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Green Valley, AZ Lodge No. 2592

AN ALL-AMERICAN LODGE 1995-1996 and 2000-2001



*From the
Exalted Ruler
Jim Kear*

Well , the day has arrived, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of this Lodge for entrusting me with being your Exalted Ruler. What an awesome honor and one that I take very seriously when needed; but lets have a good time, this is an Elks Lodge but it is also a social club. I will always be approachable as will any of the other officers.

If you encounter a problem please feel free to approach any officer, they are the back bone of this Lodge.

When a complaint is silent we cannot fix or address it before it becomes larger than necessary. We need your input in order to continue keeping this a great Lodge that our members can be proud of.

Our restaurant is getting a reputation of being outstanding due to our superior Chef Fred and his wonderful staff. Because of his outstanding work, we are booked most nights, so a word to the wise, please make a reservation, it really is necessary.

Our bar is excellent with top of the line bartenders. At big events please be patient as they work very hard. When your table has empty glasses please take them to the bar or if you see empty glasses sitting there take a minute and pick them up. These small moves help everyone and keeps our costs under control.

I would like to introduce your

OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| LEADING KNIGHT | Phyllis Curran |
| LOYAL KINGHT | Tom Shanahan |
| LECTURING KNIGHT | Jack Najar |
| TILER | Carl Corrao |
| ESQUIRE | Pat Hudson |
| CHAPLIN | Auturo (Art) Gabaldon |
| INNER GUARD | Cheryl Ponzio |
| ORGANIST | Phyllis Hobbs |
| SECRETARY | Ray Zucker |
| TREASURER | Ray Austin |
| ONE YR. TRUSTEE | Jim Specht |
| TWO YR. TRUSTEE | Bert Imse |
| THREE YR. TRUSTEE | Chuck George |
| FOUR YR. TRUSTEE | Mayme Specht |
| FIVE YR. TRUSTEE | Tom Bright |

I would also like to thank all of our Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, we have a great group.

The Installation of Officers was held on March 30th followed by a reception. The following night March 31st was the Inaugural Ball. Now were ready to work.

Don't forget "Laf-A-Lot."

*Fraternally,
Jim*



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2007 - 2008 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Jim Kear (Anne)
Leading Knight	Phyllis Curran (Tom)
Loyal Knight	Tom Shanahan (June)
Lecturing Knight	Jack Najar (Peggy)
Secretary	Raymond "Ray" Zucker, PER
Treasurer	Raymond "Ray" Austin (Betty)
Esquire	Pat Hudson (Jim)
Chaplain	Arturo Gabaldon (Rosanna)
Tiler	Carl Corrao (Karen)
Inner Guard	Cheryl Ponzo (John)
Organist	Phyllis Hobbs (Doran)
Five-Year Trustee	Tom Bright (Twyla)
Four-Year Trustee	Mayme Specht, PER (Jim)
Three-Year Trustee	Chuck George PDDSV, PER (Kathi)
Two-Year Trustee	Bert Imse, PER (Dorothy)
One-Year Trustee	Jim Specht, PER (Mayme)
Presiding Justice	Walter Henderson (Carolyn)
Mediator	Chuck Shipman (Pat)

COMMITTEE-CHAIRS

Auditing & Accounting	Arturo Gabaldon
Membership	Chuck Grendys & Chuck Fitch
Indoctrination	Leo Pavlovich, PSPDD PER
Investigation	Marty McCauley & Ray Harp
Lapsation	Ray Zucker, PER

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

LODGE ACTIVITIES	Denise Mosher
Americanism	Tom & June Shanahan
Protocol	Leo Pavlovich, PSPDD PER
Government Relations	Wally Geno, PER
Flag Day	Mayme Specht, PER (Jim)
Memorial Day	Bob L. Berry
National Veterans Service Committee	Hans Boensel
Public Relations/Publicity	Pat Hudson
Drug Awareness	Larry Kossak
Elks National Foundation	Jim Askin & Don Hobbs

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Accident Prevention	Chuck George PDDGER, PER
House Committee	
Bulletin Advertising/Editor	Betty Austin
Elks Major Projects	Carol Sturdevant & Don Bass
Sexual Harassment	
Sickness and Distress	Tom & Rose Mattarocci, PER

ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES

Music	Mayme Specht, PER
Golf	Bill Lehman
Bingo	Mike Wilkeson
Bowling	Joe Musacchia
Greeters	Chuck Shipman & Lee Mambretti
Pancake Breakfast	Rudy Sweisfurth & Jerry Connors

PER Association

President	Tom Curran, PER
Secretary	Tom Bright, PER
Photography	Jim Smith & Ken Haley
Ritual Team Coach	L.C. "Bill NevellePDDGER, PSP, PER
Ritual Team Coach	Chuck GeorgePDDGER, PER

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Hoop Shoot	Mike Lurkins
Soccer Shoot-out	Jack Najar
Student of the Month/Scholarship	Tom Bright
Essay Conest	Larry Romero
Webmaster	Arturo Gabaldon
Bulletin Publisher	Ray Zucker, PER

PAST EXALTED RULERS OF LODGE No. 2592

1979-1980	John W. Kachel*	1992-1993	Robert C. Barry*
1980-1982	James Christensen*	1993-1994	Richard E. Flake
1981-1982	Arnold R. Peterson	1994-1995	Wally Geno
1982-1983	Nicholas S. Vitale*	1995-1996	Cliff Skogstrom
1983-1984	Donald F. Ehritt	1996-1997	L.C. (Bert) Imse
1984-1985	John E. Bold*	1997-1998	James A. Specht
1985-1986	Arthur R. Flood PDD	1998-1999	Leo PavlovichPDDSV
1986-1987	W. Wesley Percy*	1999-2000	Leo PavlovichPDDSV
1987-1988	Roy Youngblood*	2000-2001	Hugh T. Hall*
1988-1989	William H. Bulman Sr.	2001-2002	Tom Mattarocci
1989-1990	Ralph E. Seaton	2002-2003	Mayme Specht
1990-1991	John A. Boyajeau*	2003-2004	Charles "Chuck" Fitch
1991-1992	Raymond C. Zucker	2004-2005	Charles "Chuck" Frey
* Deceased		2005-2006	Tom Curran
		2006-2007	Tom Bright

PAST EXALTED RULERS BY AFFILIATION

Elmer L. Abbott	Edward F. King
William Atkins	William Lampright
Dean Brown	Richard E. McCauley
Jim Collins	Robert Miller
John Deady*	L.C. (Bill) Nevelle PSPDD
Bill Durall	Gerald Oleson
Charles George PDD	Alfred P. Pakan*
Leo Hatcher PSPDD	Jack D. Reeder
Harry C. Host PDD*	William Scheffer
Mike Julya	Lawrence A. Romero

William E. Young

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA BUFFET SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007



MENU

- Carved Prime Rib
- Stuffed Sole
- Chicken Florentine
- Rice Pilar Harvert Blend
- Parsley New Potato
- Blend of Green Beans, Yellow Beans & Carrots
- Pate - Caviar
- Graualox
- Bountiful Dessert Table

\$19.95 per person
(Plus tax and tip)



Seatings at 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Reservations Necessary

If you find some mistakes in this bulletin, please consider that they are there for a very good reason. We put a little something in for everyone!



The deadline for receiving all material for publication is April 11, 2007



From the Secretary's Desk

The new Lodge year starts on April 1, 2007. The officers with the exception of the trustees are all learning their new parts and the ritual connected with it. The past Lodge year has been most successful with a nice gain in membership, all time high participation in the dining room and lounge. All the required reports and brochures have been done and turned in on a timely basis and we hope will receive some awards. The election of the new 5 year trustee was put to a ballot vote as their were two nominations for the position. There were 165 members at the meeting at which Tom Bright was elected the new 5 year trustee.

You probably are aware that we have a self service bar in the Lounge which means that in addition, to picking up your drinks it is also necessary for you to return the glasses and bowls to the bar. Should visitors leave with their empties still on the table, it is very nice if a member cleans up the table. The bartenders get so busy that they do not have time to do the pickup.

The trustees are studying a number of projects which could be major improvements for the Lodge. Namely getting the lot west of the tennis courts surveyed, hard surface, lighted, and striped to increase the number of parking spots available. They are also studying the heat and air conditioning system to try to make some energy savings in addition to making all areas of the Lodge more comfortable. Tom Mattarocci has served 5 years on the Lodge trustee and is going off the board. We should wish him well and thank him for his service.

