

ALL AMERICAN LODGE 2003,04,08,09,10,11,12,13
BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

October 2026

Exalted Rulers Message

Greetings Elk family,

Our busy season is upon us as our snowbird members are beginning to arrive. With more and more members coming into the lodge, our restaurant is becoming quite full at dinner. When you come into the lodge for dinner, you cannot seat yourself in the dining room. Give the host/hostess your name and how many will be dining. You must wait to be called to be seated in the dining room. Please be patient and wait your turn. As members, we are all sisters and brothers so please be kind and respectful to each other. Additionally, please be kind and respectful to our staff.

We have door greeters almost every evening. If you are asked to show your membership card, please be a proud Elk and show your card. Additionally, be sure to sign in your guests and remember that unless they are family, you can only bring in a guest 3 times. That is a rule of our order. That keeps it fair to our paying members.

On September 15th, our lodge had our official yearly visit from the Western District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Vicki Way and her husband Mike, the Grand Esquire Brad Lucas and his wife Yvonne. We had several meetings during the day, enjoyed Taco Tuesday and then they attended our Initiation that evening. They were quite pleased with our lodge and our charitable works. Law and Order night was held on the 19th at 5pm and as usual it was a packed house. Last but certainly not least, LCR was held on the 27th 11am and as usual a fun time was had by all.

The month of October looks to be another busy month. Lodge meetings the first and third Tuesdays of the month and the House Committee meeting on the second Tuesday. On October 2nd at 10am come and meet the officers of the lodge for coffee and donuts. Several officers of the Lodge will be attending the Arizona Elks Association Mid-Year Convention in Mesa on the weekend of October 16-18. On October 18th, the lodge will be having a Silent Auction benefitting our scholarship fund which will begin at 3pm. On October 19th at 7pm is Orientation. On October 20th at 7:30pm is Initiation. On October 25th at 11am is LCR. And last but not least, on October 31st our Drug Awareness program will be giving out candy on Main Street for Halloween.

Additionally, let's not forget our weekly activities. The Queen of Hearts on Mondays with ticket sales beginning at 4pm and ticket sales available all week in the bar. You need not be present to win. Monday night dancers at 7pm. Bar Bingo on Wednesday nights with ticket sales beginning at 5:30pm. Regular Bingo on Thursdays with the doors opening at 3:30pm and Karaoke in the dining room beginning at 7pm. Sunday football with a special football bar food menu every Sunday. So come out and enjoy your lodge.

Thank you everyone for supporting our lodge and our many charitable programs. The Great Heart of Elkdome is alive and well in our Lodge.

Fraternally,
Pam Depweg
Exalted Ruler

CHARITY

JUSTICE

BROTHERLY LOVE

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!!ATTENTION PLEASE!!

The Lodge is need of a Lodge Esquire for the current Lodge year. Please Volunteer. If interested, contact the Exalted Ruler (Pam Depweg), or let the Office know.

The Esquire shall organize the Lodge, prepare candidates for initiation, examine and introduce visiting Members, superintend the ballots, transmit official messages as directed by the Exalted Ruler, and in all public displays shall officiate as Marshal. The Esquire shall perform other duties as may be required by the Laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.



Silent Auction

Entry Fee \$5.00 which include a ticket
for special cocktail
Great items to bid on and amazing
raffle baskets 50/50 Appetizers

Sunday October 18th from 3-5pm

Good Luck Bidders!

Elks Lodge #2399

Proceeds go to Scholarships & Lodge

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Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle . Played on most Monday's at the Lodge. Tickets on sale at the Lodge at 4:00 pm on Mondays at the Lodge before the drawing at 6:30 pm, or you can purchase tickets at the Bar during the week. Need not be present to win. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. Try your luck, you may be the next lucky winner.



Attend Meetings – Lodge business is conducted during the official meetings – not at the end of the bar. Get the facts at a Lodge Meeting or House Committee/Trustee Meeting.

Meeting Times are posted on the Calendar.

You must be an Elk to attend official meetings. Membership Cards will be checked.

OFFICERS

LAKE HAVASU CITY
LODGE 2399 OF THE
BENEVOLENT AND
PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

EXALTED RULER

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TBD

Wapiti Wind

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Karen Turpin

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Kevin Rogers

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Nayely Alvarez

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Mareena Smith

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Elks Websites

Want more information about the Elks? You can get limited access to these sites without an account. Creating an account will give you access to the Members Only sections for even more information.

www.elks.org for any information regarding Elksdom.

www.arizonaelksassociation.org for any information about our state association.

