



# The Corral Newsletter

**Save the Date:**

**Flag Day**  
**June 14, 2024**  
**4:30 Ceremony**  
**Followed by**  
**Dinner & Music**



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**Elks Care**  
**Elks Share**

## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Greetings Fellow Elks,

Congratulations to You - Elks Lodge #2350 - for earning the Arizona Elks Association "ELKS LODGE OF THE YEAR" for the East District. I was at the annual meeting to accept the plaque on your behalf along with Angie Schenk and Chad and Debbie Knutson. Lodge #2350 was also awarded 1st place in the Bulletin Brochure Contest. At the AEA Convention, we made several excellent contacts with Elks throughout Arizona who have offered to give us insight on how our lodge can have an even greater impact on the communities we serve.



Speaking of awards, did you know Elks Lodge #2350 was awarded the distinction of "All American Lodge in 1992-93? With your help, we can pursue the honor again. I am confident that with your ideas, participation, and enthusiasm, our lodge can achieve the status of "All American Lodge" 2024-2025! Please talk to any of our officers or committee members to volunteer with the many activities and events our Lodge sponsors.

Also at the convention, Chad Knutson and I had the pleasure of presenting a BIG check to Richard Ross, the Executive Director of Arizona Elks Major Projects, to support the University of AZ Steele Children's Research Center and the Jack C. Warter, Jr. Youth Camp northwest of Globe. The donation was made possible with the proceeds (\$1,065) from the Elks Cash Bar at the Toby Keith Tribute concert at Sun City Anthem plus an additional \$500 donation from our Lodge. The donation was gratefully received.

Reach out to Chad Knutson who is organizing several important events in the month of June. One specifically is help with the "Feed the Troops" at the Browning-Miller Readiness Center in Florence on June 15th. Another great opportunity is to join the Elks National Foundation with a tax-deductible donation by signing up for monthly giving in the Fidelity Club. It's easy, go online to [enf.elks.org/recurring](http://enf.elks.org/recurring) for more information.

In closing, please spread the word about the good works you, Elks Lodge #2350, do for our communities. Remember, Elks Care – Elks Share.

Fraternally,

**"Bob"** Robert Beck

\*Note: I am researching the awards and recognitions our lodge may have earned in the past. I would appreciate any information you may have regarding the award history of Lodge #2350.



## Mission Statement

### Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

#### *A Fraternal Organization*

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that *Elks Care* and *Elks Share*.

#### We are...

- A fraternal order with hundreds of thousands of members and a 150+ year history.
- A network of nearly 2000 lodges in communities all over the country.
- A generous charitable foundation that each year gives millions in scholarships, an inspiration to youth, a friend to veterans and more.

#### Origin

The Elks organization was founded in New York City on February 16, 1868 under the name "Jolly Corks" by 15 actors, entertainers and others associated with the theater. In ensuing years, membership expanded to other professions.

#### Purposes

This Fraternal Order was founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship."

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# MEMBERSHIP



## Invite a friend to join the Elks?

You can send your friends this [link](#) to start the application process. The completed application will be sent to our lodge.

Applications are also available at the Lodge.

## Membership Statistics

### Year-to-Date Membership Statistics for Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350

Elks reported on April 1st, 2024: 442  
 Elks affiliated by demit or certificate of release: 4  
 Elks affiliated by reinstatement: 1  
 Elks Initiated: 10  
 Elks on roll as of May 31, 2024: 455  
 Elks removed from roll: 4  
 Elks in arrears for 2024-2025: 76  
 Net membership gain to date for 2024-25 Lodge Year: 12

Membership retention begins with a welcoming atmosphere in the Lodge. Be sure to reach out to new members to let them know their presence is appreciated.

## Membership Dues

### Did you forget to pay your dues?

No worries, you can still pay your dues today. You can drop off a check, pay with credit card or cash with the bartender, or send a check to:

Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge 2350  
 PO Box 133, Florence, AZ 85132

Another option is to pay using the Zelle app. Use BPOE2350@gmail.com as the recipient.

We thank you for your membership and value all you do for the Children's Charities, Veterans and the Lodge.

## New Members for Proposal:

Membership is the backbone of a quality Elks Lodge. The Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350 as of May 1st has a membership gain of 10 members.

To demonstrate support and brotherly love, all members are encouraged to attend future initiations of new members in September.

