

# Elks



# Tracks

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

841 W. Merced Ave., West Covina, CA 91790



West Covina, California  
Lodge No. 1996  
Proudly  
Welcomes & Presents

**Exalted Ruler Dan Parker &  
First Lady Shirley Parker**



Together with His  
Corps of Officers  
for the Year  
2021-2022

We are bringing  
our Lodge to-  
gether and  
moving forward,  
working our way  
out of the pande-  
mic and  
reopening our  
Lodge to a Fresh  
Beginning.

Inaugural Ball  
will be scheduled  
in the very near  
future, Late April



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## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

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## Elks Tracks Newsletter

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## 2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Dannie Parker	818-371-5232
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Loyal Knight	Ben Ortega	626-926-4046
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1st Year	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
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4th Year	Lucy Ibarra	626-485-3624
5th year	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Michael Salazar	626-827-6700
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Inner Guard	Kelli Ishikawa	626-893-9756
Organist	VACANT	
Tiler	VACANT	

## 2020-2021 HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year - Veronica Aslan

Tall Elk - Robert Burke

Officer of the Year - Joe Chavez

Citizen of the Year - Becky Castillo

Spirit of Elkdon - Wanda Horton/Cheryl Grimm

Shirley & Dan Parker

Exalted Ruler Award - Vivian Salinas







Members,

I just wanted to say thank you to all my sister and brother Elks for giving me the honor of serving in the role of Exalted Ruler for the year 2021-2022.

This is going to be a very trying year and we are going to need the help and assistance of all our volunteers and all of our members to make this a successful year. We are hoping to start reopening the lodge with indoor dining possibly on Friday nights with limited seating reservations only.

On the Lodge property, we are having the trees trimmed, the bushes and parking lot cleaned up. We are getting ready for a good year!

Let us all do this together!

Fraternally,

Dan Parker  
Exalted Ruler 2021/2022

## Leading Knights Station

Hello Members,

First, I would like to say Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Officers.

We had a great Pork-e-Que event. Thank you to our cooks and the volunteers that helped on Friday and Saturday along with the Office who received all the orders.

As we start moving forward I hear the same question "Are we going to be open now?" We all want to get back to how it was before the pandemic hit us. We need to re-build and we need your help to do this. We can put on events, but we need VOLUNTEERS. The more help we get the more events we can do. If you would like to volunteer, please call me and sign up. More volunteers equal more events.

Let's make this year Great!

Happy Easter!

Thank you,  
Vivian Salinas  
Leading Knight



## Loyal Knights Station

Members and friends,

I'm honored to serve as your Loyal Knight; I've been a member for 30 years and have served in numerous positions in our Lodge and our District, but Loyal Knight is one position that I never held. It should be exciting and inspiring. I never thought that I would be serving as an Officer within the Lodge at this stage, but sometimes we must step up and do what is best for the Lodge to keep our charitable work going. We are much too essential to our community, our veterans, to our school, our children, to our young adults fighting drug addiction, to those less fortunate only looking for a hand to get back on their feet. Becoming an Officer of the Lodge does take some commitment, but it is also honorable to serve such a great organization.

This past year has been challenging. Many may feel that organizations such as the Elks are no longer critical or essential during these difficult times; I say the opposite; this is when organizations such as the Elks are needed the most. Our membership must pull together and serve. Together we will weather this and bounce back stronger.

Members, I wish to thank Exalted Ruler Dan Parker and this year's Corps of Officers for meeting the challenge and for their unwavering commitment to continue the great work of the Elk's. Dan plans to begin opening our Lodge. Let's not fool ourselves; it will not happen with a snap of our fingers. With Dan Parker's leadership, we will reopen our Lodge safely and responsibly.

See you soon,

Fraternally,

Ben Ortega, PDDGER  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knights Station

Greetings Members,

I would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to hold the position as your Lecturing Knight, I am honored and thrilled to get started to help get our Lodge up and running safely.

I look forward to working with Exalted Ruler Dan Parker and our new Corps of Officers for 2021-2022 I am optimistic that yes it will be hard but know that it will be a fun year.

We all have been through an awfully hard year 2020 and now 2021 with this pandemic and the shutdown. Things are looking up now that the businesses, schools and the malls are re-opening and that includes our Lodge with your help soon. I have new ideas for the coming year, more events along with our outside dining or curbside takeout and more to come, they will all be announced in the near future.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter, wear a mask, keep safe distance and stay healthy. I will see everyone real soon and please don't forget To turn in your Purple Pig to our Leading Knight Vivian or the Lodge Office.

