

WEST COVINA LODGE No. 1996

ELKS



TRACKS

841 W. MERCED AVE. WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA. 91790

Elks Of The Year Steak Out

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15th, 2024

BBQ

Doors Open 2:00 PM
Entertainment 2 - 7 PM

Price Includes BBQ Steak Dinner
with all the fixins & Entertainment

\$30
ENTRY

MUSIC BY
**YESTERDAY'S
DREAM**
&
DJ FERNDOGG

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Sale Now

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841 W. MERCED AVE.
WEST COVINA, CA. 91790

FOOD SERVED 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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A FEW SEATS REMAINING
CALL LODGE OFFICE (626) 962-0113**



Aquarius Casino Resort

Join Us For A

**CASINO
BUS TRIP**

**Saturday
September
28th - 30th**



**\$470.00 - Couple
\$350.00 - Single**

\$250.00 Required to Hold your seat with Full Payment Due

September 10th Cash, Checks

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Call Lodge Office (626) 962-0113 or Ben Ortega at (626) 926-4046

*Hotel Accomadations: Aquarius Resort Casino
*On Bus Drinks and Snacks
*Players Card
*Bingo and Raffles on the Bus (Sold Separately)
*Visit To Bullhead City Elks Lodge (Sunday)

Depart West Covina Lodge
Saturday Sept. 28, 8:00 AM
Hotel Check In 3:00 PM
On Your Own
Monday Sept. 30, Depart 1:00PM
Arrive West Covina Elks 6:00 PM



**West Covina Elks
Price is Based On 25 Couples or
50 individuals to hold this
price and avoid cancellation**



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AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

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THEME:

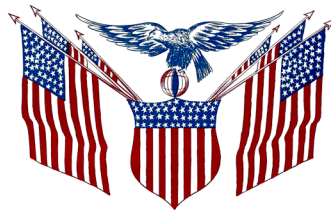
"What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?"

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WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

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Entertainment Co-Chair	Fernando Ramirez	562-287-9814
Family Fun Night	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
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Newsletter Elks Tracks	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
New Years Eve	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
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2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Michael Salazar	626-827-6700
Leading Knight	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Loyal Knight	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
Lecturing Knight	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Treasurer	Veronica Aslan	
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1st Year	Jim DeBerry	951-335-2984
2nd Year	George Alcala	626-472-3485
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4th Year	Amador Santoyo	626-484-3474
5th year	Louie Wagner	909-834-3788

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Tara Orta	949-697-1399
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Inner Guard	Tony Cortez	626-483-3838
Organist	VACANT	
Tiler	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485

2023-2024 HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year -----Carlos Duarte

Tall Elk -----Trish Gonzalez

Officer of the Year ---George Alcala

Citizen of the Year ---Angel Vasquez

Spirit of Elkdom ---Sandy Duarte, Debbie Millan,
Grace Capp, Cheryl Grimm, Wanda Horton,
Eva Mejia, Carlos Virgin





