



# Elks Tale

## TUCSON LODGE #385



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### MARCH 2026

Greetings & Message from

EXALTED RULER

**BOB CRAWFORD**



Dear Brother and Sister Elks,  
As my time grows nye, so to speak, I have one issue right now. The Lodge has a tremendous need for Your presence and smiling faces. Join us for a very good burger or BLT w/ Fries or Onion Rings OR a very good and large Chicken Caesar Salad on Tuesdays. Then after the food has settled, join us for a very quick meeting.

Find out about our latest adventures. For one, our Queen of Hearts has now reached \$1,600, a possible benefit for tax season!

We have Golf Club events, which is great before the heat sets in. Ladies Bunco game night on **Wednesday, 3/11**. By the sounds of it, they're having a wild and wonderful time. On **Saturday, 3/14**, come and join us from 12 – 2 PM at a **FUN**draiser for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. The event will be at Jim Sanford's condo complex, and either join or watch those willing to "dip" their toes into the pool.

Our next Blood Drive is **Saturday, 3/21!** We need **DONORS!** Please help us save lives by scheduling an appointment.

On **Wednesday, 3/25**, we will host the Veterans from the SAVA Blind Center dinner; enjoy a very good meal visiting our Country's heroes.

On **Saturday, 3/28**, Martha & crew will host 25 kiddos for the Spring/Easter Clothe-A-Child Event.

Additionally, early this same **Saturday, at 6:30 AM**, join us for a very special event as we will be making 100's of sandwiches for young athletes participating in the Special Olympics Track & Field. We are looking for Volunteers! Contact Jim Sanford.

### Trivia Night Returns on March 31!

Check the **Events Section** to the left & the **monthly Calendar** for upcoming events. Wishing you all a safe & wonderful Spring!

### MARCH 2026 EVENTS

- 1 **Golf Club: Rolling Hills GC**
- 3 **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 6 **STEAK OR SALMON NIGHT** Music: *LOST IN THE 60'S*
- 10 **LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM**
- 11 **Ladies' Open Bunco** (Reservations)
- 12 **House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 15 **Golf Club: Crooked Tree GC 9:30 AM**
- 21 **Red Cross Blood Drive 9 AM – 1:45 PM**
- 24 **LODGE MEETING 7:00 PM**
- 25 **Dinner: SAVA Blind Rehab Veterans**

28 **Easter/Spring Clothe-A-Child Event**

- 29 **Golf Club: Haven GC 8:30 PM**
- 31 **TRIVIA NIGHT!**

### APRIL 2026 EVENTS

- 3 **STEAK OR SALMON NIGHT** Music by **BLACKJACK**
- 7 **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 8 **Ladies' Open Bunco** (Reservations)
- 9 **House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM**
- 14 **LODGE MEETING 7 PM**
- 22 **Dinner: SAVA Blind Rehab Veterans**
- 28 **LODGE MEETING 7: 00 PM**

~ ER Bob



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

### Follow Us Online!



[Tucson Elks Lodge 385](#)



[Elks Lodge 385 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](mailto: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	Alana Dunn
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 / Social Media / PR GUY	John Aceves
Youth Activities	Wayne Burns

**MEMBERSHIP AT APRIL 1, 2025: 255**

<u>TOTAL GAINED</u>	<u>TOTAL LOST</u>	<u>DELINQUENT</u>			
Initiated	9	Dropped	24	1-6 Months	0
Affiliated	8	Transfers Out	11	1 Year	0
Transfer Dimit	0	Absolute Dimit	1	Over 1 year	0
Reinstatement	2	Deaths	8	<b>TOTAL:</b>	0
<b>TOTAL: 19</b>		Expelled	0		
		<b>TOTAL: 44</b>			

**APPLICATIONS ON**

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

**CURRENT MEMBERS:**

**230**

@ 02/28/2026



**PLEASE JOIN US**  
**MARCH 6,**  
**FOR FIRST FRIDAY!**  
**MUSICAL GUEST WILL BE**  
**LOST IN THE 60'S!**

STEAK OR SALMON & MUSIC!!



**National Elks Links:**

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

Check out the **Member** Section!

**ELKS MAGAZINE ONLINE:**

<https://www.elks.org/elksmag/>

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<https://arizonaelksassociation.org/links>

**Join Our Elkdom:**

<https://www.elks.org/membership/join.cfm>



# BIRTHDAYS

Elk

Day Years

David Blackstock	04	2
Michael Hayden	06	38
Linda Lewandowski	06	22
Mac McConnell	07	45
Gene Wickey	09	41
Robert Holyoak, PER-Past Secretary	14	66
Carl Ross	17	12
Hugh O'Brien	20	60
Dennis Owens	21	9
Cathy Robinson	23	1
Jerry DeRoche	26	4
Marisa Michaels-Lyons	31	17

## PROPOSED MEMBERS

At the February 24, 2026, Lodge Meeting, the following Elks were proposed for transfer or reinstatement into Tucson Elks #385.

Please **WELKome** our newest members!!

- Daniel Pritchard-Reinstatement to Lodge #385
- Steven J. Miller-Transfer Dimit from Lodge #2663 to Lodge #385
- Pamela Jo Harlow, Transfer Dimit from Jerome Lodge #2995 to Tucson Lodge #385
- Ralph Carrano, Transfer Dimit from Jerome Lodge #2995 to Tucson Lodge #385

## ELKS LOGO SHIRTS

Time for another Shirt Order! A minimum of 6 items are required; 4 additional items are needed!

Starting price is **\$39.90+tax**, additional charges for larger sizes or Monogram options. A wide selection of colors are available.

Reach out to Curtis Winters at [wintersc.52@gmail.com](mailto:wintersc.52@gmail.com) to place your order and with questions.

**A Very SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the current Lodge Officers for their Year of Commitment to our Lodge & Members, and those members who consistently "Show Up"!**

### Queen of Hearts

**CURRENT JACKPOT:**

**\$1,640**

**@ 03/06/26**

**TICKET SALES**

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

### Lodge of Sorrows



**David L Rovens, 92 YEARS**

Born: 06/24/1933

Death: 01/27/2026

Initiated: 12/23/1963

Elks Member: 56 Years

**Anne Schmidt, 88 YEARS**

Sister: Alyce Dice

Born: 08/01/1937

Death: 03/04/2026

Initiated: 06/01/1999

Elks Member: 27 Years



*"Serving Our Nation's Veterans"*

# VETERANS SERVICES

**RICHARD BERNARD & JERRY HOUSEMAN, CO-CHAIRMEN**



Hello Fellow Elks and Veterans,

We have had a very successful February: **over \$4,000 in donations** to the homeless program consisting of men's and women's clothing, new underwear, shoes, coats, and hats. THANK YOU to those who contributed!

We are selling Tucson Lodge #385 Challenge Coins. Challenge Coins are a Military|Law Enforcement tradition showing camaraderie. The Coins are available to purchase for \$10.

Upcoming on **March 10**, a Military-style **"Stand Down"** event will take place, where Veterans get free services such as medical, dental, assistance with housing, and even hair cuts. Employment and counseling clinics are held as well. This year, hygiene items are requested: soap, razors, shaving toiletries, lotions, deodorant, etc. for both men and women. If you would like to donate, please put them in the Veterans' Brown Trunk and we will see they get to the **Stand Down**.

Our Lodge services the Homeless Program, State Veterans Home, and the Fisher House; it would be great to be able to give them all the time that they need. We really need your help!

That's about it for now. See you all at the Lodge!

Sincerely,  
Jerry Houseman  
Chairman



- [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
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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!** ★



**Spring into action** & step up for patients this March! Come to give blood or platelets in March & you'll get a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email in thanks from the Red Cross.

**Plus, successful March donations get A1C testing (diabetes screen, 1 result/calendar year).**



Your donation of your time & Blood could mean a lifetime for someone else.



*Tucson Elks Lodge #385 in partnership with . . .*



♥ **READY... GET SET ... GO ... DONATE BLOOD** ♥

**Saturday. March 21 ♥ 9 am -1:45 pm.**

**1:** 🗑️💧 HYDRATE      **2:** 🔍👩🍳🍴 EAT      **3:** 🩸 DONATE!!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ELKS385>



- March is **Red Cross** Month, a time to honor and celebrate our Blood Donors and Volunteers! We invite you to join us **and give blood this month.**
- Did you know that 1 in 5 Red Cross blood and platelet donors who had their A1C tested when they gave last March, had levels in the prediabetic or diabetic range? Untreated diabetes can cause serious health issues.
- Help save lives and empower your health! The Red Cross will perform free A1C testing on successful donations in March (one result per calendar year, **fasting not required**).



- Save time with **RapidPass®**. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or with the **Red Cross Blood Donor App** before your appointment (download through Phone APP Store).
- Eligibility questions? Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org).
- **FOR DRIVES WHERE POWER RED WILL BE COLLECTED:** Eligible donors with types O, B negative or A negative blood are encouraged to make a Power Red donation.
  - You can provide twice (2x) the lifesaving power with each Power Red donation.
  - During this type of donation, red blood cells are separated from other blood components, and the plasma and platelets are returned to the donor.

# SPRING / EASTER CLOTHE-A-CHILD EVENT

Time for our Easter Clothe-A-Child Shopping Spree & Easter Bunny Event!  
On **Saturday, March 28, 2026**, we will meet at **8:15 AM**, at JC PENNEY'S  
TUCSON MALL LOWER-LEVEL West Entrance, off Oracle and Wetmore Roads.

