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BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

October 2026

Exalted Rulers Message

Greetings Elk family,

Our busy season is upon us as our snowbird members are beginning to arrive. With more and more members coming into the lodge, our restaurant is becoming quite full at dinner. When you come into the lodge for dinner, you cannot seat yourself in the dining room. Give the host/hostess your name and how many will be dining. You must wait to be called to be seated in the dining room. Please be patient and wait your turn. As members, we are all sisters and brothers so please be kind and respectful to each other. Additionally, please be kind and respectful to our staff.

We have door greeters almost every evening. If you are asked to show your membership card, please be a proud Elk and show your card. Additionally, be sure to sign in your guests and remember that unless they are family, you can only bring in a guest 3 times. That is a rule of our order. That keeps it fair to our paying members.

On September 15th, our lodge had our official yearly visit from the Western District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Vicki Way and her husband Mike, the Grand Esquire Brad Lucas and his wife Yvonne. We had several meetings during the day, enjoyed Taco Tuesday and then they attended our Initiation that evening. They were quite pleased with our lodge and our charitable works. Law and Order night was held on the 19th at 5pm and as usual it was a packed house. Last but certainly not least, LCR was held on the 27th 11am and as usual a fun time was had by all.

The month of October looks to be another busy month. Lodge meetings the first and third Tuesdays of the month and the House Committee meeting on the second Tuesday. On October 2nd at 10am come and meet the officers of the lodge for coffee and donuts. Several officers of the Lodge will be attending the Arizona Elks Association Mid-Year Convention in Mesa on the weekend of October 16-18. On October 18th, the lodge will be having a Silent Auction benefitting our scholarship fund which will begin at 3pm. On October 19th at 7pm is Orientation. On October 20th at 7:30pm is Initiation. On October 25th at 11am is LCR. And last but not least, on October 31st our Drug Awareness program will be giving out candy on Main Street for Halloween.

Additionally, let's not forget our weekly activities. The Queen of Hearts on Mondays with ticket sales beginning at 4pm and ticket sales available all week in the bar. You need not be present to win. Monday night dancers at 7pm. Bar Bingo on Wednesday nights with ticket sales beginning at 5:30pm. Regular Bingo on Thursdays with the doors opening at 3:30pm and Karaoke in the dining room beginning at 7pm. Sunday football with a special football bar food menu every Sunday. So come out and enjoy your lodge.

Thank you everyone for supporting our lodge and our many charitable programs. The Great Heart of Elkdom is alive and well in our Lodge.

Fraternally,
Pam Depweg
Exalted Ruler

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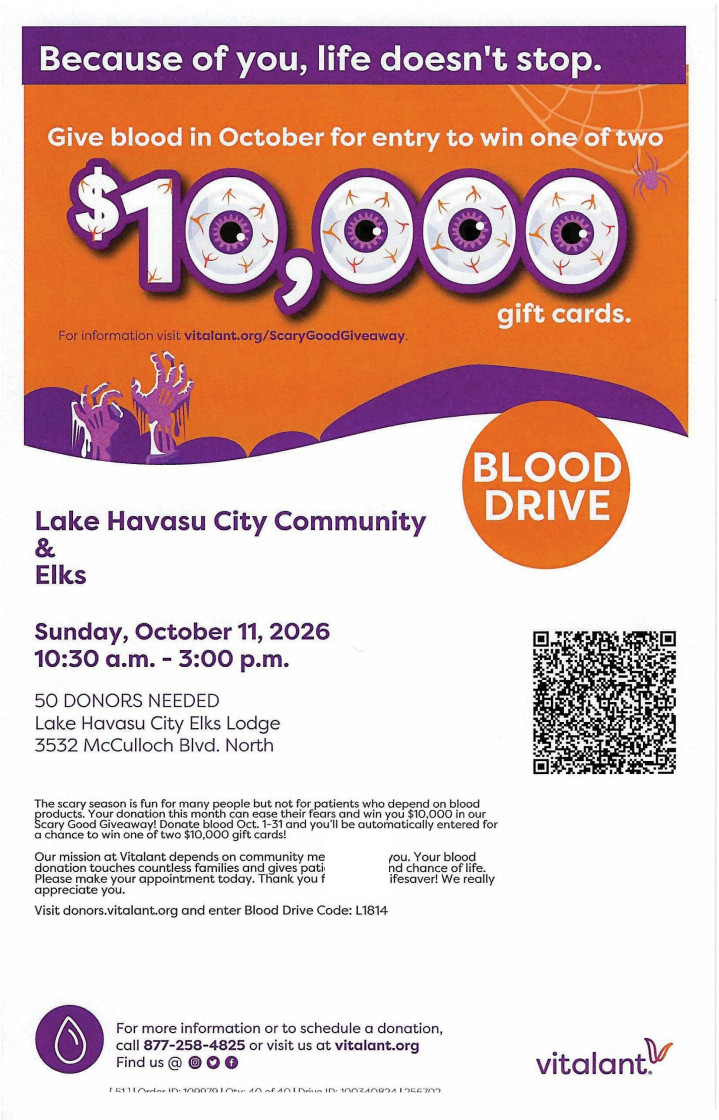
!!ATTENTION PLEASE!!

