



Elks Tale

TUCSON LODGE #385



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DECEMBER
2023

Greetings & Message from
EXALTED RULER
Curtis Winters



Dear Brothers, Sisters, & Families,

As I think of coming events, I can't help but think of family, and not just our immediate families, but those in our Lodge and community. We do a lot of good and give hope to those around us. As Elks, how can you not feel good about what we do? With that in mind, I have thought about what our goals should be in 5 years, or 10, & even 15! I know some people are thinking right now they may not be around that long. Sad, but true. So what can we do? Getting more members is a goal, but more important is that it needs to be those that care more about others than just themselves.

We need to believe in 'Community Kindness', and become more visual and active in our community. I feel that for the Lodge to look to the future, we need to partner with the Community, whether it be the City of Tucson (they need volunteers to clean up parks and streets), or local churches (or your church) to assist the Pima Council on Aging or Habitat for Humanity. There is so much we can do. If we continue with Clothe-A-Child, and Crafty Critters/The Steele Center/AEMP and Veteran's Services in the long term, we need to build on the base of what we have.

Teen Morgan and her team completed a fundraising event for AEMP and the Crafty Critters; we should compliment them on their efforts and success! Not only was it a good time, but they raised money for a great cause. Teen pulled together a team of resources that included members of Elks (this Lodge and others), friends, and prospective members who volunteered their time and efforts. This is what I am talking about in partnering with the community. It was for a common goal.

We should be flexible in

working with others without losing our identity, but establishing milestones along the way to measure our success and keep us on our path. We need your support: whether it is eating at the Lodge on a regular basis (yes, that helps), volunteering to help at an event, buying items from our raffles, or making donations to our Veteran's Services. By YOU supporting YOUR/OUR Lodge we are able to make a difference in our community.

The Elks Memorial Service, December 3, is a very solemn day when we hear the chimes of Eleven ring in honor of our deceased Members.

Please join us on Saturday, December 9, in the parking lot for our annual Bike-in-a-Box event with Santa & Mrs. Claus. We need volunteers to help unload the bicycles from the semi-trailer before the families arrive. Please arrive @ 8 AM.

Additionally, on Sunday, December 17, 4:00 PM, we will hold our annual Candlelight Dinner. Please join us for

Fraternally Yours,
Curt Winters, Exalted Ruler

DECEMBER EVENTS

1	STEAK OR SALMON DINNER 🎵 <i>Whiskey & Bad Decisions</i>
3	GOLF CLUB: Rolling Hills GC, 8:00 AM 🏌️
5	LODGE MEETING, 7:00 PM
12	Board of Directors, 6:30 PM ANNUAL GOLF MEETING
17	GOLF CLUB: Green Valley CC, 7:30 AM 🏌️
19	LODGE MEETING, 7:00 PM

December 23 - January 1:
LODGE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

JANUARY EVENTS

2	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 6:30 PM
5	STEAK OR SALMON DINNER 🎵 ANNUAL GOLF BANQUET 🏌️
6	American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 AM - 2PM Hoop Shoot, Boys & Girls Club
9	LODGE MEETING, 7:00 PM
23	LODGE MEETING, 7:00 PM



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Follow Us Online!



Tucson Elks Lodge 385

[Elks Lodge 385 Website](http://www.elks385.com)

Dinner Reservations or Event Planning?
Please call Lodge, 520-299-5105

LODGE & OFFICE HOURS

- Tuesday - Friday: 4 PM - Close
- Saturday / Sunday: Prior Arrangements Only
- Subscribe to the weekly email "BLAST" OF EVENTS
Send an email to: bpoe385@gmail.com