Greetings My Members,

Happy September brothers and sisters as we leave another summer behind us. I hope your travels and vacations were fun and exciting. We have made some good progress in our lodge improvements and getting our facilities in good working order and compliant with our governing agencies to make our lodge safe and comfortable. This is due to you the members by the leadership and hard work of your corps of officers and our staff. The Leading Knight hosted a sold out fund raising event with good food, music and fellowship to benefit our State Mahor Project "The Purple Pig" to help benefit special needs children throughout the State of California and Hawaii. Don't forget this month the "Elk of the Year Steak out" will be on Sunday the 15th with a steak and all the trimmings and the fine music of Yesterday's Dream. All this for \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children 12 and under. The Elk of the Year will also be drawing the winners of their annual drawing with a 1st prize of \$500.00 and a second prize of \$250.00. You should have received your tickets for the drawing in the mail with 2 tickets to purchase and return to the office by mail or in person by the enclosed return envelope and the stubs or you can bring them in personally. For our new members and to those not aware, the proceeds from this raffle and our other committees such as the Past Exalted Rulers Association are used to benefit the Lodge through the purchases of items and or services for the betterment of the Lodge, so you have an opportunity to win some money and to support our Lodge. Coming this month also will be the sale of tickets to our Annual Halloween Dance on September 21st. The dance will be on October the 26, with the fine tunes of Suave and DJ Cesar and the cuisine provided by Don Tony's. So come in your scariest or original costume and enjoy the fellowship of our membership. I want to welcome back Julie Gomez-Walker as our Hoop Shoot Chairperson and thank her for scheduling our Lodges annual Hoop Shoot free throw contest on November 2nd at Cameron Community Center. Lastly as I announced in our Lodge meeting, we are going to open our Lodge for dinner every Friday night starting September 6th with Entertainment and a modified menu. As we progress and we get the patronage of our members and guests so we can support our new hours we can look at expanding even more. It is up to us. We want to see our members here enjoying themselves in their own Lodge. So, help us get this adventure off the ground so that it can bring about better and increased activity. Let's build a better Lodge together, and not let anyone bring it down. Thank you and God Bless

Fraternally Yours,

Michael Salazar, PER
Exalted Ruler
"Hold Fast to Elkdome"

Leading Knights Station

Summer has zipped by quickly and September is already here...and so is Football season!

Join us on Monday, September 9th for opening day. On this day, there will be free hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, and free raffles. That's right! FREE. Join the camaraderie. Doors open at 4. There will also be beer and drink specials.

The Purple Pig Fundraiser took place on August 25th. It took a lot of Elks to put the Purple Pig Fundraiser together. To our brothers and sisters who donated, this includes ALL who purchased a ticket, your kindness and caring heart made the greatest difference.

Thank you for your generosity. To those who volunteered, YOU matter. Your willingness to share both your time and your talent says a lot about each of you as an Elk. Our commitment to the Purple Pig Fundraiser, made life better for those who can benefit from their services.

It's almost Flu season. Take care of your yourself. As they say, Health is Happiness.

Have a great month!

Fraternally,

Trish Gonzalez

Esteemed Leading Knight

Loyal Knights Station

Friends, hoping that that the reading of this Elk Track issue finds you well. With August, and it's blistering heat, in the record books, and September upon us, we prepare to celebrate Labor Day, also known as the unofficial end of summer. Officially declared a federal holiday in 1894, primarily for federal employees. It was not until the 1930's, with strong encouragement by the unions and workers strikes that that the first Monday in September was subsequently deemed a Federal Holiday. Hence, as it pertains to our Fraternal Order, and our Lodge specifically, I'm honored and privileged to recognize all the men and women, paid and unpaid, who day in, and day out, perform the laborious tasks necessary to keep our Lodge doors open, ensure the safety and well being of our members and guests, maintain the demanding requisites of our lodge office, chair and host our numerous annual activities to the highest possible standards, initiate repairs and maintenance when needed, support our neighborhood schools and charities, assist veterans as we can, and for the many other unmentioned tasks performed by so many, we, the officers of our Lodge thank you for your time, unselfish giving, and labor of love dedicated to our Lodge.

Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez

Esteemed Leading Knight

Lecturing Knights Station

Brother and Sister Elks, August was hot! But we had fun, visited the El Monte Vets Village, had a great Family Fun Night, and we are already planning the next one in October. -stay tuned. All fun aside we did good work too!

The Trustees are busy cleaning and inventorying our assets, and being as helpful as can be. Our Members donated dry good items to fill the Veterans pantry twice. The Officers are planning dances, and fund raisers all for the good of the Lodge, and our community. Let me not forget Bingo, we are getting more and more people to come and play Bingo, yes that means more volunteers. Would you, could you spare a couple of hours on Thursday? September, Kids are back to school, Yay! But it also means Elk of the Year Steak out! Please join us, for great food, dancing, and fun. Sunday September 15th, doors open at 2pm. Only \$30, this includes steak dinner, and entertainment by Yesterday's Dream. Hope to see you there.