### New members for proposal:

Frank Rex, proposed by Richard Thorn  
 Bryan Faller, proposed by Dawn Winsor  
 Brian Martinez, proposed by Shelley Robinson  
 Gilbert Robles, proposed by Dawn Winsor  
 Glenn Durrance, proposed by Mike Mulliken  
 James Estey, proposed by Chad Knutson  
 Becky Trotter, proposed by Mark Tarjeft  
 Richard Thorn, Transfer Dimit #2227  
 Loren Haid, Certificate of Release Bismarck #1199

## Summer Meetings Schedule

### Board Meetings:

The 1st and 3rd Tuesday's at 5:00

- This is the officers meeting.
- All members are encouraged to attend and observe and learn how the Lodge events are discussed & voted on to be presented at Lodge meetings for official vote.
- Suggestions can be brought to a board member in advance.

### Member / Lodge Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30

- All members are encouraged to attend.
- We will not be having initiations for new members until September.



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



FRONT: Ronnie Cochran, Patricia Cargola, Paul Miesner, Connie Case, Angela Drazkowski  
MIDDLE: Derre Filipkowski, Derek Hulsebus  
BACK: Allen Olson, Richard Pengiel, Jerry Myhre

## Reminder to Register for Elks News

As a new member, please register online at: [www.elks.org/register](http://www.elks.org/register).



Get your password online at: [www.elks.org/register](http://www.elks.org/register)

Elks news, features, and reports.

Works on all mobile platforms including smartphones and tablets.



## Follow us on Facebook

Follow our **Lodge** on Facebook to find out about our events, photos of our members, and our community involvement.

You can find us here:

<https://www.facebook.com/coolidgeflorence.elkslodge.1/>

Help us grow our audience by

- liking a post, share a post or repost.
- tagging a friend.
- Comment something nice, etc.

# VOLUNTEERS



## Meet the Volunteers

Each month, the Corral Newsletter will feature Elk members who routinely volunteer at Lodge #2350. The purpose of this article is to highlight volunteers as well as to demonstrate how YOU can make a difference, too!

### MEET: Varr Myers



Varr joined the Elks in 1997. His first position was Chairman of the Board of Trustee where he remained for over 16 years. Over those years he was recognized for his efforts and was selected for a lifetime membership. Varr was the Exalted Ruler from 2007-2009. It was during that time that the lodge moved to its current location, keeping him extremely busy with the new build of the lodge that we all know today. Over his tenure, he has received both Officer and Elk of the year.

He is still an active member. You will find him in the kitchen preparing for "Fiesta Night" on the 1st Wednesday of each month, and helping out with other tasks that need to be done around the building. Thanks for all you do Varr!

### MEET: Mark Blackwell



He comes from a family that is very familiar with volunteering. Mark worked at Santa Fe BNSF railroad in both craft and management positions. He retired in 2014 after 41 yrs. He held many volunteer position in the office at the Union and joined the Barstow Elks Lodge 1920 44 years ago. When the Barstow lodge closed, he transferred to the Winslow Lodge 536.

Mark and his wife Karen are from CA but have lived in AZ over 30 yrs. They have 2 sons, a daughter, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Mark (Associate Member) and Karen (Member) joined Coolidge/Florence 2350 in April and have already exceeded our expectations as an active member working on many projects here. Most recently Mark and Karen have completed their bartending and food handler certification so they can assist behind the bar and the kitchen. We are so lucky to have them both at our lodge.

**Thank you both for your  
hard work and dedication!**



ARIZONA ELKS CONVENTION  
TEMPE, AZ 5/8—5/12

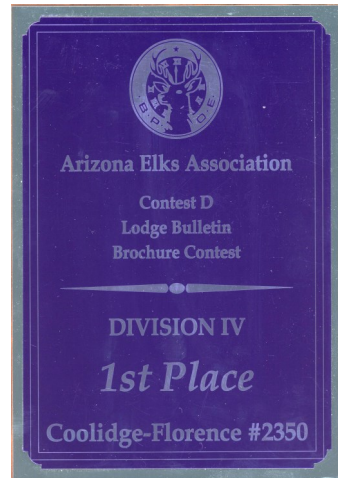


Al Kayal, AEA President, Bob Beck, Exalted Ruler, Randy Shook, Grand Exalted Ruler, Chad Knutson, Leading Knight, Debbie Knutson, Facebook Chair and Angie Schenk, Secretary

Bob Beck, Exalted Ruler, and Chad Knutson, Leading Knight, just Elking around.

We won **Lodge of the year**  
for 2023—2024

We also won **1st Place for the Lodge Bulletin and Brochure Contest**



Thank you to  
our officers and  
our volunteers  
for making this  
happen.



