



# Elks Tale

## TUCSON LODGE #385



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### APRIL 2026

Greetings & Message from

**EXALTED RULER**

**RICHARD BERNARD**

Dear Brother and Sister Elks,

First, I would like to Thank all the Committee Chairs for all you have done this past year and the year to come. We all appreciate the work you put in this past year. To my buddy Bob Crawford, Thank You for your Leadership and all you did to move us forward. Please enjoy being a PER as an Advisor.

Now, my dear Elks family, I am more confident that together we can accomplish some great things this time around as your Exalted Ruler.

In the weeks to come, I hope to talk to members to find out how we can make our agenda more focused on the needs of the members.

We should be commended as a Lodge for our Charities to Youth and Veterans; activities from Hoop Shoot finalist who went all the way to Chicago, the Soccer Shootout, and Clothe-A-Child (a twice a year event). The Bike-In-A-Box happens before Christmas with 500 bikes to underserved kids (additionally given out at the Clothe-A-Child events). Our Veterans program, which has been increasing in donations each month for the Homeless Center. The Blind Veterans Rehab Center dinners every month, as well as donations to the SAVA Veterans Home, Fisher House, and the March "Stand Down" event for our Tucson Veterans.

The Lodge is planning more **Fun** activities with Trivia Night, Bar Bingo, and maybe Karaoke for our singers. If you think you would be good at organizing events such as these, and would like Coordinate the Lodge Activities, reach out to let me know.



We check all the Charity Boxes where we need our members help to support the Lodge, with your presence at the Lodge. Come in for a meal or a drink and socialize with your Lodge Brothers and Sisters. Not only do we want you here, but we miss your faces!! Laura and the bar staff would love to make your favorite cocktail, and as a BONUS... generally comes with a hug.

On Friday, April 10, at 4:30 PM, the Installation of Officers meeting will take place, then a BBQ Rib dinner to follow; so, make reservations for this very Special Night. These are the People who will perform Lodge business on your behalf. So, please, come celebrate with us!

Membership: we have lost so many of our friends in the past few years! We need to talk to our family and friends about JOINING our Great Organization, so we can keep on as Tucson's Oldest Lodge. I believe, I will be the 129<sup>th</sup> or 130<sup>th</sup> ER for our Lodge. It is up to all of us to encourage others to join Our Family.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Lodge!  
~ER Rick Bernard



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



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### APRIL 2026 EVENTS

- 3 **STEAK OR SALMON NIGHT** Music: **BLACKJACK**
- 7 **LODGE BOD Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 8 **Ladies' Open Bunco** (Reservations)
- 9 **House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 10 **2026/27 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DINNER 4:30 PM**
- 12 **Golf Club: Randolph North 8:40 AM**
- 18 **Celebration of Life:** Walt Lewandowski 1-5 PM
- 22 **Dinner: SAVA Blind Rehab Veterans**
- 23 **PER Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 29 **TRIVIA NIGHT!**

### MAY 2026 EVENTS

- 1 **STEAK OR SALMON NIGHT** MUSIC BY **BLACKJACK**
- 5 **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 12 **LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM**
- 13 **Ladies' Open Bunco** (Reservations)
- 14 **House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 26 **LODGE MEETING 7 PM**
- 27 **Dinner: SAVA Blind Rehab Veterans**

### LODGE & 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](mailto:bpoe385@gmail.com)

### Dinner Reservations or Event Planning?

Please call Lodge 520-299-5105

## 2026-2027 LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER	Richard Bernard
LEADING KNIGHT	Mark Dunn
LOYAL KNIGHT	Alana Dunn
LECTURING KNIGHT	Marisa Michaels
BOD CHAIRMAN	Wayne Burns
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	Leslie Douglas
TILER	John Sofias

## 2026-2027 COMMITTEES

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	Richard Bernard
Event Decorations	Sandi Mittelstaedt
Drug Awareness	Susan Trecartin
Elks National Foundation	Bob Holyoak
Elks Tale Newsletter & E-Blast	Katrina Sharp
First Responders Event	Dennis Scanlan
	Jim Sanford
Flag Day	Richard Bernard
Fraternal	Joe Jablonski
Golf	Matilda Lopez
Government Relations	Wayne Burns
Hoop Shoot / Soccer Shoot	Wayne Burns
House Committee	Wayne Burns
<i>Bar Manager / Special Events / Room Rentals</i>	Laura Ruiz
Lodge Activities	Richard Bernard
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	Jerry Houseman
Website / Social Media / PR GUY	John Aceves
Youth Activities	Wayne Burns