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

To join our **Facebook Page**, search Elks Lodge #2399 Lake Havasu City, AZ

Website & Email Statistics 4/23-9/23:

Website Visitors 1,838, Hits 3,974

Email Members 3,326, Emails sent 32

Total Emails sent 105,917

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If you send a text, please add your name so I know who it is from. Your number may not be in my contacts, so I have no idea who your are. Thanks.

Chuck Fox, PER
Wapiti Wind Editor

VOLUNTEERS

Want to Volunteer at the Lodge?

Please Contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

E-Mail escogan@yahoo.com

Phone 661-644-5656

(If no answer please leave a message)

ELK OF THE MONTH

January, 2026	Elmer & Jewell Snider
February, 2026	Elizabeth Ledingham
March, 2026	Jim Travis
April, 2026	Eva Fox
May, 2026	Wanda Parsons
June, 2026	To Be Announced
July, 2026	Jamie Rogers
August, 2026	Doreen Davis
September 2026	To Be Announced

Pictured below (L to R) Jamie Rogers and Doreen Davis

**Auditing & Acct.**

Audit/Acct.
Inventory

Activities Committee

Activities-Volunteers
Awards Banquet
Bingo
Blood Drive

Bowling
Bulk Mailing

Charity Ball
Christmas Baskets
Community Activities
Decorating Committee
Door Greeters
Drug Awareness
Elkettes
Entertainment Committee
Family Picnic
Fishing Club
Giving Tree
Golf League
Grants Administrator
Hoop Shoot
Information Technology
Law & Order Night
Lodge Activities
Lodge Emails & Website
Long Range Planning
Monday Night Dancers
Old Timers Night
Pasta Night Volunteers
PER President
Public Relations
Queen of Hearts

Chairman

Jamie Rogers
Kevin Rogers

Chairman

Elizabeth Ledingham
Pam Depweg
Doreen Davis
Paulette Nainteau
Jackie Turcotte
Carol Sigler
Wanda Parsons
Kathy Fairbank
Joyce Bradley
TBD
Eva Fox
Elkettes
Nikki & Tom Harvey
Pam Depweg
Connie Jones
Eva Fox
Joyce Bradley
Jerry Boyce
TBD
Scott Brown
Elizabeth Ledingham
Pam Depweg
Gary Parsons
Bud Watts
Elizabeth Ledingham
Gary Parsons
Gabriele Medley
Patrick Lee
Paulette Nainteau
Glen Petty
Pat Martino
Eva Fox
Joyce Bradley

Retail Sales
RV Club (Vagabonds)
RV Parking
Scholarships
Soccer Shoot
Special Olympics
Taco Tuesday Night
Veterans Stand Down
Volunteer Coordinator
Yacht Club Commodore
Youth Activities

Fraternal Committee

All American Lodge
Americanism
Constitution & By-Laws
Elks National Foundation

Flag Day
Elks Training
Government Relations
Interview Committee
Orientation
Lodge Inspection/Accident
Major Projects
Major Projects (Purple Pig)
Mediator
Membership/Lapsation
Memorial Service
Presiding Justice
Protocol
Ritual Coach
Ritual Word Coach
Veterans Services
Wapiti Wind

Lodge Office
Joyce Grabowski
Gary Parsons
Gabriele Medley
Pam Depweg
Brenda Johnson
Paul Labovitch
Elizabeth Ledingham
Elizabeth Ledingham
Bruce Hubbard
Pam Depweg

Chairman

Joyce Bradley
Pam Depweg
Gary Parsons
Jerry Gillen
Eva Fox
Michael Rosetti
Gary Parsons
Gary Parsons
Paulette Nainteau
Joyce Bradley
Pat Costello
Pam Depweg
Kathy Fairbank
Pat Costello
Bob Feliciano
Jon Nickell
Jay Bidwell
Kathy Fairbank
Jackie Turcotte
Paulette Nainteau
Bud Watts
Chuck Fox

Monday	11:30 am Pinochle 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers 6 pm Karaoke	Thursday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot 11 am—?? Bridge
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VAGABOND CLUB NEWS

Hello Fellow Elks,

I hope everyone is as happy to see the Fall Weather as I am! And I am excited to report that as promised in last month's Wapiti Wind our Vagabond Campout Schedule for the remainder of 2026 and 2027 is now available to share.

But first I would like to tell you about the great time we had up in Williams last month. We had 17 rigs gather at the Railside RV resprt and the itinerary for the event included our guided offroad ATV trips, corn-hole and LCR dice games and 50/50 raffles. Happy Hour gatherings and a delicious potluck dinner. Several of us also enjoyed a trip to nearby Bearizona and shopping in the historic downtown district.