The Lodge is need of a Lodge Esquire for the current Lodge year. Please Volunteer. If interested, contact the Exalted Ruler (Pam Depweg), or let the Office know.

The Esquire shall organize the Lodge, prepare candidates for initiation, examine and introduce visiting Members, superintend the ballots, transmit official messages as directed by the Exalted Ruler, and in all public displays shall officiate as Marshal. The Esquire shall perform other duties as may be required by the Laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.



ATTENTION!!!

Attend Meetings – Lodge business is conducted during the official meetings – not at the end of the bar. Get the facts at a Lodge Meeting or House Committee/Trustee Meeting.
Meeting Times are posted on the Calendar.
You must be an Elk to attend official meetings. Membership Cards will be checked.

!!!QUEEN OF HEARTS!!!

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle . Played on most Monday's at the Lodge. Tickets on sale at the Lodge at 4:00 pm on Mondays at the Lodge before the drawing at 6:30 pm, or you can purchase tickets at the Bar during the week. Need not be present to win. Tickets are 6 for $5.00. Try your luck, you may be the next lucky winner.

OFFICERS
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Wapiti Wind
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Elks Websites

Want more information about the Elks? You can get limited access to these sites without an account. Creating an account will give you access to the Members Only sections for even more information.

www.elks.org for any information regarding Elkdom.

www.arizonaelksassociation.org for any information about our state association.

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

To join our **Facebook Page**, search Elks Lodge #2399 Lake Havasu City, AZ

Website & Email Statistics 4/23-9/23:
Website Visitors 1,838, Hits 3,974
Email Members 3,326, Emails sent 32
Total Emails sent 105,917

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If you send a text, please add your name so I know who it is from. Your number may not be in my contacts, so I have no idea who your are. Thanks.

Chuck Fox, PER
Wapiti Wind Editor

VOLUNTEERS

Want to Volunteer at the Lodge?

Please Contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

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(If no answer please leave a message)

ELK OF THE MONTH

January, 2026	Elmer & Jewell Snider
February, 2026	Elizabeth Ledingham
March, 2026	Jim Travis
April, 2026	Eva Fox
May, 2026	Wanda Parsons
June, 2026	To Be Announced
July, 2026	Jamie Rogers
August, 2026	Doreen Davis
September 2026	To Be Announced