## MEMBERSHIP AT APRIL 1, 2025: 255

<u>TOTAL GAINED</u>	<u>TOTAL LOST</u>	<u>DELINQUENT</u>		
Initiated	9	Dropped	24	1-6 Months 0
Affiliated	8	Transfers Out	11	1 Year 0
Transfer Dimit	0	Absolute Dimit	1	Over 1 year 0
Reinstatement	2	Deaths	8	<b>TOTAL: 0</b>
<b>TOTAL: 19</b>	Expelled	0		
	<b>TOTAL: 44</b>			

### APPLICATIONS ON

<u>HAND</u>		<b>Life Members:</b>	<b>29</b>
Waiting to read at next Lodge Mtg	0	<b>Honorary Life Members</b>	<b>2</b>
With Investigating Committee	2	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>31</b>
Ready for Balloting	0		
Ready for Orientation	0		
Ready for Initiation	0		
Ready for Affiliation			
Ready for Reinstatement	1		

### CURRENT MEMBERS:

**230**

@ 03/28/2026



PLEASE JOIN US  
**APRIL 3**  
 FOR FIRST FRIDAY!  
 MUSICAL GUEST WILL BE  
**BLACKJACK!**  
 STEAK OR SALMON



### National Elks Links:

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

Check out the Member Section!

### ELKS MAGAZINE ONLINE:

<https://www.elks.org/elksmag/>

### Arizona Elks Links:

<https://arizonaelksassociation.org/links>

### Join Our Elkdom:

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

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

	Day	Elk Years
James Duprey	01	2
Paula Perry	01	16
John Dewey	02	24
Terry Moore	02	8
Eve Saenz	03	4
Susan Anderson	06	9
Manuel Cady	10	14
Gerald Hale	12	19
Michelle Long	14	3
Gary Smith	14	4
James Zondlo	15	13
Lynette Allen-Weed	17	7
Federico Tapia	19	6
Jose Laguana	21	15
Matilda Lopez, PER	22	16
Wayne Griffis	23	31
Henry Sonny Atwood	24	36
James Bendele	25	51
Leslie Olson	25	40
Joseph Soto	27	10
John Newman	28	14
Mark Dunn	30	5

## NEW MEMBER

At the March 24, 2026, Lodge Meeting, we initiated our newest member!  
Please wELKome **Jennifer Caballero** to our Lodge!



**BOB CRAWFORD**  
Exalted Ruler  
**JENNIFER CABALLERO**  
New Member  
**SUSAN TRECARTIN**  
AZ South District VP/PER #385

## ELKS LOGO SHIRTS

Time for another Shirt Order! A minimum of 6 items are required:

**2 additional items are needed!**

Prices begin at **\$39.90+tax**, additional charges for larger sizes or Monogram options. A wide selection of colors are available.

Contact Curtis Winters [wintersc.52@gmail.com](mailto:wintersc.52@gmail.com) to place your order or with questions.

**Queen of Hearts**

**CURRENT JACKPOT:**

**\$1,792**

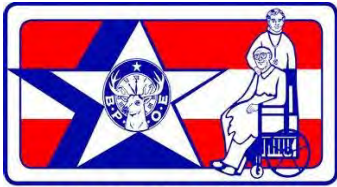
@ 03/06/26

**TICKET SALES**

TUESDAYS 4 PM – FRIDAY 6:45 PM  
DRAWING FRIDAY @ 7 PM

### SECRETARY'S CORNER

Currently, **59 Members** have **not** paid the FY26/27 Dues. **Please** contact John Aceves, [bpoe385@gmail.com](mailto:bpoe385@gmail.com) **OR** CALL the Lodge with your credit card to pay by phone.



"Serving Our Nation's Veterans"

# VETERANS SERVICES

**RICHARD BERNARD & JERRY HOUSEMAN, CO-CHAIRMEN**



Hello Fellow Elks and Veterans,

On March 10, the Tucson Elks Lodge #385, Casas Adobes Lodge #2663, and Tucson East Lodge #2532 participated in another Veterans' "Stand Down" event. This year, they requested 25 backpacks with toiletries for our Veterans. We included snacks, socks, blankets, and ready-to-eat meals. Jerry and Karen Houseman, Trudy Sofias, and I attended from our Lodge to distribute these supplies.

**Stand Down** provides medical, dental, housing, legal assistance, clothing & other Benefits to Veterans.

Each month, we supply the Homeless Program & Fisher House with thousands of dollars in donated clothing. We provide the Veterans Home with snacks, water, games, and books. Because of your generous donations we demonstrate "Charity" - one of our pillars of the Lodge & the BPOE. The brown trunk is our official place to donate.