Sincerely,

Christina Carter  
Lecturing Knight

## In MEMORIUM

*The Faults Of Our Members We Write Upon The Sands, Their Virtues Upon The Tablets Of Love And Memory....*

**Jose Cancel Member No. 4707**

**Born: August 24, 1947**

**Initiated: October 26, 1982**

**Passed Away: December 1, 2020**

**Roberta J. Eckman Member No. 6618**

**Born: September 7, 1946**

**Initiated: January 25, 2005**

**Passed Away: December 20, 2020**

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## DAP offers free online lesson plans for middle schoolers

By William J. Bryan

Assistant National Director

Do you have middle school teachers in your Lodge? Do you host Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts? Are your local schools still holding classes virtually? Do your middle schools have health classes?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, you might want to go to our website for teens: [elksteenzone.org](http://elksteenzone.org). The DAP offers free online lesson plans for middle school aged children. We provide teens with facts and engage them in critical thinking about how drugs affect their lives, behaviors, and different parts of the body. In addition to the online lessons, there are articles, videos, trivia games, contests, and a library of resources.

All our lesson plans are standard aligned and meet criteria set by the National Health Education Standards (NHES) and the National Science Education Standards (NSES). Encourage the educators in your Lodge to visit [elksteenzone.org](http://elksteenzone.org) today. When you visit the website you can view a number of lesson plans. The website is easy to navigate, and as with all of the DAP websites, we encourage your feedback. For more information contact your State Association's Drug Awareness Chairperson.

In other news, the Elks Drug Awareness Program is partnering with the Young Marines. The Young Marines is a nonprofit 501c (3) education and service program for boys and girls, age 8 through completion of high school. Currently there are approximately 8,000 youth and 2,500 adult volunteers in approximately 40 states and the District of Columbia. The Young Marines have focused on an initiative, "Closing the Gate on Drugs," which promotes healthy living and a drug-free lifestyle.

This initiative aligns very closely with that of the DAP and the Elks are proud to have the Young Marines as a partner. Continue to look for more information in this column as the partnership grows or contact your State Chairperson for more information.

# DON'T BE THE DEALER



Keep them safe. Clean them out.  
Take them back.

**Saturday, April 24**  
**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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## PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ralph Gaither\* 1956-57  
 Hugh M. Bagley\* 1957-58  
 William T. Tanking\* 1958-59  
 Albert E. Lindbeck\* 1959-60  
 James R. Yost\*, Jr. 1960-61  
 James L. Morgan\* 1961-62  
 Harold Z. Dobbs\* 1962-63  
 Laurence R. Tillman\* 1963-64  
 Enrico (Hank) Salvo\* 1964-65  
 Thomas E. Curtis 1965-66  
 Jack Cleveland\* 1966-67  
 J. Paul Studer\* 1967-68  
 Roy Williams, Jr.\* 1968-69  
 Raiden V. Peterson\* 1969-70  
 Donald M. Huff 1970-71  
 Albert D. Davis\* 1971-72  
 Milo G. Summerhays\* 1972-73  
 Robert E. Carlson \*1973-74  
 H. Richard Harbert\* 1974-75  
 James J. Andert\* 1975-76  
 Anthony R. Mickols\* 1976-77  
 John Asmundson 1977-78  
 James E. Smith\* 1978-79  
 Larry Henderson\* 1979-80  
 Frank Rehor\* 1980-81  
 Carl Mou 1981-82  
 Richard Marble\* 1981-82  
 Robert E. Gubrud 1982-83  
 James Moseley\* 1982-83  
 Al Putman\* 1983-84  
 Dick Delauder \*1983-84  
 Manny Zamudio\* 1984-85  
 William Heller\* 1984-85  
 Art Willard\* 1985-86  
 Renee LaRose\* 1986-87  
 Fidel Nieto Jr.\* 1986-87  
 Charles Dalool 1987-88, 2011-12  
 Michael Sirchia 1987-88  
 Walt Doran\* 1988-89  
 David La Sage\* 1988-89  
 Bob Hollis-Brau 1989-90  
 Jerry Kober 1989-90  
 Ernie Gilbert 1990-91  
 Pat Shea\* 1990-91  
 Ron Conger\* 1991-92  
 Dave Southard\* 1991-92  
 Gary Holmes\* 1992-93  
 Roy Simes 1992-93  
 Bob Schachner\* 1993-94  
 WM Ziegenbein \*1993-94  
 Rick Dana 1994-95  
 Matt Jessup 1994-95  
 Roy Long\* 1995-96  
 Tim LaMarca 1995-96  
 Ed Lima\* 1996-97  
 Bernie Auld\* 1997-98  
 Benjamin L. Ortega 1998-99, 2012-13, 13-14  
 Vern Campion\* 1999-00  
 George Lunsford \*2000-01  
 Phil Hawkins 2001-02  
 Don McMahon\* 2002-03  
 Scott Matthews 2003-04  
 Ralph Garcia 2004-05  
 Willie Koskela 2005-06  
 Juan Diaz 2006-07  
 Lisa Ryken\* 2007-08  
 Patricia Gilliland 2008-09  
 Michael J. Salazar, Jr. PER 2009-10-11, 18-19  
 Judith Lumbreras 2014-15  
 Mario Arellano 2016-2017  
 Dana Williams 2015-16, 17-18, 19-20  
 Sandra Mendoza\* 2018-19  
 William Salinas 2020-2021

