



APRIL 2024

Greetings & Message from

Exalted Ruler Ríchard Bernard



Dear Brother and Sister Elks, Thank you all that attended the Installation of your new Officers for 2024/2025. I am Honored to be your Exalted Ruler for the next 12 months, and I pledge to keep you informed of upcoming events. If you are not getting the Elks Tale newsletter or Weekly Blast, please let an officer know so you can be added to the email list.

I was asked, WHAT ARE OUR GOALS FOR 2024/2025 for Tucson Elks Lodge 385. Goals I have set: <u>Membership</u>: I would like to challenge each Lodge member to recruit one new member this year. The more



NOTE: Please forgive any/all errors. Grace is appreciated.

members the more we can accomplish. If it has been a while since you visited Your Lodge, come down for dinner. We miss your face.

<u>Volunteer Opportunities</u>: If you would donate just a few hours each month, it can make a big difference. Join a Committee: Cloth a Child, Crafty Critters, House Committee - Do you like to Cook? Talk to the House Committee. We can't wait to try your specialty! Youth activities: Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot. Would you like to be a Lodge Officer but don't know what we do? Come to a Board Meeting / House Committee Meeting and Lodge Meeting and see how we operate.

<u>Activities</u>: Elks Lodge 385 is Your Lodge, a place for activities to enjoy. You can to start a Book Club or a Motorcycle Group. Bring your ideas to the Board, and if approved, we will help you make it a reality.

Your Officers are looking forward to helping make this year a productive and fun year for our Elks Family. With your input and help, it will be a reality.

I want to thank Curtis, now our Past Exalted Ruler, for his dedication and leadership this past year. Your hard work did not go unnoticed. I am looking forward to your mentorship. I will try to live up to the high standards you have left for me to follow. A big thank you to Diane for your contribution and hard work this past year helping the House Committee or serving dinners. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the Committee Chairs. I look forward to working with all of you this coming year. To the Officers that are staying on, I am extremely grateful to have your experience. To the New Officers: Bob Crawford (Leading Knight), Martha Megerle (Trustee) and Trudy Sofias (Tiler), welcome and thanks for stepping up. To those Officers leaving, Jim Sanford and Walt Lewandowski, on behalf of Tucson Lodge 385, thank you for your work and time to make are Lodge a great place. I am looking forward to seeing you all at Our Lodge, Sincerely Yours,

Rick Bernard

LODGE &

• Tuesday - Friday: 4:00 PM - Close

• Saturday / Sunday: Prior Arrangements Only (Rentals)

 Subscribe to the weekly email "BLAST" OF EVENTS Send an email to: <u>bpoe385@gmail.com</u>

OFFICE HOURS Dinner Reservations or Event Planning?

Please call Lodge: 520-299-5105

2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS

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

MEMBERSHIP AT APRIL 1, 2023: 256

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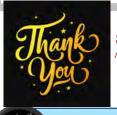




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2024-2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Americanism AEMP - Arizona Major Proje Accounting	ectsBob Holyoak Alyce Dice Katrina Sharp Jesse Lugo
Clothe-A-Child	Martha Megerle
Community Activities	Richard Bernard
Decorating	Sandi Mittelstaedt
Drug Awarenss	
Elks Memorial Day	vvayne Inompson
National Foundation	Diane Gnusnke
Newsletter and E-Blast	Kathleen Riley
First Responders Event	
	Jim Sanford
Flag Day	Curtis Winters
Fraternal	
Golf	Bob Holyoak
Government Relations	
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Wayne Burns
House Committee	
Bar Manager/Spe	ecial Events/
Room Rentals	
Lodge Activities	
Membership & Lapsation	
Memorial Day Veterans Mentor	
PER President	loe lablonski
Public Relations	
Protocol	
Ritualistic	
Scholarship	
Special Olympics	Wayne Burns
Veterans' Services	Richard Bernard
Website	John Aceves
Youth Activities	Wayne Burns



DUE TO A FAMILY EMERGENCY, SEVERAL OF OUR ELKS MEMBERS ARE COVERING MY DUTIES WHILE IAMOUT OF STATE.. THANK YOUFROM MY HEAR TTO YOURS! ~ KATRINA