West Covina Emblem Club is having their Annual Fore the Kids Golf Tournament, Friday September 20th, please support this good cause for the children. If you do not golf, we could use beer (cans) or sodas (cans). Thank you so much!

Let me say a few words about my chair. In my humble opinion it is the best chair, Brotherly Love, offers a glimpse into the brotherhood of elk officers, this is where you start the chairs, I highly encourage you to think about running. It is a commitment, but it is well worth it. The perfect expression is practicing the teachings of our motto: The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory. Words to live by.

Thank you, stay safe, and drink water!

Yours in service

Olivia Pompa
Lecturing Knight



Antlers Corner

Hello, ELKS! As our Antlers return to school, they are also working diligently on future community events and outreach. Recently, we have been collaborating with our community partners to adopt a local park within our city limits. We also took part in the ELKS 2025 Rose float safety checks and fire drill in preparation for next year's Rose Parade. We are excited to welcome our new members and involve them in the spirit of Antlerdom. As always, we sincerely appreciate your support and encourage you to keep checking back for our upcoming projects.

Sincerely,

Carlos and Angelica Virgen
626-780-5712



MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG DONORS

Fill your Piggy banks up & bring 'em in!
California-Hawaii Elks - Major Project, Inc.
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Ask About Recurring Donations!
All Major Project "Purple Pig" Donations are
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John Gutierrez
Jesse Vasquez
Tony Preciado
Ron Torres

Maria Ramos
Richard Alvarez
Ceci Avila

We would like to thank all our recurring donors.



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

In MEMORIUM

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

Joseph Palazzolo #2171

**Born: April 20, 1936
Initiated: January 23, 1968
Passed Away: July 26, 2024**

**WEST COVINA ELKS
EXALTED RULER
MICHAEL SALAZAR
PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES
CHRIS GUERRERO
ELK OF THE MONTH FOR
AUGUST 2024**

Thank you

The West Covina Elks Lodge
Thanks you for a successful
Fundraiser



California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL??

**SEPTEMBER 9TH
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL OPENING DAY**

**FREE HOT DOGS / CHILI DOGS
FREE RAFFLES
DRINK SPECIALS BEER SPECIALS
DOORS OPEN AT 4PM
DON'T MISS THE KICK OFF!!**

NEW YORK JETS @ SF

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. Ander* 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
 Dannie Parker 2021-2022, 23-24
 Vivian Salinas 2022-2023

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>APPLICANT</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>
Josephine Bravo	Robert Leon
Rosemarie Valles	Robert Leon
Norbert Genis	William Garcia
Clemente Diaz	Ben Ortega
Jach Richard Allen Hill	Ben Ortega
Kevin Randy Quintana	Ben Ortega
<u>REQUESTING LIFE MEMBERSHIP</u>	
#5942 Christopher McDermott	
(He meets all requirements for Life Membership)	

Sickness and Distress

Rick Dana AVP had a angioplasty procedure and also a pacemaker put in. He thanks everyone for their support and prayers.

Leading Knight Trish Gonzlaes' daughter's boyfriend is having medical issues with his kidney. She also asked for prayers for family and friends who suffer from mental health issues.

Charlene Rasmussen had pacemaker batteries replaces and is feeling a little under the weather. Keep her in your prayers.

Tony Pelaez grandson is being deployed to Syria. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please report any sickness & distress to the Lodge Office.
 Keep the above members and their families in your prayers.

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



September reminders: GER class, notices, awards

With summer coming to an end, now is our opportunity to offer events that give our Members things to do and places to gather. Offer dinners once or twice a week and plan activities that your membership can support and join. Start using these events to promote your Lodge for prospective Members as well as for contacting delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism Week is September 9-15. You still have time to download a proclamation for National Patriotism Week and have your city's mayor sign it if you were unable to do so last month.

