



Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686

The Desert Sign



2023/2024 OFFICERS:

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Message from the Exalted Ruler:

Greetings Elk Brothers and Sisters,

Well, here we go! Triple digits are here. I have been out of town getting some much-needed therapy with my grandchildren. Always good for the soul. I hope and pray all of you are taking some time to be with your family and friends.

This week the national convention is taking place in Minnesota and Deanna Kupcik, your Chaplin this year, has agreed to represent us. Arizona is growing in membership and as a result we have been recognized as third in the country for new members. And why not, we are awesome. Just ask any one of us.

Thank you to all who attended the Flag Day and Father's Day ceremonies. We had a bigger than usual crowd and good food. Thanks to the volunteers who always go the extra mile to make sure we make these events successful and enjoyable.

I also had the pleasure, along with our scholarship committee, of handing out several scholarships to deserving young students who give hope for the future. I personally met with some of the students and families of the recipients. It is a great testament to the families of these students, seeing firsthand that family values are still alive and well in our society.

We have a golf tournament coming up on October 7 along with some other events including a couple of visits from the Arizona State Elks Association. So keep an eye on the calendar and get involved if you want.

Thank you for your continued support. You all are the best.

Steve Staudinger
E.R Buckeye Lodge 2686

Love your family. Spend time, be kind & serve one
another. Make no room for regrets.
Tomorrow is not promised & today is short.

Message from the Secretary-

Membership cards have been sent out for those who paid before 06/25/2023. If you do not receive your card by July 14th, let me know and I will resend a new card. Please don't forget to send in your dues for the new Lodge year that started April 1st, 2023. Buckeye Elks Lodge 2686 is at 81% paid!! Let's make this year 100%! Please, if you have any questions, email me at bpoe2686@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Elks Care - Elks Share



Elks Bits and Pieces...



1. **LODGE MEETINGS**—Our Regular Lodge Meeting for July is on the 12th. The meeting start time is 6:00pm. Officers-Mark your calendars! Members-Remember, you're welcome and encouraged to attend our Regular Lodge Meetings!

2. **MEMBERSHIP** - Our current membership is at 197, and we are looking forward to initiating more in the future. If you have a future Elk in mind, bring them in!

3. **DELINQUENT DUES** - Please drop off your dues in-person or mail them in, if you haven't already!!

4. **A GOOD ELK IS AN ACTIVE ELK** - Looking for fellow Elks to be part of the many fundraising committees we have. Come into the Lodge, sign up, and help us to help our community.

5. **The AEA Elks Training Quiz#11** - It's now online. Sign in to [www. ArizonaElksAssociation.org](http://www.ArizonaElksAssociation.org), and take the quiz to represent the West District Elks Lodges.



4. **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE** - The profile name of our Instagram account is bpoe-2686. The profile name of our Facebook account is Buckeye Elks Lodge No 2686. Our Website can be found at <https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?lodgeNumber=2686>. Please let Leatta McLaughlin or Faryn Hardin know if you would like to post something in our Instagram account, Facebook page or website.



Elks Care Elks Share Membership Update-June

**We will be having another initiation July 12th.
If you have a candidate, get in their application!**



INCREASES:		DECREASES:			
Initiated	0	Dropped/Deceased	0	Total Current Members	197
Transferred in	0	Transferred Out	0	Total Delinquent	38
Reinstated	3	Absolute Dimit	0	% Delinquent	19%



Committees Sign Up!!

We have plenty of committees that need your help!!

Come in and find the best committee for you and sign up.

Some committees include Veteran's, Youth and Memorial.

We look forward to this next year being filled with Elks helping the community.



DUES

March 31st was the end of the Lodge year. If you did not get your dues in, please drop them off in-person or mail them in!! Thank you.

Grand Lodge dues have risen another \$5, but our Lodge dues are still the same. \$85 covers your dues and ENF donation!

We had a great start to getting dues in, we have 81% of our members already paid!

We look forward to another great Elks Month!

Have you taken your Elks Training Quiz??

Do you know what it means to be an ELK? Go online and take the quiz. You may learn something new about being an Elk.

Quiz #11 is now available for you to take!! Let get our % up and take our District!!

Sign in to

Arizonaelksassociation.org

And take the quiz!

ONLINE
TRAINING



Buckeye #2686 can be top of our district with your help!! Let's take the district title!!

"Join the ENF Fidelity Club Today"

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll on line at enf.elks.org/recurring and start gift today! If you prefer to sign up through the mail, click here for an enrollment form.

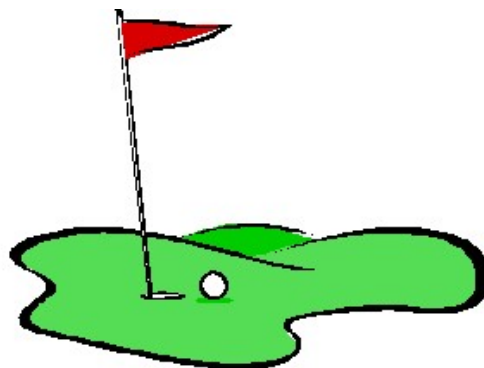
Questions? Contact enf@elks.org or (773) 755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity



**Out of 324 Fidelity Club members in Arizona, Buckeye Elks Lodge
only has 1 member. Who wants be #2 and #3?**



31st Annual Gregersen Open Golf Tournament



Saturday, October 7th at Tres Rios Golf Course at Estrella Mountain.

