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Elks Tale TUCSON LODGE #385



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FEBRUARY 2024

Greetings & Message from
EXALTED RULER
Curtis Winters

As you know, my term is coming to an end on March 31st. Some of you are saying it is about time, while others think it is too short. We've held some incredible events over this past year!

We were able to bring more members back from the effects of the COVID shutdown, and it is nice to see our parking lot full again. Thank you to all that are making that possible.

We expect to make a gain in membership and retain most of our membership base.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- STEAK OR SALMON DINNER
- Music By Black Jack
- 4 Golf Club: El Rio GC, 8:13 AM
- 6 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM
- 8 House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
- 13 LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM
- 18 Golf Club: Silverbell GC 8:41 AM
- 27 LODGE MEETING, 7:00 PM
- 28 Visiting Veterans Dinner (from SAVAHCS BRS- Blind Rehab Center)

MARCH

- 1 STEAK OR SALMON DINNER

 J MUSIC BY Chuck Moses
- 3 Golf Club: Rolling Hills GC, 8:00 AM
- 5 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12 LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM
- 14 House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
- 16 Easter Clothe-A-Child Event 8:15 AM
- 17 Golf Club: Haven GC 7:30 AM
- 22 Richard Bernard Installation of Officers 4 PM
- 26 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM

So, we must be doing something right. Keep up the good work! Here are my feelings: I do not intend to ride off into the sunset. I had numerous goals that weren't achieved.

#1: I wanted to call each member to see how I could make the Lodge better. I think I made it up to 1/3rd of the membership. Your opinions matter and I still need to hear your voice.

#2: To bring back karaoke as I thought it would be something fun and keep the Lodge active. #3: To put together a Book Club. So many of our members enjoy reading and have expressed a desire to participate.

So the long story short is that I still feel a need to contribute, but in a supporting role.

We are so grateful for Laura's back healing and

Remember our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free. January 5! An amazing crowd attended to listen to the sounds of Yesteryear!

Our Easter Clothe-A-Child
Event is March 16, 8:15 am

grateful to have her back! We

had an excellent First Friday on

Our Easter Clothe-A-Child Event is March 16, 8:15 am, Tucson Mall JCPenney. Please contact Martha Megerle.

We have gotten our American Red Cross Blood Drive back on track and it is important to our community. Thank you Katrina and your volunteers Betty Craven, Pam Hall, and Alyce Dice. You all were all fantastic.

We need new members that are willing to help on our Community Projects; please talk with your friends, family members, neighbors, and even strangers to become part of the Elks.

~Fraternally yours, Curt Winters, Exalted Ruler

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Tucson Elks Lodge 385

Elks Lodge 385 Website

SECRETARY'S CORNER

All Fraternal Year 2024-2025 Statements were mailed on January 19.

Please contact John at bpoe385@gmail.com.

Otherwise, please mail a Check, Stop By, or for Credit Card Payment call the Lodge & leave call-back message & we will call for your card information.

OFFICE HOURS

- Tuesday Friday: 4:00 PM Close
- Saturday / Sunday: Prior Arrangements Only (Rentals)
- Subscribe to the weekly email "BLAST" OF EVENTS Send an email to: bpoe385@gmail.com

Dinner Reservations or Event Planning?

Please call Lodge 520-299-5105

2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

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

MEMBERSHIP AT APRIL 1, 2023: 256					
TOTAL GAINED		TOTAL LOST		<u>DELINQUENT</u>	
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2023-2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident Prevention	
Americanism	
AEMP-Arizona Major Projects	
Audit & Accounting	Alyce Dice
Blood Drive	. Katrina Sharp
Bike-In-A-Box	
Clothe-a-Child	Martha Megerle
Community Activities	Curtis Winters
Decorating	Sandi Mittelstaedt
Drug Awareness	Susan Trecartin
Elks Memorial Day	
Elks National Foundation	Bob Holyoak
Elks Tale Newsletter & E-Blast	Katrina Sharp
First Responders Event	Fernando Fimbres,
' 	
Flag Day	
Fraternal	
Golf	
Government Relations	Wayne Burns
Hoop Shoot / Soccer Shoot	Wayne Burns
House Committee	Wayne Burns
Bar Manager / Special Events /	
Room Rentals	Laura Ruiz
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	
Website	John Aceves
Youth Activities	Wayne Burns

National Elks Links:

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

GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER:

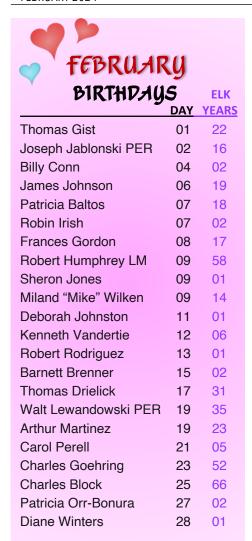
https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/files/2023-06.pdf

Arizona Elks Links:

https://arizonaelksassociation.org/links

Join Our Elkdom:

https://www.elks.org/membership/join.cfm



WELKOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



• Larry Smith, proposed by John Aceves Eve Saenz, proposed by PDDGER Edlynn Henderson

TRANSFERS IN:

- Frank C. Mariscal Lodge Casas Adobes Lodge #2663 to Tucson Lodge #385
- Suzanna A Mariscal from Casas Adobes Lodge #2663 to Tucson Lodge #385



Photo 2023 - ER Curtis Winters, New Member Larry Smith, Secretary John Aceves.