By Affiliation: Judge Al Miller\*, Orville Miller,  
 Robert Cortez\*, Joe Lozier, Frank Berry PER,  
 Jess Nelms, Charles Lein  
 (\*Deceased)

## Propositions For Membership / Affiliation / Transfers Demits / Reinstatements / Life Membership

<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>TRANSFER DEMIT</u>
Antonio Pelaez	Ronnie Torres	Mark Hernandez from Gardena Lodge
Ben Ortega	Colleen B. Rozatti	Linda Padilla to Whittier Lodge
		Emma Wilson to Fullerton Lodge
<u>REINSTATEMENTS</u>		
<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</u>

## Sickness and Distress

**Filbert Trujillo** is not in good health. He is loosing his vision and his kidneys are failing. He gladly will take calls.

**Becky Castillo's** students lost thier battle with covid-19. Please keep their family in your prayers.

**Gale Warren** had a pace maker put in.

**Alice Diaz** lost 2 brothers to Covid-19.

**Mary Mora** is recovering from Covid-19. Her son is caring for her at home. While Mary was ill, she also lost her sister to Covid-19. She is thankful for everyone who helped her during her recovery.

**Pete Ramirez** is ill with Lymphoma.

**Danny Hughes** had surgery and is now recovering and doing better Please keep our members and their families in your prayers. If you know of any member who is ill, please notify the office  
 (626) 962-0113

## Officers Deep Pit Bar-B-Q

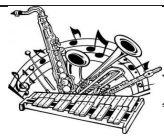
The event held on March 20th was truly a complete success. Many thanks to all the volunteers that worked to make this successful. The event kicked off the approach to a new Elks year and we also used this oportunity to sharpen and fine tune our volunteer skills as this was our first indoor and out-door event in the past year since the beginning of the pande-mic.

The members and guest in attendance were excited to be out and back at the Lodge. The Lodge followed all the guidlines to make this safe indoor enviroment.

One of Exalted Ruler Dan Parker's goal is in reopening the Lodge and having more Lodge activities. As of this writing it looks as if we will be in the Orange tier of restrictions allowing us to open to 50% capacity. However great that is we still must follow the safety protocols and in addition to that it will require many volunteers if we are going to be sustainable.

A very special thanks goes out to all those volunteers which cooked and donated all the food back to the Lodge.





## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE ENTERTAINMENT



It's been a very tough year for everyone, BUT things look like they're beginning to open up slowly. As soon as the CDC and Los Angeles County allows, and our Lodge is prepared to open up safely. We will be looking into slowly bringing back our Friday and Saturday night entertainment for everyone's enjoyment.

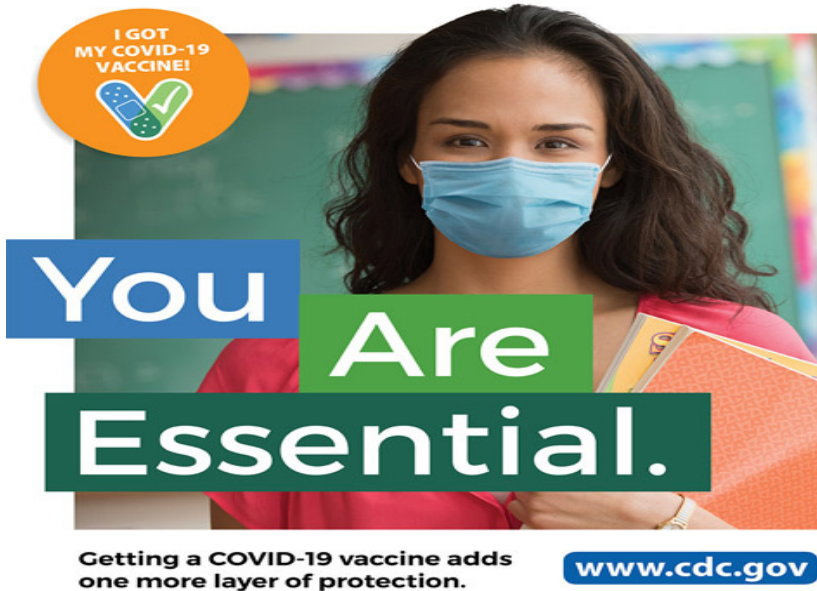
We want to thank all our members for your continued support during these difficult times, and although we're still haven't fully geared up to reopen, stay tuned in the coming weeks for events and entertainment.

