



Elks Tale

TUCSON LODGE #385



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MAY 2026

Greetings & Message from

EXALTED RULER

RICHARD BERNARD



Dear Fellow Elks,

In April your New Officers were installed. Now comes the work for this coming year! We plan on more Trivia nights, Bingo, and Karaoke. A Rummage sale was held on April 25, to raise money for Clothe-A-Child; thanks to Martha's Volunteers, money was raised from the goods donated.

The Veteran's Donation Trunk is a great source for our homeless Veterans. **Please ONLY: new socks and underwear**, clothing in Good Condition-slightly used, snacks, ready-to-eat meals, and water.

On April 22, 16 Veterans from the SAVA Blind Rehabilitation Center came for dinner and dessert,

which is always the 4th Wednesday of the month.

We start off **May 1st** with our Friday Night Cinco de Mayo Mexican dinner and our own DJ music.

Sunday, May 3, brings the Youth Banquet Luncheon; various students will receive financial scholarships from our Lodge and Arizona State Elks; others will receive String instruments. Our **Harry Dobiesz Strings Program** presents violins, violas, or cellos to well-deserving students selected by their music teachers. Please call the Lodge for Reservations, Elk members are welcome to attend!

The Arizona State Elks Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for **May 7-10, 2026**, in Mesa, located at 1011 W Holmes Ave, for those who may wish to attend.

On **Sunday, May 10**, Mother's Day Ritual will begin promptly at 11:30 AM, and a brunch to follow. Please arrive by 11:15, and call the Lodge to make reservations.

Saturday, May 30, brings our Blood Drive from 9 AM to 1:45 PM, at the Lodge. Please use the QR Code to sign up!

For the **Memorial Day Picnic Lunch on Monday, May 25, 12 – 2 PM**, we will host our honored guests, Veterans from the SAVA Blind Rehabilitation Center. Please sign up to bring a side dish!

If your dues are NOT PAID, please call in and the Bartender can take your credit card payment over the phone.

So, this year, again I ask for your HELP...we need to get more Members, and Members to be ACTIVE!!! # 1 Priority! Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about all the things Elks do for the Community, bring them to the Lodge for dinner/drinks, and ask they would like to JOIN US. No one will know about us, if each & every one of us doesn't tell them... and No One will JOIN unless you ask. We track New Membership and who proposed them.

CONTEST: I will pay a full-year membership to the individual who recruits the most members. To qualify, must be a Lodge #385 Member in good standing, and recruit at least two **New Members**. This contest is 2-part April-September, October-March; each winner will be announced at the last Lodge Meeting of the month.

A lot has happened and a lot more in the future months ahead.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Lodge!

~ER Rick Bernard

MAY 2026 EVENTS

- 1 CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION!!
- 3 Golf Club: Rolling Hills GC 7:23 AM
YOUTH Scholarship Luncheon 2:00 PM
- 5 LODGE BOD Meeting 6:30 PM
- 10 Mother's Day Ritual & Brunch 11:00 AM
- 12 LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM
- 13 Ladies' Open Bunco (Reservations)
- 14 House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 Golf Club: Dell Ulrich GC 8:00 AM
- 25 Memorial Day Picnic 12:00 PM
- 26 LODGE Meeting 7:00 PM
- 27 Dinner: SAVA Blind Rehab Center Veterans
- 28 PER Meeting 6:30 PM
- 30 American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

JUNE 2026 EVENTS

- 5 Steak or Salmon NIGHT
- 2 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM
- 9 LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM
- 10 Ladies' Open Bunco (Reservations)
- 11 House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
- 23 LODGE MEETING 7 PM
- 24 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

Dinner Reservations or Event Planning?

Please call Lodge 520-299-5105

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[Tucson Elks Lodge 385](#)
[Arizona State Elks Website](#)

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, 2026: 230

<u>TOTAL GAINED</u>	<u>TOTAL LOST</u>	<u>DELINQUENT</u>
Initiated 0	Dropped 1	1-6 Months 28
Affiliated 0	Transfers Out 2	1 Year 0
Transfer Dimit 0	Absolute Dimit 0	Over 1 year 0
Reinstatement 0	Deaths 0	TOTAL: 28
TOTAL: 0	Expelled 0	
	TOTAL: 3	

APPLICATIONS ON

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

CURRENT MEMBERS:

227

@ 04/30/2026



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>

MAY BIRTHDAYS

	Day	Elk Years
Alyce Dice	03	04
Charles Meinholz	04	02
Pamela Harlow	07	03
Sandra Mittelstaedt	07	15
Charles Gallegos	09	11
Ardeen Harris	12	12
Wayne Thompson	13	44
Robert Nelson	14	13
Conrad "Skip" Werner	14	43
Patrick Richardson	15	04
Ray Diaz	16	05
John Corsi	17	12
Joseph Riley, Jr., <i>PER-PDDGER-PSP-PgIk</i>	20	51
Catherine Jennings	22	02
Richard Kennedy	24	47
Kenneth McKinley	28	08
John Dierdorf	30	59

BE THE DIFFERENCE!