Photo 2024 ~ PER Wayne Burns (filling in for ER), New Member Eve Saenz, PDDGER Edlynn Henderson

NEW FRATERNAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 OFFICER INSTALLATION MEETING

Tucson Elks Lodge #385 Installation of New FY Officers is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024, 4:00 PM. Please Join Us!



Jackpot is at \$3,338 2/1/2024



Come on Down & Support our FUNDRAISER **QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWINGS!**

TICKETS AVAILABLE TUESDAY - FRIDAY @ 6:45 PM

DRAWING ON FRIDAY NIGHT @ 7 PM



VETERANS SERVICES



RICHARD BERNARD, CHAIRMAN

February is here as we keep up the donations of our time and goods for local Veterans.

During the first week of January, we provided the Homeless Veterans Center \$200 worth of clothing. The **Brown trunk** (located in the Lodge Reception Room) received donations of approximately another \$200 worth of slightly used clothing, new underwear & socks, and 20 baseball hats during the last week of the month.

On January 24, we hosted visually-impaired Veterans from the SAVHCS Blind Rehabilitation Services Center for dinner. This dinner is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Elks Members are welcome to hang out or have dinner with them. It's always great to hang with Heroes.

Thanks to all the Volunteers that make this possible every month... you're all Awesome.

On February 6, 4:00 pm, I will hold a Veterans Committee meeting. The Committee will discuss how best to help our Veterans from supporting the Veterans' home, homeless Veterans programs,

and include getting them into housing.

With your help this will be a banner year. Always Thank You for all you do. Rick Bernard



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

For more information on the services provided by the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Healthcare System:

https://www.va.gov/southern-arizona-health-care/health-services/mental-health-care/



The <u>Brown Trunk</u> in the Lodge Reception Room is for Homeless Veterans donations. Slightly used clothes, <u>new</u> underwear/socks, bottled water, AND <u>prepackaged SNACKS</u> are appreciated.

Again, Thanks for all you do in helping our Heroes!

VETERANS' HOMELESS SHELTER

► CLOTHING IS GREATLY NEEDED!!

PLEASE DROP OFF in Lodge Collection Box

- * New WHITE T-shirts: MD, LG & XL
- ★ New Briefs or Boxer Underwear: MD, LG & XL
- ★ Sweat Pants / Shirts / Hoodies
 -light weight: SM, MD, LG & XL
- The Veterans' Hospital greatly needs <u>SNACKS</u> for the Vets: individually packaged breakfast bars, soups, Vienna Sausages, chips, nuts, crackers, cookies, juices, jerky, cases of bottled WATER, etc.!!

All Donations are immensely appreciated!

Gently used clothing is accepted.

no underwear.

🐪 🖈 Thank You to ALL our Veterans for your Service! 🖈



Menu/Bar Price Increases Effective February 6, 2024

Approved by the Tucson Elks Lodge #385 House Committee

BEVERAGES – Beer, Liquor, Soda, Ice Tea, Coffee +\$0.50

MEALS (New Prices Shown Below) +\$1.00

Tuesday – Burgers, BLT (w/ Fries or Onion Rings) <u>OR</u> Chicken Caesar Salad	\$11.00
Wednesday / Thursday – Entrée or Chef Salad	\$12.50
Thursday – Taco Bowls or Potato Bar	\$7.00
Friday – Entrée <u>OR</u> Fried or Baked Cod	\$14.95
1 st Friday – <i>Steak or Salmon</i>	\$21.95
Desserts	\$2.50

APPETIZERS (no change)

Chicken Tenders (3) or Wings (6)	\$8.00
Shrimp Cocktail (6)	\$7.00

SIDES (no change)

Side Salad	\$3.00
Fries or Onion Rings	\$3.00
Extra Burger (<i>Double Hamburger</i>)	\$3.00

SUPER BOWL PARTY ~ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2:00 PM

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE!

Brats, Hot Dogs, Chili, Baked Beans will be provided.

WHERE DO YOU STAND...

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS OR SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS ??



