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**Lodge meetings:** 7:00pm the first and third Wednesday in September through June, and the third Wednesday only in July and August

Social Quarters open: Sunday 2-7pm, Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 3-9pm, Tues & Wed 2-9pm  
Hours may vary based on patronage-Special Prices till 6pm Monday through Friday

*Officers and Committee Chairs 2011 – 2012*

Officers

|                       |                    |          |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Exalted Ruler         | Mike Comerford     | 275-7586 |
| Est. Leading Knight   | Carolyn Shelton    | 887-8248 |
| Est. Loyal Knight     | Marv Thompson      | 360-9559 |
| Est. Lecturing Knight | Ted Collins        | 349-8977 |
| Secretary             | Lynne Buckel       | 744-2034 |
| Treasurer             | Sherry Lasuzzo     | 887-0877 |
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| 2-yr Trustee          | Donald Baker       | 579-0646 |
| 3-yr Trustee          | Mollie Palmer      | 887-5474 |
| Tiler                 | Kellie Smith       | 981-0562 |
| Esquire               | Anne-Marie Markham | 850-3044 |
| Chaplain              | Ernesto Quiroga    | 206-6094 |
| Inner Guard           | Wendell Avery      | 903-8122 |

Committee Chairs

|                        |                     |          |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Accident Prevention    | Don Baker           | 579-0646 |
| Americanism            | Carolyn Shelton     | 887-8248 |
| Auditing & Accounting  | Ken Miller          | 888-2741 |
| Blood Drive            | Mike Comerford      | 275-7586 |
| Community Activities   | Carolyn Shelton     | 887-8248 |
| Elks Training          | Al Carr             | 744-1086 |
| Flag Day               | Carolyn Shelton     | 887-8248 |
| Gov't. Relations       | Mike Comerford      | 275-7586 |
| House Committee        | Kellie Smith        | 981-0562 |
| Indoctrination         | Mike Comerford      | 275-7586 |
| Justice of Sub. Forum  | Eugene Benevenia    | 797-1423 |
| Lodge Activities       | Carolyn Shelton     | 887-8248 |
| Major Projects         | Cat Taylor          | 820-7640 |
| Membership             | Brian Taylor        | 904-6437 |
| Monarch Editor         | Sherry Lasuzzo      | 887-0877 |
| National Foundation    | Mike Lunceford      | 293-9164 |
| National Vet's Service | Bernie McCaffery    | 293-4677 |
| PER Association        | Al Carr             | 744-1086 |
| Protocol Coordinator   | Ira Cohen           | 250-6737 |
| Public Relations       | Wendell Avery       | 903-8122 |
| Visitation             |                     |          |
| Youth Activities       | Don Baker           | 579-0646 |
| >Cub Scouts            | Don Baker           | 579-0646 |
| > Hoop Shoot           | Don Baker           | 579-0646 |
| > Soccer Shoot         | Don Baker           | 579-0646 |
| > Scholarship          | Eugene Benevenia    | 797-1423 |
| > Special Olympics     |                     |          |
| > Drug Awareness       | Theresa Leal-Holmes | 297-4003 |



## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Mike Comerford

WOW! We had a busy September. A great big THANK YOU is extended to all the members and their guests that attended the Labor Day Hot Dog Fest, the 9/11 Remembrance Event with Arizona Elks Association Vice-President, Paul Green and his Lady, Verna, and the AEMP Oktoberfest. We had great fun and received many compliments about the friendliness of our Lodge.

In our Initiation we mention that we hope as Elks we have a sense of obligation and of wrong, and in our hearts a rapture of a high resolve. Our Lodge members' sense of obligation is evident every day. The events we held in September could not have successful without the support of those who attended.

Our sense of obligation is met by all who visit our Social Quarters and support the Lodge through the purchases of the services offered by our House Committee. While more help is needed in Committee work, those members who come frequently to the Lodge are vital to our well-being.

Our sense of wrong should be more evident when we criticize others. We have all taught our children and grandchildren that it is better "to praise publically, and condemn privately". It is also a mantra in successful business management.

The rapture in our hearts of a high resolve is also evident and abundant in our Lodge. the enthusiasm of our volunteers and other members is shown every day and for every event.

Let us continue our work in helping the children and veterans and members of our community as we have in the past and redouble our efforts to give others the joy of Elkdom.