2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER	Curtis Winters
LEADING KNIGHT	Richard Bernard
LOYAL KNIGHT	Michael Lessley
LECTURING KNIGHT	Mark Dunn
1ST YEAR TRUSTEE	Jesse Lugo
2ND YEAR TRUSTEE	Wayne Burns
3RD YEAR TRUSTEE	Jim Sanford
SECRETARY	John Aceves
TREASURER	Diane Gnuschke
ESQUIRE	Joe Jablonski
CHAPLAIN	Joe Riley
INNER GUARD	Betty Craven
TILER	Walt Lewandowski

2023-2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident Prevention.....	James Sanford
Americanism.....	Susan Trecartin
AEMP-Arizona Major Projects.....	Bob Holyoak
Audit & Accounting	Alyce Dice
Blood Drive.....	Katrina Sharp
Bike-In-A-Box	Jesse Lugo
Clothe-a-Child.....	Martha Megerle
Community Activities	Curtis Winters
Crafty Critters Projects.....	Teen Morgan
Decorating	Sandi Mittelstaedt
Drug Awareness.....	Susan Trecartin
Elks Memorial Day.....	Curtis Winters
Elks National Foundation.....	Bob Holyoak
Elks Tale Newsletter & E-Blast.....	Katrina Sharp
First Responders Event	Fernando Fimbres, Jim Sanford
Flag Day	Curt Winters
Fraternal	Joe Jablonski
Golf.....	Bob Holyoak
Government Relations.....	Wayne Burns
Hoop Shoot / Soccer Shoot	Wayne Burns
House Committee.....	Wayne Burns
Lodge Activities	Curtis Winters
Membership & Lapsation.....	John Aceves
Memorial Day Veterans	Wayne Thompson
Mentor	Joe Riley
PER President.....	Joe Jablonski
Public Relations.....	John Aceves
Protocol	Joe Riley
Ritualistic	Susan Trecartin
Scholarship.....	Wayne Burns
Special Olympics.....	Wayne Burns
Veterans' Services.....	Richard Bernard
Website	John Aceves
Youth Activities.....	Wayne Burns

MEMBERSHIP AT APRIL 1, 2023: 256

TOTAL GAINED	TOTAL LOST	DELINQUENT
Initiated 19	Dropped 0	1-6 Months 2
Affiliated 7	Transfers out 1	1 Year 17
Transfer Dimit 0	Absolute Dimit 1	Over 1 year 0
Reinstatement 1	Deaths 2	TOTAL: 19
TOTAL: 27	Expelled 0	
	TOTAL: 4	

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

With Investigating Committee	
Waiting to Read at next Lodge Meeting	0
Ready for Balloting	0
Ready for Orientation	0
Ready for Initiation	
Ready for Affiliation	0
Reinstatement	0



Life Members:	42
Honorary Life Members	2
TOTAL:	44

CURRENT MEMBERS: 279
@ 11/30/23



National Elks Links:

<https://www.elks.org/default.cfm>
Check out the **Member** Section!

NATIONAL ELKS ONLINE MEMBER CENTER

<https://www.elks.org/members/default.cfm>

Arizona Elks Links:

<https://arizonaelksassociation.org/links>

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Elk Years

Maurice Bradford	01	52
Conni Holderman	01	8
E Hice	03	53
James Rhodes	04	16
Marvin DeRuyter	05	13
Del Peterson	05	15
Teresa Luna	08	1
Frank Santa Cruz	10	9
William Callighen	12	50
Lemar Hauff	13	16
Eddie Rios	13	13
Ed Simmons	13	27
Lyn Alvarez	14	6
Peggy Wilfong	15	21
Cameron Moore	16	9
Don Iozia, PER	17	33
Jesse Lugo	18	17
Jason Johnston	20	2
Steven Pfohl	20	9
Curtis Winters	20	5
Charles Alder	22	16
Edwin Biggers	22	8
Kyle Barnett	25	5
Gary Scheer	25	2
David Gnuschke, PER	27	26
Charles MacIntyre (d)	28	16
Mona Garcia	29	8



Together Elks Add Members

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Tucson Elks Lodge #385 initiated 6 new members on November 28, 2023.

