



Elks Tale

TUCSON LODGE #385



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JANUARY 2026

Greetings & Message from

EXALTED RULER

BOB CRAWFORD



Dear Brother and Sister Elks,

We finished up 2025 with a **great** Candlelight Dinner on **Sunday, December 21**. Then came the Big Christmas Break! The Lodge was closed from 12/22/25 to 01/05/26.

MEMBERSHIP: We finished up the year with two (2) new members being brought into the fold. We had a good year with new members, but we are far from out of the woods. If you have any ideas that you would like to see implemented in the Lodge to encourage members to attend **and/or** to bring in new members, please let us know. Please take time to read the statistics page.

JANUARY 2026 EVENTS

- 4 **Golf Club: Silverbell GC, 9:40 AM**
- 6 **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 9 **STEAK OR SALMON NIGHT**
Music by **THROWBACK BAND**
- 18 **Golf Club: Rolling Hills GC 8:18 AM**
- 20 **Trivia Night 5:00 PM**
- 27 **LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM**
- 28 **PER Military Appreciation Dinner 5:00 PM**
- 31 **Just Minerals Gem Show 10 AM – 5 PM**

FEBRUARY 2026 EVENTS

- 2 **Golf Club: TBD**
- 3 **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 6 **STEAK OR SALMON NIGHT**
Music by **BLACKJACK**
- 10 **LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM**
- 16 **Golf Club: TBD**
- 24 **LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM**

Elks Care - Elks Share

We have a couple of upcoming events in January. PLEASE "Save The Dates" for Lodge Meetings and plan to attend. Board of Directors meetings are open to members as well.

The **Golf Club** is in need of members to join! The fee of \$45 covers Arizona Golf Association for GHIN Handicap purposes. The Golf Club no longer requires a fee to join. The tee times are scheduled bi-weekly on Sundays at various Tucson-area courses. Contact information is provided in this newsletter.

TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS! Prepare yourselves for lots of laughs & good honest FUN on **Tuesday, January 20!** Join Marisa & Rick for a night of hilarious, memory-bank jostling!

The **PER Military Appreciation Dinner** is **Wednesday, January 28**. Among our honored guests will be the Veterans from the SAVA Blind Rehabilitation Center. Please join us for a delicious meal, and enjoy camaraderie with the Veterans! Music will be provided by The Men's Chorus.

The **2026 Just Minerals Gem Show** will again utilize our Lodge. The Show opens on **Saturday, January 31**, and will end **Tuesday, February 2**. Hours Saturday and Sunday will be 10 AM - 5 PM, and Monday, 10 AM – 4 PM.

Let's hope and pray that we and the whole world can start off fresh in the New Year.

I personally wish ALL the membership love and peace. See you in 2026!

~ ER Bob



Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.



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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

2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER	Robert Crawford
LEADING KNIGHT	Richard Bernard
LOYAL KNIGHT	Mark Dunn
LECTURING KNIGHT	Ann Huber
1ST YEAR TRUSTEE	Wayne Burns
2ND YEAR TRUSTEE	Martha Megerle
3RD YEAR TRUSTEE	Jesse Lugo
SECRETARY	John Aceves
TREASURER	Diane Gnuschke
ESQUIRE	Joe Jablonski
CHAPLAIN	Joe Riley
INNER GUARD	Trudi Sofias
TILER	John Sofias

2025-2026 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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	John Aceves
Youth Activities	Wayne Burns

MEMBERSHIP AT APRIL 1, 2025: 255

<u>TOTAL GAINED</u>	<u>TOTAL LOST</u>	<u>DELINQUENT</u>		
Initiated 8	Dropped 24	1-6 Months	0	
Affiliated 1	Transfers Out 10	1 Year	0	
Transfer Dimit 0	Absolute Dimit 0	Over 1 year	0	
Reinstatement 2	Deaths 3	TOTAL:	0	
TOTAL: 11	Expelled 0			
	TOTAL: 37			

APPLICATIONS ON

<u>HAND</u>		Life Members:	32
Waiting to read at next Lodge Mtg	0	Honorary Life Members	2
With Investigating Committee	0	TOTAL:	34
Ready for Balloting	0		
Ready for Orientation	0		
Ready for Initiation	0		
Ready for Affiliation	0		
Reinstatement	0		

CURRENT MEMBERS:

229

@ 12/30/2025



**PLEASE JOIN US
JANUARY 9,
FOR FIRST FRIDAY!
MUSICAL GUEST WILL BE
THROWBACK BAND!**



National Elks Links:

<https://www.elks.org/default.cfm>

Check out the **Member** Section!