Exalted Rulers, remember the Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October. Let us make it a good one to continue showing "Elkdom's Heart for America." If you have not done so, visit elks.org. Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Then take advantage of the many forms and certificates you can use to recognize program participants and volunteers. Also, make sure to reach out to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary.

Lodge Secretaries, begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices. If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on elks.org (Membership Toolkit, Lodge billing) or contact your area membership chair. The cost savings to your Lodge will be significant. Further, once the notices have been sent, have your Membership and Lapsation Committee contact these individuals. You would be surprised what a little personal contact can accomplish.

The Elks Legacy scholarships also open this month. Legacy Awards are available to children and grandchildren of Elks' Members. Check online for eligibility requirements. It's also time to start planning your local Hoop Shoot contest. If your Lodge participates in this program, thank you. If it has been awhile since your Lodge has participated, now is a good time to start. If you need help, contact your district Hoop Shoot director for assistance.

Finally, this is the time to submit your Lodge website for judging to receive the Grand Lodge 5-Star Award. State Association websites can also be submitted for judging as well. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community.

Remember "Elks Care – Elks Share" by showing "Elkdom's Heart for America."

God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.



WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS

DJ NIGHT PARTY

Celebration decades of music the 50's through the 80's

DJ DANA WILLIAMS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Doors Open at @ 4PM
Dinner Served 5 PM to 7 PM

PERMANENT FRIDAY MENU ONLINE

Order your dinners by Wednesday 9/4/2024

Veterans Column

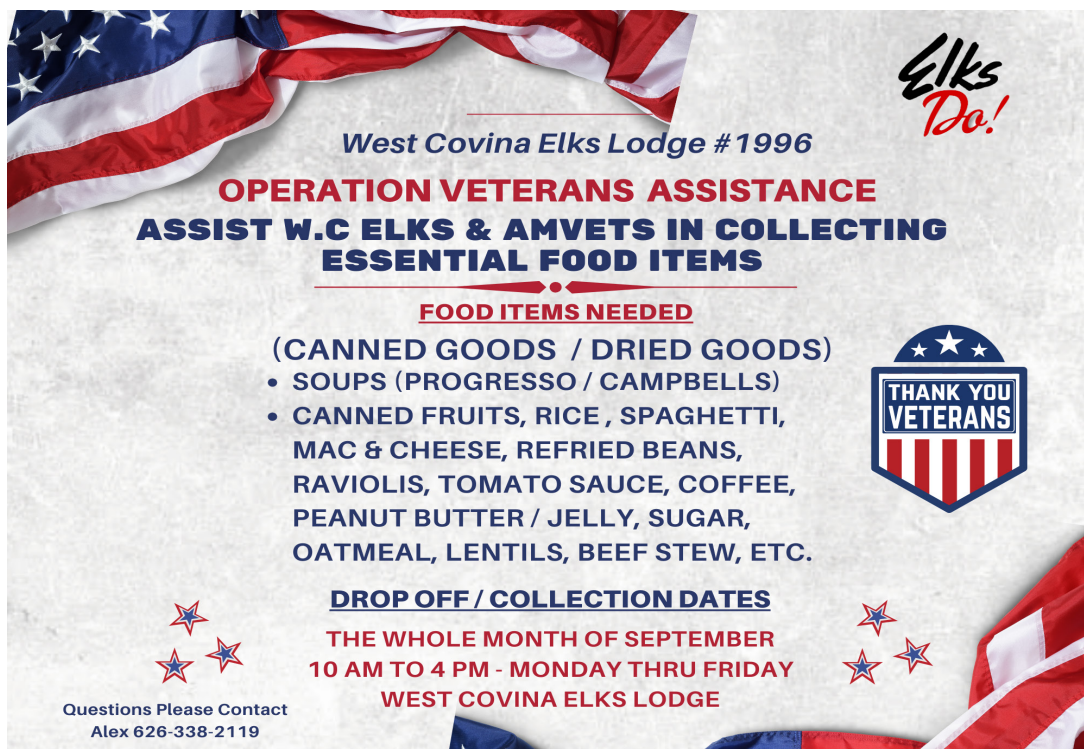
Greetings fellow veterans, members, friends, and all who contribute to the needs of our veterans and their families. I trust that this communique finds you all well. As you know, our annual Veterans Dinner/Dance, scheduled for November 9, 2024, is just around the corner. (See flyer included in this Elk Track for additional information). We encourage and look forward to your support and participation in the commemorative and meaningful event. It is our intent to provide a served dinner for our deserving members and guests. Although we will employ a few paid servers, we are in need of a few volunteers to assist during the dinner serving period. We will have a collage photo table and encourage veterans and families members to bring photos of their veteran family members and loved ones. We encourage veterans to bring a few meaningful photos that have been hidden away and unseen for many seasons.

