

BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**MAY 2021**

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We had a great April month. We were very busy. Thank goodness. As of April 30th we have closed our kitchen, for the Summer months. We will be cleaning everything, as we do every year. We need to be ready for our DD visit, on September 28th. Right after that we be open for meals, in October.

Thank you to all of the people who volunteered this past year. It was a pleasure working with you all.

At the end of this month, I will be heading to Orlando, for the Florida State Convention. I am very proud to be representing Palmetto Lodge #2449.

For everyone still heading out, please be safe and have a great Summer.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney ER



MAY ACTIVITIES

Happy May Day! We are going to slow down for the Summer, as usual. We all need a rest.

The Lodge will still be open every day from
2:00-8:00.

Monday, Marie will be here with Karaoke. Please feel free to bring in your own food, as our Kitchen is closed for the Summer, as usual.

On Thursday, we have our Bar Poker. It starts when we have six or more people who want to play.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, ER

Activities Chairman



Greetings Fellow Elks,

I want to thank all our Elks that have been sending in their dues. There are still some outstanding members. It's easy to forget things in this Covid world we live in today, so this is a reminder to check and see if you sent your dues in.

I wish safe travels to our snowbirds going north, and to everyone traveling on their summer vacations.

If you have a change in address or phone number, be sure to notify the lodge so we can keep all the records up to date.

Fraternally Yours,

Sharon Benedict, Lodge Secretary

MAY BIRTHDAYS

01	Lawrence	Jenkins		13	Ann	Blair		18	Thomas	Townsend
03	Andrew	Swaney		16	Douglas	Dawson		23	Patricia	Wilson
05	Kaye	Bracken		16	James	Martus		26	Lynne	Kramer
05	Robert	Kelly		17	Linda	Beck		29	Kenneth	Natzke
10	Linda	Gray		18	Wayne	Boyle		31	Frank	Locicero
12	Courtney	Hamilton		18	Frank	Sullivan		31	Robert	MacLarty

AMERICANISM

I shall use the words of others to express Americanism this year. They will do a far better job than I.

What the United States Flag Stands For By Angela Bell, a 12th grade student at Centennial High School in Peoria, Arizona.

She was crafted in the hands of liberty and washed in the name of justice. She is saluted by the bravest heroes to walk this earth and a wretched curse to her foreign enemies.

She is flown over battlefields as a symbol of victory and in remembrance of those she lost. Like a mourning mother, she weeps and drapes herself over her fallen soldiers' coffin, for they paid the ultimate price in her name. Their sacrifice gives her life. She watches over the future leaders of this nation as they gain knowledge in her classrooms. She resides along the bright stars as she gazes down at her loved one from her mount on the moon. She is the United States Flag and she is revered by her people.

Since the inception of organized civilizations, societies have adopted symbols to represent their virtues and distinguish them from others. In this sense, America is no different. Founding father, revolutionary general and first U. S. President George Washington defined the flag as such: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty." Along with Washington's definition are countless others; each differently embodies the nature of the star-spangled banner and what it stands for. It stands for freedom and a democratic government by the people. It stands for the blood, sweat and tears of the nation's bravest soldiers. It stands for the trials and tribulations that a unified country overcame, against all odds. And it stands for the wildest dream of the youngest, purest American child. Those stars and stripes are a beacon of hope for men, women and children of all nations; may the flag forever fly over a free people and may the United States never forget the cloth from which she was cut.

Craig Conklin, PER

Americanism Chairman

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Some interesting Veteran facts from the Pew Research Center:

There are around 19 million US veterans as of this year (2021) according to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs, representing less than 10% of the total US adult population. Here are a few key facts from the VA, the US Census Bureau, and other sources about those who have served in the military, and how this population is changing.

Gulf War-era veterans now account for the largest number of all US veterans, having surpassed Vietnam-era veterans in 2016. VA estimates for 2021 indicate there are 5.9 million American veterans who served during the Vietnam War and 7.8 million who served in the Gulf War.

There are around 240,000 World War II veterans, and about 933,000 who served during the Korean conflict. Some veterans served through multiple eras but are counted only in their earliest service era.

The share of the US population with military experience is declining. In 2018, about 7% of U.S. adults were veterans, down from 18% in 1980, according to the Census Bureau. This drop coincides with decreases in active-duty personnel. Over the past half-century, the number of people on active duty has dropped significantly from 3.5 million in 1968, during the military draft era, to about 1.4 million (or less than 1% of all U.S. adults) in today's all-volunteer force. The draft ended in 1973.

VA projections suggest the number of living veterans will continue to decline over the next 25 years. By 2046, the department estimates there will be around 12.5 million veterans, a decrease of about 35% from current numbers. By that time, Gulf War-era veterans are projected to make up a majority of those who served; and most veterans who served in the Vietnam era or earlier will have died.

Fewer members of Congress have prior military experience than in the past. As the share of Americans who are veterans has declined, so has the share of legislators who have previously served in the military. In the current Congress 17% of lawmakers (in both houses) had prior military service; down drastically from just a few decades ago.

Jim Hoey

Veterans Chairman





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MASKS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER

LODGE OPEN DAILY 2-8 pm

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lodge Open 2-8
2 Lodge Open 2-8	3 Opens at 2 Karaoke with Marie-5-8 Bring snacks if you like	4 Lodge Open 2-8	5 Lodge Open 2-8	6 Open at 2 Bar Poker Games starts at the discretion of the bartender	7 Lodge Open 2-8	8 Lodge Open 2-8
9 Lodge Open 2-8	10 Opens at 2 Karaoke with Marie-5-8 Bring snacks if you like	11 Meetings: Trustee-4:30 BOD-5:00 Business-6:00	12 Lodge Open 2-8	13 Open at 2 Bar Poker Games starts at the discretion of the bartender	14 Lodge Open 2-8	15 Lodge Open 2-8
16 Lodge Open 2-8	17 Opens at 2 Karaoke with Marie-5-8 Bring snacks if you like	18 Lodge Open 2-8	19 Lodge Open 2-8	20 Open at 2 Bar Poker Games starts at the discretion of the bartender	21 Lodge Open 2-8	22 Lodge Open 2-8
23 Lodge Open 2-8	24 Opens at 2 Karaoke with Marie-5-8 Bring snacks if you want	25 Lodge Open 2-8	26 Lodge Open 2-8	27 Open at 2 Bar Poker Games starts at the discretion of the bartender	28 Lodge Open 2-8	29 Lodge Open 2-8
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