#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

We are growing in membership. Thanks to those members who have sponsored a new member. There is a special award from the Grand Exalted Ruler for those of you who sponsor 3 or more members in the current Elks year.

October is the month we will be visited by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Tom Bright, on 10/9. Please consider coming to the meeting that evening so we can show him what a great Lodge we have.

With the cooling weather, we are starting to see some returning members at the Lodge again. It is good to have you back! In the coming months we will have several opportunities to give back to our community through charitable contributions. Please contribute to these worthwhile events if you can.

If you need to reach me, please call 744-2034 or 403-6585 and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Loyally ,  
Lynne Buckel

FROM THE HEART OF YOUR LEADING KNIGHT &  
AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

The holiday is approaching fast and the time for good deeds, Charitable acts and all around kindness, is near. We have such Generous members that it seems like the holidays every day! Our Adopt A Platoon program is running smoothly, with gifts that keep coming in thanks to your great hearts. The thought and care that you give to our men and women that protect us is overwhelming. I would like to thank you from them. Being so far from home any time, specially during the holidays, is hard for any one. They work every day, with their lives in danger, not knowing what tomorrow will bring. Our donation box is in the hall, by the front entry way, for your gifts. We have sent twelve (12) care packages to date. Again, thank you for your kindness. If you missed it, our 911/Firefighter dinner was quite a moving Experience, with good food and very emotional speeches. It is always a tragic remembrance. It is a day you will always know what you were doing when you heard the news. I was care-giving for a couple whose son worked in building four and they waited for over four hours for the call saying he was alright. He saw terrible things that morning and his life will never be the same. Our firefighters continue to work hard and had to leave right when dinner was being served, but were able to return,unharmed,to enjoy the great steak dinner waiting for them.

I am proud to be an American and especially proud to be a member of Casas Adobes Elks Lodge.

Carolyn Shelton  
God Bless America

AEA VICE-PRESIDENT VISIT  
By  
Mike Comerford, Exalted Ruler

The Officers of our Lodge met with Arizona Elks Association (AEA) Vice-President East, Paul Green on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This was a required visit by the AEA to review our operations and performance of the duties required by Grand Lodge.

Our performance was rated outstanding. The Chairpersons of the various committees that are listed in the Monarch are to be congratulated for their work. If you see any of them in the Lodge, please say thank you to them for their efforts.

Vice-President Paul Green also attended our 9/11 Remembrance event with his Lady, Verna. Both expressed their appreciation of the friendliness and enthusiasm of our Lodge members. The highest compliment came when they indicated that they would return as POMS (Plain Old Members) to enjoy the hospitality of Casas Adobes #2663.

I would like to personally thank the Officers and Committee Chairs for their work and attendance. Another person to thank is Kay Baker who acted as the Escort for the VP's Lady Verna. As expected, Kay did an excellent job.

## OKTOBERFEST, 2011

We had a fun-filled evening on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Those who attended were treated to excellent brats parboiled in beer and then grilled. The Sausage Shop once again provided the brats. Carolyn Shelton made two outstanding sauerkrauts, one a traditional German version, and the second, an extremely tasty Red Cabbage version. Both were great. Cat Taylor provided fantastic homemade German potato salad. Mary Perry and Verna Moore supplied scrumptious desserts. All were greedily eaten. Thank you ladies for your hard work and help.

Debbie Ellison provided music and karaoke that had our members and guests singing and dancing. Her ability to get people involved was an added benefit to the evening.

Many thanks are given to Rose Fuhs, Brian Taylor, and Fran MacLennan for their work serving and cleaning up after the party. Another set of thank-you mentions go to Nancy Turner for help with the raffle and to Cat Taylor for selling both 50-50 and raffle drawing tickets. Andy Anderson drew all the winning tickets for our members and guests. Thanks, Andy.

Speaking of the raffle, over 28 prizes with a value of about \$1,000.00 were won that night. A big thank you goes to our merchant neighbors and members for their donations.

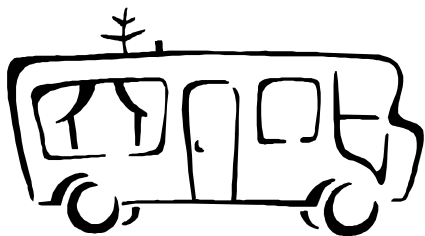
Attendance was lower than expected, but we still raised \$250.00 net for the AEMP. Thank you to all that attended and/or participated. Your support helps us maintain the title "The Most Giving Lodge in Tucson".