In the planning stages are a 'Children's Bicycle and Helmet' drive for the BIKES4MARINES&NAVY2024, annual Christmas activity, providing new bicycles for children of military families. I can't thank you enough for the support, donations, and contributions you have made in support of our Veterans throughout the years. Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez
Veteran's Committee Chair.

September Happy Birthday

Richard Bobadilla	1
Teri Bontempo	1
Robert Cunningham	1
Martin Resendez	1
James Banks	2
John Edward Boyle	3
Charles C Reynolds	4
Michael E Contini	5
David Ham	5
Ruben Holguin	5
Edward Martin	5
Richard Nevarez	5
Miguel Palomera Jr.	6
Ruben Aman	6
Bonnie Angeski	6
Christina Flores	7
David J Martin	8
Antonio Pelaez	8
Timothy Conklin	9
Michael Goulet	9
Don Redd	9
Sherry Fischer	10
George Aguilar	11
Tony Martinez	12
Nancy Oroz	12
Larry Sparing	13
Javier Arce	15
Eric Nobriga	16
Kindel Winter	16
Joanna Howard	17
Shirley Esquerra	18
Keith Kelley	18
Matt Jessup, PER	19
Donald Scheliga	19
Dana Williams, PER	19
Teresa Arellano	20
Freddie Clark	20
C R ,Chick' Lien, PER	20
Dale Walker	20
Hector Cordova	21
Gary Wess	21
Steven Babcock	22
Kathy Bell	22
Charlotte Bonar	22
Terry Ortega	22
Anthony Reymann	22
Jim Skinner	22
Ken Belloanca	23
Merle Palomera	23
Maria Carmen Pinto	23
Yolanda Einstein	24
Joseph Rodriguez	24
Donovan Tschider	24
Steven Razo	25
Roland Sammelman	25
Angel Vasquez	25
Bryan Smith	26
Paula Zuleger	26
Joe Chavez	27
Alez Ibarra-Lindsay	27
Wilbert Koskela, PER	27
Sylvia Martinez	27
Timothy Spohn	27
Jamez C Mangiapane	28
Samuel Rodriguez	28
David Waltz Sr.	28
Ronald Hull	29
Larry Vail	30



West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

OPERATION VETERANS ASSISTANCE

ASSIST W.C ELKS & AMVETS IN COLLECTING ESSENTIAL FOOD ITEMS

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

(CANNED GOODS / DRIED GOODS)

- SOUPS (PROGRESSO / CAMPBELLS)
- CANNED FRUITS, RICE, SPAGHETTI, MAC & CHEESE, REFRIED BEANS, RAVIOLIS, TOMATO SAUCE, COFFEE, PEANUT BUTTER / JELLY, SUGAR, OATMEAL, LENTILS, BEEF STEW, ETC.

