

# SUNDAY 9/11/05

## THE 9/11 MEMORIAL DINNER *5 STATIONS SERVED* at the various fire-houses



and back at the Lodge



## SCHOLARSHIP

Tom Bright Chairman

This is the last in a series of "Thank You" notes received by the Lodge from the Scholarship recipients, that begin their College/University studies this year. Once again, they demonstrate tremendous gratitude for our awards.

Dear Green Valley Elks Lodge:

I just wanted to write and say thank you! Your generous scholarship has made it possible for me to attend Pima Community in the fall. I am greatly looking forward to the coming school year. You guys are such a blessing. Thanks again.

Kelly Greer

Dear Exalted Rulers and all other members:

I would like to thank you for your time and consideration put into my Most Valuable Student Scholarship application. In addition, your generous award will be enthusiastically accepted. There must have been many applications to go through.

I have many friends that were offered awards and I am thankful that this organization is able to help so many students at a single time.

Very Truly Yours

Jeffrey Burns

Green Valley Elks Lodge

To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my gratitude to your scholarship committee on selecting me and several of my fellow classmates to receive scholarships. Your committee has given us the opportunity to take the next step to further our education, and without your contributions some of us would not be able to pursue our educations.

I greatly appreciate the aid you have given, and I hope that you continue making it possible for college bound students. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Shannon Andersen

As you can tell these recipients and the one's that we featured in prior issues are very special. They all appreciate us for our commitment to Charity in the form of Scholarship. *You may well be proud to have intervened into their lives is such a positive way.*

Fraternally,

Tom

### Exalted Ruler presents Grand Exalted Ruler Awards to Five members.



Pictured from left to right: ER Tom Curran presenting awards to Ray Zucker PER, Woody Woodruff, Tom Bright, Chuck Frey PER and Tom Shanahan.

## AMERICANISM

Tom Mattarocci - Chairman

During an Initiation, the Exalted Ruler will ask the Esquire, "What are Elks?" The response from the Esquire will be "American citizens who guides their course in life by the cardinal principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

That is what we are all about. We are not in competition with other organizations who basically live by the same guidelines. We are all out there to help those less fortunate than us. Let's be true Americans and members and stop comparing. Remember "Elks Care - Elks Share."

Fraternally,

Tom

## 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, and we will send a card to cheer them up and let them know that we care and are thinking of them.

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

Fraternally,

Tom

## 9/11 RECOGNITION

When Frank Sartanowicz and his wife Jane conceived the idea to serve a 9/11 memorial dinner to one fire-house, they had no idea it would grow into a major project.

On 9/11/05 the Green Valley Elks Lodge served dinner to five fire stations. Also the Lodge sponsored a dinner at the Lodge for the off duty Green Valley Firefighters. Over 40 firefighters and wives attended as guests of the Lodge. A limited number of tickets were sold to Green Valley residents who wanted to show their appreciation for the things our local fire-fighters do daily.

Those attending were treated to a fine roast turkey dinner prepared by Chef Fred Hall and the kitchen staff. Also thanks, to the generosity of the Green Valley community, door prizes totaling over \$800.00 were distributed to those attending.

While the Green Valley Elks Lodge was honoring the memory of 9/11/01, many other Elks Lodges throughout Arizona were doing the same. A very incomplete count shows that over 25 firestations in Arizona had served 9/11 memorial dinners.

It is hoped that this project will spread throughout the USA in the future. All indications are that it is and on 9/11/06 there should be hundreds of 9/11 memorial dinners served.