Kids and the Camp By  
Linda Lewandowski  
Executive Director, AE

In August a number of Elks from Tucson East Lodge #2532 demonstrated just how much they care about kids. These wonderful Elks and their Youth Activities Committee members worked with a local school to identify twelve deserving fifth graders and give them the opportunity of a life time—five terrific days at the Arizona Elks Youth Camp. On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, they loaded up the kids, counselors from U of A, a ton of food, beverages, bedding, craft supplies and, the ever-popular marshmallows for the trip. From all reports, all had an excellent time!

Like so many Elks, Tucson East members take great pride in the things they do for children, and rightly so. The kids who went on this trip will never forget the fun and excitement of watching a deer in the wild, wading through a stream or sitting around the campfire. I'll bet if you ask any of the Tucson East members who worked on this project, they would all say that while it was a lot of work, it was incredibly rewarding.

If your lodge is interested in hosting a group of deserving children, the Arizona Elks Youth Camp is one of the best venues around. The camp is open by reservation from early May through late October. Reservations for 2012 will be available as of November 1, 2011. If you want to know more, visit us at [www.elks4kids.org](http://www.elks4kids.org).



The Cactus Jumpers/Outcasts RV Club's annual Christmas campout and party will be December 8 to 11 at Cochise Terrace RV Resort in Benson. Members wishing to attend should bring a check for \$25 for the first night made payable to Connie Turner to the November 1 club meeting. Dinner on Saturday night will be catered at no cost to members. Karaoke by Debbie will follow dinner.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send a check for \$25, payable to Connie Turner, to: 7659 W. Desert Spirits Dr., Tucson, AZ 85743.

Our Wagon masters for the Christmas campout are Dave & Glenda McFarland and Dave & Nancy Antone.



LODGE OF SORROWS

ROY ROMERO



## HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hello,

Glad to see some of the Mt. & winter visitors returning.  
On the 2nd Nancy Turner is having a jewelry party with hour dars @  
2pm.  
Every Monday is Taco's  
Every Thursday hamburgers, fries, hot dogs or salad.

On the Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> is the Fish/Shrimp dinner, we will  
have chicken breast, for those who wish not to eat  
fish. Please call the Lodge to let us know. Prices will  
be posted @ the Lodge.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We're also going to have Halloween party on the 29<sup>th</sup>, come  
down to the Lodge with your costume. There will be food & music & prizes.

Kellie Smith  
H.C.C.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

James K. Esbeck

Frances L. MacLennan

Allen P. Stark

Lawrence E. Duffy

Ingeborg B. O'Kelley

Wayne L. Forney, II

Michael A. Soto

Michael R. Lunceford

Eric J. Higginbottom

Alden K. Drury

John R. Davis

Donald A. Ferguson

H. Leroy Anderson

Herald R. Jaeger

Patrick O'Connor

Ira S. Cohen

Gregory C. Bayle

Richard Beaudin

Don Oakland

Wayne E. Starkey

Timothy E. Huntington

Ann M. Jordan

Glenda F. Page

## PAST EXALTED RULERS

|                               |       |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Clayton Bonner                |       | 84-85 |
| Ernest Estrada, PDDGER        |       | 85-86 |
| Robert Alexander*             |       | 86-87 |
| Don Douglas                   |       | 87-88 |
| Sam Maiorana                  |       | 88-89 |
| Ken Short                     |       | 89-90 |
| Christopher Lawson (Deceased) |       | 90-91 |
| Phil Dietrich Sr.             |       | 91-92 |
| Vincent San Angelo (Deceased) |       | 92-93 |
| William Marsh (Deceased)      |       | 93-94 |
| Clayton Bonner                |       | 94-95 |
| Clayton Bonner                |       | 95-96 |
| Mike Dietrich*                |       | 96-97 |
| Mack F. Dickerson             |       | 97-98 |
| Lyle Sparks (Deceased)        |       | 98-99 |
| Steve Heising                 |       | 99-00 |
| Steve Heising                 |       | 00-01 |
| Steve Heising                 |       | 01-02 |
| Steve Heising                 |       | 02-03 |
| Dan Ball                      |       | 03-04 |
| Dan Ball                      |       | 04-05 |
| Lorraine Heising              | 05-06 |       |
| Michael Lunceford             |       | 06-07 |
| Ira Cohen                     |       | 07-08 |
| Don Baker                     |       | 08-09 |
| Mollie Palmer                 |       | 09-10 |
| Albert Carr                   |       | 10-11 |