When choosing our RV trip locations, we always try to take into consideration fun and interesting things to do in the local area and the itinerary published by the trip. Host will provide that information. Here is our Campout Schedule for events thru May 2027:

<u>Date</u>	<u>RV Resort</u>	<u>Address</u>
Nov. 5-8	Desert Cypress RV Resort	610 Jack Burden Rd. Wickenburg, AZ
Jan 18-20	Quartzsite	To Be Announced
Feb 22-26	Wine Ridge RV Resort	3800 Winery Rd., Pahrump, NV
Mar 22-25	Prescott Elks Lodge #330	6245 E. 2nd St. Prescott Valley, AZ
Apr 26-30	Munds RV Resort	1750 S. Munds Ranch Rd., Munds Park, AZ
May 17-21	Henries Hitchn Post	420 N Main St, Panguitch, UT

It is noted, no trips are scheduled in October due to all of the fun things happening in Havasu during that month and no outing is scheduled for the Holiday month of December. But we do have a fun Christmas party planned at the Lodge with an Ugly Sweater theme and several Gift Baskets to Raffle.

In closing, we warmly welcome any member of Lodge #2399 who loves the great outdoors to consider joining our very fun club. For any questions regarding membership, please feel free to contact me at camellialuke@yahoo.com.

We look forward to travelling with you!

Cami Luke
Vagabonds Secretary

**Fishing Club News**

The dates for the October Derby's will be Wednesday, October 7th and Wednesday October 21st from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Weigh-in scales will be open for 30 minutes after each Derby at Windsor Beach South. Lunch will be served at the Lodge after the fish cleaning process. Help is always welcomed at the fish cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, October 5th at 11:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend. After the Board's agenda is completed, questions or comments are accepted from all in attendance.

The Club's General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th following our Fish Fry! The fish will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. until they are gone.

The Derby on September 2nd was won by Don Brockman and Rick McPherson with 5 fish weighing 14.87 lbs. Don also landed a 6.37 lb. striper for the Big Fish of the Derby. Second Place went to Mike Michaels and Ray Stiles with 5 fish weighing 7.98 lbs. In Third Place was the team of Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish that weighed 6.54 lbs.

Don't forget to put the Club's upcoming Fish Fry on Saturday, October 20th at 11:30 a.m. on your calendar.

**Just a reminder. Our Sunshine Lady, Esther Thayer needs to be notified of any Club member in need or distress. Her Telephone number is: 928-855-1646.

Want to join the Elks Fishing Club? Applications are located on the Fishing Club bulletin board. Place completed forms in the blue box with a check. DO NOT turn in to the office. In addition, all interested Elks may come to our Club meeting for further information. Any Club Officer at the meeting would be happy to answer your questions or call Jerry Boyce at (928)208-1073.

**HALLOWEEN ON MAIN STREET**

Each year the Lodge has a booth on Main Street . We are able to do this with the gracious help of our Members .

Candy donations are appreciated and can be turned in- to the Office any day before Halloween.



Vicki Way, The District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) for the Arizona Elks Association West District visits Lake Havasu City Lodge #2399

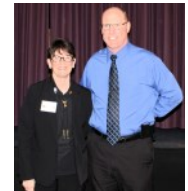
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Vicki Way, her Husband Mike along with her Esquire (Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler) Brad Lucas and his wife Yvonne are greeted upon arrival for their visit by the Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs of the Lodge.



The Elkettes of Elks Lodge #2399 are proud to announce a donation of \$238.00 to the ECHO Band of Brothers this past August. These funds were raised through a combination of "Tips" from a performance by Elk Member and performer Tom "Ace of Diamonds" Vanderende and Jillian Petry, her husband Brian Petry (Elk and Band of Brothers member), Elk and Musician Tom "The Ace of Diamonds" Vanderende, Elkettes Interim President Chris Dukey and Echo Band of Brothers President Stacy Lee.

'LAW & Order Night'

On September 19, 2026 Lake Havasu City Lodge hosted a Dinner and Awards function for the Lake Havasu City Police, Fire, Mohave County Sheriff's, C.E.R.T, and Search and Rescue Departments. The Lodge was proud to Donate \$500 to Search & Rescue, \$500 to C.E.R.T. and Fire Chief Peter Pilafas for their KNOX Box Program and \$500 to LHPD's Chief Troy Sterling for their Police Cadet Program.



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T.eam**



LAKE HAVASU CITY ELKS #2399 PRESENTS

BINGO ENF FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 22, 2026

DOORS OPEN @ 3:30PM BINGO STARTS @ 5PM

BINGO ON THURSDAY'S

DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 P.M.