National Elks Links: https://www.elks.org/default.cfm Check out the <u>Member</u> 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

APRIL		
BIRTHDAYS	Birthday	Elk
DIRTITUATS	Birtifuay	Years
Ben Hurley	1	3
Paula Perry	1	14
John Dewey	2	23
Terry Moore	2	6
Eve Saenz	3	1
Laurence Heuer	5	24
Maynard Stout, PER Susan Anderson	5	12
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Janita Zimmerman	8	5
Manuel Cady Gerald Hale	10	12
	12	16
John Anderson	13	38
Frank Mariscal Jr.	14	9
Michelle Pitt	14	2
Gary Smith	14	3
James Zondlo	15	11
Gene Doll	16	55
Gus Gonzalez	16	13
Steven Repola	16	5
Lynette Allen-Weed	17	4
Federico Tapia	19	5
Jose Laguana	21	13
Matilda Lopez	22	14
Wayne Griffis	23	28
Henry Atwood	24	34
James Bendele	25	49
Leslie Olson	25	39
Dale Sarratt	26	53
Joseph Soto	27	8
Ray Coburn	28	32
John Newman	28	12
Lawrence Beach	29	21
Mark Dunn		3

WELKOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

• Curtis Winters, ER, Gary Whitehead, Proposer Teen Morgan

PENDING INITIATION

Clair Glasford, proposed by Laura Ruiz





A NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

DINNER RESERVATIONS

The House Committee is asking for 48-hour notice for dinner reservations. This notice will help to ensure enough food is prepared for the evening.

LOST & FOUND

2 blue hoodies, 3 pairs of glasses, & a nice Precision Toyota water bottle.

Please call the Lodge to claim. Otherwise, they will be donated to our Veterans' Services Donation Trunk.

LODGE OF SORROWS



Fernando F. Fimbres Born: 6/28/1933 Initiated: 4/24/2021 Died: 3/17/2024 Elk Member: 13 years

Jackpot is \$971

4/1/2024





Queen of Hearts

Come on Down & Support our FUNDRAISER

Queen of Hearts drawings! <u>Tickets Available to Purchase TUESDAY – FRIDAY @ 6:45</u> PM

4:00 PM – CLOSING

DRAWING ON FRIDAY NIGHT @ 7 PM

RICHARD BERNARD, CHAIRMAN



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Hello Fellow Elks,

Wow! What a busy productive month we have had. I want to thank all that have donated their time and goods to our Veterans programs. This was an Exceptional Month all due to the generosity of members and friends of our Lodge.

The Veterans Committee Members had the Veterans Stand Down at the Cushing Street Ramada Inn on March 13th and 14th. Tucson Elks Lodge 385 collected and donated to the Stand Down the Following: 311 pieces of men's new and slightly used hats, shoes, pants, and shirts, and items including toiletries; and 343 pieces of women's new and slightly used shirts, jackets, shoes, sweaters, shorts, and pants, and socks and underwear and toiletries. The estimated value of the items donated is \$4610. Elks Lodge 385 also donated to the Homeless Program at the VA facility the following new items: 25 Backpacks, 39 T-shirts and 100 Ball Caps.The value of donations is approximately \$1132. Our Elks Lodge was pleased to donate to the State Veterans Home DVDs for their theater room and a large assortment of leather crafts.

Veterans from the Blind Rehab School come to the lodge for dinner the fourth Wednesday of every month. These men and woman are Veterans from all over America that come to train at the school at the Tucson VA. Their stories and experiences make this a fun evening.

In closing I am sure you have heard that I have a new position at our lodge as 2024/2025 Exalted Ruler. I will still remain the Chair of the Veterans Committee.

Sincerely,

Rick Bernard, Veterans Chair

The original Stand Down for homeless veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War. This was meant to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Stand Downs provided soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health, and overall sense of well-being.

Our Veterans Committee & American Legion Riders Post 132 are hosting on a fundraiser BBQ Baby Back Rib Dinner at the Elks Lodge #385, **April 27, 2024, from 5:00 – 9:00 pm**. Available will be a raffle, 50/50 drawing, & Music. All proceeds to benefit our Veterans Programs.