ELKS MAGAZINE ONLINE:

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

	Elk Day	Years
Arnulfo Riesgo	01	4
John Aceves, PER	02	18
Charles Foust	02	56
Chris Corpe	04	14
Richard Davis, DDS	04	44
John Heidel Jr	06	57
Morris Elrod	07	6
Richard Wilfong	07	45
Angelo Daniels	10	9
Keith Anarde	14	26
William Lach	18	46
Bonnie Vickers	25	18
Frederick Shaffer	27	49
Bryan Silver	29	3
Ronald Toland	29	69
Trudi Sofias	30	3
Michael Lavin	31	7
Thad Wilcox	31	34

NEW MEMBERS

At the December 16, 2025, Lodge Meeting, the following new Elks were initiated into Tucson Elks #385. Please **wELKome** our newest members!!

Michael Seno, ER Bob Crawford, Francisco "Frank" Saenz, and Member Eve Saenz



Queen of Hearts

CURRENT JACKPOT:

\$1,129

@ 1/6/26

TICKET SALES

TUESDAYS 4 PM – FRIDAY 6:45 PM

DRAWING FRIDAY @ 7 PM

 *Lodge of Sorrows*

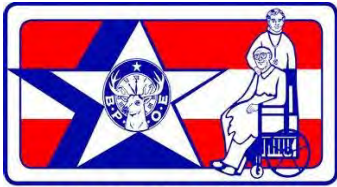


JEAN M. STEVENSON

Born May 15, 1944 in Glasgow, Scotland, migrated to the United States with her parents in 1954 to San Francisco, California.

Survived by Albert J. Stevenson of Tucson, AZ, son Gary Ward, Oregon, daughters Jodi Barrett, Tucson, AZ, and Noni McDonald, Milpitas, CA, and grandchildren.

Memorial Services were held at BPO Elks Lodge #385, Saturday, January 3, 12 noon – 4 p.m.



"Serving Our Nation's Veterans"

VETERANS SERVICES

RICHARD BERNARD & JERRY HOUSEMAN, CO-CHAIRMEN



Hello Fellow Elks and Veterans,

Happy New Year! Year 2025 we successfully filled our mission on delivering donations of clothing, shoes, coats, and food. For our friends at the Blind Rehab Center, we hosted dinners for them at the Lodge, as well as for Memorial and Labor Day picnics.

For the Veterans at the Veterans' Home, Santa and his Elves filled their wishes for Christmas. On December 19, 2025, we delivered the gifts and helped out at the Veterans' Home Christmas Party.

On December 19, 2025, the Tucson AZ Elks Lodge #385 members donated approximately \$2,743 of clothing/snacks for our Tucson-area Veterans. The Homeless Program received about \$2,032, with \$441 going to the Veterans Home.

Now it's time to start all over again! We will hold the Military Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. Dinner and entertainment will be provided for \$12.95/per person, and the Blind Rehab Center Veterans will be our Guests of Honor. We urge you all to attend to support our Military, who have made it possible for all of us to live Free. **Call the Lodge to make your reservations!** Let's start off the 2026 New Year with participation from our Membership.

Sincerely,
Rick Bernard and Jerry Houseman
Co-Chairmen



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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!** ★

TUCSON ELKS LODGE #385

1800 N ORACLE RD

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TRIVIA NIGHT!

Tuesday
JANUARY 20, 2026

RSVP FOR Reservations
by **JANUARY 19**
520-299-5105

5:00 PM

GAME FORMAT:
Cash Only: \$5 Buy In
TWO (2) GAMES WILL BE PLAYED
MAKE YOUR TEAM – 2 TO 4 PLAYERS
PRIZES, RAFFLES, ETC!

