



Greetings Members of Elks Lodge 1576

October 2026

Welcome to October! Temperatures are finally beginning to drop out of triple digits. This is a relief, it also means our winter visitors will be returning to Ajo!

October is going to be a very busy month as we have lots going on at the Lodge. We will be serving some very hungry high school football players and cheer squad on Thursday, October 8th. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for this fun event. The kids are always appreciative of this dinner. Our Ajo Elks Riders will be hosting the Elks Riders quarterly meeting at our Lodge on the weekend of October 9th – 11th. Remember the Lodge is open to all members and guests during this weekend. AEA Mid-Year Convention takes place October 16th -18th and we have a few officers attending that weekend. That weekend is also the date of the Ajo Red & White, which draws a lot of residents and former residents to our great little town. The Lodge will be open for Friday and Saturday.

Let's not forget our 12th Annual "Best Ever" Jeep Run on Saturday, October 24th. This is always a lot of fun and draws a crowd. It does take a lot of planning and many volunteers to make this happen. The proceeds are donated to Arizona Elks Major Projects, which means It's For The Kids!! Please plan to join the fun ride, 50/50, raffle baskets, cake auction, corn hole games and rib dinner. The event starts off Friday evening, October 23rd with the annual PER meatloaf extravaganza! We will have dignitaries in attendance, and we are honored that our State President, Frank Buso and First Lady, Angela will be in attendance.

Rounding out the month, we will be handing out candy for "Trunk or Treat" in our parking lot on October 31st. More details to come for that event.

If you have not paid your dues for the year, it is simple-mail a check for \$93.50 to Ajo Elks Lodge, PO Box 151 or online at Ajoelkslodge1576.square.site. If you sponsored a member and they are delinquent, please check on them and see if we can get them to pay.

Ready Elks-Let's Go!

Fraternally,
Debbie Allen
Exalted Ruler



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OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler

Debbie Allen

Leading Knight

Sherri Hurd

Loyal Knight

Stacy Guinn

Lecturing Knight

Chris Long

Esquire

Bridget Rendon

Secretary

James Antone

Treasurer

Crystal Durham

Inner Guard

Michael Euritt

Tiler

Luis Moreno

Chaplain

Marlene Hinman

Trustees

Michael Allen

Adrian Rendon

Frank Hinman

OCTOBER EVENTS

Lodge Open Monday thru Friday 4 p.m. until ?

October 1: Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.

October 15: Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.

October 23: PER Meatloaf Extravaganza

October 24: Jeep Run All Day Event

October 31: Trunk or Treat

House Committee

Welcome to Fall,

The weather is cooling a bit, but our Lodge is just heating up for October. The ER newsletter outlined all activities, but I would like to mention Monday night and Wednesday night dinners. We have had a low turnout for both and hope that starts picking up. Mondays is still burgers and volunteers are needed. The same for Wednesdays, even though Queen of Hearts is drawn on Wednesdays, the turnout has been very low. Monday and Wednesday crews do a great job with trying to feed the hungry, but they need a break occasionally. Volunteerism is one thing Elksdom is all about. Without volunteers it is hard to make it as a fraternal organization. It is always the same great members who show up to pitch in.

The 12th Annual Jeep Run is coming fast! Volunteers are always needed.

By the time you read this, (hopefully read this), the construction of the front entry way will be near completion. New level, crack free sidewalk has been poured and awning in place. Come check it out.

Remember our Lodge meetings on October 1st and 15th at 7 PM. By attending the meetings, you find out what is going on at the Lodge or if you have concerns or comments this is the venue for those.

Remember, we do have a bar BUT the Elks are so much more than that. See if Veterans Committee, Youth Activities Committee among many other committees need help. You will not be turned away. I know the Soccer Shoot will be happening soon.

Stay safe,
House Committee



OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Lodge Meeting	2 White Chicken Chili	3
4	5 Hamburgers & Hot dogs	6 Pool Tournament	7 Queen of Hearts & Food	8	9 Elks Riders Dinner	10 Elks Riders Quarterly Meeting
11 Elk Riders Breakfast	12 Hamburgers & Hot dogs	13 Pool Tournament	14 Queen of Hearts & Food	15 Lodge Meeting	16	17 Class of 76 Reunion
18	19 Hamburgers & Hot dogs	20 Pool Tournament	21 Queen of Hearts & Food	22	23 PER Meatloaf Extravaganza	24 Jeep Run
25	26 Hamburgers & Hot dogs	27 Pool Tournament	28 Queen of Hearts & Food	29	30	31 Trunk or Treat