Pictured below (L to R) Jamie Rogers and Doreen Davis

Auditing & Acct.	**Chairman**
Audit/Acct.	Jamie Rogers
Inventory	Kevin Rogers
Activities Committee	**Chairman**
Activities-Volunteers	Elizabeth Ledingham
Awards Banquet	Pam Depweg
Bingo	Doreen Davis
Blood Drive	Paulette Nainteau
	Jackie Turcotte
Bowling	Carol Sigler
Bulk Mailing	Wanda Parsons
	Kathy Fairbank
Charity Ball	Joyce Bradley
Christmas Baskets	TBD
Community Activities	Eva Fox
Decorating Committee	Elkettes
Door Greeters	Nikki & Tom Harvey
Drug Awareness	Pam Depweg
Elkettes	Connie Jones
Entertainment Committee	Eva Fox
Family Picnic	Joyce Bradley
Fishing Club	Jerry Boyce
Giving Tree	TBD
Golf League	Scott Brown
Grants Administrator	Elizabeth Ledingham
Hoop Shoot	Pam Depweg
Information Technology	Gary Parsons
Law & Order Night	Bud Watts
Lodge Activities	Elizabeth Ledingham
Lodge Emails & Website	Gary Parsons
Long Range Planning	Gabriele Medley
Monday Night Dancers	Patrick Lee
Old Timers Night	Paulette Nainteau
Pasta Night Volunteers	Glen Petty
PER President	Pat Martino
Public Relations	Eva Fox
Queen of Hearts	Joyce Bradley
Retail Sales	Lodge Office
RV Club (Vagabonds)	Joyce Grabowski
RV Parking	Gary Parsons
Scholarships	Gabriele Medley
Soccer Shoot	Pam Depweg
Special Olympics	Brenda Johnson
Taco Tuesday Night	Paul Labovitch
Veterans Stand Down	Elizabeth Ledingham
Volunteer Coordinator	Elizabeth Ledingham
Yacht Club Commodore	Bruce Hubbard
Youth Activities	Pam Depweg
Fraternal Committee	**Chairman**
All American Lodge	Joyce Bradley
Americanism	Pam Depweg
Constitution & By-Laws	Gary Parsons
Elks National Foundation	Jerry Gillen
	Eva Fox
Flag Day	Michael Rosetti
Elks Training	Gary Parsons
Government Relations	Gary Parsons
Interview Committee	Paulette Nainteau
Orientation	Joyce Bradley
Lodge Inspection/Accident	Pat Costello
Major Projects	Pam Depweg
Major Projects (Purple Pig)	Kathy Fairbank
Mediator	Pat Costello
Membership/Lapsation	Bob Feliciano
Memorial Service	Jon Nickell
Presiding Justice	Jay Bidwell
Protocol	Kathy Fairbank
Ritual Coach	Jackie Turcotte
Ritual Word Coach	Paulette Nainteau
Veterans Services	Bud Watts
Wapiti Wind	Chuck Fox

October 2026 *Revised 10/7/2026*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (Doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	**2** Office Closes @ 12pm Meet the Lodge Officers Coffee 10am Lunch 11am-2pm Planning Mtg 1pm PER Mtg 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm Steve Wayman	**3** Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm Steve Wayman
4 NFL Package Hot Dogs & Sunday Snacks 12- 3pm	**5** Ritual Practice 10:30 Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Dancers 7pm	**6** Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm **Lodge Mtg 7:30pm**	**7** Lunch 11am-2pm Sheriffs Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Ribs 4-7pm Bar Bingo 6pm	**8** Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (Doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	**9** Office Closes @ 12pm Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm Tim Hope	**10** Fish Fry 11:30am Fishing Club Mtg 1pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm Tim Hope
11 NFL Package Hot Dogs & Sunday Snacks 12- 3pm **Blood Drive 10:30am - 3pm**	**12** Ritual Practice 10:30 Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Dancers 7pm	**13** Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm Elkette Mtg 6pm **House Committee/ Trustee Mtg 7pm**	**14** Lunch 11am-2pm Vagabonds 11:30pm Desert Singles 3pm Ribs 4pm Bar Bingo 6pm	**15** Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (Doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	**16** Office Closes @ 12pm Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm DNA	**17** Hot Dogs 11am-2pm ELKS Yacht Club Mtg 2pm Young Marines Ball 5pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm DNA
18 NFL Package Hot Dogs & Sunday Snacks 12 - 3 pm **Silent Auction 3 - 5 pm**	**19** Ritual Practice 10:30 Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm **Orientation 6:30pm** Monday Dancers 7pm	**20** Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm **Lodge Mtg/ Initiation 7:30pm**	**21** Lunch 11am-2pm Old Timers 12pm Desert Singles Ribs 4-7pm Bar Bingo 6pm	**22** Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (Doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	**23** Office Closes @ 12pm Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm Matt Baldoni	**24** Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm Matt Baldoni
25 NFL Package Hot Dogs & Sunday Snacks 12- 3pm LCR 11am	**26** Interviews 9am Ritual Practice 10:30 Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Dancers 7pm	**27** Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm MCL 7pm	**28** Lunch 11am-2pm Desert Singles Ribs 4-7pm Bar Bingo 6pm	**29** Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (Doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	**30** Office Closes @ 12pm Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: 6-9pm TFC2 Band	**31** Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm **Halloween Party** 5-8pm (Costume Contest) Music: 6-9pm DJ Music

Daily / Weekly Events

Monday	11:30 am Pinochle 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers 6 pm Karaoke	Thursday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot 11 am—?? Bridge

VAGABOND CLUB NEWS

Hello Fellow Elks,

I hope everyone is as happy to see the Fall Weather as I am! And I am excited to report that as promised in last month's Wapiti Wind our Vagabond Campout Schedule for the remainder of 2026 and 2027 is now available to share.