Being an ELK means being part of something BIGGER ... be **INSPIRED** to elevate Community, Camaraderie, & Membership!

MAY IS A MONTH TO HONOR & REMEMBER
 May is a very meaningful month for the Elks, one that is filled with important commemorative times, including Armed Forces Day (5/16) and Memorial Day (5/25), Elks National Youth Week (5/1-7), and Mother's Day (5/10).

FY 2026/27 OFFICER INSTALLATION



Queen of Hearts

CURRENT JACKPOT:

\$2,086

@ 03/25/26

TICKET SALES

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

SECRETARY'S CORNER

If you have not received your **2026-27 Membership Card ...**

Please contact John Aceves,
bpoe385@gmail.com **OR**
CALL the Lodge with your credit card
 to make Dues payment.



VETERANS SERVICES

RICHARD BERNARD & JERRY HOUSEMAN, CO-CHAIRMEN



"Serving Our Nation's Veterans"

Hello Fellow Elks and Veterans,

We had a lot of donations from our Elk family. The SAVA Veterans homeless Center received an estimated \$3,400 of clothing. On Wednesday, April 22, the Lodge hosted 14 Veterans from the SAVA Blind Rehabilitation Center for dinner. We had nine Volunteers cooking and conversing with the Vets. PLEASE join us each 4th Wednesday of the month to honor these Brave men and women who served our Country for our FREEDOM!

If you would like to Join the Veterans Committee, please call Jerry Houseman, 307-631-1810.

See you all at the Lodge!

Sincerely,

Jerry Houseman, Chairman



Better Together,
Many Hands Make Light The Load!

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www.instagram.com/VATucson

VA



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! ★

Our Partnership with the American Red Cross



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



Blood Drive Tucson Elks Lodge #385

Meeting Room
1800 N. Oracle Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85705

Saturday, May 30, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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FRATERNAL YEAR 2025/2026 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

On April 10, 2026, Fraternal Year 2026/27 Officers were installed into Tucson Elks Lodge #385. Additionally, several of our Members were honored with distinguished awards for their service in FY 2025/26.

Officer of the Year:

Diane Gnuschke

Elk of the Year:

Marisa Michaels-Lyons

Making A Difference Special Citation:

Robert “Bob” Crawford

Outstanding Service Commendation:

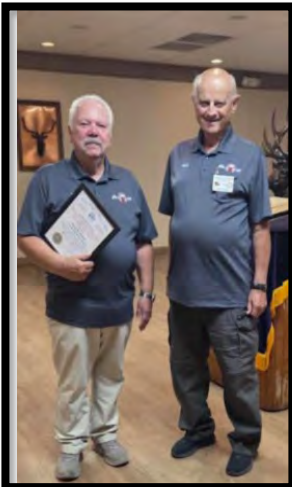
Jerry Houseman (Veterans Homeless Program)

Outstanding Service Commendation:

Martha Megerle (Lodge Trustee / Clothe-A-Child Program)

Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award:

Cheryl Thompson (Wayne Thompson, Member) – not pictured



CLOTHE-A-CHILD RUMMAGE SALE

Dear Elk Members and Volunteers,

Thank you for your generous contribution of time and resources during the Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 25. I am incredibly grateful for your hard work, which ensured another successful event for our Community in support of the Clothe-A-Child project.

Respectfully,
Martha Megerle



This special event was organized and put on by the "Bunco Ladies" Carol Lugo, Mona Garcia, Dina, Irma, Aggie, & others, along with Diane & Curt Winters. The Rummage Sale netted \$569, to benefit the Clothe-A-Child Project.

Every month the **LADIES BUNCO GAME NIGHT** collects & donates \$250 - \$300+ to the Clothe-A-Child Project, in addition to ALL the fun had by ALL.

JIM CLICK \$ MILLIONS FOR TUCSON

WIN ONE OF THREE GREAT PRIZES!

TICKET PRICE
\$25 EACH OR 5 FOR \$100
Raffle benefiting Tucson charities with 100% of funds raised staying here.

*Image for illustration purposes only

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GRAND PRIZE	2ND PRIZE	3RD PRIZE
NEW 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition	TWO ROUND-TRIP FIRST CLASS AIRLINE TICKETS TO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!*	\$5,000 CASH!

The Jim Click Automotive Team is presenting a NEW 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition to the entire community to be used as the featured prize in our ongoing effort to raise millions of dollars for non-profit organizations in Southern Arizona. With your \$25 contribution you could win this stunning vehicle or one of two other great prizes! The best part is that 100% of your contribution will support Southern Arizona charities that keep all the proceeds from the maximum 120,000 tickets which will be sold. The drawing will be held on December 10, 2026.

Entries must be received by December 4, 2026 at Raffle Headquarters.