New members: L-R: (L-R): ER Curtis Winters, Denise Prisbe, Trudi Sofias, John Sofias, Terri Case, Ray Moreno, & Phyliss Luse.

Below is Brian Bernard, with his father Leading Knight Richard Bernard, at Honolulu Lodge #616 for Brian's initiation into our Tucson Elks #385.



Queen of Hearts

Jackpot changes weekly & currently is over \$2,468

COME ON DOWN & SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWINGS!

TICKETS AVAILABLE TUESDAY - FRIDAY

4:00 PM - CLOSING

DRAWING ON FRIDAY NIGHT @ 7 PM



MOTION BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP TO REPLACE FREEZER

Motion for Freezer

Jim Sanford. Trustee made the following motion at the November 14, 2023, meeting.

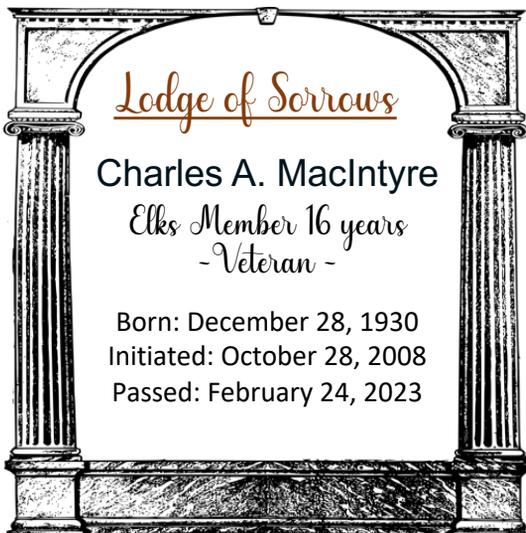
“I move that at the regular Lodge meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at a special order of business, the Lodge after discussion and vote, authorize the Board of Trustees of Tucson Lodge #385 to enter into a contract for the replacement of the current Lodge-owned freezer. The funds for the purchase shall come from the interest portion of the Elks #385 Capital Fund. Said purchase price shall not exceed \$4,000.00.”

This motion when passed shall permit the Lodge Budget to be amended to permit this expenditure.

I further move that written notice be sent to all members of Tucson Lodge #385 at least ten days prior to the meeting on December 19, 2023.

This proposal has been presented more than two (2) weeks, but not more than eight (8) weeks prior to the meeting of December 19, 2023.

The Lodge currently has an adopted budget approved by the members pursuant to 12.070 of the laws of the Order. This proposal includes an amendment to that budget to permit the expense.



Elks Memorial Service

*Sunday
December 3, 2023
2:00 PM*



Elks Members were present for the service honoring those members who are no longer with us.



A light meal followed with meats, cheeses, chicken salad, crackers, fruit, Holiday candies and cookies, and beverages prepared by Kate Riley and Katrina Sharp.

December Clothe-A-Child Shopping & Lunch Event

♥ A Special Thank You to all those who participated in the Clothe-A-Child Shopping & Lunch event on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The event is organized by Martha Megerle and Sandi Middelstaedt, to which many, many THANKS belong!!

Elks members waited in JCPenney's beginning at 8:00 am, for the 25 children to arrive from Nash Elementary School. Eager to make these children's day bright, the members had a list of clothing needs for "their" child, complete with a generous gift card for purchases.

Lunch of chicken nuggets, tater tots, salad, grapes, and cookies, was prepared by Bob Holyoak, First Lady Diane Winters, and several other volunteers, to make this day special for the children! Santa appeared and the children LOVED ♥



VETERANS SERVICES

RICHARD BERNARD, CHAIRMAN

December is a very busy month with friends, family, and a time for reflection.

I would like to thank all of the Elks and Volunteers that donate their time spending on our cause Veterans.