BINGO STARTS AT 5:00 P.M.

Silent Auction October 18th 3-5pm

Please note time change.

We will host a silent auction October 18th 3pm-5pm. This is a fundraiser for Scholarships and Expansion.

Raffle Baskets 50/50 Great items to bid on

Cocktails and appetizers. Entry fee \$5.00 and this ticket gets you one of our special cocktails. Three crafted cocktails to choose from.

Please come and support the Lodge and students we provide scholarships to every year.

Gabriele Medley - Trustee/Scholarship Chair



\$ CASH \$ PAYOUTS

JOIN THE FUN

RAFFLE BASKETS & 50/50 DRAWING

**HOT DOGS OR SANDWICH WITH CHIPS & SODA OR
WATER = \$8.00**

3235 MCCULLOCH BLVD N.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE
LODGE**

928-453-3557

ELKETTES – KIDS TURN TO SHOP NOVEMBER 28TH, 2026

Elkettes - Kids Turn to Shop is looking for NEW or GENTLY USED items which a child would like to give to parents, siblings, aunts, uncles or grandparents.

Suggestions: Wallets, Tools, Travel Cups/Mugs, Socks, Slippers, Gloves, Scarves, Jewelry, Beauty or Hair Products (no samples), Trinket Boxes, Knick Knacks, Candles (unused), Stationary, Journals, Crafting Items, Puzzles, Games, Toys, Stuffed Animals, Books, Pictures.

We can always use NEW or GENTLY USED: Tissue Paper, Gift Bags (all sizes), Self-Stick Gift Tags, Scotch Tape and Large Vinyl Shopping Totes.

All items can be dropped off at the Elks Lodge Office or contact Doreen Davis (313) 530-5521 to arrange item pick up or for other questions.

We will need help with set-up, cookie donations for the parents, working the event and the clean-up.

You will not regret volunteering for this event.

2026 Mid-Year Raffle
Win this 2026 Chevy Trailblazer

ONLY 15000 TICKETS AVAILABLE
Get your Tickets at your local Elks Lodges, from the
Arizona Elks Major Projects Office
Or Scan the QR code below

Ticket are: **\$20 each, 3 tickets for \$50.**
Drawing will be held on October 17, 2026 at the
AEA Mid-Year Meeting in Tempe AZ.

Must be 21 years of age or older to win. Tickets are not tax deductible. Winners are responsible for any applicable taxes and vehicle registration fee's.



MEET YOUR LODGE OFFICERS

QUESTIONS WELCOME!

Have you ever wondered how decisions are made at the Lodge? Do you have ideas to share, questions to ask, or simply want to get to know the Officers who serve our membership? Do you want to volunteer to be an Officer and want to know more about what that entails? Interested in joining a Committee?

We invite all members to join us for a "MEET THE LODGE OFFICERS" coffee hour the first Friday of every month starting September 4th at 10am. This informal event is an opportunity to learn more about the Lodge Operations, upcoming projects, Committee activities, and the goals we have for the future. More importantly, it is a chance for open communication.

Your Officers are committed to serving the membership, and we value your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. Whether you have questions about Lodge finances, programs, events, volunteer opportunities, or simply want to understand how things work, we encourage you to attend.

Come enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, meet your Lodge leadership, ask questions, share your ideas and discover new ways to become involved. No question is too small, and every members voice matters.

The Lodge Officers look forward to seeing you there and building an even stronger Lodge together!

Donation Request for Scholarship Fund

My name is Gabriele Medley, and I am the Scholarship Chair for 26-27. We are raising funds for our scholarships, which will support High School seniors as they move forward with their education.

We will host a Silent Auction on October 18th from 1-3pm. Cost of entry is \$5 and this will provide one drink from our special cocktail menu. We are also accepting donations to be included in the auction. There will also be a raffle for three (3) drinks for a \$5.00 entry. Please attend and support Your Lodge.

We have a goal of \$10,000.00. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting educational opportunities in our community.

Sincerely,
Gabriele Medley
Trustee, Scholarship Chair
elks.gabriele@gmail.com

**** 52 Club Raffle Winners ****

Below are listed the WINNERS so far for the Month of August 52 Club Raffle:

August 23rd Bridget Kelly \$100
August 30th Dave McCullough \$100
Sept 7th Tony Maldanodo \$500
Sept 14th Bruce Flanagan \$100
Sept 21st Cal Bowman \$100

!!CONGRATULATIONS!!

MEMBERSHIP AND LAPSATION

Volunteers are needed for the "Membership/Lapsation" committee. If interested in volunteering for this committee, contact Bob Feliciano (Chairman) at 928-855-4251.

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