I wish to Congratulate all our Exalted Ruler Dan Parker and his New Corps of Officers.

Sandie Sesanto  
Entertainment Chair



Glenn Kennedy	3
Phillip Bribiesca	4
Gilbet Castello	4
Fred Hermosillo	4
Fred Palmer	5
Nick Cadena	8
Juanita Deluna	8
Adeline Miranda	8
Marina Salazar	8
Stephen Bledsoe	9
Jack Coiner	9
Sally Mayers	9
John Rafferty	10
Elizabeth Zook	11
Valentina Romo	12
David Caro	13
Connie Kielsmeier	16
George Riesgo	18
Esther Sapien	18
Patricia Soderblom	18
Charles Aguirre	19
Vince McCauley	19
Joseph Palazzolo	20
Adrian Pompa	20
Jay Lindsay	21
Maria Sanchez	21
Robert Agee	22
Dawn Hines	22
Steve Rollman	22
Scott Matthews, PER	23
Cindy Nobili	23
Arthur Ayers	24
Irene Phillips	26
Jerald Whippie	26
John Kemp	27
Araceli Maloney	27
Debra McMillen	27
Anthony Ramirez	28
Debra Dennis	29
Larry Mahrenholtz	30
Jim Salazar	30



Members, we have received calls and emails regarding reopening our indoor and or outdoor dining area and why we haven't reopened these areas when other venues are now opened. The opening of the indoor or outdoor dining area requires several volunteers to assist setting up and breaking down of tables and chairs, cleaning and disinfecting. We also need volunteers for our cooking teams.

If you wish to volunteer contact the Lodge Office (626) 962-0113 or Leading Knight Vivian Salinas



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# 2021 CHEA Virtual Convention

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3. **CLICK HERE: "REGISTER"**

**NOTE:** After registering you will receive an email that day, with reminders one week before and one day before the convention begins. Be sure and check your SPAM folder if you don't see an email.

### **AGENDA**

#### Wednesday, May 5

*8:00 p.m. Opening Session & Memorial Service*

#### Thursday, May 6

*8:00 a.m. Investment Committee Meeting*

*9:00 a.m. CHEMPI Board of Trustees Meeting*

*10:00 a.m. CHEA Board of Trustees Meeting*

*11:00 a.m. First BUSINESS SESSION*

*2:00 p.m. Secretaries, Trustees, Club Managers  
and Members Workshop*

#### Friday, May 7

*7:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Ritual Contest (Participants  
only allowed)*

*8:00 a.m. Final BUSINESS SESSION*

*9:30 a.m. Theme Child Presentation*

*9:40 a.m. Virtual Exalted Rulers March*

*11:00 a.m. Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights,  
Other Officers and Members Workshop*

*Complete details of the agenda are  
on the website*

# Welcome to Tampa!

## Elks National Convention July 4 - 7, 2021

Click through to the Visit Tampa Bay website! <https://www.visittampabay.com/>

The Elks National Convention Commission is working closely with the Tampa Convention Center and Visit Tampa Bay to plan for a safe and healthy Elks National Convention. Safety measures and plans are evolving, but are likely to include social distancing, attendee occupancy management and personal mask use which is currently required in Tampa.

Pre-registration opens online April 1st with new procedures being implemented. Pre-Registration will be the best way to avoid lines and safely receive your credentials and other critical attendee information. For more information go to: <https://www.elks.org/convention/default.cfm>

See you in Tampa! <https://www.visittampabay.com/>

### Grand Lodge News

#### New year starts for community programs

By Wayne D. Cotterly  
Committee Chairman

Congratulations to the incoming Exalted Rulers and Officers on being selected by the Members of your Lodge to lead its affairs in the coming year. With each new year comes excitement and new ideas to help conduct programs that support our youth and our communities.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee has several programs that will help you to accomplish this goal, and our committee members are available to help answer any questions you may have. In addition, there is an abundance of information available on the Activities Committee page of [elks.org](https://www.elks.org) to help get you started.