October Birthdays

2 Joseph Brigman
3 Stephanie Walker
4 Frank Alviar
4 Patrick McCormick
4 Helen Pyron
6 Bret Burkhead
7 Stuart Dailey
8 Ted Moss
8 Danne Showers

9 Mandy Pickle
13 Yvonne Burton
13 Christopher Clouse
14 Dennis Wood
15 Gary Hester
15 Michael Pegg
16 Amanda Denning
17 Anthony Milionta
19 Rodney Hofeling

20 Dennis Root
23 Charles Krug
24 Suzanne Mocker
25 Luis Gonzalez
25 Larry Thoma
27 Terry Henley
28 Eric Shields
29 Steven Agnes
29 Bonnie Peek

30 Vicente Paco
30 Devin Reno
31 Patrick Holland
31 Eulis Madewell
31 Gary Miller



Secretary's Corner

Greetings all,

This past month has probably been the most confusing one in my entire Elk career. But even so, I'm figuring it out day by day. Learning the job of the Lodge Secretary has been somewhat challenging, but I have had great help from the lodge leadership, and I think we're going to be just fine. Thanks to the efforts of the lapsation committee, I have been keeping up with taking in dues payments from delinquent members. This is an ongoing effort, so I commend them for all of the work they are doing.

It has been a common theme within the lodge to try and grow the membership by any means necessary. This is an idea that I and most of the Lodge leadership disagree with. The Elks is exclusive to those who share the same vision as us, which is contributing to the betterment of our community, supporting veterans, and creating positive influences for our youth. With these 3 goals in mind, we should treat our recruitment with a quality over quantity attitude.

Every guest who walks through that door has the potential to make all the difference in the world. Invite them to attend social nights or lodge functions, and when they are here, talk to them about all the good works that the Elks do for the things we support. This will help to ensure that we'll have people by our side who will be active and contribute to our causes. I feel that it's important to teach new people about who we are and what we stand for before we ever put our name on an application and hand it over.

Lastly, I would just like to thank all those who have commended me and offered support in my new position as Lodge Secretary. Your encouragement means more than you know, and it really boosts morale. So please, when you have a chance, be sure to thank all of your Lodge Officers for all the work that they do. As well as all the volunteers who step up to provide food and services for the entire membership.

Sincerely,

James Antone, PER

Secretary



If you are looking to pay your dues, it's easy!

Send check to Ajo Elks Lodge, PO Box 151, Ajo, AZ 85321

Pay online at: ajoelkslodge1576.square.site

We have about 50 members who are not current. Let's work to get this number down!!

Please email bpoe1576@elksarizona.org, with any questions.

Save the Date!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026

ALL DAY EVENT!

Ajo Elks Lodge # 1576



12th and BEST EVER ANNUAL

JEEP RUN / DESERT SCAVENGER HUNT / POKER RUN

CASH PRIZES and Raffles

8 am to 10 am – Jeep Run Registration- \$25.00 per vehicle

(pick up sack lunch, Poker Run Bead, Desert Scavenger Hunt List and **NEW** Map)

(All Jeep Contestants must be back at the lodge by 2 pm.)

3 pm – Corn Hole Tournament- \$15.00 per person

Cash prize for winner

6 pm – Dinner: \$25.00 per person – Rib Dinner

Pie and Cake Auction

(Out of town participants are welcome to bring auction or raffle item)

50/50 Raffle

JEEP RUN/DESERT SCAVENGER HUNT/POKER RUN

\$25.00 for first two people in Vehicle.

\$10.00 an additional person(s) (INCLUDES SACK LUNCH FOR ALL)

Cash prize for best Highest and Lowest Poker Hand.

Proceeds donated to A.E.M.P.

**DESERT
SCAVENGER HUNT**

R.S.V.P with
Debbie Allen

debbie.allen7150@gmail.com



Top Left: Esteemed Loyal Knight Stacy Guinn serves Ajo volunteer firefighter Chad Coyle and his son Rylee at the lodge's annual First Responders Dinner. This dinner is free to all local First Responders and their families. The dinner was well attended by the public as the lodge served 60 plates that night.

Bottom: On September 18th the lodge held their annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. The officers pictured are Esquire Bridget Rendon PER, Lecturing Knight Chris Long, Loyal Knight Stacy Guinn, Secretary James Antone PER, Exalted Ruler Debbie Allen, Chaplain Marlene Hinman, Trustee Frank Hinman PER, and Inner Guard Michael Euritt.



Back Porch Musings:

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).



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.

Please help us
Save the Lodge money by sending us your postal address corrections. Send to the Lodge at PO Box 151, Ajo, AZ 85321.

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