



# Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686

## The Desert Sign



### 2023/2024 OFFICERS:

Exalted Ruler  
STEVE STAUDINGER  
Esquire  
ADAM HARDIN  
Leading Knight  
TARA SNYDER  
Loyal Knight  
DIANE BOST  
Lecturing Knight  
FARYN HARDIN  
Treasurer  
THERESA STAUDINGER  
Secretary  
LISA SCHENK  
Inner Guard  
WANELL COSTELLO  
Tiler  
HONDO JIMENEZ  
Chaplain  
DEANNA KUPCIK

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### Message from the Exalted Ruler:

Happy Summer fellow Elks.

Things are heating up, and it won't be long before we miss those cool mornings, afternoons, evenings, and weekends. Let's face it, we live on the face of the sun, but we love it.

A while ago, we started serving food on Tuesdays, and it has been very well received: good food, great company, and making new friends. The menu for the next few Tuesdays is displayed in the Lodge so check it out when you are down there. I had the pleasure of seeing a long-time member renewing his membership the other evening, and it just recalled the dedication and work we do to keep the legacy of the Buckeye Elks Lodge 2686 alive and well in the community. No matter your thoughts or beliefs, we all have the same goal when we join this association to help where and when we can our community, veterans, children, and all those in need. If you know someone who hasn't come down in a while or we just haven't heard from for a bit, reach out and make contact. Always good to see a familiar face and renew old friendships. I can't thank you enough for your dedication and support. We have some great events coming up, including flag day and our annual golf tournament. If you haven't attended these events in the past, I would recommend you try and attend. They are fun and help us keep doing the work that we do. Check the calendar and keep an eye out for announcements for upcoming events and dinners on our social media pages. Our committees are working hard to make each event a success for both the Lodge and the people who attend. I encourage all to entertain the thought of joining a committee or two. Or just check them out, but be careful because you might have some fun.

Along with our committees, our Trustees are always working hard to keep us moving forward. A special thank you to Leatta for your expertise and keeping us successful. These members donate their time behind the scenes not wanting any recognition or rewards, just pure dedication to keeping us moving. Thank them when you see them. Let's make this a good year and let's continue to make some good memories for us but more importantly for those we can help.

Thank you,

Steve Staudinger

Your E. R. Buckeye Elks Lodge 2686

*The past is the past, the future hasn't happened yet, and isn't promised. The only thing we can control is how we handle the present. Try and do something for someone that makes you feel good at the end of the day.*

### Message from the Secretary-

Membership cards have been sent out for those who paid before 05/25/2023. If you do not receive your card by June 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. We unfortunately had to drop 16 members due to delinquent dues from the previous Lodge year. 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 June is on the 14th. 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-May

**We will be having another initiation soon.**

**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	41
Reinstated	3	Absolute Dimit	0	% Delinquent	21%

## 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 79% of our members already paid!

*We look forward to another great Elks Month!*

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## *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](http://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!!***

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## **"Join the ENF Fidelity Club Today"**

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

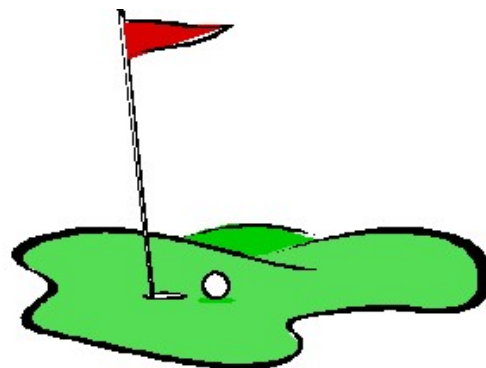
Questions? Contact [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org) or (773) 755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity



**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**

Only One Meeting

June 14th



## UPCOMING EVENTS

mark your calendars

### Mark Your Calendar

June 17th Saturday Flag Day/Father's Day &  
Scholarship Recipients Celebration Brunch at 10am at  
Buckeye Elks Lodge 2686

## Notes for May

- Tri Tip dinner on May 12th was a super success, and Sold Out! Bakes potato, green beans, roll and dessert.
- 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***



## Thank you

Elks Lodge members Sherry Herrod, Lee Cook, and Wanell Costello volunteered early this morning to put flags on the graves of our service men and women in honor of upcoming Memorial Day.

Thank you to Sherry, Lee, and Wanell. And more importantly, thank you to our service men and women and to our veterans - we salute you each and everyday.



### *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.





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## *A Little Back in the Past*



On June 14, 2021 the Buckeye Elks Lodge were able to commemorate Flag Day along with awarding scholarships to three amazing high school graduates: Clara Barragan from Odyssey, Christopher Laurirano from Estrella Foot-hills, and Abby Noel from Verrado.

They each received a \$2,000 Most Valuable Student Scholarship. Congratulations to each of them! Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #623 for carrying our flags during the ceremony. Happy Flag Day!

### *Prayer Corner*

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the Prayer Corner, please email us at [BPOE2686@gmail.com](mailto:BPOE2686@gmail.com).

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







The Buckeye Elks Lodge will be hosting a Flag Day ceremony on June 17 at 10am. We will also be honoring fathers for the upcoming Father's Day. During the ceremony we will also be awarding scholarships to selected students. After the ceremony and awards our lodge volunteers will be serving a delicious breakfast to celebrate Fathers and the scholarship winners.

Girl Scouts Troop 623 will be helping to present the flags for the ceremony. Please come show your support and enjoy the ceremony and breakfast.



Bob  
Costello's  
Car  
Show



## T-Shirts Available

The 2nd Annual Bob Costello's Car Show was held Saturday, January 28th, and we have t-shirts available for sale at the Lodge!!

The sale of the shirts will go towards the Bob Costello Vocational Scholarship Fund.

Shirts are \$20 & \$25, depending on the size, while supplies last!!





# June



•“Wishing you a beautiful day with good health and happiness forever. Happy birthday!”

•"There are two great days in a person's life-the day we are born and the day we discover why."

-William Barclay

•Find 7 Balloons



## Trivia questions:

- Which day in 1919 did the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantee women the right to vote pass by Congress.
- What is the birthstone in June?
- What day does Father's Day fall on this year?



## June Birthdays

*Richard Zaborske June 1st*

*John Day June 5th*

*Carman Marshall June 12th*

*Deryl Tomsic & Conrad Villegas June 13th*

*Alejandro Jimenez June 15th*

*Hector Bermudez June 16th*

*Jeannie Stacy June 17th*

*Kevin Johnson June 19th*

*Ruben Garza June 22nd*

*Steven Moore June June 23rd*

*Robert Hunt June 24th*

*C J Broadbent & Theresa Staudinger June 26th*

*Terry Wine June 26th*

*Steve Ganley June 28th*







•"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*

# June Activities



Days in June to Remember!

June 14 Flag Day, June 16 Father's Day-don't forget,

Enjoy great weather!

Keep your eyes out for more updates and added events!!

# JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 5p Trustees 6p Lodge	15	16  Flag Day	17 Flag/Father's Ceremony and breakfast 10a
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# 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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