Deadline for entries is October 2nd.

Stop by the Lodge for a sign up flyer or email

bpoe2686@gmail.com and one can be emailed to you.



MEETING NOTICE!

Reminder: Meeting Dates on



Wednesday @ 6pm

July 12th



UPCOMING EVENTS

mark your calendars

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesdays—delicious dinners by our members

July 12th—Initiation

Notes for June

•Stay Tune for Dinner Update! A big thanks for Tuesday Dinners. Thank all who cook for the Elk's members.

•Remember to check out our Facebook page for events and our meeting shout out!



Stop by and visit and remember to bring a friend to our dinners to help raise money for our charities.

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

Just a Little Memo

Please check us out on Facebook and come to our Special Dinners open to the public. These are amazing dinners and bring a friend. You will not be disappointed. We encourage you to come, Bon Appetit!





This Month in our Community



On June 17 we held our annual Flag Day Ceremony which also included ceremonies for Fathers Day and Scholarships.

We would like to thank all the volunteers that made today possible, including making breakfast for all in attendance. Also, a huge thank you to Girl Scout Troop 623 for assisting with the flag presentation.



On March 31st, Exalted Ruler Stephen Staudinger presented a \$3,800 check to All Faith Community Services. Part of the funds will go towards the Buckeye superheroes backpack program. Elks care, Elks share!



Prayer Corner



As the warm summer months have started, please pray for friends and family that work hard in the heat.

May their days be filled with safety and protection.





A Little Back in the Past



Thanks for our Police and Fire Department

In November 2022, Thanks to Trustee Eric Cooke for cooking turkeys and surprising the [Buckeye AZ Police Department](#) and [City Of Buckeye Fire Department](#) each with a turkey! Happy Thanksgiving!



Prayer Corner



If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the Prayer Corner, please email us at BPOE2686@gmail.com.

This can be an anonymous prayer, a specific prayer or any other prayer you would like our members to do.





• "On this special day, I raise a toast to you and your life. Happy birthday."

• "Where liberty dwells, there is my county" - Benjamin Franklin...

Trivia questions:

- In the US, what food do we celebrate all month long in July?
- What are the long hot days of July often called?
- True or False: On July 6, we celebrate National Fried Chicken Day.

July 's Birthday's

Susan Boyles, James Tweed July 2nd

Brian Benton, Larry Burger July 3rd

Lucky Edwards July 7th

Nick Lowery July 10th

Wayne Lenox July 11th

Tom Kassebaum July 12th

Curtis Ward July 16th

Ronald Henry July 19th

Mike Hardin July 22nd

W Alex Heiden July 24

Bob Strander July 27th

Gary Herring July 29th

Jack Bailey July 31st



AUGUST

•"Happy Birthday! Your life is just about to pick up speed and blast off into the stratosphere. Wear a seat belt and be sure to enjoy the journey. Happy birthday!"

•"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August"-Jenny Han

Trivia questions:

- There are 2 birth flowers for August. Can you name either one?
- August is a relatively common boys' name in which country?
- Which music performance and dance television program had its network debut on ABC on August 5, 1957?

August Birthday's

Ryen Ramsdell August 1st

Broc Benson, Gregory Hogue August 2nd

Susan Foose, Theresa Webster August 4th

James Boyles, Eric Cooke August 5th

Jeffrey Becker, Mackenzie McAchran August 8th

Jack Pelzel August 8th

Jean Theodore Francis August 10th

Richard Sartor August 11th

Phillip Federico, James Kerr August 12th

Ed Hall August 13th

Tara Snyder August 15th

Jerry Cockrum 22nd

Lishia Hayes, Patrick Hayes August 25th

Edward Carter August 28th

Jerry Wright August 29th



July Activities

July 1st National Postal Worker Day

July 4th Independence Day

July 14 National Macaroni and Cheese Day & National Motorcycle Day

July 23 National Day of the Cowboy

JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3.	4 	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Dinner—see lodge wall for menu	12 5p Trustees 6p Lodge/ Initiation	13	14	15
16	17	18 Dinner—see lodge wall for menu	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Dinner—see lodge wall for menu	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August Activities

August 2nd National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

August 3rd National Watermelon Day

August 17th National Pencil Day (So get out your pencil)

August 24 National Waffle Day

AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Dinner—see lodge wall for menu	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Dinner—see lodge wall for menu	9 6p Lodge meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15 Dinner—see lodge wall for menu	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Dinner—see lodge wall for menu	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Dinner—see lodge wall for menu	30	31		