An article was published in the Coolidge Examiner on Thursday, 5/30/2024.



## SUCCESS STORIES

### Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP)

Our members who bartended at the TAD event (Toby Keith Tribute Concert) held on April 3rd, 2024 where we raised \$1065 for AEMP (Arizona Elks Major Projects).



Pictured left to right is Gwen Beck, Exalted Ruler Bob Beck, Loyal Night Dawn Winsor, Sherri Johnson, and Lin McMillan. Not pictured: Mike McMillan

On May 9th at the Tempe AEA convention, Leading Knight, Chad Knutson, Exalted Ruler, Bob Beck presented a BIG check to Richard Ross, the Executive Director of Arizona Elks Major Projects, to support the University of AZ Steele Children's Research Center and the Jack C. Warter, Jr. Youth Camp northwest of Globe. The donation was made possible with the proceeds (\$1,065) from the Elks Cash Bar at the Toby Keith Tribute concert at Sun City Anthem plus a additional \$500 donation from our Lodge. The donation was gratefully received.



Go to [Azelksmp.org](http://Azelksmp.org) to discover how our contributions make a difference in the lives of youth in Arizona.

### Bullets & Balls

Thank you again to our golfers, shooters, volunteers, and all who donated and attended the event.

- We raised approximately \$20,000 for Children's Charities\*
- 88 Golfers
- 64 Shooters
- Over 200 attended the Awards Dinner that included:
  - Shooting & Golf Awards
  - Gun & Basket Raffles
  - Mega Raffles
- Approximately 50 volunteers

\*The Children's Charities include but not limited to:

- Dave's Kids
- CASA Christmas Party
- Scholarships
- Americanism
- Drug Awareness
- Hoop Shoot
- Soccer Shoot
- EFELT
- School Supply Drive

# PUPPY LOVE

## Dog Walking

Our members volunteer to walk dogs on the second Saturday of every month 7AM at the shelter.

On May 11th, a few Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge members helped our local Animal Shelter (PCACC) get the dogs out of their kennels for a walk.

**Volunteers:** Janet Dobogai, Susan Hunt, Barbara Martinez, and Dale and Cindy Buzitis.

**Chair:** Janet Dobogai

About **\$350 worth of items** were collected by our lodge members over the last month and donated to the shelter.



**Next Walk:** Saturday, 6/8/2024 7:00-9:00AM

**Address:** 1150 S. 11 Mile Corner, Casa Grande No appointment needed.



Please consider donating a few hours each month to help these animals.

The shelter is in desperate need of dog food. There is a drop box at the Lodge, or you can order from Amazon and have it shipped to the address above.



Dave and his wife Carol, both Elks members, donated **72** cans of dog food to the PCACC. Dave and Darryl Dobogai, Lodge Trustee, delivered it to the shelter on Tuesday, 5/28.

**Thank you for your generosity!**





# VETERANS CORNER



**Join us for Flag Day**

**Date:** Friday, June 14, 2024  
**Time:** 4:30 Ceremony followed by Dinner & Music by Star Alliance



**Feed the Troops**

**Date:** Saturday, June 15, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00—11:00am  
**Location:** Browning-Miller Readiness Center in Florence

We are looking for volunteers to help “Feed the Troops” on 6/15 at the Browning-Miller Readiness Center in Florence. There will be around 300-400 attending and volunteering will start around 9:00am, serving at 1:00am

**Please show your support and contact Rosemary at 630-479-8147.**

## Father's Day is Sunday June 16th

Looking for a gift for someone in the military or a Veteran? Purchase a paver in our Veteran’s Memorial Park to honor their service. \$100 per paver. 3 lines available up to 18 characters per line. Stop in to see the bartender to place your order



**VETERANS PARK MEMORIAL**

A Veterans Memorial and Park will offer a beautiful place to reflect and honor our Veterans

For veterans alive, deceased, and missing in action.

Open to the Public

## FUNDRAISERS



### Coolidge Unified School



**6/10—7/15**

The lodge will be collecting new clothes and shoes for children ages 7-16 that are eligible based on the McKinney-Vento Act standards from 6/10 through 7/15.

Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be dropped off at the Lodge.

Please help these kids get a good start to a new school year. A list of needed items will be posted at the Lodge as well as a drop off box.