For campaign and ticket information, contact the Millions for Tucson Raffle Management Team at 520.342.5210 or at: jimclickraffle@mselpublic.com

THE JIM CLICK MILLIONS FOR TUCSON

MillionsForTucson.org

LADIES' BUNCO GAME NIGHT RAISES MONEY TO SUPPORT CLOTHE-A-CHILD PROGRAM

~ 2nd Wednesday Night of the Month ~



LADIES BUNCO GAME NIGHTS

- ❖ Dinner served at 5:00pm (RSVP for dinner reservation)
- ❖ Games begin at 6:00pm (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

All Proceeds from the sale of these Raffle Tickets go directly to benefit our Youth Scholarship & Strings Program!

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
FOR THE YOUTH
LUNCHEON,
May 3, 2:00 PM!!**

TUCSON ELKS LODGE #385
1800 N ORACLE ROAD, TUCSON 85705

CINCO DE MAYO

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
\$14.95

Door Opens @ 4:00 PM
 Dinner @ 5:30 PM

- CHICKEN ENCHILADAS
- CALABACITAS
 (Mexican Zucchini & Veggies)
- REFRIED BEANS
- SPANISH RICE
- SALSA CHIPS
- TRES LECHES CAKE

DRINK SPECIAL
STRAWBERRY MARGARITA

For Reservations, please call the Lodge
520-299-5105

Tucson Elks Lodge #385, 1800 N Oracle Rd

Mother's Day Ritual & Brunch

Sunday, May 10, 2026
 Door Opens: 11:00 AM
 Ritual Begins: 11:30 AM
 Brunch Served Immediately After

- Baked Scrambled Egg Casserole
 (eggs, ham, mushrooms, onions, cheese)
- Biscuits & Homemade Sausage Gravy
- Fresh Fruit (grapes, apples, oranges)
- Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

PLEASE CALL FOR RESERVATIONS:
520-299-5105

GOLF NEWS



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

2026 TEE TIMES

Date	Course	Time
Sunday, 5/3	Rolling Hills	7:23 AM
Sunday, 5/17	Dell Ulrich	8:00 AM

MARCH 1st RESULTS-Rolling Hills GC

- 1st Place:** Bob Holyoak
- 2nd place:** Gary Kordosky
- 3rd Place:** Abram Lares

MARCH 15th RESULTS – Crooked Tree

- 1st Place:** Mike Lessley
- 2nd place:** Jim Sanford
- 3rd Place:** Katrina Sharp, Wayne Thompson, Angelo Daniels

MARCH 29th RESULTS – Haven GC

- 1st Place:** Jim Sanford
- 2nd place:** Chris Dimit
- 3rd Place:** Abram Lares
- 4th Place:** Gary Kordosky
- 5th Place:** Katrina Sharp

Additional golfers & guests are always welcome to join us!

GOLF CLUB CONTACT: Matilda Lopez Cell: 520-271-6842
 Email: 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

		<h1 style="text-align: center;">May 2026</h1>							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	 <p>Cinco de Mayo celebration 4 pm – 9 pm Chicken Enchiladas, Calabacitas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Salsa, Chips, Tres Leches Cake</p>								
<p>GOLF CLUB: Rolling Hills 7:23 AM SCHOLARSHIPS Youth Luncheon 2:00 PM Bowtie Pasta, Marinara Sauce, Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Cookies</p> 			<p>Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings QR Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p>Lodge BOD 6:30 PM Sailing Club BOD</p>	<p>Spaghetti, Meatballs, Mushrooms, Garlic Bread QR Chef Salad</p> <p>Ladies Club Bunco</p>	<p>Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable</p> <p>Tucson Street Rod Assn</p> 	<p>Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread QR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw</p>			
<p>Mother's Day Ritual & Brunch, Door: 11:00 AM Egg Casserole, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice</p> 	<p>Project Linus 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM</p> 	<p>Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings QR Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Chili Relleno, Chili Con Carne or Chili Verde, Beans QR Chef Salad</p> <p>Ladies Bunco</p> 	<p>Shrimp Basket, Fries</p> <p>House Committee 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Cornish Game Hen, Sweet Potatoes, Vegetable QR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw</p>	<p>Room Rental 6 pm - Midnight</p>			
<p>GOLF CLUB: Dell Ulrich GC 8:00 AM</p> 		<p>Stuffed Pasta Shells, Meatballs, Garlic Bread QR Chef Salad</p> <p>Sailing Club</p> 	<p>Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable QR Chef Salad</p> <p>Scuba Club</p> 	<p>Fish and Chips</p> <p>Tucson Street Rod Assn BOD</p>	<p>Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Stir Fry Vegetable QR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw</p>	<p>MUFON 12 – 2 PM</p> 			
 <p>Memorial Day Picnic 12 – 2 pm Hot Dogs, Brats, Salads, Dessert</p>		<p>Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings QR Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Beef Burgundy, Rice, Green Beans</p> <p>SAVA Vets – Blind Rehabilitation Center</p> 	<p>Taco Bowls</p>  <p>Ladies Game Night PER Meeting</p>	<p>Chicken Marsala over Pasta, Salad QR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw</p>	<p>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9 AM – 1:45 PM</p> <p>SCAN CODE!</p> 			