Programs such as the Soccer Shoot, Antlers, Scouting, Medals of Valor/Service, Junior Golf, Student Recognition, JROTC Recognition, Dictionary Project, Community Projects, and Youth Week are all available to help you reach out into your communities.

The programs listed above are only the start. Each Lodge can also develop their own programs that can be customized to provide unique support of local youth and to fill charitable needs within your community.

Now is the time to assure that your Lodge's Activities Committee is active and that they are making plans to conduct youth and community programs in the coming year.

We encourage you to check out our programs, and to use them to engage with the people in your community. By doing so, you will be letting your community know that you are there to support them. In return, the people in the community will know more about who we are and what we do. We may pique their interest in possibly becoming Members of our Order.

Community involvement is the future of Elksdom, and the programs that you conduct to benefit the community will allow your Lodge to live up to our motto that Elks Care—Elks Share.



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## Emblem Club #299 Corner

My Dear Brother and Sister Elks

My Hope is April brings Spring Blessings and COVID Vaccinations to all who want them...

The PORK-E-QUE was so fun. It was nice to see everybody together again. Food was delicious, bake sale was a success, everyone was so generous. I think we are well on our way to reopening our lodge.

April begins the new year for our club as is for the Elks. I would like to congratulate our new ER and his Corps of Officers. Although, as of this article we have not elected an ER, I am sure we will have one at time of print. I want to assure the new ER and our Elk Family that Emblem is here and very willing to help. Just ask. The pandemic has been difficult on everyone. Friends and family have passed away, the lodge has been closed for a year, and zoom meetings are how we conduct business. With all the difficulty of the pandemic, Emblem was able to raise money and give to our beloved charities. Our donations included: Sheppard's Pantry, Am vets, Wounded Warriors, USO, Mama Hills house, Alzheimer's Association, Emblem scholarship fund, and our continued donation to the Elks.

The Golf tournament will be in June, Dee Varela is our Chairperson, Dee is familiar with golf tournaments. We are all excited and ready to step up to the plate to insure a successful event. Dee is currently working with the Golf pros at California Country Club, more details to follow.

Easter blessings and Emblem love,

Olivia Pompa  
Emblem President



## Some veterans need a helping hand—Yours!

By David R. Carr, PGER

ENVSC Past Chairman

Many veterans, despite a successful tour in the military, return to find that their war experiences make it difficult to adjust to civilian life. Drug abuse and social, marital, and psychological difficulties are more common among veterans than any other identifiable group in society. On any given night, thousands of homeless veterans are sleeping on the streets in the United States. It's estimated that 11% of the homeless population are veterans.

Because the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is recognized by the Veterans Administration as receiving veterans support in their communities, the VA has asked us to expand our outreach to veterans in need.

The Elks Welcome Home Program is a terrific way to do just that! The program is aimed at ending veteran homelessness. Lodges everywhere work closely with veteran organizations, community leaders, and medical workers to combine efforts to serve this population.

And this year, we're expanding Welcome Home to give Lodges even more resources. Starting April 1, the Welcome Home Kit program will grow! The ENVSC will reimburse the Lodge up to \$300.00 per kit and up to \$500.00 for kits that include a bed.

These kits include essential supplies for normal household use: bedding, cleaning supplies, pots and pans, etc. Lodges can work with the veteran to find out just what is needed to set up their new home.

We are also adding two new cities of focus to the program! Lodges in Las Vegas and San Francisco are now eligible to apply for Focus Grants to address veteran homelessness. And,

veterans receiving care at VA facilities in these cities can now apply for the Elks Emergency Assistance Program to help them prevent or exit homelessness.

Even if you're not in these cities, you can get involved. Lodges can use grant funds or organize clothing drives, supply drives and anything else needed to assist these veterans in your community. You can also invite veterans into your Lodge for a free meal at some point after you deliver the kit to the veteran. Above all, thank them for their service, make them feel welcome and always remember: "All gave some, some gave all."

Thank you for your support and demonstrating once again that "Elks Care—Elks Share."



## Pancake Machine Crew Schedule



*We appreciate your help!*

**Volunteers Always Appreciated**

**Contact Vince McCaully 626-422-2812**

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ONCE THE LODGE  
IS OPEN**

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4	5 Investigations 7:30 PM	6 Lodge Meeting ZOOM 7:30 PM	7 BOD Mtg. 7:00 PM at the Lodge PER Mtg. TBD	8	9	10
11	12	13 Lodge Meeting ZOOM 7:30 PM Balloting	14	15	16	17
18	19 Indoctrination 7:30 PM	20 Lodge Meeting ZOOM 7:30 PM	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Lodge Meeting ZOOM 7:30 PM Initiation	28	29	30	Events may be added check your email or website

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