DROP OFF / COLLECTION DATES

THE WHOLE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
10 AM TO 4 PM - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE

Questions Please Contact
Alex 626-338-2119

September Weekend Entertainment Schedule

Saturday Sept. 7th 
West Covina Elks Lodge #1996
Presents...
"SMOOTH RESPONSE BAND"


Freddy G's
Lead Guitar Lead Vocalist

**Freddy G's
Smooth Response
Band**

7:00-11:00PM
West Covina Elks Lodge
841 W. Merced
West Covina CA. 91790

**WEST COVINA ELKS
LODGE PRESENTS** 


Music Party
DJ VINCE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 | 7 PM-11 PM | DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM

★★★ **DINNER SERVED 5 PM TO 7 PM** ★★★
FRIDAY MENU ON LINE


WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS

BRITISH INVASION

September 21 **7 pm to 11 pm** **Bring your own food**

Nonmembers \$10 Cover Charge / Doors Open At 5 PM

**WEST COVINA ELKS
PRESENTS**

STEAK & LOBSTER NIGHT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

7PM TO 10PM

 **BOBBY Z** 

**All Pre-Paid Food Reservations
need to be in by Wednesday,
August 28, 2024 by 11:59 PM**

**Reservations w/ purchased of food for groups of 4 and more
Please call Alex 626-338-2119**



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of
The United States of America



THEME:

"What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?"

RULES:

1. At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Kansas City, MO, June 29-July 2, 2025.

ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2024.

The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

Sponsoring Elks Lodge: West Covina No. 1996
Address: 841 W. Merced Avenue West Covina, CA 91790
Contact Person: Edward Velasquez
Phone No. (626) 393-3247
E-mail: Edwardvelasquez8807@yahoo.com



From The Board of Directors



Beginning October 1, 2024, a service charge of \$2.00 will be applied to all transactions made

with credit or debit cards. This will help the Lodge cover the costs associated with card payments. In addition, using a credit or debit card will require a \$10.00 minimum purchase.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September Duty Officers Friday & Saturday

September 6 & 7	Carlos Duarte - Olivia Pompa
September 13 & 14	Armador Santoyo - Veronica Aslan
September 20 & 21	Louie Wagner - Terry Ortega / Dee Varala
September 27 & 28	Ceci Avila - Charlene Rasmussen

El Monte Veterans Village Pantry Food Drive

Members and friends I wish to thank you all for your tremendous support and who donated and helped deliver for our Veterans Pantry Food Drive. We have the best members always coming through when there is a time of need.

I can't express my gratitude enough. May God Bless you all.

Ben Ortega, VAVS Representative



Thank you

The West Covina Elks Lodge
Thanks you for a successful
Fundraiser



California- Hawaii Elks Association Major Project

WEST COVINA ELKS Lodge #1996

Friday Permanent Menu

Chicken Sandwich \$12

Cheeseburger \$12

Chicken Strips \$12

Fish & Chips \$12

Limited
Quantity
ON FOOD
Will Be
Sold

Soup and Salads

Clam Chowder - Cup \$4.00 Bowl \$5.00

Cobb Salad \$17

Chicken Breast Salad \$14

Main Courses

New York Steak \$25

Salmon \$20

Chicken Marsala \$18

To guarantee your dinner, order online pre-pay in person before
Wednesday by 12:59 PM

4 Paid Dinners guarantees you priority table reservations
Call Alex 626-338-2119



West Covina Lodge Recycling

If you have any glass bottles, plastic bottles or aluminum cans that you would like to donate, please bring them with you to our Tuesday meetings. A container located in the enclosed patio area will be available to place your donations there.

We will also be collecting on the last Saturday of each month in the parking lot by the kitchen of the Lodge, from 8am-12pm. All recycling money will be going towards the Lodge's operating fund.

Come join Us Saturday September 21st
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Thank you!