But first I would like to tell you about the great time we had up in Williams last month. We had 17 rigs gather at the Railside RV resprt and the itinerary for the event included our guided offroad ATV trips, cornhole and LCR dice games and 50/50 raffles. Happy Hour gatherings and a delicious potluck dinner. Several of us also enjoyed a trip to nearby Bearizona and shopping in the historic downtown district.

When choosing our RV trip locations, we always try to take into consideration fun and interesting things to do in the local area and the itinerary published by the trip. Host will provide that information. Here is our Campout Schedule for events thru May 2027:

Date	RV Resort	Address
Nov. 5-8	Desert Cypress RV Resort	610 Jack Burden Rd. Wickenburg, AZ
Jan 18-20	Quartzsite	To Be Announced
Feb 22-26	Wine Ridge RV Resort	3800 Winery Rd., Pahrump, NV
Mar 22-25	Prescott Elks Lodge #330	6245 E. 2nd St. Prescott Valley, AZ
Apr 26-30	Munds RV Resort	1750 S. Munds Ranch Rd., Munds Park, AZ
May 17-21	Henries Hitchn Post	420 N Main St, Panguitch, UT

It is noted, no trips are scheduled in October due to all of the fun things happening in Havasu during that month and no outing is scheduled for the Holiday month of December. But we do have a fun Christmas party planned at the Lodge with an Ugly Sweater theme and several Gift Baskets to Raffle.

In closing, we warmly welcome any member of Lodge #2399 who loves the great outdoors to consider joining our very fun club. For any questions regarding membership, please feel free to contact me at camellialuke@yahoo.com.

We look forward to travelling with you!

Cami Luke
Vagabonds Secretary

Fishing Club News

The dates for the October Derby's will be Wednesday, October 7th and Wednesday October 21st from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Weigh-in scales will be open for 30 minutes after each Derby at Windsor Beach South. Lunch will be served at the Lodge after the fish cleaning process. Help is always welcomed at the fish cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, October 5th at 11:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend. After the Board's agenda is completed, questions or comments are accepted from all in attendance.

The Club's General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th following our Fish Fry! The fish will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. until they are gone.

The Derby on September 2nd was won by Don Brockman and Rick McPherson with 5 fish weighing 14.87 lbs. Don also landed a 6.37 lb. striper for the Big Fish of the Derby. Second Place went to Mike Michaels and Ray Stiles with 5 fish weighing 7.98 lbs. In Third Place was the team of Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish that weighed 6.54 lbs.

Don't forget to put the Club's upcoming Fish Fry on Saturday, October 20th at 11:30 a.m. on your calendar.

**Just a reminder. Our Sunshine Lady, Esther Thayer needs to be notified of any Club member in need or distress. Her Telephone number is: 928-855-1646.

Want to join the Elks Fishing Club? Applications are located on the Fishing Club bulletin board. Place completed forms in the blue box with a check. DO NOT turn in to the office. In addition, all interested Elks may come to our Club meeting for further information. Any Club Officer at the meeting would be happy to answer your questions or call Jerry Boyce at (928)208-1073.

HALLOWEEN ON MAIN STREET

Each year the Lodge has a booth on Main Street . We are able to do this with the gracious help of our Members .

Candy donations are appreciated and can be turned into the Office any day before Halloween.

Vicki Way, The District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) for the Arizona Elks Association West District visits Lake Havasu City Lodge #2399

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Vicki Way, her Husband Mike along with her Esquire (Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler) Brad Lucas and his wife Yvonne are greeted upon arrival for their visit by the Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs of the Lodge.

The Elkettes of Elks Lodge #2399 are proud to announce a donation of $238.00 to the ECHO Band of Brothers this past August. These funds were raised through a combination of "Tips" from a performance by Elk Member and performer Tom "Ace of Diamonds" Vanderende and Jillian Petry, her husband Brian Petry (Elk and Band of Brothers member), Elk and Musician Tom "The Ace of Diamonds" Vanderende, Elkette Interim President Chris Dukey and Echo Band of Brothers President Stacy Lee.

'LAW & Order Night"

On September 19, 2026 Lake Havasu City Lodge hosted a Dinner and Awards function for the Lake Havasu City Police, Fire, Mohave County Sheriff's, C.E.R.T, and Search and Rescue Departments. The Lodge was proud to Donate $500 to Search & Rescue, $500 to C.E.R.T. and Fire Chief Peter Pilafas for their KNOX Box Program and $500 to LHPD's Chief Troy Sterling for their Police Cadet Program.