We have gone through the majority of our Grant money, putting it to good use purchasing clothes, shoes, and food for the Homeless. We donated fun snacks and our time to the Fisher House and State Veterans Home. We have the privilege of serving monthly dinners to our visiting visually-impaired Veterans from the Blind Rehabilitation Center for the Blind at the Veterans Hospital.

In the coming year, I hope to expand more for the Esperanza en Escalante Veterans organization, who provide transitional and permanent supportive housing for homeless Veterans, along with social service programs and transportation to assist Veterans' transition into everyday life.

So Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Your Fellow Elk and Friend,
Rick Bernard

Example of generous donations from Elks members and Veterans Committee purchases: 13 Coats, new shirts, socks, underwear, and 396 individual serving ready-to-eat food. Over \$600 of clothing and food.



🇺🇸★ *Thank You to ALL our Veterans for your Service!* ★🇺🇸



The American flag and its flying rules

The American flag is a symbol of freedom and liberty to which Americans recite the [pledge of allegiance](#).

The flag's 13 alternating red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies. Its 50 white stars on a blue field represent the 50 states.

The colors on the flag each have a meaning:

- Red: valor and bravery
- White: purity and innocence
- Blue: vigilance, perseverance, and justice



<https://peds.arizona.edu/steele>

ARIZONA ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS

to benefit the UA Steele Children's Research Center



❖ TEEN MORGAN, 520-287-5873, Email: thebeartree@hotmail.com

*Next Workshop: Monday, **January 8, 9:30 to 2:00PM***

No meeting in December as everyone is busy! Beginning January 2024, we will continue meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month.

It was an amazing year for Crafty Critters. With new ladies joining our group, we accomplished so much for our donations to the Steele Center and Clothe-a-Child program.

With the Margaritaville Party, we were able to donate over \$700 to Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP). This is the first fundraising event for the Crafty Critters, so we can continue on with our projects.

The Steele Center tour on November 17, was also amazing; 12 from our Lodge attended. If you missed it, they will plan another one soon.

What do we have to look forward to in 2024? Again, we will be thinking outside the box and coming up with some new plans & ideas.

📌 *Save your Joann coupons as we can use them for the beanie babies!*



CRAFTY CRITTERS GROUP

Ernestine 'Teen' Morgan, Chairman/Coordinator

"A little touch of kindness was going back to our room after surgery to find a special pillow cover with little pink fairies on it!!"

These are some of the behind the scenes ways Organizations bless families going through treatment! So Much Support from People with Big Hearts & a Vision!"



Know someone who may like to join us? Let me know!

CONTACT: TEEN MORGAN, 520-237-5873, OR EMAIL thebeartree@hotmail.com

MARGARITAVILLE FUNDRAISER - AEMP / CRAFTY CRITTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023



CRAFTY CRITTERS AT WORK!



ELKS CARE: TOYS FOR KIDS OF STEELE



A VISIT TO THE STEELE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH CENTER



BLOOD DRIVE ~ There will ALWAYS be a critical need for life-saving BLOOD.

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Our Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2024, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. It's been many years since our Lodge participated in a group blood drive event. We are looking for a large turnout to show that Our Elks Community has the SPIRIT, HEART, & ENTHUSIASM, to help those in dire need. This event will be open to the Community to participate as well!

If you are planning to donate between November & January, would you mind holding off until this event? It would be amazing to see a LARGE Turnout!

Tucson Elks Lodge #385
1800 N Oracle Rd, Tucson AZ 85705
Saturday, January 6, 2024
09:00 AM - 02:00 PM

[Click Here to
Sign Up](#)



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

Volunteers are needed to assist with this event.
If you want to be a part of this life-saving event, please sign up
in the GREEN BINDER on the reception counter at the Lodge,
OR email / text me to be added to the list.

Contact: Katrina Sharp
907-888-6331,
kmsharp907@gmail.com



Saturday, January 6, 8:30 AM

If you've never been a part of this FUN event, Volunteers still needed! Come experience the JOY of watching these young athletes!

