



Elks Tale

TUCSON LODGE #385

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JULY / AUGUST 2026

Greetings & Message from
Exalted Ruler
RICHARD BERNARD



Dear Brother and Sister Elks,

For the summer months, July and August are combined into one (1) Elks Tale newsletter. For upcoming Events, please ensure you check each weekly Blast of Events in your Email Inbox!

On Saturday, July 4, our **4th of July Parade** begins at 8:00 AM, with the **Breakfast** to follow. A contest for the 'BEST Patriotic Dressed', and other prizes will be awarded. See flyer for details.

No Golf Club events or Music on First Fridays during July and August.

JULY 2026 EVENTS

- 3 **STEAK or SALMON NIGHT! FIRST FRIDAY**
- 4 **4th of July Parade | Breakfast!! 8:00 AM**
- 7 **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 8 **Ladies' Open Bunco 5:00 PM** (Reservations)
- 9 **House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 21 **LODGE MEETING 7 PM**
- 22 **Dinner: SAVA Blind Rehab Veterans**
- 23 **PER Meeting**

AUGUST 2026 EVENTS

- 4 **Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 PM**
- 7 **STEAK or SALMON NIGHT! FIRST FRIDAY**
- 12 **Ladies' Open Bunco** (Reservations)
- 13 **House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 15 **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
- 18 **LODGE Meeting 7:00 PM**
- 21 **BAR BINGO!**
- 24 **Life Line Screening 9 AM – 5 PM**
- 26 **Dinner: SAVA Blind Rehab Center Veterans**
- 27 **PER Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 28 **TRIVIA NIGHT!**

Laura's Annual "Elks National Foundation (ENF)" Hoedown Fundraiser was a huge success!! So Much FUN, EXCITEMENT, & DONATIONS to support our Youth and Veterans!! We were honored with a visit from Arizona State President Frank Buso and his wife, Angela (Kearney Lodge #2478). They enjoyed the festivities and had fun at this event. All event proceeds go to the ENF Fund.

On July 5th, I will attend the Elks National Convention in Chicago, as our Lodge's representative. This event is extremely exciting and generates so many new ideas for move Lodges forward with membership, etc.

Our next BLOOD DRIVE is August 15. Please choose to Save Lives and **sign up to donate!** 1 Donation can help 6 Patients!

As you all have Summer plans and time for family fun, please continue to make time as an Elk member with/for other Elks. If you are visiting another State, plan to visit another Lodge! Our Lodge will be open as usual, so please visit us during the July & August.

We will have 2 GREAT events the last two Fridays in August! in addition to the Queen of Hearts, on August 21, we will introduce **Bar Bingo**, and August 28, **Trivia Night** is back! So please mark those dates on your Calendar! September will bring back MUSIC on the First Friday, and back to our regular schedule of 2 Lodge Meetings each month.

And lastly, we are **need** a new Newsletter and Publications Editor. As Katrina's life is migrating to Colorado Springs to take care of family, beginning with September, she will no longer produce the Elks Tale Newsletter.

Have a wonderful Summer and be Safe. Remember... this is YOUR Lodge, so please... come in for a cold drink, a hot meal, Fun Times, and camaraderie with your fellow Elks.

See you at the lodge,
Rick your ER.



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[Arizona State Elks Website](#)

**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

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 2	Dropped 1	1-6 Months	13	
Affiliated 0	Transfers Out 2	1 Year	0	
Transfer Dinit 0	Absolute Dinit 0	Over 1 year	0	
Reinstatement 0	Deaths 0	TOTAL:	13	
TOTAL: 2	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</u>	<u>2</u>
With Investigating Committee	3	<u>Members</u>	
Ready for Balloting	0	TOTAL:	31
Ready for Orientation	0		
Ready for Initiation	0		
Ready for Affiliation			
Ready for Reinstatement	0		

CURRENT MEMBERS:**229****@ 06/30/2026****PLEASE JOIN US****JULY 3RD****FOR FIRST FRIDAY!****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>