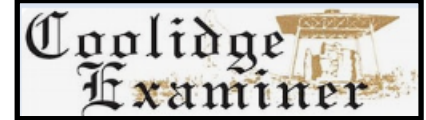
The McKinney-Vento Act requires schools to identify and count students experiencing homelessness as defined by the U.S. Department of Education. Identification of homeless students under McKinney-Vento is a yearlong process. School staff, administrators, and teachers should all be trained in how to identify homeless students. If they believe they know a student who has become homeless, they inform the McKinney-Vento coordinator for their school or district.

### Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummys (EFELT)

EFELT Impact grant donation on 5/22. \$243 worth of food to the Coolidge Kids Klub.



# SCHOLARSHIPS



## These funds are made possible through our Children's Charities Programs

We celebrated our students for the following:

- 8th grade Outstanding Student
- Juniors District Scholars
- Senior Scholarship winners
- State Americanism Winner

\$2000 State AEA MVS Scholarship
\$500 Lodge Scholarship To Those Not Qualifying To The State AEA MVS
\$50 To 4 Students Every Quarter District Scholar
\$100 To The Most Outstanding Student From The Quarterly Scholar At The End Of Year
\$50 To 20 Outstanding 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boy And Girl Students
Total Monies distributed 2023/2024 \$7,600

An article was published in the Coolidge Examiner on Thursday, 5/30/2024.

### 8th Grade Outstanding Student



Pictured left to right: Secretary Angie Schenk, Exalted Ruler Bob Beck, Azlirn Eberly, Jayden Hopkins, Carly Anderson, Dillan Chavez, Gianna Guerrero, Daisy Gonzalez, Charlie Honea, Jacob Hernandez, Leading Night Chad Knutson, Americanism Chair Jeanette Bradeen.

### State AEA MVS Scholarship



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### Lodge Scholarship Winners



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### 4th Qtr and Overall District Scholars



Students Pictured: Juan Ramirez, Brianna Clemens, Shavey Mathis, Nicholas McCracken, Anders Hanson, Riley Scott.

## FHS Senior Awards Night

One of our very own lodge volunteers, Noah Madueno, received 5 scholarships for a total of \$4,000 at the FHS Senior Awards Night. Congrats Noah and good luck at Alfred University in New York,



# MOTHER'S DAY

We held our first Mother's Day ceremony on May 12th with a short ceremony to honor all Mothers and a complimentary pancake and sausage breakfast.

**Thank you to the volunteers who helped at that event!**



A special pancake/waffle for Johnny



# QUEEN OF HEARTS

Join us every Thursday for the drawing.  
Last ticket purchase at 6:00pm. Drawing at 6:30pm.



## April Winners

Debbie Knutson, Johnny Williams,  
Debie Neely, Judy Tarjeft



# GAMES



**May Bingo**  
Congratulations to our May  
BINGO Blackout Winner  
Over \$700

## Shuffleboard



## Cards & Dice



# LODGE EVENTS

## Flag Day

**Date:** Friday, June 14th  
**Time:** 4:30 Ceremony followed by Dinner & Music by Star Alliance



Steak and Chicken Kabobs  
 \$17 members / \$22 non members



CASH BINGO is held at the Lodge the **2nd Monday** of every month! (New Summer Hours)

\$10 to play 10 games  
 Additional \$5 for final black out game  
 Delicious burger basket and drink—\$10

## Get ready for Thrilling Thursday

beginning in June, every Thursday starting at 5pm until gone we are having a **BLUE PLATE SPECIAL** for \$10. Watch your weekly email update on Monday for the special that week

Come in for a bite to eat, get your **Queen of Hearts** tickets and bring your best players for a slightly competitive game of **Shuffle Board**



## Queen of Hearts

**Tickets:** \$5 each  
**Drawing:** Thursdays at 6:30

**Queen of Hearts:** 60% of the pot  
**Jokers:** \$200  
**Face Cards or Aces:** \$100  
**All Other Cards:** \$30

Current card carrying Elks, Spouses, or Widows are eligible to play.

If you are not present at the drawing, you are eligible for 50% of your prize.



Wear a red shirt on Fridays to the Lodge to be entered to win a \$25 gift certificate. Name will be drawn on the **last Friday** of every month.
