Fraternally,
Ray Zucker, PER

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Nancy Shelton- Chairman

I want to introduce myself; I'm the new chairman of the Community Activities Committee. I'm really looking forward to working on this committee. Gary Roth has agreed to be co-chairman and together we'll try to do good things for our community. Of course this requires the help of all of you. The members of this Lodge have always been very supportive of the Green Valley Food Bank, the Green Valley Assistance Service, etc. and I'm sure we can continue.

There was an article in the Green Valley News and Sun concerning a program that the Food Bank is participating in. A fellow from Rhode Island is offering \$1 million this March and April to nonprofit organizations throughout the country, our local food bank will receive a portion of this depending on the amount that we donate. This can be cash or food donations, the food will be \$1 per item. Last year more than \$79,000 was raised for the Green Valley Community Food Bank through this program, so let's all try to help in this effort. If you are planning on making a donation, now is a great time to do it.

I want to Congratulate Shirley Pavlovich on a fantastic job with this committee the last seven years. She has made this committee what it is and has helped many in our community. I look forward to this challenge and thank the officers for the opportunity to serve.

Fraternally,
Nancy

LEADING KNIGHT

I would like to thank all the members for their confidence in me in allowing me to become your Leading Knight for the Elk year 2007-2008. I am looking forward to a very exciting year under the leadership of our Exalted Ruler Jim Kear. The Emblem of my station is the Flag of Our Country and its Motto is Charity. While the emblem is the flag of Our country, I am the proud daughter of a U.S. Army World War 1 veteran. Spouse of a 24 year veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the proud mother of three sons who served in the Army and Navy during Desert Storm. While Charity consists of Thought, Word and Deed we need to be ever mindful of the needs of Veterans who have served our country with honor. While Charity is perceived as monetary it also entails Thought, Word and Deed. Therefore, let us be thoughtful towards our fellow Elks and the members of Our Community.

Faternally,
Phyllis Curran

In Memoriam

*He has passed into the light which is beyond the
valley of the Shadow of Death.
The places that have know him shall know him no
more,
But his virtues are written upon the tablets
of love and memory*

ROBERT VARNUM

Born: February 24, 1938
Bridgeport, Connecticut
Initiated: June 24, 2002
Passed Away: February 10, 2007

TOFIELD (TED) SERR

Born: September 05, 1934 Java, South Dakota
Initiated: September 22, 1986
Passed Away: February 27, 2007

WILLIAM BACON

Born: October 17, 1934 Columbia, Missouri
Initiated: September 26, 2004
Passed Away: October 17, 2007

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At

Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592

Sponsored by Past Exalted Rulers

Sunday, May 6, 2007



Lounge opens at 3:00 pm

Happy Hour Prices

Mariachi Juvenil Batiz 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Dinner 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Oscar, Santo & Rudy for 6:00 to 9:00 pm

MENU-BUFFET STYLE

Carnitas/Tortillas

Tacos

Refried Beans

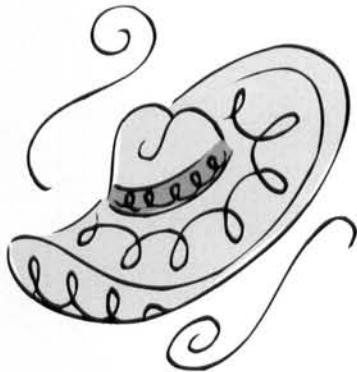
Spanish Rice

Chips/Salsa

Mexican Slaw

Coffee

Margarita Specials



\$12.50 Per person
Admission by Ticket only

Tickets on sale at the Greeters Desk
Beginning April 17, 2007

Elks and their guests are invited

WELCOME

PLEASE EXTEND A HANDSHAKE AND
WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS OF