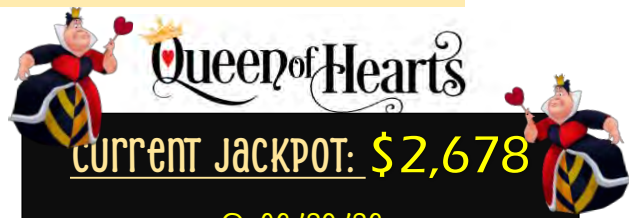
BIRTHDAYS

	Elk	
	Day	Years
Kenneth Porter	02	57
Gary Carter, PER	03	20
Patrice Anne Placencia	04	24
Jerry Houseman	06	3
James 'Randy' Thompson, Jr.	06	3
Elizabeth 'Betty' Craven	07	9
Terrence 'Terry' Madden	11	39
Daniel Medina	11	6
Wayne Burns, PER	12	41
Rodney Smith	12	31
Robert Patrick	13	31
Greg Rodgers	16	16
Richard Bernard, ER	19	16
Alan Michaels	20	3
Marguerite Molly Palmer, PER	20	23
Ronald Schnieder	23	3
Kristyn Weed	25	7
John Crooks	27	48
Richard Bek	28	3
James Sanford	29	17
Christopher Webster	30	11



BIRTHDAYS

	Elk	
	Day	Years
Jack Goodwin	01	16
Angel Lopez	01	8
Robert Sommerfeld	01	32
David Bodell	02	9
Michael Curry	02	2
William Scholl	02	46
Katrina Sharp	03	8
John Sofias	03	4
Linda Kennerson	04	21
Robert 'Bob' Crawford	05	8
Abram Lares	05	20
David Liggett	06	19
Leon Glasford	08	9
Richard Haddock Jr.	12	22
Michael Lessley	12	8
Diane Gnuschke	17	29
Tom Howell	17	10
David Kindle	18	33
Peter Vincent Gallo	26	56
Daphne Dickinson	31	6



CURRENT JACKPOT: \$2,678

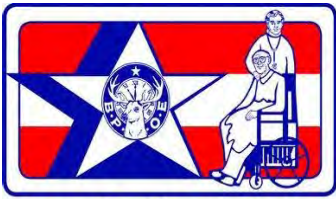
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TICKET SALES

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

BE THE DIFFERENCE!

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



"Serving Our Nation's Veterans"

VETERANS SERVICES

RICHARD BERNARD & JERRY HOUSEMAN, CO-CHAIRMEN



Hello Fellow Elks and Veterans,

Again, thank you for all your donations! Your generosity has kept us very busy, with the homeless Center, as well as the State Home and Fisher House. The Blind Rehabilitation Center Veterans we host every month for dinner, are always well attended.

Please continue to place slightly used clothing and new socks and underwear in the Brown trunk at the Lodge, for both men and women, and again THANKS for all you do.

Sincerely, Rick Bernard ER and Jerry Houseman Veterans Chair.

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

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

For more information on the services provided by the
Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Healthcare System:

<https://www.va.gov/southern-arizona-healthcare/health-services/mental-health-care/>

Better Together,
Many Hands Make Light The Load!

www.va.gov

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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!* ★



I am looking for members, family members, or friends having Marching Band experience with instruments to lead the parade.

➤ Please contact Matilda Lopez 520-271-6842, if you are interested / know someone.

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1800 N ORACLE RD

TUCSON, AZ 85705

250th INDEPENDENCE DAY
of AMERICA!!

4th of JULY

**PARADE &
BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

PARADE KICKOFF 8:00 AM

Breakfast to Follow

THEME:

“CELEBRATING AMERICANS AS PATRIOTS”

Wear your best Patriotic outfit or costume!

ELK MEMBERS:

Bring your children, grandchildren, extended family!



Prizes for BEST PATRIOTIC dressed!



MENU:

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Pancakes

CONTACT THE LODGE FOR RESERVATIONS:

520-299-5105

LAURA'S ANNUAL ENF HOEDOWN







JOIN US!
GIVE BLOOD.

Blood Drive Tucson Elks Lodge #385

Meeting Room
1800 N Oracle Rd
Tucson, AZ 85705

Saturday, August 15, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Organ & Tissue Donation Program



Scan Code to Schedule
Appointment



ALWAYS ... BEFORE DONATING BLOOD, EAT A BIG MEAL, & HYDRATE!!

Make the most of your donation



Donating specific components of your blood is often the best way to help the greatest number of hospital patients.