**May Winner:** Watch the weekly update for the winner.

# June

**Lodge Hours: Mon-Thur 3-7:00 Fri 3-8:00 Sat 1-5:00**

**Dinner is served Wed & Fri beginning at 5:00pm**

**Thur is our Blue Plate Special beginning at 5:00pm for \$10 (menu changes each week)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2</p> <p align="center"><b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>3 Margarita Monday</p> 	<p>4 Board Meeting 5pm</p> 	<p>5 Dinner Featuring Street Tacos</p> 	<p>6 Chef's Choice</p> 	<p>7 Dinner Featuring Prime Rib &amp; Sausage &amp; Peppers</p> 	<p>8 PCAC dog walking 7-9am</p> 
<p>9</p> <p align="center"><b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>10 BINGO &amp; Burgers 5:00pm</p> 	<p>11</p>  	<p>12 Dinner Featuring Chicken Fried Steak</p> 	<p>13 Chef's Choice</p> 	<p>14 Flag Day Ceremony 4:30 Dinner/Music</p>  	<p>15 OPEN</p> 
<p>16 Father's Day</p> <p align="center"><b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>17 Margarita Monday</p> 	<p>18 Board Meeting 5pm Member Meeting 6:30</p> 	<p>19 Dinner Featuring Flatbread Pizza</p> 	<p>20 Lodge is open 3-7:00 - Private Party in the Event Center</p>	<p>21 Dinner Featuring Prime Rib &amp; Margarita Burger</p> 	<p>22 OPEN</p> 
<p>23</p> <p align="center"><b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>24 BINGO &amp; Hotdogs 5:00pm</p> 	<p>25</p>  	<p>26 Dinner Featuring BBQ Ribs</p> 	<p>27 Chef's Choice</p> 	<p>28 Dinner Featuring Prime Rib &amp; Meatloaf</p> 	<p>29 OPEN</p> 
<p>30</p> <p align="center"><b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p align="center">Join us on Thursdays at 5pm for our Chef's Special for \$10. Queen of Hearts drawing at 6:30 and cards, dice, and shuffleboard</p>					



Make your  
Reservation Online



# OFFICERS & PERS

## Who's Who in Elks Lodge #2350

### 2024-2025 Officers

Exalted Ruler—Robert Beck	Treasurer— Bonnie Hundley	Trustees
Leading Knight—Chad Knutson	Esquire—Janet Dobogai	Richard “Moe” Moline III
Loyal Knight—Dawn Winsor	Inner Guard—Dan Martin	Mark Tarjeft, Robert Hundley
Lecturing Knight—Steve Johnson	Tiler—Tom Grubb	Debra Neely
Secretary—Angela Schenk	Chaplain—Herman Jones	Darryl Dobogai

## With thanks, we remember Past Exalted Ruler's & PER Association

Arthur Mein 1966-67  
 Robert Bean (PDDGER) 1967-68  
 Edward McCann 1968-69  
 Carl Castle 1969-70  
 Milton Hooper 1970-71  
 Pete Williams 1971-72  
 Roy Mendoza 1972-73  
 Jack Stewart 1973-74  
 Dan Mills 1974-75  
 Melvin Whitaker 1975-76  
 Walter Robinson 1976-77  
 Loyd Zeek 1977-78  
 Elmer Peterson 1978-79  
 Jack Exline 1979-80  
 Tommy Rowe 1980-81  
 John Woods Jr 1981-82  
 Boyd Johnson (PDDGER) 1982-83  
 Bradley Zeek 1983-84  
 Bill Manning (PDDGER) 1984-85, 1987-88  
 Bill Sheets 1985-86  
 Charles Edwards 1986-87  
 Tom Pratt 1988-89  
 Jim Martin 1989-90  
 Jeff Herrold 1990-91  
 Fred Green 1991-92  
 John Felix 1992-93  
 Robert Hagler 1993-94  
 Ben Fisher 1994-95, 1996-97  
 Joseph Simmons 1995-96  
 Lloyd Lauderback 1997-98  
 Dave Aurelius 1998-99  
 Margaret Schultz 1999-00

Joe Simmons 2000-02  
 Brian Myers 2002-05  
 Eva Moore 2005-07  
 Varr Myers 2007-09  
 Sue Mabery 2009-10  
 Reed Schmieden (PDDGER) 2010-11  
 Jo Martin 2011-12  
 Mary Greenewald 2012-13, 2018-19  
 Ron Metzler 2013-14  
 Jerry Ingram (PDDGER, PSVP) 2014 - 17  
 Kathy Demarino 2017-18  
 Margaret Williams 2019-20  
 Micky McGraw-Steien 2020-21  
 Wanda Smith 2021-22  
 Richard “Moe” Moline III 2022-24

### Past Exalted Rulers by Affiliation

John “Jack” Bohnet  
 Darryl Dobogai  
 Duane Knutson L  
 Linda Paulson  
 Roger Schmisek

# LODGE HISTORY



**"Paid In Full"**

Coolidge-Florence Lodge was instituted on June 25, 1965 at Casa Grande. The first lodge hall was the old Valley National Bank Building at Main and Central. It was obtained rent free from a non-Elk, Charles Cohen, and was used until March of 1968.