On March 25, (the 4th Wednesday of each month) we hosted our friends from the Veterans' Blind Rehabilitation Center for dinner; Jim Sanford made his famous Meatloaf with all the fixings. It is by far one of the favorites. Jokes, laughter, & stories are always on hand. If you need some inspiration, please **join us** on each month to meet these amazing and positive Veterans from all over America. If you would like to Join the Veterans Committee, please call Jerry Houseman, 307-631-1810.

That's about it for now. See you all at the Lodge!

Sincerely,

Jerry Houseman, Chairman



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)

## VETERANS' HOMELESS SHELTER

**PLEASE DROP OFF in the BROWN TRUNK**

- ★ New **WHITE T-shirts: MD, LG & XL**
- ★ New **Briefs or Boxer Underwear: MD, LG & XL**
- ★ Gently Used **Sweatpants / Slacks/ Shirts / Hoodies / Polo Shirts: SM, MD, LG & XL**

♦ The Veterans' Hospital always needs SNACKS for the Vets: *individually packaged* breakfast bars, soups, jerky, chips, nuts, crackers, cookies, juices, cases of bottled WATER, etc.!!

All Donations are immensely appreciated!

**Socks & Underwear must be NEW.**

★ **Thank You to ALL our VETERANS for your Service!** ★

PLEASE EXTEND A WARM WELKCOME TO OUR FRATERNAL YEAR 2026/2027 OFFICERS!

Congratulations!

Congratulations!

- EXALTED RULER
- LEADING KNIGHT
- LOYAL KNIGHT
- LECTURING KNIGHT
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS-CHAIRMAN
- TRUSTEE – ONE YEAR
- TRUSTEE – TWO YEAR
- TRUSTEE – THREE YEAR
- TILER
- ESQUIRE
- CHAPLAIN
- INNER GUARD

- Richard Bernard
- Mark Dunn
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- John Aceves
- Diane Gnuschke
- Wayne Burns
- Martha Megerle
- Jesse Lugo
- Wayne Burns
- John Sofias
- Joe Jablonski
- Joe Riley
- Leslie Douglas

Our Partnership with the American Red Cross



Saturday, May 30, 2026, 9 AM – 1:45 PM  
SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION NOW!



Please Bring a Buddy!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 9 AM – 1:45 PM

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

Schedule Appointments Online:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ELKS385>

Scan CODE to Schedule

or go online to download the Red Cross Blood Donor APP



2026 BLOOD DRIVE DATES:

- Saturday, May 30
- Saturday, August 15
- Saturday, November 28



Katrina Sharp  
Blood Program Leader

call / text: 907-888-6331

email: [kmsharp907@gmail.com](mailto:kmsharp907@gmail.com)

# Thank YOU to our own 'Special Olympian' Sandwich Makers!



**Special Olympics**

The early morning hours of March 28th, saw the Lodge open, lights on, the parking lot full of vehicles at 6:00 AM! 36+ volunteers were present to make 680 sandwiches for the Special Olympic Athletes performing in Track & Field Events at Amphi High School.

- 🌱 Thanks to SPROUTS Stores for assisting with the food products to make the sandwiches.
- 🌱 A special THANKS to Diane Winters for slicing over 250 tomatoes and all the other prep work.
- 🌱 A special THANKS to Lori Moore, Matilda Lopez, and Wayne Burns for setting up the distribution center at Amphi High School, and for passing out sandwiches to the athletes.

I want to THANK ALL the following Elks Members and Guests of our Lodge for making the sandwiches:

- 🌟 **ELK MEMBERS:** Jesse Lugo, Mark Dunn, Alana Dunn, John Sofias, Trudi Sofias, Chris Dimit, Rick Bernard, Catherine Jenings, Ron Prasse, Evie Prasse, Joe Jablonski, Daphne Dickinson, Diane Leuty, Lois Wilford, Peggy Jones, Cindy Liles, Patrick Liles, Peggy Jo Miskimen, Wayne Thompson, Cheryl Thompson, Irma Wetington, Fred Klipp, Rosie Klipp, Alane Asp (AE District Deputy), and all other Elks who I apologize for not getting your names.
- 🌟 **GUESTS:** Pam Burns, Brad Potter (Wagons West), and Tucson Sailing Club Members Matt Morris, Gay/Rick George, Mardi/Bob Burden, Marci Phillips, and all other Guests who I apologize to for not getting your names.

We appreciate all these Volunteers for getting together with us to make the sandwiches for grateful Athletes! Several told me how much fun the activity was for them!

Until next year... again, THANK YOU!

*Jim Sanford*

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# Thank YOU to our own 'Special Olympian' Sandwich Makers!