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BINGO ON THURSDAY'S

DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 P.M.

BINGO STARTS AT 5:00 P.M.

Silent Auction October 18th 3-5pm

Please note time change.

We will host a silent auction October 18th 3pm-5pm. This is a fundraiser for Scholarships and Expansion.

Raffle Baskets **50/50** **Great items to bid on**

Cocktails and appetizers. Entry fee $5.00 and this ticket gets you one of our special cocktails. Three crafted cocktails to choose from.

Please come and support the Lodge and students we provide scholarships to every year.

Gabriele Medley - Trustee/Scholarship Chair

LAKE HAVASU CITY ELKS #2399 PRESENTS

BINGO ENF FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 22, 2026

DOORS OPEN @ 3:30PM BINGO STARTS @ 5PM

$ CASH $ PAYOUTS JOIN THE FUN

RAFFLE BASKETS & 50/50 DRAWING

HOT DOGS OR SANDWICH WITH CHIPS & SODA OR WATER = $8.00

3235 MCCULLOCH BLVD N.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE LODGE

928-453-3557

ELKETTES – KIDS TURN TO SHOP NOVEMBER 28TH, 2026

Elkettes - Kids Turn to Shop is looking for NEW or GENTLY USED items which a child would like to give to parents, siblings, aunts, uncles or grandparents.

Suggestions: Wallets, Tools, Travel Cups/Mugs, Socks, Slippers, Gloves, Scarves, Jewelry, Beauty or Hair Products (no samples), Trinket Boxes, Knick Knacks, Candles (unused), Stationary, Journals, Crafting Items, Puzzles, Games, Toys, Stuffed Animals, Books, Pictures.

We can always use NEW or GENTLY USED: Tissue Paper, Gift Bags (all sizes), Self-Stick Gift Tags, Scotch Tape and Large Vinyl Shopping Totes.

All items can be dropped off at the Elks Lodge Office or contact Doreen Davis (313) 530-5521 to arrange item pick up or for other questions.

We will need help with set-up, cookie donations for th eparents, working the event and the clean-up.

You will not regret volunteering for this event.

MEET YOUR LODGE OFFICERS

QUESTIONS WELCOME!

Have you ever wondered how decisions are made at the Lodge? Do you have ideas to share, questions to ask, or simply want to get to know the Officers who serve our membership? Do you want to volunteer to be an Officer and want to know more about what that entails? Interested in joining a Committee?

We invite all members to join us for a "MEET THE LODGE OFFICERS" coffee hour the first Friday of every month starting September 4th at 10am. This informal event is an opportunity to learn more about the Lodge Operations, upcoming projects, Committee activities, and the goals we have for the future. More importantly, it is a chance for open communication.

Your Officers are committed to serving the membership, and we value your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. Whether you have questions about Lodge finances, programs, events, volunteer opportunities, or simply want to understand how things work, we encourage you to attend.

Come enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, meet your Lodge leadership, ask questions, share your ideas and discover new ways to become involved. No question is too small, and every members voice matters.

The Lodge Officers look forward to seeing you there and building an even stronger Lodge together!

Donation Request for Scholarship Fund

My name is Gabriele Medley, and I am the Scholarship Chair for 26-27. We are raising funds for our scholarships, which will support High School seniors as they move forward with their education.

We will host a Silent Auction on October 18th from 1-3pm. Cost of entry is $5 and this will provide one drink from our special cocktail menu. We are also accepting donations to be included in the auction. There will also be a raffle for three (3) drinks for a $5.00 entry . Please attend and support Your Lodge.

We have a goal of $10,000.00. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting educational opportunities in our community.

Sincerely,
Gabriele Medley
Trustee, Scholarship Chair
elks.gabriele@gmail.com

** 52 Club Raffle Winners **

Below are listed the WINNERS so far for the Month of August 52 Club Raffle:

August 23rd Bridget Kelly $100
August 30th Dave McCullough $100
Sept 7th Tony Maldanodo $500
Sept 14th Bruce Flanagan $100
Sept 21st Cal Bowman $100

!!CONGRATULATIONS!!

MEMBERSHIP AND LAPSATION

Volunteers are needed for the "Membership/Lapsation" committee. If interested in volunteering for this committee, contact Bob Feliciano (Chairman) at 928-855-4251.

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To Our Absent Members:

John P. Meyers
George W. Pullman
Larry Doyle

Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns