



Greetings Members of Ajo Lodge 1576

August 2026

Several members from our Lodge attended the National Elks Convention in Chicago. It was a great learning experience, as this was my first national convention. The seminars were very beneficial, and I thank the members who joined me for this event.

July was a quiet month and hopefully soon, we start to get a little more active. Don't forget we serve hamburgers/hot dogs on Mondays, various food items on Wednesday with Queen or Hearts drawing. These volunteers work hard to provide their service to us with these meals.

As I have mentioned in the past volunteerism is very important to Elks Lodges. Our Lodge cannot be sustained by the same handful of dedicated members doing everything. They deserve our appreciation, but they also deserve our help. If every member volunteered just a little, no one would feel overwhelmed, and remember my motto- Together We Can Make a Difference. I am not asking for you to volunteer every week, but a couple of hours a month would help. Beginning in September, our season ramps up and we get busy with numerous events planned. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me and I can provide further details.

Our Lodge is starting a new game-it is the 52 Lucky Card Drawing. We will only be selling 400 tickets. Once the 400 tickets are sold, the drawing will begin, and no further tickets will be available for sale. You can buy as many tickets you want at \$52 each and we will have weekly drawings. You only need to buy 1 ticket during that 52-week period. That's like \$1 per week! A flyer will be sent out with further details and explanation. Just think, you can win \$100 per week for multiple times. After the Friday weekly drawing, the winning tickets will be put back into the bin for future drawings.

Enjoy the rains we have been getting and try to stay cool and safe!

Fraternally,

Debbie Allen
Exalted Ruler

26-27

OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler

Debbie Allen

Leading Knight

Sherri Hurd

Loyal Knight

Stacy Guinn

Lecturing Knight

Diana Ahlm

Esquire

Bridget Rendon

Secretary

Ron Ebann

Treasurer

Crystal Durham

Inner Guard

Michael Euritt

Tiler

Luis Moreno

Chaplain

Marlene Hinman

Trustees

Michael Allen

Adrian Rendon

Frank Hinman

AUGUST EVENTS

Lodge Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Meeting Nights) & Friday 4 p.m. until ?

August 6: Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.

August 22: Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.

House Committee

Welcome to August,

We are still experiencing low turnouts for some of our dinner nights. Our volunteers will continue to help feed our hungry members. Of course, stop by for a cold refreshment.

Our Lucky 52 Drawing is here-purchase your tickets to win!!!! See the flyer for rules and weekly payout amounts. We will start drawing once the 400 tickets are purchased. The sooner we can sell all the tickets, the sooner you could start winning \$100 per week if your ticket is drawn.

Watch the weekly happenings for what is coming up at the Lodge. If you would like to cook or help. Please see Marlene Hinman or myself for Monday burger help, or cooking the burgers.

Come in for Lodge Meetings this month on 8/6 and 8/20, 7 PM.

Jeep Run is getting closer so mark your calendars for 10/24!!!!

Help is always needed and all you have to do is volunteer!!

Thank you,

Debbie Allen
House Committee Chair





AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Hamburgers & Hot dogs	4	5 Queen of Hearts & Red Chili	6 Lodge Meeting	7 Loaded Baked Potato	8
9	10 Hamburgers & Hot dogs	11	12 Queen of Hearts & Taco Bowl Salad	13	14	15
16	17 Hamburgers & Hot dogs	18	19 Queen of Hearts & Philly Cheese Steak	20 Lodge Meeting	21	22
23	24 Hamburgers & Hot dogs	25	26 Queen of Hearts & Meatball Parm	27	28	29
30	31 Hamburgers & Hot dogs					

August Birthdays

1 Edmundo Garcia
5 Cathy Hutton-Boyd
6 Veronica Hovanic
7 James Antone
8 Barbara Mackey
8 Concha Montes
14 John Johnson
14 Ladawna Kornack

15 Matthew Odom
17 Michael Torres
18 Charles Armstrong
18 Sandra Renner
18 Donald Smith
18 Elizabeth Stobaugh
19 Douglas Martin
20 Allen Turner

21 Melody Carter
21 Rosemary Lopez
23 Tiffney Gonzalez
24 Robert Radachy
24 Richard Ducic
25 Kaelee Pretorius
30 Robert Berg
30 Andrew Rausch



Secretary's Corner

Here comes August and hopefully the end of the heat and please, some more rain. Quench this desert for a change!

We've recently lost 3 members, Linda Gray on June 12th, Jenna Widick on July 1st, and Mike Fraley on July 13th. May they all rest in peace.