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https://peds.arizona.edu/steele

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FEBRUARY 19, 2024

Machine Embroidery Group & White Stallion Ranch Luncheon

I have been asked by many to start a NW group for Machine Embroidery, so here we go!! Our first meeting is February 19, at the White Stallion Ranch.

A room is set aside just for our group.

Social Hour 11:30 to 12:30 PM | Buffet Lunch 12:30 PM \$15/person

Meeting will be held after lunch.

Please RSVP to Teen by Wednesday, February 14

No machines will be at this meeting; just come and participate in the discussion. We will talk about hooping, and setting the stage for what the group would like to learn. Many people received embroidery machines for Christmas, so it's time to get them singing! We are here to take all the fear away & find the JOY in Creating!

Anyone can join us for lunch, don't have to stay for the meeting.

Just come and have a good time with us!

We are always welcoming newbies to the Group to help with our projects!

Join us as we sew, iron, stuff, cut fabric, socialize, & EAT together to Do Good!

CRAFTY CRITTERS GROUP

Ernestine 'Teen' Morgan, Chairman/Coordinator

Next Workshop

Monday, FEBUARY 12, 2024, 1800 N Oracle Rd (Elks Lodge #385) 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Potluck Lunch @ 11:30 Please Bring a dish & Join Us!

"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

EASTER CLOTHE-A-CHILD SHOPPING SPREE SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN FOR OUR
EASTER CLOTHE-A-CHILD SHOPPING SPREE.

WE WILL MEET AT 8:15 AM AT JCPENNEY-TUCSON MALL,

AT THE WEST ENTRANCE OFF WETMORE ROAD.

CHILDREN FROM HELEN KEELING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WILL ARRIVE AROUND 8:30 AM.

AFTER SHOPPING, WE WILL MEET AT THE LODGE, HAVE LUNCH, & MEET
THE EASTER BUNNY, WHO WILL PROVIDE GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN!

IF YOU HAVE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN ONE OF OUR SHOPPING SPREES, YOU
HAVE MISSED OUT ON A VERY REWARDING & A HEARTWARMING
EXPERIENCE! PLEASE JOIN US!!

IF YOU WANT TO SHOP OR IF YOU WANT TO HELP AT THE LODGE, PLEASE
FIND THE GREEN BINDER FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE LODGE
RECEPTION COUNTER!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!

CONTACT MARTHA MEGERLE, 520-235-3448

LADIES' NIGHT OUT



COME DOWN & JOIN US TO PLAY
31 CARD GAME

4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

DINNER @ 5:00 PM GAME PLAY BEGINS @ 6:00 PM

PLEASE RSVP FOR DINNER:

Laura Ruiz 520-299-5105 Carol Lugo 520-490-6163

BAR DRINK MENU

BOTTLE

Big Blue Van Budweiser

Bud Light Coors Light Corona Dos XX Lager Dos XX Amber **Guinness Draught** Michelob Ultra Miller Lite O'Douls

Pacifico Redbridge (Gluten Free) Sierra Nevada **Tecate Light**

White Claw Selzer

DRAFT

Barrio Rojo Barrio Blonde Kilt Lifter Stella Artois

Cabernet

REDS WHITES

Chardonnay Moscato Pinot Grigio White Zinfandel

Sauvignon Merlot Pinot Noir 7 Deadly Zins Old Vine Red

WIDE VARIETY OF LIQUORS: Bourbon, Gin, Rum, Vodka, Scotch, Tequila, Whiskey, Liqueurs, etc.

Non-Alcohol Drinks

Club Soda

Coke Diet Coke Coke 'Zero Sugar/Caffeine' (Can) Sprite

Ginger Ale (Can) Pepsi (Can)

Diet Pepsi (Can)

Sprite Zero (Can)

Tonic

Coffee (Regular & Decaf)

DONATE

SAVE

BLOOD

Ice Tea or Hot Tea



SAVE THE DATES: American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 13, 9 AM - 2 PM Saturday, June 6, 9 AM – 2 PM

Saturday, October 12, 9 AM - 2 PM

Location: Tucson Elks Lodge #385, 1800 N ORACLE RD, 85705

Schedule Appointments Online (www.redcross.org) or in the Red Cross Blood Donor APP

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



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THE READING CORNER

"Home Front" by Kristin Hannah

A beautiful story exploring the intimacy of family relationships, a marriage, and the dramatic affects of the toll of war on an American family. "Home Front" is a modern story of love, duty, heroism, loss, and hope of a mother conflicted between raising her family, her husband's and daughter's unwillingness to accept her career, and her love of her career as an Air Force National Guard senior pilot.

Jolene and Michael Zarkades face the struggles of everyday life: raising two daughters, careers, bills, and chores as their 12-year marriage is falling apart. When Jolene is suddenly deployed, Michael, a defense attorney, is left to struggle picking up her pace as a 'single parent', a role he is unaccustomed to. She agonizes over leaving her role as mother of her two daughters and her duty as a Soldier. Her phone calls and letters home vaguely paint a rose-colored picture of the reality of her situation.

