



Aripeka Tribe

August 2026

**Aripeka Elks Lodge
#2520**

Welcome to our new Members

July 18, 2026



ER Charlie Smith, Carol Kline, Kathy Shafer,
Sue Nobel and Esquire Hal Marcus

Message from the Exalted Ruler

To All Our Great Members

Another month has flown by, and we're looking forward to welcoming our members and guests to the Lodge for another exciting month of fun, fellowship, and great events.

We have a full calendar of activities planned throughout August and beyond, so there's something for everyone to enjoy.

If you have any treasures to sell or enjoy browsing for bargains, be sure to join us for our **Flea Market on August 22**. Vendor spaces will be available both inside and outside the Lodge, and we'll have plenty of delicious food and refreshing beverages available throughout the day.

We're excited to welcome back **Kat Casperson**, who will be entertaining us on **August 7**. Be sure to stop by for a great evening of music and fun.

Calling all artists and bird lovers! On **August 21**, join us to paint your own birdhouse using the supplies we will provide. Your registration also includes a personal pizza, making it a fun and relaxing evening for everyone.

Don't miss one of the biggest events of the month! The winner of the **Harley-Davidson motorcycle** will be announced on **August 15**. We'll also enjoy live music from **Pete Hunt and Southern Branded**, making it a day you won't want to miss.

Looking for a little friendly competition? Every **Saturday in August at 3:00 PM**, come play our newest game, "**Survey Says.**" Bring your friends and see if your answers match the crowd!

Thank you
Charlie Smith

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For additional info

www.Elks2520.com



Elks Lodge 2520 – Aripeka

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Message from the Chairman of the Board

Hi Elk Members:

First, I want to thank all of our members who come to the Lodge and continue to support **your** Lodge. Your participation, volunteer efforts, and patronage are what keep us going.

Recently, I've heard some discussion around the bar about renting or using the back room for events. I'd like to clear up any misunderstandings.

Renting our banquet room is not just an option—it is a necessity. The revenue generated from those rentals helps pay the Lodge's operating expenses and allows us to keep our doors open. As an example, our monthly electric bill alone ranges from **\$3,000 to \$4,000**. Like everyone else, we have monthly expenses that must be paid. If someone would like to donate enough to cover the electric bill each month, we certainly wouldn't have to rely as heavily on room rentals!

The officers and Board of Directors work continuously to find ways to meet our financial obligations and ensure the long-term success of our Lodge. Our goal is to keep this place where members can gather, enjoy each other's company, hold meetings, and participate in the many activities that make our Lodge special.

If you believe you have ideas that could help us improve or reduce expenses, I sincerely encourage you to share them. Better yet, consider stepping forward and serving as an officer or committee member. New ideas and willing volunteers are always welcome.

The good news is that we are doing well financially. However, owning and maintaining a building means unexpected expenses are always around the corner. Just last week we discovered a roof leak that required immediate repairs. Situations like that are a regular part of operating and maintaining our Lodge.

Rather than relying on rumors or "bar talk," I encourage anyone with questions, concerns, or constructive suggestions to come speak with me directly. Open communication is always more productive, and I welcome your input.

Thank you again for your continued support of Aripeka Elks Lodge #2520. I hope everyone has a wonderful August, and I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

Chick Anderson

Board of Directors

Message from the Secretary

Dear Members of the Elks Lodge,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying all that our Lodge has to offer. One of the greatest strengths of our Lodge is the dedication, enthusiasm, and service of our members. Our committees are the driving force behind the programs and activities that support our Lodge, our community, our veterans, and our youth

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the committees that help keep our Lodge active and successful:

Membership Committee - Responsible for welcoming new members, assisting with member retention, and encouraging participation in Lodge activities.

Veterans Committee - Coordinates programs and events that honor and support our nation's veterans and active military personnel.

Community Projects & Activities Committee - Coordinates charitable projects, community outreach efforts, and activities that benefit local organizations and residents.

Americanism Committee - Promotes patriotism, civic responsibility, and respect for our country's history and values.

ENF (Elks National Foundation) Committee - Educates members about the Foundation's charitable work and encourages support for programs that benefit communities nationwide.

Government Relations Committee - Monitors government issues affecting veterans, charities, and fraternal organizations while promoting civic awareness.

Activities and Entertainment Committee - Plans social events, dinners, fundraisers, celebrations, and special programs throughout the year

Public Relations Committee - Helps share the positive story of our Lodge through community outreach, local media, and social media platforms

Auditing and Finance Committees - Assist in maintaining the financial health and accountability of our Lodge.

Youth Activities Committee - Plans programs, scholarships, contests, and activities that benefit the youth in our community, including Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot.

Every committee benefits from fresh ideas and new volunteers. Whether you have a few hours to spare each month or are interested in taking on a leadership role, your participation can make a meaningful difference.

By serving on a committee, you help ensure that Aripeka Lodge #2520 continues to uphold the Elks principles

of **Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity** while making a positive impact throughout our community.

If you would like to serve on a committee or learn more about how you can get involved, please contact me at the Lodge Office.

Thank you for your continued support of Aripeka Elks Lodge #2520.