Of course, the loss of these members is reflected in our membership total which is now 292. Delinquency is 57, or 19.5% - that is pretty high for this time of year. Come on guys, please contact me and get your dues caught up.

Coming up on August 8th, several of the officers will be going to San Manuel #2007 Lodge for the first District Deputy clinic with our new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Mary Shaffer from Casas Adobes #2663 Lodge. Any and all members are certainly welcome to attend – should you wish to join us, contact me or Debbie Allen, our Exalted Ruler, and we'll be glad to accommodate you.

On the weekend of July 18 and 19, the Elks Riders, namely Mike Allen, Mike Seeley, Tony Montes, Doug Martin, and myself rode to Show Low #2090 Lodge for the Arizona Elks Riders 3rd Quarter meeting. We will host the 4th quarter meeting here in Ajo the weekend of October 10th and hope to make this a success for the Riders and for the Lodge. Our goals are aligned with the lodge goals and we hope to use our presence as another way to extend our influence and good deeds of Elkdom through our community and the state.

Hopefully this month we'll see progress and near completion of our front entry remodel. Bids are in and retainer fees have been issued.

Also, this is big, we're getting into the Lucky 52 drawing – tickets have gone on sale, you've received fliers announcing and describing the game. We will start doing the drawings once all 400 tickets have been sold – and we'll communicate clearly how we are progressing and the results when we begin drawing. We got this idea from Lake Havasu City #2399 Lodge who have already had three weekly drawings.

I'll be glad to report progress on the several things I've mentioned. Have a great rest of the summer.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
Ron Ebann, PER
Secretary

LUCKY 52 DRAWING

AJO ELKS LODGE

Current Members of any Elks Lodge **can enter for a chance to win!**

We will be selling tickets for \$52 each, cash or credit card, and no more than 400 tickets will be sold to Card holding Elks. The drawing will be held weekly as follows:

46 week drawings worth \$100

6 holiday drawings worth \$500

The first drawing will be determined once we have sold 400 tickets and continue for one year from that start date. You will not need to be present for drawing.

Once 400 tickets sold, drawings will be held on Fridays at 6 PM.

Winning tickets are placed back in the drum, so you have a chance to win 52 times!

See Crystal Durham, Sherri Hurd or Debbie Allen to purchase your ticket (s)

AEMP

What Is AEMP?

Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP) supports two primary initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of Arizona's children:

Steele Children's Research Center

Arizona Elks adopted the Steele Children's Research Center as a Major Project in 1992 through a partnership with the University of Arizona. Since then, Arizona Elks have donated more than \$10 million to support pediatric medical research and clinics, including the Arizona Elks Pediatric Teaching Center. These contributions help advance lifesaving research and improve healthcare for children throughout Arizona.

Jack C. Walter Youth Camp

Located 40 miles northeast of Globe, Arizona, along Workman Creek in the Sierra Ancha Mountains, the Jack C. Walter Youth Camp provides a safe and memorable outdoor experience for young people. The camp is offered free of charge to qualified nonprofit youth service organizations and is maintained each year by Arizona Elks volunteers. It gives children the opportunity to enjoy nature, build friendships, and create lasting memories in a safe wilderness setting.

Join the Diamond Club

Your support helps continue these life-changing programs.

Donate to Arizona Elks Major Projects today and make a difference in the lives of Arizona's children.

For more information, speak with an Elk member at your local lodge or visit azelksmp.org.

Back Porch Musings:



On July 18th the lodge participated in the "Rock the Block" event. A back to school party held in the Plaza where school supplies were given away by different organizations. Pictured above are Bridget Rendon, ER Debbie Allen, & Crystal Durham who handed out supplies to the children.

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS!



As the clock each night tolls forth the hour of eleven, and each stroke sounds like the rap of the gavel of fate, tender memories of our departed friends will come to us. In spirit worlds we will clasp hands, and time will pause while we visit.

The final sound of that last stroke of that sacred hour will die slowly away, only to waken to sound the kneel of another day.

What a sacred hour! Whose heart is not made richer, sweeter by these nightly visits with departed brothers? Dwell on, sweet memory; linger with me until the breaking of another day.

To Our Absent Members!

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Social Quarter

Hours: Open 4 pm to ??
Mon Wed Thurs Friday

Secretary's Hours

5:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday

Newsletter

To submit information for the newsletter, email to mpage1230@gmail.com Forms and a drop box for hand-written information are available near the office. Information is due the 21st of the month for the next month's newsletter.

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