Blood components

Red cells carry oxygen to all parts of the body. Red cells are used to help save the lives of accident victims, premature babies and newborns, patients undergoing open-heart surgery or organ transplants, and those with anemia.

Platelets are essential for blood clotting. Platelets help save the lives of those with cancer and leukemia since it is often used for chemotherapy treatments, patients undergoing bypass surgery and those receiving bone marrow.

Plasma is the liquid portion of the blood containing critical clotting factors. Plasma helps save the lives of trauma patients, burn victims and those receiving blood transfusions.

An American Red Cross specialist will help you determine which blood component(s) to donate based on eligibility, your preference and other contributing factors.

Types of donation

Whole blood donation: A regular blood donation procedure collecting red cells, platelets and plasma in a single donation. Collected at local donor centers and all local community, school and business blood drives.

Power Red donation: An automated process that allows you to give a concentrated dose of red cells in a single donation. Collected at local donor centers and most local community, school and business blood drives.

Platelet (and plasma) donations: An automated blood donation procedure, potentially collecting up to three patient doses in a single donation. One patient dose of plasma may also be collected simultaneously with a platelet donation. Collected at select donor centers only.

For more information or to schedule your appointment to donate blood, visit or call:
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit redcrossblood.org.



Give where you are needed most

AB blood type: Consider making a plasma donation together with platelets. Anyone in need can receive your plasma. It is universal. And, only 4% of the U.S. population has this blood type.*

A- or B- blood type: Consider making a Power Red or whole blood donation.

A+ or B+ blood type: Consider making a platelet donation or a whole blood donation.

O+ blood type: Consider making a Power Red or whole blood donation or be evaluated for a platelet donation.

O- blood type: Consider making a Power Red or whole blood donation. Anyone in need can receive your red cells, this component is universal. And, only 7% of the U.S. population has this blood type. Did you know? Patients with O negative blood can only receive blood from an O negative donor.

*Distribution of blood types may vary among racial and ethnic groups.

Blood Donation

Information about blood groups and types



Although blood is made up of the same basic elements, not all blood is alike.

Most people have one of the four common blood groups: O, A, B or AB. Blood groups further classified as Rh-positive or Rh-negative are called blood types.

There are hundreds of additional blood types that are much less common. These rare blood types occur in less than 1 out of 1,000 people. They are more complex variations on the common ABO blood types.

Inheritance

Blood groups, like eye color, is an inherited trait passed genetically from your biological parents.

Compatibility

Each blood type is only compatible with specific other blood types, so a donor's blood type and the recipient's blood type must be matched prior to transfusion.

Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients with any blood type.

Other parts of the blood have different compatibility. Type AB plasma and type AB platelets can be safely transfused to any patient, regardless of blood type.

The American Red Cross encourages donors of all blood types to donate. Blood of every type is always in demand for patients in need of blood transfusions.

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or visit redcrossblood.org.

Blood type distribution

Blood Type	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Asian
O+	37%	47%	53%	39%
O-	8%	4%	4%	1%
A+	33%	24%	29%	27%
A-	7%	2%	4%	0.6%
B+	9%	19%	9%	25%
B-	2%	1%	2%	0.4%
AB+	3%	4%	2%	7%
AB-	1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%