FOOD / DRINKS

Burger, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings
OR Chicken Caesar Salad
\$4 Beer Special, \$5 Wings

Come down & test your wits ...
full of FUN & LAUGHS!!



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THE NEXT ELK???

TUCSON ELKS LODGE #385 ~ PAST EXALTED RULERS'

2026 MILITARY APPRECIATION DINNER



Along with members of the Military, our Honored Guests include SAVA Blind Rehab Center Veterans

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

\$12.95 + tax

DOORS OPEN: 4:00 PM | DINNER SERVED: 5:30 PM



ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY

THE MEN'S CHORUS GROUP

Please Call Lodge for Reservations: 520-299-5105

MENU

- ◆ CHICKEN STIR FRY
- ◆ FRIED RICE
- ◆ EGG ROLL
- ◆ COBBLER DESSERT

Membership Matters

Together Elks Add Members



**Membership Matters to our Lodge! Do you have Family or Friends who have been interested, although don't know much about our Organization?
BRING THEM IN,
INTRODUCE THEM TO THE BROTHERHOOD!**

Our Partnership with the American Red Cross



SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION NOW!

Please Bring a Buddy!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9 AM – 2 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 this QR Code OR use the Red Cross Blood Donor APP



2026 BLOOD DRIVE DATES:

- Saturday, March 21
- Saturday, May 30
- Saturday, August 15
- Saturday, November 28



Katrina Sharp
 Blood Program Leader
 call / text: 907-888-6331
 email: kmsharp907@gmail.com

- **ALWAYS ... BEFORE DONATING BLOOD:**
- 1. HYDRATE WITH WATER OR JUICE**
 - 2. EAT A BIG MEAL...SUPER IMPORTANT!**
 - 3. FILL OUT YOUR RAPID PASS (SEE LINK BELOW)**



HELP FIGHT SICKLE CELL ANEMIA!



Sickle cell disease is a rare genetic disease that affects how red blood cells work in the body. Healthy red blood cells are round and flexible to help carry oxygen throughout the body. In sickle cell disease, red blood cells become rigid and curved like a "C" or a sickle. This can trigger crises, also known as vaso-occlusive pain crises, which you may know all too well. Over time, more blockages may mean more damage to vital organs throughout your body. Reducing blockages may mean reducing the number of crises.

OUR IMPACT IN SAVING LIVES!

8	155	160	19
TOTAL DRIVES	UNITS COLLECTED	TOTAL DONORS	AVG. UNITS PER DRIVE

The chart below may display up to 10 drives.

Download the Blood Donor App Today

Schedule blood donations quickly and easily right from the palm of your hand.



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HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

Tucson Elks Lodge 385 Hoop Shoot Contest was held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the Steve Daru Boys and Girls Club in Tucson.

Our 2025 winner, Rene Cortez, competed in the 12-13 boys age group, and will advance to the District competition scheduled for January 17th 2026. He shot a perfect 25/25. Last April, he advanced to Chicago, IL, for the National Finals.

A BIG Thank You to the following Volunteers assisting with this event!



Pictured from left – right: Elks Members Mike Lessley, John & Trudi Sofias, Curtis & Diane Winters, Martha Megerle, unknown, Diane Luety, Winner Rene Cortez, Rick Bernard, Joe Jablonski, Wayne Burns, and members of the Amphi High School Basketball Team.

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17th Annual Bike-In-A-Box Event Results

On December 6th, 2024, Tucson AZ Elks Lodge #385, in collaboration with Lugo Charities, held the 17th Annual Bike-in-a-Box event at Tucson Elks Lodge #385. Volunteers dedicated their time to unload an impressive 500 bicycles, which were donated to underprivileged children in the local Tucson area.

The atmosphere was magical as Santa, Mrs. Claus, and various Super Heroes greeted the thrilled children. Following registration, volunteers from the Tucson Medical Center (TMC) ensured each child was custom-fitted with a safety helmet. Additionally, the Amphi High School Basketball team lent a hand, assisting the children and helping them carry their new bicycles home to be assembled by their parents or guardians.