It will be held at the *Boys & Girls Club*, [3155 E Grant Rd, Tucson, AZ](http://3155EGrantRdTucsonAZ.com)

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GOLF NEWS

On October 8, the Golf Club played their event at the Torres Blancas Golf Course in Green Valley. We played a low net score format. The lowest score for the day was Wayne Thompson, followed by Jim Sanford second, Chris Dimit third, Daphne Dickinson forth, and Mike Lessley fifth.

On October 22, we again played in Green Valley at the Haven Course. Same format, Chris Dimit recorded the lowest score, followed by Angelo Daniels second, Jim Sanford third, Mike Lessley forth, and Wayne Thompson fifth.

On December 3, we will be playing at Rolling Hills, starting at 8:00 AM; on December 17, at the Green Valley Country Club, starting at 8:30 AM.

The year is almost over & time to **renew our Golf Club and Arizona Golf Association dues**. On November 6, you should have received the 2024 applications emailed to all potential members. The Fee is \$90. **The annual Golf Club meeting will be held at the Lodge on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 PM.** The 2024 Officers will be elected and planning for the next year. Please plan to attend. **The annual Club Banquet will be with the Lodge Steak and Salmon night, Friday January 5, 2024.**

PLEASE SIGN UP EACH WEEK. **Additional golfers & guests are always welcome to join us!**

2023 JULY - DECEMBER TEE TIMES			
DATE	COURSE	TIME	GREEN FEE
12-Dec	Annual Golf Club Mtg	6:00 PM	
17-Dec	Green Valley CC	8:30 AM	
	Annual Golf Club		
5-Jan	Banquet	5:30 PM	

Weekly Sign-up Sheets & New Applications are posted in the Bar, in the Wall Case on right!

GOLF CLUB CONTACTS:

Bob Holyoak	cell: 520-235-6220
	email: bholyoak35@aol.com
Jim Sanford	cell: 520-241 5844
	email: jimstan1167@q.com



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APPETIZERS AVAILABLE:
 ♦6-pc Shrimp Cocktail ♦ 2-pc Chicken Tenders w/ celery & carrots
 ♦ 6-pc Wings (Regular or Hot) ♦ Fries ♦ Onion Rings

January 2024		December 2023					February 2024	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
					1	2		
					NY Steak or Salmon, Vegetables, Baked Potato, Salad MUSIC: Whiskey & Bad Decisions	Cloth-a-Child Event, JC Penney, 8:15 AM		
8	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Golf Club: Rolling Hills, 8:00 AM Elks Memorial Ceremony, 2:00 PM Light Meal to follow	Closed	Burger, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken. Caesar Salad SAJV Lodge Meeting, 7:00 PM	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Ladies Bunco American Legion Riders	NY Steak or Salmon, Vegetable, Potato, Salad, Apple Pie/Whip Cream Tucson Street Rod Christmas Party	Tagliatelle Bolognese Broccoli, Garlic Bread OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	Bike-in-a Box 10 AM – 11:00 AM		
10	11	12	18	14	15	16		
Metaphysics Fair	Closed	Taco Bowls Sailing Club BOD Holiday Party Elks Lodge BOD 6:30 PM	Burger, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken. Caesar Salad	Taco Bar House Committee 6:30 PM	Fettuccini Shrimp Alfredo, Garlic Toast OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	MUFON 12 – 2 pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Golf Event G.V. CC 8:30 am CANDLELIGHT DINNER 4 PM Turkey, Ham, Gravy, Potatoes; <i>sides donated</i>	Closed	Burger, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken, Caesar Salad Lodge Meeting, 7:00 PM	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable OR Chef Salad Scuba Club	Taco Bar	Salisbury Steak, Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	Closed		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
Merry Christmas		LODGE CLOSED 12/3/23 - 1/2/24				Happy New Year!		