*Special Olympics*





## CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

# Walt Lewandowski

Please join friends and family in celebrating Walt's life.

The Elks Funeral Service will be held at the  
**Tucson Elks Lodge #385**

**Saturday, April 18, 2026, 1:30 p.m.**

A light lunch, stories, tears, and laughter will follow the service.

To ensure there is ample food available, please **RSVP to [ljlewan@gmail.com](mailto:ljlewan@gmail.com) or leave a message at 520-820-3437** by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## HELP WANTED: SEEKING AN EXPERIENCED COOK

Elks Family,

We are in need of a Part-time Cook with short order experience. Do You Know of someone with experience who may want a position to work only a few hours per week?

Compensation: \$18.00 per hour 10 to 12 hours a week.

Volunteers also needed to help prep or cook a dinner!!

Please contact Wayne Burns or Laura Ruiz: CALL **520-299-5105**



**Membership Matters to our Lodge! Do you have Family or Friends who have been interested, although don't know much about our Organization?  
BRING THEM IN,  
INTRODUCE THEM TO THE BROTHERHOOD!**

**LADIES' BUNCO GAME NIGHT RAISES MONEY TO SUPPORT CLOTHE-A-CHILD PROGRAM**  
 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Night of the Month ~



### LADIES BUNCO GAME NIGHTS

- ❖ Dinner served at 5:00 pm (RSVP for dinner reservation)
- ❖ Games begin at 6:00 pm (rules & format discussed prior to playing)

Players Fee: \$10.50 (donation & prize money)

- ✓ Menu will be texted to players 1 week before
- ✓ RSVP with your dinner selection





*Please Call with Questions:*  
 Carol Lugo: 520-490-6163    Laura (Lodge) 520-299-5105

## GOLF NEWS



Please let me know by **Wednesday**, if you plan on playing golf on Sunday.

Email [ladybugmat@cox.net](mailto:ladybugmat@cox.net)  
 or call/text me 520-271-6842  
 Thank you ... Matilda

<b>2026 TEE TIMES</b>		
Date	Course	Time
Sunday, 4/12	Randolph North	8:40 AM

### FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> RESULTS

- 1st Place:** Chris Dimit
- 2nd place:** Matilda Lopez
- 3rd Place:** Wayne Burns, Bob Holyoak

### FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> RESULTS

- 1st Place:** Wayne Burns
- 2nd place:** Jim Sanford
- 3rd Place:** Abram Lares, Wayne Thompson

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

### Additional golfers & guests are always welcome to join us!

**GOLF CLUB CONTACT:** Matilda Lopez    Cell: 520-271-6842  
 Email: [ladybugmat@cox.net](mailto:ladybugmat@cox.net)

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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 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Fish and Chips <u>OR</u> Chef Salad  Ladies Club Bunco American Legion Riders	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable  Tucson Street Rod Assoc	Steak or Salmon, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad  FIRST FRIDAY APRIL 3! Music by BLACKJACK	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 EASTER SUNDAY	Life Line Screening 8 AM – 5 PM  	Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <u>OR</u> Chicken Caesar Salad  Lodge BOD Sailing Club BOD	Taco Bowls <u>OR</u> Chef Salad  Ladies Open Bunco 5:00 PM	Beef Stroganoff, Side Salad  House Committee 6:30 pm	BBQ Baby Back Pork Ribs, Scallop Potatoes, Baked Beans <u>OR</u> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw  2026 - 2027 Officer Installation 4:30pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
GOLF: Randolph North 8:40 AM  	Linus Project 9:30 AM – 1 PM  	Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <u>OR</u> Chicken Caesar Salad  Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable  Scuba Club	Shrimp Basket, Fries  Tucson Street Rod BOD	Pork Tenderloin, Au Gartin potatoes, vegetable, appesaunce <u>OR</u> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries Coleslaw or	Walt Lewandowski CELEBRATION OF LIFE 1 - 5 PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable <u>OR</u> Chef Salad  Sailing Club	Crockpot Pork Chops, Mushroom Gravy, Broccoli, Rice  Hosting SAVA Veterans	Baked Potato Bar  Ladies Game Night PER Meeting 6:30 PM	Chicken Parmesan over pasta with Garlic Bread <u>OR</u> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	9 AM - 12 PM RUMMAGE SALE
26	27	28	29	30		
		Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <u>OR</u> Chicken Caesar Salad  Lodge Meeting	Pizza Selections Trivia Night 	Buffalo Chicken Breast with Blue Cheese <u>OR</u> Teriyaki Chicken Sandwiches, Fries or Onion Rings		