Carlos and Sandy Duarte
(909)702-2855



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE SEPTEMBER FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS



Menu



&
ENTERTAINMENT

9.5% TAX INCLUDED

FRIDAYS SERVE TIME 5 - 7 PM
SATURDAY SERVE TIME 6 - 7 PM

**ALL DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE ORDERED
ONLINE OR IN PERSON BY WEDNESDAY BY 11:59 PM**
***Friday September 6th / DJ Night Party**

DJ Dana

Italian Dinner Night \$16

Served with a dinner salad, garlic bread
Your Choice of ONE of the following...
Homemade Lasagna
Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo
Spaghetti & Meatballs

***Saturday September 7th / BD Bash**

Smooth Response

Bring Your Own Food Night

***Friday September 13th / Music Party**

DJ Vince

Order From Menu on the left

***Friday September 20th / Music Party**

DJ Exit

Order From Menu on the left

***Saturday September, 21st / Live Music**

British Invasion

Bring Your Own Food Night

***Friday September 27th / Live Music**

Bobby Z

Order From Menu on the left (or)

New York Steak & Lobster	\$46
Lobster	\$35
New York Steak	\$26
Salmon (8oz)	\$20
Rotisserie Chicken	\$17

**TO ORDER
SCAN THIS
CODE**



HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

Hello All;

Well, I'm back at it! My heart just broke when I heard about Donna's passing. So, I'm directing this Hoop Shoot in her honor. She pulled me back in!

Cameron Park Community Center will also help us promote it from their end. It's definitely a team effort!!

I'm back at work. yay!! My days are full but my night are open. I'll try to be by to announce the Hoop Shoot date at the next meeting. However, if you don't see me, please please announce the date on the floor.! And please ask you families to participate. You don't have to sibling of an Elk to participate. Everyone in the outlined age groups are encouraged to participate. And it's all free!

Thank you all for helping with promoting this years Hoop Shoot ! Teamwork!

Your WC ELKS Hoop Shoot Director,

Julie Garcia Walker
626 222 2935



West Covina Elks Presents

VETERANS DAY

Dinner Dance

HONORING ALL OUR VETERANS

Tickets \$40
(Veterans 1/2 Price)
Includes Dinner, Garden Salad
Baby Back Ribs & Chicken or Salmon, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable Medley & a Variety of Desserts provided by the Emblem Club.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 9th
Doors Open 5pm
Dinner 6pm - 7pm
Music 5pm - 11pm
Music by;
Yesterday's Dream and DJ Cesar

Call Angel (909) 210-3707 or Sandie (626) 675-6565
Thank you for your patriotic support of our Veterans!

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE PRESENTS HOOP SHOOT COMPETITION

FREE THROW COMPETITION

AGES 8-13 (BY JULY 1, 2025)

NOVEMBER

2ND

AT

830 AM

COST

FREE

1305 E CAMERON AVE, WEST COVINA

CAMERON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JULIE GARCIA-WALKER (626) 222-2935



**COMPETE
CONNECT
SUCCEED**



CAN YOU SHOOT?

West Covina Elks Lodge

ANNOUNCES

'HOOP SHOOT' COMPETITION

FREE Throw Competition for Youth **Ages 8-13**

WHEN: SATURDAY, Nov. 2, 2024

CAMERON COMMUNITY CENTER

@ CAMERON PARK

1305 East Cameron Avenue

Sign-ups @ 8AM

SHOOT TIME at 9:30AM-12:30PM

Division SIGN-UPS

AGE AS OF APRIL 1, 2025

Boys

8 --9

10-- 11

12-- 13

Girls

8--9

10--11

12-- 13

TROPHY TO 1ST & 2ND PLACE FOR EACH DIVISION



**SIGN-UP MORNING OF or @
WEST COVINA ELKS**

841 W Merced Ave., West Covina, 91790

JULIE GARCIA WALKER WC ELKS Hoop Shoot Director 626 222-2935



West Covina Lodge Dress Code

T-shirts (tops) prohibited in the Club after 6:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tank type tops prohibited! Gender appropriate dress attire shorts and shirts (men collared shirts) will be permitted. All attire shall be clean and neat. Visiting Elks and Guests attire will be left to the discretion of the Officers and Greeters on Duty.