Douglas S. Woods (Ajo, AZ)  
 Sam Dodson (Globe, AZ)  
 Charles Shaddock, PDDGER (Burley, ID)  
*\*No longer a member of the Order*

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### "Friends of the Monarch"

| Member Name        | Paid Thru | Member Name                | Paid Thru |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Anderson, Ginnie   | 12-Apr    | Lunceford, Mike            | 12-Mar    |
| Anderson, H. LeRoy | 12-Feb    | Lunsford, Ray              | 12-Mar    |
| Ault, Howard       | 12-May    | Margetts, Robert Lee       | 12-May    |
| Bagehorn, Ernest   | 12-Apr    | Mariner, Robert            | 12-Apr    |
| Baker, Don         | 12-Feb    | McCaffery, Sheree & Bernie | 12-Feb    |

|                           |        |                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| Baker, Warren             | 12-Apr | McFarland, David          | 12-Mar |
| Bedel, Eileen             | 12-Apr | McGuire, Patrick          | 12-Mar |
| Benevenia, Eugene         | 12-Mar | McGuire-Mooney, Mary      | 12-May |
| Bonner, Clayton           | 12-Mar | McKinney, Douglas         | 12-Apr |
| Bradford, William         | 12-Apr | Miller, Ken               | 12-Feb |
| Bruno, Howard             | 12-Apr | Mirr, Jerry ("JJ")        | 12-Mar |
| Bufford, Elaine           | 13-Apr | Mooney, John              | 12-Mar |
| Burr, Jr., Milton E.      | 11-Nov | Mrotzek, Robert           | 12-Apr |
| Carey, Robert (Max)       | 12-Mar | Neilson, Hildy            | 12-Feb |
| Carr, Albert              | 12-Mar | Nelson, Robert            | 12-Apr |
| Carstens, Robert          | 12-Apr | Nottoli, Robert           | 12-Apr |
| Chapman, A.J.             | 12-May | Oger, Thomas              | 12-Apr |
| Clements, Joseph          | 12-Mar | Ortloff, Chester          | 12-Mar |
| Cohen, Ira                | 13-Apr | Palmer, Mollie            | 12-Apr |
| Coulon, Jerry             | 12-Feb | Paulk, Wm Bruce           | 12-Mar |
| Curry, Wayne              | 12-Mar | Quiroga, Ernesto          | 12-Apr |
| Danielson, Sig & Robin    | 11-Nov | Rathbun, Terry Lee        | 12-Apr |
| DeChant, Eugene           | 12-Mar | Rice, Herb & Betty        | 12-Mar |
| Drury, Alden              | 12-Mar | Rockwood, Michael         | 12-Apr |
| Esbeck, James             | 12-Apr | Rorhbough, Eugene         | 12-Mar |
| Everett, William          | 14-Mar | Ruder, Lawrence           | 12-Apr |
| Ferguson, Donald          | 12-Mar | Ruder, Richard            | 13-Feb |
| Ferry, Raymond            | 12-Apr | Schuchard, Harold         | 12-Mar |
| Fletcher, Rosetta         | 12-May | Schultz, Dennis           | 12-Mar |
| Fortney, Wayne            | 12-Apr | Scott, Edward             | 12-Mar |
| Gacilos, Vincent          | 12-Apr | Shadduck, Charles         | 12-Mar |
| Golinski, Susan           | 12-May | Short, Kennety            | 12-Apr |
| Hannah, Andrew            | 12-Mar | Smith, Burke              | 12-Feb |
| Hessel, Hartman           | 12-Apr | Smith, Marion             | 12-Mar |
| Hightower, John & Renee   | 12-Apr | Sparacino, Allan          | 12-Feb |
| Hinnant, Ira              | 12-Apr | Streleski, Patricia       | 12-Mar |
| Howell, Elton             | 13-Mar | Sullivan, Bill and Joanne | 11-Oct |
| Huntington, Tim & Phyllis | 12-Mar | Sweat, Robert             | 14-Apr |
| Hurtado, Vince            | 12-Jun | Taylor, Robert            | 12-Mar |
| Jackson, Robert           | 12-Mar | Thompson, Donald          | 12-Apr |
| Jardee, Tim               | 12-Apr | Thompson, Mark            | 12-Apr |
| Kariolich, Richard        | 12-Apr | Thompson, Ross            | 12-Mar |
| Kettle, Callie            | 12-May | Tudor, James              | 12-Mar |
| Kellum, Gerald            | 11-Dec | Turner, Dave              | 12-Jan |
| LaMere, Margaret          | 12-May | Turner, Woody & Nancy     | 15-Mar |
| Lee, Robert E.            | 12-Apr | Ulmanek, Welsey           | 12-Apr |
| Long, Betty               | 12-Feb | Wetterlind, Willard       | 12-Apr |
| Long, Larry               | 12-Mar | Zuleger, Kelly            | 12-Apr |