Tickets are available to **PREPURCHASE** (required for entry) for \$20 from myself or Bob Crawford. Please support this Fundraiser... it is for a Great cause.

Again, Thank you all for your support of our Veterans Programs!

See you at the Lodge,

Rick Bernard Veterans Program Chairman





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/



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The **Brown Trunk** 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!





LAST LODGE MEETING OF THE 2023-2024 YEAR

The last lodge meeting of the 2023-2024 year was held on March 26. ER Curtis Walters gave his farewell speech and honored several of our members.



ER Curtis Winters presenting Wayne Burns Officer of the Year



ER Curtis Winters presenting Martha Megerle Elk of the Year

ER Curtis Winters passed the torch to our new ER Richard Bernard.



ER Richard Bernard thanking ER Curtis Winters for his service.



ARIZONA ELKS MAJOR

https://peds.arizona.edu/steele

Projects

to benefit the UA Steele Children's Research Center

TEEN MORGAN - CRAFTY CRITTERS CHAIRMAN, 520-237-5873, Email: thebeartree@hotmail.com



APRIL HAPPENINGS April 8th from 9 AM to 2PM is the next workshop and polluck. You do not have to sew to join us, we just like to have fun and eat. So, come down and join us from 9 am to 2 PM and see what we are up to.

The Critters are always busy doing projects. We learn as we go, making crib sheets and surgical caps for the kids. The kids love the cards, and of course, who wouldn't want a treat bag filled with goodies.

We are working on quilts for the Arizona Elks Major Project to be raffled off at the May convention. All the money will benefit the Steele Center kids and the kids' camp. They are giving us a small table at the convention in Phoenix to sell some other great items too for the benefit of the kids.

Lori Castro from Steele Center will visit us and we will have gifts for the Steele Kids. Always love what she has to say about the Steele Center.

May 8th and June 10th, are dates to remember. We will be starting the Christmas stockings as they

do take a while to make. But all the kids love love them, so it is a must we need to do. Wanted: kids fabric to make the caps. 18 to 20 inches can make 2 caps, 1/2 ~ 1 yard, or 1 fat quarter of fabric for 1 cap. If you have some to spare, please donate to us.

- Crib Sheets we will be cutting out & sewing them up and need non-sewers to Embroidery help with the elastic.
- Surgical Caps need non-sewers to help with the elastic on these too.

We are always welcoming newbies to the Group to help with our projects! Join us as we sew, iron, stuff, cut fabric, socialize, & EAT

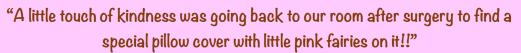
CRAFTY CRITTERS GROUP

Ernestine 'Teen' Morgan, Chairman/Coordinator

Next Workshop

<u>Monday, April 8, 2024</u>, 1800 N Oracle Rd (Elks Lodge #385) 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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



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

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Steele Children's

Research Center

BAR DRINK MENU

REDS WHITES BOTTLE **Guinness Draught** White Claw Selzer Michelob Ultra Cabernet Chardonnay **Big Blue Van** Miller Lite Sauvignon Moscato Budweiser DRAFT O'Doul's Merlot **Pinot Grigio Bud Light** Barrio Roio Pacifico Pinot Noir White Zinfandel Coors Light **Barrio Blonde** Redbridge (Gluten Free) 7 Deadly Zins Corona Kilt Lifter Sierra Nevada Old Vine Red Dos XX Lager Stella Artois Tecate Light Dos XX Amber WIDE VARIETY OF LIQUORS: Bourbon, Gin, Rum, Vodka, Scotch, Tequila, Whiskey, Liqueurs, etc. **Non-Alcohol Drinks** Club Soda Ginger Ale (Can) Sprite Zero (Can)

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

Ginger Ale (Can) Pepsi (Can) Diet Pepsi (Can) Sprite

Sprite Zero (Can) Tonic Coffee (Regular & Decaf) Ice Tea or Hot Tea

DONATE

BLOOD



SAVE THE DATES: American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 13, 9 AM – 2 PM Saturday, June 8, 9 AM – 2 PM