- Frederick & Jane Bennett
- John & Elizabeth DeStefano
- Jeffrey & Sharon Farnham
- Dwight & Ronnie Gotch
- Albert & Sally Grinton
- Dan & Cyndy Hargreaves
- Bruce & Eileen Howell
- Susan Kmiec
- Bruce & Liz Kolkow
- M. Annie Lowrance
- Robert & Mary Ann McElhose
- Gary & Annette Mahnke
- Bob & Loretta Morris
- Ernie & Kathrine Olson
- Tom & Marie Oliver
- Terence & Gayle O'Malley
- Tom & Lynn Ortega
- Roger & Diana Paul
- Ron & Nellie Sabin
- Harry & Jacquie Sbragia
- Philip & Marjorie Schilke
- Jim & Barbara Shanks
- James & Jan Shea
- Norma Strait
- William & Nancy Trefethen
- Emmanuel & Janet
- Vuvunas
- Mike & Susie Webster
- John & Bonnie Westmoreland
- James & Juanita Wiseman
- Don & Nancy Zugates



Membership Status

April, 2006

Number of members 4/1/06.....2117

Year-to-Date

Increases:

Initiated..... 237
 Transfer ins..... 78
 Reinstatements..... 22 +337

Decreases:

Dropped..... 41
 Transfer outs..... 11
 Absolute Dimits..... 1
 Deceased..... 48 101

Year-to-date net.....+236

Numbers of members 02/28/07.....2353

Delinquents.....72

Applications on hand 83

6911

STEEL CHILDREN'S
RESEARCH CENTER UPDATE:

Jonathan Wispe, Arizona Elks
Endowed Chair in Neonatology

by Darci Slaten, MA
Director of Communications
Steele Children's Research Center

In 2002, the Arizona Elks Major Projects made a bold commitment: to create and fund the "Arizona Elks Endowed Chair in Neonatology" at the Steele Center to support research that will make life better for babies born prematurely. The Elks pledged to raise \$2 million dollars, and to date, you have raised more than \$1.2 million!

In 2003, neonatologist **Jonathan Wispe, MD, Professor of Pediatrics** was appointed as the Arizona Elks Endowed Chair for Neonatal Research. Currently, Dr. Wispe is researching Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia (BPD), a chronic lung disease that affects thousands of premature babies every year. He is exploring how too much oxygen (hyperoxia) disrupts normal lung development in premature newborns. Hyperoxia is a known cause of BPD. "BPD can cause life-long respiratory difficulties and is associated with poor growth, delayed development, and repeated hospitalizations. I'm interested in discovering what the mechanisms of injury are," he says.

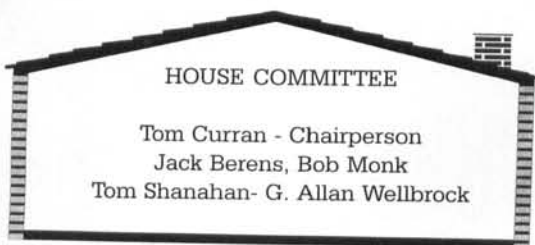
To determine the mechanisms of lung injury, Dr. Wispe is investigating the factors that regulate normal lung development and how hyperoxia upsets that process. "Hyperoxia stops lung cells from dividing, altering the lung's growth and development. What we don't know is why the cells stop dividing," he explains. "If we can identify the reasons why cells stop dividing, we'll be able to identify ways to prevent it."

The study is based on the hypothesis that Keratinocyte Growth Factor (KGF) protects the lung from oxygen damage. KGF is a naturally occurring protein that is important in normal lung development and protects the adult lung against oxygen damage.

To test his hypothesis, Dr. Wispe used a mouse model, since their lungs develop along the same timeframe as a human model. These mice have been genetically altered to be born with additional KGF. "This will enable us to test whether or not their lungs will be protected from the damaging effects of hyperoxia on the lungs," says Dr. Wispe.

Results so far have shown that KGF does protect the lungs from the damaging effects of oxygen. "This is very exciting," says Dr. Wispe. "The next step is to identify *how* KGF protects the lungs, and that's what we're working on now."

Research is a time-consuming and arduous process requiring commitment, passion and time. It also requires funding. The Elks' devotion to improving kids' lives through supporting the Elks Endowed Chair in Neonatology enables Dr. Wispe to continue his cutting-edge research. The Elks are making a difference in the lives of our most fragile children, and we thank you for your support!