Fran Kostrowsky
Secretary

Tribe Booster Club

October 2026

Frank and Rose Kulzer

Geri Wojcik, In loving memory of Larry Wojcik

February 2028

Hal and Laurie Marcus, In memory of Jackie and Bob Ruseell

August 2030

Dick and Diane Bourbonais

June 2031

Frank Spoul, In memory of Jack Sproul, PDDGER

VETERAN'S CORNER

The Purple Heart

The significance of the Purple Heart is that it represents both sacrifice and equality in military recognition. It honors service members who were wounded or killed because of enemy action, making it one of the most personal and meaningful U.S. military awards. Its origins also matter because George Washington's Badge of Military Merit was unusual for its time: it recognized courage and service among enlisted soldiers, not only officers. When General Douglas MacArthur revived it in 1932 as the Purple Heart, he connected modern military sacrifice to the nation's Revolutionary War roots and to Washington's belief that bravery should be honored regardless of rank.

Military Holidays and Observances

August 4 - Happy Birthday Coast Guard!

August 7- Purple Heart Day - A time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice.

August. 29- Happy Birthday Marine Forces Reserve!

Monthly Collection items

August - Cleaning Projects

September - Personal Hygiene Products

Please join us for Bingo Day at Baldomero Lopez on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm.

Our next Veterans Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 pm

"Courage is fear holding on a minute longer."

~ George S. Patton

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2027-2028 OFFICERS

Hi Elk Members,

There is something important that we all need to begin thinking about.

In accordance with **Grand Lodge Statute 3.090**, every Lodge will hold elections for its new officers at the **second meeting in February 2027**. That means officer nominations will begin in **January 2027—only five months away**.

Now is the time to start thinking about who will serve in the following leadership positions:

Exalted Ruler; Secretary; Treasurer; Leading Knight; Loyal Knight; Lecturing Knight; and Five-Year Trustee

The most critical position is **Exalted Ruler**. Without an Exalted Ruler, our Lodge cannot function.

Although the election may seem several months away, we all know how quickly time passes. If our Lodge is important to each of us, we must begin identifying members who are willing to step forward and serve. Strong leadership is essential to the continued success of Aripeka Elks Lodge #2520.

This message is not intended to alarm anyone. Rather, it is a sincere reminder that planning for our future starts now. Please begin talking with one another, encouraging qualified members to consider serving, and thinking about how each of us can help ensure the future of our Lodge.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me

Thank you for your support and commitment to our Lodge.

Chick Anderson

Chairman, Board of Directors

Lodge Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Closed Thursday

Phone 727-863-2520

Reservations/Bar - Option 1

Treasurer - Option 2

Secretary - Option 3

SURVEY SAYS

SATURDAYS @ 3PM

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AUGUST 22, 2026 • 8AM-2PM

OUTSIDE

10x10	\$25
10x20	\$40
10x30	\$60

SETUP
6:00-7:30 AM

INSIDE (ELECTRIC)

10x10	\$30
10x20	\$45
10x30	\$65

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Great Finds! Good Times! Don't Miss It!

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August Birthdays

Randolf Kulmann	8/1	Tom Flynn	8/19
Randal Booher	8/3	Richard Clough	8/20
Carolyn Livezey	8/4	Coleen Curley	8/20
Jim Morgan	8/5	Norma Ruiz	8/20
Michael Fuchs	8/6	Shawn Lambert	8/21
Robert Johnson	8/6	Kevin Schuering	8/21
Jamie Naples	8/6	Jean Wertico	8/22
Maria Ortutay	8/6	John Cornell	8/23
Robert Quill	8/7	Barbara Held	8/23
David Mihok	8/8	Walter Tarplee	8/23
George Albert	8/10	Bill Gibbons	8/24
James Gorman	8/10	Terry Rhum	8/25
Ron Wagner	8/10	William Smith	8/25
David Feltz	8/11	Dennis Gallo	8/26
Michael McCormick	8/11	Christine Price	8/26
Fran Scerbo	8/11	Frank Servello	8/26
Joe Linquist	8/12	Randy Cummings	8/27
Ronald Ruge	8/12	Mark Hargraves	8/27
Allison Steiner	8/12	Tanner Wohlfiel	8/27
Irene Chandler	8/13	James Green	8/28
David Skinner	8/13	Deborah Kacz	8/28
Sandy Blankenship	8/14	Nancy Tuszynski	8/28
Tom Carlow	8/15	Linda Snover	8/29
Clark Mayo	8/15	Mark Urban	8/29
Oscar Bocanegra	8/16	Kim Doman	8/30
Pete Firie	8/17		



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LODGE MEETING

Please Join Us!



★ MONDAY ★
AUGUST 18



5:30
— PM —

★
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HELPS MAKE OUR
LODGE STRONGER!
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Friday, August 21 at 6:30 PM - \$25



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SATURDAY
9.19.26



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HEADLINER
RON FEINGOLD

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GENERAL ADMISSION
TICKET*

*includes dinner

\$50

VIP TICKET*

*includes dinner, served,
 one drink ticket,
 VIP seating (limited)

\$75

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