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program and Legacy Awards, as well as the Arizona Elks Association Vocational Grants and Special Needs Scholarship programs are in full swing.

By the time you read this, I will have visited and spoken with the staff in the Guidance Departments of Mountainview High School, Flowing Wells High School and Marana High School. They will all have received posters, brochures and scholarship applications and instructions.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) program in the field of education are outstanding. The Most Valuable Student scholarship offers to any high school senior in the country going to a four-year college in the fall of 2012 the opportunity to win one of 500 awards starting with two first-place awards of \$60,000 (\$15,000 per year for 4 years), two second-place awards of \$40,000 (\$10,000 per year for 4 years), two Jack London third place awards of \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year for 4 years), two fourth place awards of \$16,000 (\$4,000 per year for 4 years), two fifth place of \$12,000 (\$3,000 per year for 4 years), four sixth place awards \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year for 4 years), four seventh place awards of \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year for 4 years) and 482 runners up awards of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years).

The Legacy Award s (up to 250 of them nationally are in the sum of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year of 4 years). These are available to high school seniors who are going on to college in the fall of 2012. As an Elk, you should pay particular attention to this award as it is available to any child, grandchild, stepchild, step grandchild or legal ward of a living Elk who joined the Elks on or before April 1, 2009 or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2009. The Elk must be a high school senior and must apply online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). Applications for the Legacy Awards are due no later than February 1, 2012.

The Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications are available through the lodge and the rules, instructions are all attached to the application. The deadline for filing is December 2, 2011.

The Arizona Elks Association also offers Vocational/Technical Grants to students who plan to pursue an eligible vocational/technical course, above and supplemental to, high school or preparatory schools. The application can be obtained through the Scholarship Chariman of the lodge or through the Arizona Elks Association Scholarship Committee.

Any question can be directed to me as your lodge Scholarship

### *ELECTRONIC MONARCH-2<sup>ND</sup> MESSAGE*

*Last month we talked about entering the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the publication of the Monarch. Some questions were raised by those who do not have computers. WE ARE NOT STOPPING THE MAILING OF THE MONARCH. We will continue to mail the Monarch to those who do not sign up for electronic delivery. We are trying to control costs in the Lodge. Currently the Monarch mailing expenses are approximately \$8.00 per year per member. You can see the savings we could achieve by sending it electronically. So far response has been slow. There are members who want it electronically that have not responded.*

*Please send us a note via email to our special mailbox [elk2663@yahoo.com](mailto:elk2663@yahoo.com). We really believe this will help us keep you better informed of what is occurring at the Lodge and also reduce our cost of operations. When you send your note, please send from the email address that you would want to receive the Monarch. In other words, if you send it from your office, then you might receive the Monarch and other notifications there instead of your home. Just let us know.*

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We all know that our Lodge has become the success it is due to the work of our Volunteers. As Exalted Ruler, I know that our Volunteers are the reason for our success. All of our bartenders, cooks, servers, clean-up personnel, decorators, yard and building maintenance workers, football pool operators, committee members and Officers are volunteers. We all appreciate a thank you for a job well done. These volunteers work hard to provide all of us with the amenities and the safe building that we use. When you see any and all of them, a simple "Thank-you" goes a long way. (This does not mean that the Social Quarters' bartenders and servers do not appreciate our tips.)