Approximately 25 children from **Helen Keeling Elementary School** will arrive at about 8:30 AM. After shopping, we will meet at the Lodge for lunch and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Please come and participate in our shopping sprees, you will enjoy a great day that is both rewarding and a heartwarming experience.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

To participate by helping to shop with a child or at the Lodge, use the [sign-up sheet in the Green Binder](#) at the Lodge reception counter **or call Martha Megerle at 520-235-3448**.

Come and join this GREAT experience!



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# TRIVIA NIGHT!

**Tuesday**  
**MARCH 31, 2026**

RSVP FOR Reservations

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  
**SPECIALS: \$4 KILT LIFTER Beer**  
**\$5 Wings**

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



**ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THE NEXT ELK???**



**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!**

## MOTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL FUND

Wayne Burns, Chairman of the Board of Directors, made the following motion at the February 24, 2026, Lodge meeting:

"I move that at the regular Lodge meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at a Special Order of Business, the Lodge, after discussion and vote, authorize the Board of Directors of Tucson Elks Lodge #385 to withdraw \$10,000 from the "Interest" portion of the Elks #385 Capital Fund."

These funds will be used to cover the Lodge required repairs associated with the recent gas leak and roof repairs.

This motion, when passed, shall allow the Lodge Budget to be amended to permit this expenditure.

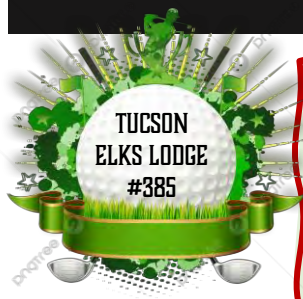
"I further move that written notice be sent to all members of Tucson Lodge #385 at least ten (10) days prior to the Lodge meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026."

This proposal has been presented more than two (2) weeks, but not more than eight (8) weeks prior to the Lodge meeting on March 24, 2026.

The Lodge currently has an adopted budget approved by the members pursuant to Laws of the Order 12.070. This proposal provides for an amendment to that budget to permit the expense.

**Motion made by Wayne Burns**  
**Second made by Richard Bernard**  
**Read on Floor of Lodge Meeting dated 02-24-2026**

## GOLF NEWS



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

Email [ladybugmat@cox.net](mailto:ladybugmat@cox.net)  
 or call/text me **520-271-6842**  
 Thank you ... Matilda

2026 TEE TIMES		
Date	Course	Time
Sunday, 3/15	Crooked Tree GC	9:30 AM
Sunday, 3/29	Haven GC	8:30 AM

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

**Additional golfers & guests are always welcome to join us!**

**GOLF CLUB CONTACT:** Matilda Lopez      Cell: 520-271-6842  
 Email: [ladybugmat@cox.net](mailto: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



# March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>GOLF CLUB:</b> Rolling Hills GC		Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <b>OR</b> Chicken Caesar Salad  Lodge BOD 6:30 PM Sailing Club BOD	Shrimp Basket, Fries or Onion Rings <b>OR</b> Chef Salad  Ladies Club Bunco American Legion Riders	Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Garlic Bread  Tucson Street Rod Assn	<b>STEAK OR SALMON, BAKED POTATO, VEGETABLE, SALAD</b>  Music: <b>Lost in the 60's</b>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	PROJECT LINUS 9 AM – 1 PM   Project Linus	Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <b>OR</b> Chicken Caesar Salad  Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables <b>OR</b> Chef Salad  Ladies Open Bunco 5 PM	Taco Bowls  House Comm 6:30 PM Wagons West	<b>Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage</b> , Potatoes, Carrots <b>OR</b> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	MUFON 12 – 2 pm  Polar Plunge 12 – 2 pm Jim Sanford's Pool; 6267 N Wndemere 520 241-5844 BBQ Pork Ribs
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>GOLF CLUB:</b> Crooked Tree GC 9:30 AM		Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn <b>OR</b> Chef Salad  Sailing Club	Stuffed Pasta Shells, Meatballs, Garlic Bread <b>OR</b> Chef Salad  Scuba Club	Pastrami Reuben Sandwich, Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese on Rye Bread, Fries  Tucson St. Rod BOD	Chicken or Cod in Lemon Garlic Sauce, Asparagus, Roasted Red Potatoes <b>OR</b> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	<b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> <b>9 AM – 1:45 PM</b>  DONATE BLOOD
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Room Rental 3 – 7 PM		Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <b>OR</b> Chicken Caesar Salad  Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable  SAVA Vets – Blind Rehab Center Dinner	Taco Bowls  Ladies Game Night PER Meeting	Elephant Ear, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans <b>OR</b> Fried or Baked Cod, Fries, Coleslaw	<b>Clothe-A-Child Shopping</b> <b>8:15 am JC Penney's</b>  Special Olympics Track & Field Sandwiches Prep 6 AM at the Lodge – Call Jim Sanford 520 241-5844
29	30	31				
<b>GOLF CLUB:</b> Haven GC 8:30 AM		Burger or BLT, Fries or Onion Rings <b>OR</b> Chicken Caesar Salad  TRIVIA NIGHT 5:00 PM				