Blood group inheritance

Parent 1	AB	AB	AB	B	A	A	O	O	O
Parent 2	AB	B	A	O	B	B	A	B	A

CHILD'S possible blood groups

Child's possible blood groups	O	A	B	AB
O				
A				
B				
AB				

Blood type compatibility

	Recipient's blood type			
	O	A	B	AB
Donor's blood type				
O				
A				
B				
AB				

Red blood cells Plasma/platelets



Our Blood Saves Lives.
SICKLE CELL FIGHTERS

JULY 2026						
			1 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable OR Chef Salad Ladies Club Bunco	2 Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Garlic Bread Tucson St Rod Assoc	3 Steak OR Salmon, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad 	4  HAPPY 4th of July PARADE & BREAKFAST 8 – 10 AM Scrambled Eggs Bacon Sausage Pancakes
5	6	7 Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad Lodge BOD Sailing Club BOD	8 Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable OR Chef Salad Ladies Bunco	9 Baked Potato Bar House Committee Mtg	10 Tonkatsu, Jasmine Rice, Tempura Vegetables: Broccoli, Sweet Potatoes, Onions OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	11 MUFON 12 – 2 pm 
12	13  Project W Linn 9:30 AM – 1 PM	14 Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad	15 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable OR Chef Salad Scuba Club	16 French Dip Sandwich, Fries Tucson St Rod BOD	17 Liver & Onions, Mashed Potatoes OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	18
19	20 Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad Lodge Meeting	21 Crockpot Pork Chops, Mushroom Gravy, Broccoli, Rice Chocolate Pudding SAVA Blind Rehab Ctr Veterans	22 Taco Bowls Ladies Game Night PER Meeting	23	24 London Broil, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Salad OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	25
26	27 Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad	28 Pizza (Select Toppings)	29 Shrimp Basket, Fries	30 Bang-Bang Chicken Skewers, Jasmine Rice, Salad OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	31	

APPETIZERS AVAILABLE:

- ◆ 6-pc Shrimp Cocktail ◆ 2-pc Chicken Tenders w/ celery & carrots
◆ 6-pc Wings (Regular or Hot) ◆ Fries ◆ Onion Rings

August 2026						
2	3	4 Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad Lodge BOD 6:30 PM Sailing Club BOD	5 Fish & Chips OR Chef Salad Ladies Club Bunco	6 Country Fried Steak, Au Gratin Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable Tucson St Rod Assoc	7 Steak OR Salmon, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad 	8 Tucson St. Rod Assoc Private Party 11 AM – 3 PM
9	10  Project W Linn 9:30 AM – 1 PM	11 Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad	12 Stuffed Pasta Shells Meatballs, Marinara Sauce, Garlic Bread OR Chef Salad Ladies Open Bunco 5 PM	13 Chili Cheese Hot Dogs, Fries House Committee 6:30 PM	14 American Chop Suey, Garlic Bread OR Fried or Baked Cod Fries, Coleslaw	15  Red Cross Blood Drive 9 AM – 2 PM
16	17 Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad Lodge Meeting 7 PM	18 Pork Tenderloin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable, Applesauce OR Chef Salad Scuba Club	19 Turkey Bacon Club, Fries Tucson St Rod Assn BOD	20 Chicken Ala King, Butter Noodles, Salad, Biscuit OR Fried or Baked Cod Fries, Coleslaw 	21	22
23	24 Life Line Screening 9 AM – 5 PM  Life Line Screening	25 Grilled Pork Chops, Mushrooms, Gravy, Vegetable OR Chef Salad Sailing Club	26 Beef Stroganoff Strawberry Shortcake SAVA Blind Rehab Center Veterans	27 Baked Potato Bar Ladies Game Night 5 PM PER Meeting 6:30 PM	28 Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Creamy Garlic Sauce, Pasta, Salad OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries Coleslaw 	29 MUFON 12 – 2 pm 



All-new BAR BINGO, 8/21
&
TRIVIA NIGHT, 8/28



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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.

GRAND PRIZE
NEW 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition

2ND PRIZE
TWO ROUND-TRIP
FIRST CLASS AIRLINE TICKETS
TO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!*

3RD PRIZE
\$5,000 CASH!

*Image for illustration purposes only

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 520.342.5200 or at: jimclickraffeforpublic.com

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RAFFLE
MillionsForTucson.org

*Restrictions apply. Please see Millions for Tucson Raffle Rules | millionsfortucson.org | Raffle Management Headquarters: 2713 N. Campbell Ave, Suite 103, Tucson, AZ

GOLF NEWS

NO GOLF EVENTS DURING JULY / AUGUST.

JUNE 7 RESULTS-Crooked Tree GC

1st Place: Jim Sanford
2nd place: Wayne Thompson
3rd Place: Joe Jablonski

JUNE 28 RESULTS – Forty Niner GC

1st Place: Jim Sanford
2nd place: Wayne Burns
3rd Place:

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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Tucson Elks Lodge #385

COMMUNITY ✨ FRIENDSHIP ✨ CHARITY
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST



A full-year membership will be paid for the individual(s) who recruit the most members during this fraternal year.

This contest is 2-part: April-September, October-March; each winner will be announced at the last Lodge Meeting of the ending month.

To qualify, must be a Lodge #385 Member in good standing, and recruit at least two **New Members** into our Lodge.

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