The second lodge hall was the old Attaway Ranch Market building located at the current lodge site. It was leased from the Attaway family at \$150 per month. The hall was destroyed by fire in February, 1971. The entire building, except the Secretary's office and the card room (the East Wing), was totally destroyed. This wing was utilized for club and lodge purposes until this current building was completed.

After the fire, Coolidge-Florence Lodge was able to afford the land, and bought it with cash reserves. The building was financed by the insurance proceeds from the fire loss (\$27,000), and by a loan from United Bank. The Bank gave you a open \$40,000 loan and the new lodge was built with a great deal of voluntary help.

The new lodge building was dedicated in May of 1974 and the special guest at that ceremony was the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler, Gerald Strohm.



"That's Beautiful" said Robbie Robinson, as he read the words "paid in full" across what had been a \$40,000 debt note of the Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350. From left are United Bank Manager Jerry Williams, Robbie Robinson, Bingo Chairman, Tom Rubright, Secretary Bill Manning, Estemed Leading Knight, and Loyd Zeek, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and an original note signer in December, 1972. On Sunday, October 16th, 1983, there was a mortgage burning ceremony. Brad Zeek, ER, introduced the Special Guests, Leroy Lewis, DDGER, Arizona East, Terry Rice, President, AEA, Robert R. Bean, member Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, Joe D'Angelo Grand Estemed Loyal Knight, Fred A. Pelger, Jr. Vice President, East, AEA, Roy A. Mendoza, PER, was the Chairman for the ceremonies.




The Officers and Past Exalted Rulers of Coolidge - Florence Elks Lodge No. 2350 request the pleasure of your company at a Mortgage Burning Ceremony, dinner, and dance on Sunday, the Sixteenth of October, 1983 at five o'clock

Coolidge - Florence Elks Lodge, Highway 287 and Attaway Road

R.S.V.P. by Oct. 7  
868-4597  
723-5534  
723-3832

Mortgage Burning Ceremony, 5 o'clock  
Cocktails, 5:30 o'clock  
Steak Dinner, 6:30 o'clock  
Dancing, 8 o'clock  
\$25 per couple/Semi-formal

WORLD A BETTER AMERICA



ARIZONA Elks DO

## Arizona Elk News

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DECEMBER - JANUARY  
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Lodge  
2350 Loan  
Payoff

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# GRAND LODGE

**Elks Convention \* June 30—July 3, 2024 \* Austin, Texas**



**[Pre-Registration Guidelines](#)**



**[Pre-Registration](#)**

**Registration Closes: 6/26/2024**



Save time and money by pre-registering for this year's Grand Lodge Convention! By pre-registering and pre-paying online, you'll save \$10.00 off of the on-site registration fee of \$60.00. Prior to registering, please review [this year's guidelines](#).

Use the following links to learn more.



**[Hotel Information](#)**



**[Things to Do in Austin](#)**



**[Discounts](#)**



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## May, 2024 Grand Lodge Newsletter

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# IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to our member **Sophie Dessart** for being nominated Community Member of the year.

## Florence police officers honored



TOWN OF FLORENCE

Members of the Florence Police Department and the community were honored at the Pinal County Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner last week.

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Two members of the Florence Police Department have been honored by Pinal County.

Officer Lisa Celaya, who won Community Engagement Officer of the Year, and Officer Luis Barrientos, who was nominated for Officer of the Year, were honored last week at the Pinal County Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner, according to a post on the town's Facebook page.

Also attending the event was Florence Mayor Tara Walter, Councilmember Nicole Buccellato and Florence Police Chief Bruce Walls. They were joined by Pinal County Attorney Kent Volkmer.

Also recognized at the event was Florence resident Tina Brown, who was nominated for Community Member of the Year and Sophie Dessart with Florence Copper, who was nominated as Community Member of the Year.



## Employee of the Year

One of our very own members, Debbie Reimer, was honored as Employee of the Year by the Florence Unified School District. Congratulation Debbie!



## NATIONAL FOUNDATION

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*By Shelley Robinson, Lodge #2350 ENF Chair*



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## On a personal note in Elkdom

In loving memory:

**Carl Carlton: 11/24/1943 - 5/10/2024**

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