Saturday, October 12, 9 AM – 2 PM

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

Schedule Appointments Online or in the Red Cross Blood Donor APP

For April - Contact: Teen Morgan at 520-237-5873, or TheBearTree@hotmail.com

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GOLF NEWS

April Golf News

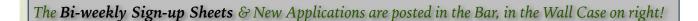
The two golf events we held in February were combined to make it the Club annual Presidents Cup Tournament. The first event was played on February 4th at El Rio and the second event on February 18th at Silverbell. There were different winners at each event. After combining the scores, Jim Sanford had the lowest net score, becoming the winner of the tournament, followed by Chris Dimit second, Angelo Daniels third, and Bob Holyoak and Wayne Burns tied for forth, Gary Turner was sixth.

In the Month of April we will be playing on the 7th at Torres Blancas starting at 8:00 AM and on the 21st at Haven starting at 7:00 AM. We are always looking for additional golfers so come out and enjoy a Sunday of golf and enjoyment in the Arizona sunshine.

2024 January - June TEE TIMES

Date	Course	Time	Gree n Fee
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	
Sunday, 6/23	Country Club Green Valley	8:30 AM	\$29.00

Additional golfers & guests are always welcome to join us!



GOLF CLUB	Bob Holyoak	Cell: 520-235-6220	Jim Sanford	Cell: 520-241 5844
CONTACTS:		Email: bholvoak35@aol.com		Email: jimsan1167@g.com

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: The Tree

A young man with a few hours to spare one afternoon figures that if he hurries and plays very fast, he can get in nine holes before he has to head home. As he is about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffles onto the tee and asks if he can join him. Although worried this will slow him up, the younger man says, "Of course." To his surprise, the old man plays quickly. He doesn't hit the ball very far, but it goes straight. Furthermore, the old man moves along without wasting any time. When they reach the 9th fairway, the young man is facing a tough shot. A large pine tree sits in front of his ball, directly between it and the green. After several minutes of pondering how to hit the shot, the old man says, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With the challenge before him, the young man swings hard, hits the ball, watches it fly into the branches, rattle around, and land with a thud a foot from where it had started."Of course," says the old man, "when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

The Elks Tale Tucson Lodge BPOE 385 PO BOX 86836 TUCSON AZ 85754-6836

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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

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Burgers, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <u>OR</u> Chicken Caesar Salad Sailing Club BOD, SAJV LODGE BOD 7:00 pm	3 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable or Chef Salad Club Bunco American Legion Riders	4 Baby Back BBQ Pork Ribs, Beans, Macaroní Tucson Street Rod Assn	1≕ FRIDAY 5 Steak or Salmon, Vegetable, Potato, Salad Music by Yesteryear	MUFON 10:00 am - 2:00 pm MUFON- NUTINAL UPD VETWORK TAU (1987)
7 Golf Club: 8:00 am Torres Blancas GC	8 CRAFTY CRITTERS WORKSHOP Project Linus Group 9:30 am – 2:00 pm	9 Burgers, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <u>OR</u> Chicken Caesar Salad LODGE MTG 7:00 pm	10 Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, vegetable or Chef Salad Ladies Bunco	11 Taco Bowls Wagons West House Committee Mtg	12 Chicken Marsala, Fettucine Alfedro <u>OR</u> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	H 13 American Red Cross Blood Drive 9 am – 2pm
14	15 Life Line Screening 8 am – 5 pm	16 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable <u>OR</u> Chef Salad Sailing Club	17 Baby Back BBQ Ribs, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable <u>OR</u> Chef Salad Scuba Club	18 Pork Tenderloin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable Tucson St. Rod BOD	19 Ground Beef Enchiladas <u>OR</u> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	20
21 Golf Club, 7:00 am Haven GC	22	23 Burgers, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <u>OR</u> Chicken Caesar Salad LODGE MTG 7:00 pm	24 Pot Roast, Potatoes, Carrots, Onions Veterans Blind Rehab Dinner	25 Potato Bar Wagons West Group Ladies Game Night	26 Fried Shrimp, Coleslaw, Fries <u>OR</u> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	27 <u>VETERANS FUNDRAISER</u> 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM BBQ Baby Back Ribs
28	29	30 Burgers, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <u>OR</u> Chicken Caesar Salad				