The devastation of war hits, and the family must face their darkest fears, each fighting battles of their own. Ultimately, Michael and Jolene must decide on finding love, hope, and the strength to endure it all.

I rate it a 5 out of 5 stars. It is a powerhouse novel that leaves you wanting more. -Katrina Sharp



GOLF NEWS

On Sunday, December 3, 2023, the Golf Club played their event at the Rolling Hills Golf Course. Playing a low net format, the lowest score for the day was Angelo Daniels, followed by Wayne Burns second, Bob Holyoak third, and Matilda Lopez forth.

On January 17, playing the same format, at the Country Club of Green Valley, Angelo Daniels and Jim Sanford tied for the lowest score, followed by Bob Holyoak and Chris Dimit tied for third, and Wayne Thompson came in fifth place.

In February, we will play the annual President's Cup Tournament, beginning 2/4 at El Rio Golf Course, starting at 8:13 AM, and continuing on 2/18 at Silverbell Golf Course, starting at 8:41 AM.

Additional golfers & guests are always welcome to join us!

TEE TIMES				
Date	Course	Time	Green Fee	
Sunday, 2/4	El Rio Course	8:13 AM		
Sunday, 2/18	Silverbell Course	8:41 AM		
Sunday, 3/3	Rolling Hills Golf Course	8:00 AM		
Sunday, 3/17	Haven Course	7:30 AM	\$57.00	
Sunday, 4/7	Torres Blancas Golf Course	8:00 AM	\$62.00	
Sunday, 4/21	Haven Course	7:00 AM	\$47.00	
Sunday, 5/5	Rolling Hills Course	8:00 AM		
Sunday, 5/19	Country Club Green Valley	8:30 AM	\$42.00	
Sunday, 6/2	Crooked Tree Course	6:15 AM		

2024 JANUARY - JUNE

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

- 1. An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it's always possible to get worse.
- 2. Golf is a game invented by God to punish people who retire early.
- 3. I like big putts and I cannot lie.

4. There are three ways to improve your golf game: take lessons, practice constantly... or start cheating.

Country Club Green Valley

- 5. Why do golf announcers whisper? Because they don't want to wake up the people watching.
- 6. I play in the low 80s. If it's any hotter than that, I won't play.

The Bi-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

Sunday, 6/23

Cell: 520-241 5844

Email: jimsan1167@q.com

8:30 AM

\$29.00

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APPETIZERS AVAILABLE:

- ◆6-pc Shrimp Cocktail ◆ 2-pc Chicken Tenders w/ celery & carrots
 ◆ 6-pc Wings (Regular or Hot) ◆ Fries ◆ Sweet Potato Fries ◆ Onion Rings
- Fcbruary 2024 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Fried Chicken, Mashed Steak or Salmon. Potatoes, Vegetables Vegetable, Potato, Salad **TSRA** Music by Blackjack 10 5 8 Golf Club: 8:13 AM Spaghetti & Meatballs, Burgers, BLT Fries or Taco Bowls Beef Stroganoff, Roll Onion Rings OR salad, garlic bread or El Rio GC OR Fried or Baked Cod Chef Salad Wagons West Group Chicken Caesar Salad Fries, Coleslaw **Lodge House Comm** Sailing Club BOD Club Bunco 6:30 PM Lodge BOD 7 PM **American Legion Riders** 11 17 Superbowl Sunday Burgers, BLT Fries or Lemon Chicken, Potato, Country Fried Steak, Chicken ala King Pasta MUFON (Rental) **Crafty Critters** Onion Rings OR Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables OR Workshop 10 AM - 2 PM Chicken Caesar Salad Vegetables Hot Dogs, Brats, Chili, Chef Salad **Project Linus Group** Fried or Baked Cod, Valentine's Day **Baked Beans** Fries, Coleslaw 9:30 AM- 2:00 PM **Donations: Side** Lodge Meeting 7 PM **Ladies Bunco** TSRA BOD Meeting Dishes & Desserts 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 Golf Club: 8:41 AM Pork Tenderloin, Au Stuffed Shells, Baked Potato Bar Carne Asada OR Gratin Potatoes OR Meatballs OR Chef Salad Silverbell GC Fried or Baked Cod Chef Salad Wagons West Group Fries, Coleslaw Scuba Club **Ladies Game Night** Sailing Club 25 29 Burgers, BLT Fries or Country Fred Steak, Taco Night Onion Rings OR Mashed Potatoes, Chicken Caesar Salad Vegetables Wagons West Group **Blind Rehab Center** Lodge Meeting 7 PM **Veterans Dinner**