom a tub full of newborn baby supplies to help start their life. Our grant of \$2500 will help replenish those supplies for the VA.

Our Spotlight and Beacon grant will help 3 of our local schools this year. The Spotlight grant is worth \$2000 and the Beacon is worth \$4000. The Beacon can be split into 2 projects. Principals have been requested to send their request for projects up to \$2000 that their schools need. We will be choosing the schools in September that will win a grant.

The Elks National Foundation makes these grants possible with your help and donations. I hope you will consider making a donation today to continue helping our community in the future!

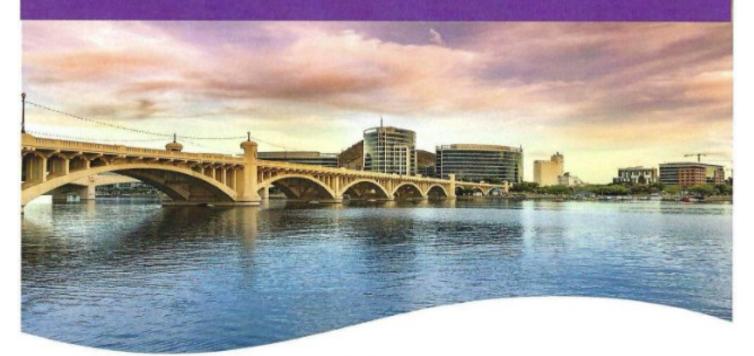
Scholarships

The Elks have several different scholarship programs. The main scholarships open to Seniors in high school are:

- the Most Valuable Student
 - Applications are closed
- Legacy Scholarship
 - Applications close in February
- Emergency Grant
 - For students that have a family emergency
- Vocational Scholarship
 - For students that will be going to a vocational/trade school

The Most Valuable Student Scholarships open September 1st and closes February 3. The emergency grants may be applied for at any time

BLOOD DRIVE



Mesa Buckhorn Elk's Lodge #2656

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, March 9th

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dining Room ~ 6718 E. Avalon St, - Mesa, AZ

To schedule an appointment, visit donors.vitalant.org (Enter Sponsor Code: P1E32), scan the QR code or call Vitalant at 877-258-4825.



Vitalant is the sole blood provider to 93% of Arizona hospitals, ALL of Maricopa County.







St . Patrick's Day



Come to the Lodge to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The menu will be:

- Corned Beef and Cabbage for \$13
- Ruben Sandwich and Fries for \$13
- Steak and Guinness Stew for \$10

The menu items will be available from 1pm to 6pm.

There will be drink specials as well!





ATTENTION ALL ELKS MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE! March 30, 2023 4:00 pm

Installation of Officers Ceremony and Dinner

Please come join us to welcome the new officers for 2024-2025.

All members are welcome to attend the installation ceremony and dinner.

*To attend the dinner, you **MUST** attend the installation ceremony at 4:00 pm. There is no charge for dinner.

The Bar will close during the ceremony and will reopen immediately after the ceremony is finished.

Please sign up on the sheet located in the lobby so we can get a good count for the ceremony and dinner.

Making a Difference Citation

Mesa Buckhorn Elk Lodge # 2656



Grand Lodge gave our lodge this award due to all of our hard work for helping Elkdom grow and supporting our community. Abae sure to continue to turn in your volunteer hours

Outstanding Service Citation

Linda Stevens



Linda is a recent transfer to our lodge. Ever since she has joined our lodge she has jumping to help set up some of our lodge events and multiple other ways. She has been a great asset to our lodge. Please tell her congratulations on a well deserved award.

Outstanding Service Citation

Kim Knicker



Kim has been a member at our Lodge for awhile. Kim is always selling 50/50 tickets, Queen of Heart tickets, helping to bus tables and so many other things. Please tell her congratulations on a well deserved award.

Special Recognition

Beth Romanowski



Beth is always volunteering here at the lodge. She is always willing to help anyone with any event or activity. She always has a smile on her face. Every morning, Beth and her husband Derek are here cleaning the lodge to get it ready to open for business. Thank you Beth for all of your efforts in making Mesa Buckhorn Elks a great lodge!

Citizen of the Year

Christopher Brunst



Christopher Brunst is the new Principle of Jefferson Elementary. His predecessor left him big shoes to fill and he did an outstanding job! Christopher continued the strong partnership between Jefferson Elementary and Mesa Buckhorn Elks. We were able to continue to do the Hoop Shoot, the Kids Shopping Spree, Girl Scouts, and other activities at Jefferson Elementary. With out Christopher Brunst's partnership we could not of accomplished everything that we did this year. Thank you Christopher. The award will be presented to him at a school assembly.

Elk of the Year

Derek Romanowski



Derek has been a long time member of this lodge. He was this year's House Committee Chairman. He is always helping out at the lodge behind the scenes. Derek and his wife Beth are here everyone morning cleaning the lodge. We all appreciate all of his efforts over the last year. Be sure to tell thank you for all of his efforts. Derek has a heart of true Elk.