AWARDS NIGHT WINNERS



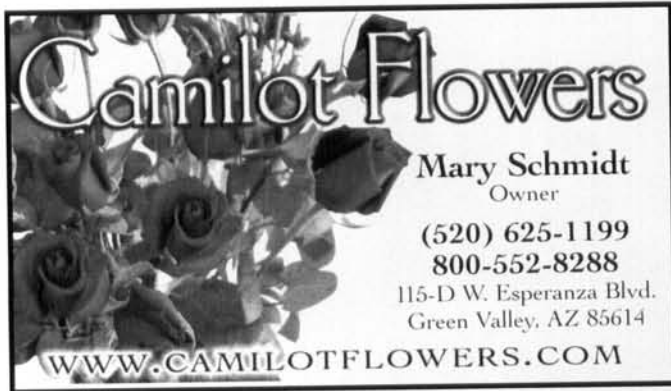
Pictured back row left to right:
Dr. Jay St. John (Citizen of the Year), Paul Huppe (Sahuarita Teacher of the Year), Johnny O'Campo (Firefighter of the Year)
Pictured front row left to right:
Bonnie Williams (Continental Teacher of the Year),
Jerry Barber (SAV Officer of the Year),
Gabriel Ruiz (Deputy of the Year)



Pictured back row left to right:
Tom Bright - ER, Susan Trecartin - Elks Special Certificate,
Bert Imse - Elks Officer of the Year
Pictured front row left to right:
Sylvia Wilson - Elks Auxiliary Person of the Year,
Carol Sturdevant - Elks Special Certificate,
Helen Farrell - Elk of the Year



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3. SENIOR JACKPOT - \$1000.00
Starts at 52 numbers progresses bi-weekly
Consolation \$200.00
4. 16 GAMES IN ALL
\$70.00 Minimum

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All Year Long

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BISCUITS AND GRAVY
SCRAMBLED EGGS
BACON AND SAUSAGE
JUICE AND COFFEE

Time 8:30-12 Noon
\$5.00 Per Person
Tickets at the Door



Elks and their
guests are welcome

Birthday coupon valid Wednesdays & Thursdays Only

APRIL 2007

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B.P.O.E. #2592

For those Elk Members of #2592 in good standing having a birthday this month, this coupon is good for the menu price of one entrée (not to exceed \$10.00)

Please make reservations with the Hostess.
(Present coupon to server when ordering)

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Membership No: _____

*Must be a Member with a valid card.

This does not include Widows or Spouses.

(Coupon not valid after April 30th)

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Tom Mattarocci - Chairman

Please contact me at 520-393-0135 if you know of anyone who is seriously ill or in a hospital or nursing home. We will gladly send a card or visit them and let them know that we care and are thinking of them.

Jean Gray, Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain, will send a card to any member or spouse who is a member in the Auxiliary.

If you hear of the death of a member, please notify our Office Secretary, Betty Austin (520-625-2592), who will send a condolence card and, if necessary, will issue a spouse card to the widow/widower.

*Fraternally,
Tom*





From The Elks' Auxiliary

First of all I would like to thank Mary Lou Wilson for her guidance and support. I would not be here without it. I would also like to express our appreciation for the excellent job she has done as Auxiliary President. It will be a tough act to follow. She has assured me that I can count on her help this next year so we will continue to draw from her experience.

I would also like to thank the volunteers Betty Austin, Cathy Travis and Joan Geno who spent a Saturday helping take down the old wallpaper in the ladies restroom and got a "sauna bath" in exchange. In addition, our ER Tom Bright showed up at the Lodge at exactly the right moment on a Sunday afternoon to help do some heavy lifting he hadn't counted on. Also, to the hired help Mike Lurkins of Green Valley Paint and Chuck George who got talked into doing all the handy man stuff. Thanks guys for a job well done. If any of you have not seen the completed project check it out. We now have a beautifully redecorated restroom that we can all be proud of. Thanks to the Auxiliary and the Lodge for sharing the cost.

Members we are asking that you send in your dues by the 15th of April so we can go to print on our membership booklet by no later than May 1st. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you have not already paid your dues please do so today.

Last but not least I would like to sincerely thank all of the members who have been so kind as to step up and accept a Chair or Co-Chair position on the board. Without all of you none of the things we do or the Charities that we support would be possible. If you would like to volunteer for any of our projects, please call me and we will be delighted to have your help.