In total, 500 delighted children received bicycles as Christmas gifts. On behalf of Tucson Elks Lodge #385 and Lugo Charities, we wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season. Thanks to all the volunteers, this year's event was another grand success!

Photos: Santa and Mrs. Clause with kids, unloaded bicycles, Tucson Elks #385 member, Jesse Lugo (Lugo Charities).





Ladies' Open Bunco

On August 14, 2021, the “Bunco Sisters” began a new tradition of friendships, sweet camaraderie, and exceptionally friendly competition! In the spirit of raising money to donate to the Clothe-A-Child Program, the group of 25+ women have raised **\$8,483** over the past 4+ years! The Bunco Sisters: Carol Lugo, Mona Garcia, and Dina Olivas, began with donations from the group of \$75 per event to \$350 per event!

Special THANKS to our Laura for her assistance each month!!



HUGE KUDOS & THANK YOU TO THE BUNCO SISTERS & ALL THE LADIES WHO SHOW UP EACH MONTH TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE & ESPECIALLY TO HAVE FUN ... ALL IN THE NAME OF GIVING



Dec. 8, 2021
Miss You RC 🎄



Bunco Family 2025

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



Tucson Street Rod Association Donations

On December 4, 2025, the Tucson AZ Street Rod Association (TSRA) held its annual meeting at Tucson Lodge #385. As part of the event agenda, they collected various men's and women's clothing items, including 203 pairs of socks, 66 undergarments, and 20 new T-shirts, amounting to approximately \$800. These items were graciously donated to the Tucson Az Elks Lodge #385 to support the Lodge's Veterans Programs.



Photo'd left to right:

Four TSRA members, Elk members Michael Young, Laura Ruiz, Trustee/PER Wayne Burns, TSRA member, PER Jim Sanford, TSRA local President & Elk #385 member Gay Scheer.

GOLF NEWS



Please let me know by Wednesday, if you plan on playing golf on Sunday.
Email ladybugmat@cox.net
or call/text me 520-271-6842
Thank you ... Matilda

2026 TEE TIMES		
Date	Course	Time
Sunday, 1/4	Silverbell GC	9:40 AM
Sunday, 1/18	Forty Niner GC	9:00 AM

- GOLF CLUB BANQUET: Friday, January 23, 2026
- PLEASE CALL LODGE FOR RESERVATIONS
- MENU: Lamb, Asparagus, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Dessert OR Fried or Baked Fish, Fries, Coleslaw

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

First Friday!
January 9

January 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Lodge Closed Happy New Year!	Lodge Closed	CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Jean Stevenson 12 noon
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
GOLF CLUB: Silverbell GC 9:40 AM 		Burgers, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad Lodge BOD 7 PM Sailing Club BOD	Taco Bowls OR Chef Salad Ladies' Club Bunco American Legion Riders	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable Tucson Street Rod Assoc	Steak or Salmon, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad  MUSIC BY THROW BACK BAND	Room Rental
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Project Linus 9 am – 2 pm 	Burgers, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable OR Chef Salad Ladies' Open Bunco	Lasagna, Salad, Breadsticks Tucson St. Rod BOD House Committee MTG	Gyro Dinner with Pita Bread, Tzatziki Sauce OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
GOLF CLUB: Forty Niners GC 9:00 AM 		Burgers, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad TRIVA NIGHT 5 PM 	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable OR Chef Salad	Taco Bowls PER Meeting Wagons West	Lamb Chops, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus, Salad, Dessert OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	MUFON 12 – 2 pm 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Burgers, BLT, Fries or Onion Rings OR Chicken Caesar Salad Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Roll, Fried Rice, Cobbler Dessert MILITARY APPRECIATION SAVA Vets - Blind Rehab Music by Men's Chorus Group	Buffalo Chicken Sandwich, Blue Cheese, Fries or Onion Rings Ladies' Game Night	Reuben or BLT Sandwich, Fries or Onion Rings OR Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw GEM Show Setup	JUST MINERALS Gem Show Open 10 - 5 