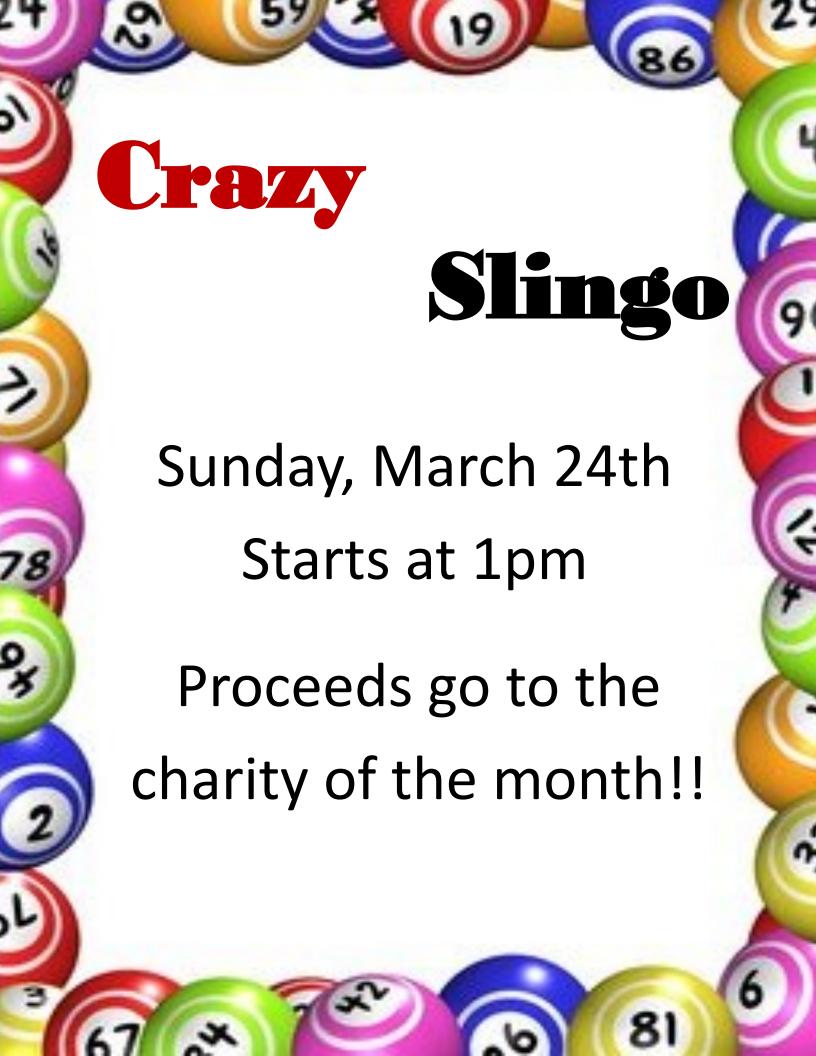
Officer of the Year and ENF Award Winner

Cheryl Garner





Our Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Cheryl Garner, became a full member last year and immediately jumped into a leadership position at the lodge. Along with being a Chair Officer, Cheryl was the Lodge's ENF (Elk's National Foundation) chair. With her leadership the lodge has had over a \$13 per capita giving. She also got a personal award from the National ENF committee for her efforts.



MESA BUCKHORN ELKS LODGE "BEFORE IT GETS HOT" GOLF TOURNAMENT

4 PERSON SCAMBLE-SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024

MEN AND WOMEN GOLFERS WELCOME- MIXED TEAMS OKAY

THIS EVENT BENEFITS ORUG AWARENESS

7AM SHOTGUN START
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 6 AM

PAINTED MOUTAIN GOLF COURSE EARLY ENTRY \$100 PP BY MARCH 29TH MULLICANS
2 and 10 Raffle
Tickets \$20
4 per team

ENTRY DEADLINE April 6, 2024 ENTRY FEE AFTER: \$120.00 PP INCLUDES: GOLF, CART, LUNCH, AND 1 RAFFLE TICKET.

GREAT HOLE ACTIVITIES SO BRING YOUR CASH!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MESA BUCKHORN ELKS OR Call: 480-981-2763 ask for Janet to pay by CC. Guest Meal Tickets: \$10

WE WILL HAVE TEAM PRIZES, RAFFLES, and 50/50 at the Lodge

Immediately after the tournament.

Tum sign in sheets to the Bar or, contact Bob Boudro @ 480-459-0735 or Lisa Jones @ 307-248-3631 or Email: Sportzgirl247@gmail.com

GOLFERS NAME & PHONE	# of GUEST TICKETS
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4.	

Lunch Provided by Chef Brian Riese, Owner of Comfort Creations