*Sincerely,
Kathi George
Auxiliary President*

FEBRUARY BINGO WORKERS

WORKERS

Emma Liila
Marion Gladwell
Joan Jakubiak
Joan Hamilton
Trish LeMaster
Diane Bisseli
Mary John
Betty McCauley

BAKERS

Jeanne Walker
Jean Gray
Nancy Wilkerson
Penny Manns
Jean Gray
Lynne Conrad
Anita Millar

SANDWICHES

Jeannie Walker
Betty Mc Cauley
Connie Johnson

AUXILIARY CALENDAR, APRIL 2007

Board Meeting April 4th Antler Room 2 p.m.
Luncheon April 11
Social Hour: 11:30 a.m. Luncheon 12:15 p.m.
Program 1:15 p.m.

MENU

Salad, Stuffed Pork Chops, Rice, Vegetables
Apple Pie

PROGRAM: The Border Patrol

Reservations for the April luncheon are due the first Wednesday of the month. **NO CASH IS ACCEPTED!!** Send check for \$9.50. Elks Auxiliary members and their guests only. Mail to Elks Auxiliary P.O. Box 1493 Green Valley, Arizona 85622-1493. Call Marcella Moelhman 399-4850 or Jan Schade 648-0111 Reservation Chairpersons for any other information.

Newcomers Coffee April 18th 9:30 a.m.

IF YOU KNOW OF AN ILL OR BEREAVED MEMBER:

Please call Twila Bright 625 -7050

Please remember the Food Bank if you are leaving for the summer and have non-perishable goods to donate.

The Bingo Snack bar needs YOU, please volunteer!!









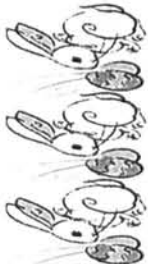
Membership in the Auxiliary of B.P.O.E. #2592 is open to the spouse, surviving spouse or an Elk in good standing. To join the Auxiliary, complete an application form (available at the Greeter's Desk), and submit along with your check for \$14.50 (NO CASH PLEASE) made pay-



Happy Easter



April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Dinner see flyer on pg. 2 	2 Lodge Meeting 7 pm Initiation 	3 Bingo Oscar 6-9pm Southern Buffet	4 PELPS Meeting Noon Auxiliary Board Mtg. 2 pm Karaoke 6:30-9:00 pm	5	6 Entertainment Reunion 7:00-10:00pm	7 Entertainment Friends 7:00-10:00 pm
8 Easter Dinner see flyer on pg. 2 	9 Lodge Meeting 7 pm Initiation 	10 Bingo Build A Burger Oscar 6-9pm	11 Auxiliary Luncheon 11:30 am Karaoke 6:30-9:00 pm	12	13 House Committee 9am Entertainment Two's Company 7:00-10:00 pm	14 Entertainment Curtis Case 7:00-10:00 pm
15  Pancake Breakfast	16 Lodge Meeting 7 pm Initiation 	17 Bingo Oscar 6-9pm Oriental Buffet	18 Trustee Meeting 9am Auxiliary Newcomers Coffee - 9:30 am PER Mtg 5pm Karaoke 6:30-9:00 pm	19 Indoctrination 4 pm	20 Entertainment Spur of the Moment 7:00-10:00 pm	21 Entertainment Mid Life Crisis 7:00 - 10:00 pm
22  Pancake Breakfast	23 Lodge Meeting 7 pm Initiation 	24 Bingo Oscar 6-9pm Bulletin Prep Italian Buffet	25 Karaoke 6:30-9:00 pm	26	27 Entertainment Major/Minor 7:00-10:00 pm	28 Entertainment Ernie & Gina 7:00 - 10:00 pm
29  Pancake Breakfast	30	BRIDGE EVERY TUESDAY 12:30PM For information call Frank Sartanowicz 625-5913	Dining Room Hours Lunch-Tuesday-Friday 11:00 -2:00 Dinner - Tuesday - Saturday 5:00-8:00 Lounge open 11:00 am Tuesday-Friday Lounge open Monday and Saturday 11:30 am No Lunch served on Saturday	LODGE CLOSED SUNDAY (EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS) Lodge phone 520-625-2592 Office open Tues-Fri. 9:00 - 3:00		

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