WEST COVINA LODGE LOUNGE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
FRIDAY 4:00 PM TO CLOSE
THURSDAY 5:00 PM TO CLOSE
SATURDAY 5:00 PM TO CLOSE
CHECK CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY LOUNGE OPEN & CLOSED DATES

Lodge Meetings are the first
4 Tuesdays of the Month.
Meeting start time 7:30 PM

5th Tuesday's Are Family
Fun Nights and members and guest are welcomed



8TH ANNUAL REX DONDLINGER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser for
San Gabriel Valley Elks PER Association



San Dimas Canyon Golf Course
4-Person team Shotgun Scramble
Tee Time 8 AM, Monday, September 30, 2024
Entry Fee \$140.00 Includes Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive,
Green Fees, & Cart (Check Preferred)
TriTip Luncheon and Awards immediately following the Tournament
At the Duarte Elks Lodge, 2436 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
Lunch for non-participants is \$15.00

Chairperson: Robert Hollis-Brau, PDDGER Cell Number (909) 717-8118

Please make checks payable to:
San Gabriel Valley Elks' PER Association

Mail Checks and Entry Forms to:
Joanna Rentschler, DL/DDGER, at 913 Deerflats Dr., San Dimas, CA 91773-1306

FILING DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
Don't Delay
Hole Sponsors Available for \$70.00 each

ENTRY FORM

Please Tear off and enclose \$100.00 Check Per Golfer
Deadline for Entries—September 16, 2024

Captain: _____
Captain's Phone Number: _____
Player 2: _____
Player 3: _____
Player 4: _____

WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 7 PM TO 11 PM
BIRTHDAY BASH

Doors Open @ 5 PM
Dinner Served 6 PM to 7 PM

September Member Re-Instatement Special

Do you know of a Member who may have dropped out of the Elks and have been dropped for over one year and now wishes to reinstate their membership, well here's their chance to reinstate their membership. During the month of September we are offering a unique reinstatement program where you can reinstate your membership into the Elks for \$1.00 plus the prorated Lodge dues and Grand Lodge assessments. **Contact the Lodge Office at (626) 962-0113 or drop by the Office Tuesday through Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996
841 W. MERCED AVE.
WEST COVINA CALIFORNIA, 91790-4902







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September 2024 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LODGE CLOSED	2 LODGE CLOSED Happy Labor Day	3 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM Lounge Open 4:00 PM	4 Karaoke 6 - 10PM Dinner Available Lounge Open 4:00 PM PER MTG. 7	5 Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM 	6 DJ Dance Party w/ DJ Dana Menu Page 9	7 Live Music Smooth Reponse Bring Your Own Food Lounge Open 5:00 PM
8 Private Lounge Lease Out	9 INVESTIGATION Monday Night Football Lounge Open at 4:00 PM	10 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM Lounge Open 4:00 PM BALLOTING	11 Karaoke 6 - 10PM Dinner Available Lounge Open 4:00 PM BOD Mtg 630	12 Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM 	13 Music Party w/DJ Vince Menu Page 9	14 Private Lease Out in the Main Hall LODGE CLOSED
15 Elk of The Year STEAKOUT Yes rtdays Dream	16 OREINTATION Monday Night Football Lounge Open at 4:00PM Hall L/O	17 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM Lounge Open 4:00 PM	18 Karaoke 6 - 10PM Dinner Available Lounge Open 4:00 PM	19 Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM 	20 Music Dance Party w/ DJ Exit Menu Page 9	21 Live Music British Invasion Bring Your Own Food Lounge Open 5:00 PM
22 LODGE CLOSED	23 Monday Night Football Lounge Open at 4:00 PM	24 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM Lounge Open 4:00 PM INITIATION	25 Karaoke 6 - 10PM Dinner Available Lounge Open 4:00 PM	26 Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM 	27 Steak & Lobster Bobby Z	28 Private Lease Out in the Main Hall LODGE CLOSED
29 LODGE CLOSED	30 Monday Night Football Lounge Open at 4:00 PM			