

WEST COVINA LODGE No. 1996

ELKS



TRACKS

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE  
PRESENTS  
**CINCO DE MAYO**  
MOTHERS DAY LUNCH  
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH  
TICKETS \$45  
DOORS OPEN 1PM  
SOCIAL HOUR 1PM TO 2:30PM  
LUNCH SERVED 2:30PM TO 3:30PM  
MARIACHIS 3:30PM TO 5:30PM  
DJ FERNANDO 1PM TO 6:00PM  
Tickets Call or Text  
(626) 324-5176 for Ticket  
Sales Dates & Information  
9.5% Sales Tax Included In Ticket Price

WEST COVINA ELKS  
PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION  
841 W. MERCED AVE. WEST COVINA, CA. 91790  
**Pre-Father's Day**  
**BBQ Dance**  
Entertainment by:  
**SUAVE & DJ CESAR**  
9 JUNE 2024 | 1:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
TICKETS ARE \$35 PER-PERSON  
INCLUDES BBQ DINNER  
DINNER SERVED 2:00 PM 3:30 PM  
**TICKETS ON SALE MAY 1ST**  
FOR TICKETS & MORE INFO  
BEN - TERRY (626) 324-5176

- \*Bingo Volunteers Call-Maria Ortega (626) 806-7003
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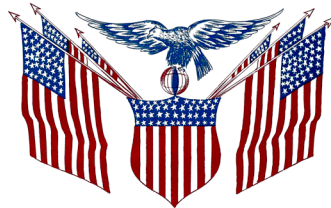


**West Covina Lodge Recycles**  
Please save your recyclable  
Aluminum, Plastic & Glass  
Bottles. Carlos Duarte and  
his Crew collect recyclab-  
les on the last Saturday of  
the month 8:00AM - 12:00  
Noon Rain or Shine,  
**The Recycle Patrol**

## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

### Committee Chairman 2024 - 2025

Accident Prevention Manager	Nadine Avila	626-899-5028
Alternate Delegate	Dan Parker, PER	818-371-5232
Americanism	VACANT	
Antlers Youth Group	Carlos Virgen	626-780-5712
Audio/Lighting	Rhiannan Britney	626-206-2632
Auditing/Accounting	Dee Varela, Ben Ortega, Veronica Aslan	
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Christmas Tree Lane	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Community Public Relations	Robert Leon	626-827-6726
Crab Crack	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Crab Crack	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Decorating	By Event Chairperson	
Drug Awareness	Maria Ortega	626-806-7003
Elks National Foundation	Robert Hollis-Brau PDDGER	909-622-9861
Elks Memorial Service	Ceci Avila	626-893-9756
Elks of the Year President 24-25	Terry Ortega	626-926-4501
Entertainment Friday & Saturday	George (Mack) Reisgo	562-641-3797
Entertainment Co-Chair	Fernando Ramirez	562-287-9814
Family Fun Night	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Flag Day	Tony Cortez	626-483-3838
Funeral Service	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Golfing	Bill Schmko	626-862-6533
Grants Coordinators	Ben Ortega	626-926-4046
Grants Coordinators	VACANT	
Greeters	VACANT	
Government Relations	VACANT	
Hoop Shoot	VACANT	
House Rules	Rick Dana, PER	626-484-4165
Indoctrination	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Investigations/Interviews	Tara Orta	
Lapsation/Membership	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Lodge Activities	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Mail Out	Gil Fernandez	626-827-6054
Major Project	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Major Project 50/50	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Mediator	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Mobile Pancake Maker	Vince McCauley	626-422-2812
Mothers Day	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
Newsletter Elks Tracks	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
New Years Eve	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
PER Association Pres.	Vivian Salinas, PER	818-371-5232
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Presiding Justice	Rick Dana, PER	626-484-4165
Public Relations	Carlos Virgen	626-780-5712
Ritual Coach	Rick Dana PER	626-484-4165
Roamin Elks	VACANT	
Scholarships	Angelica Virgen	
Scouting Boys/Girls	Christina Carter	626-646-3490
Sickness & Distress	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Super Bowl	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Veterans	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
VAVS Representative	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
VAVS Deputy	Veronica Aslan	323-646-3317
Volunteers	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
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Youth Activities	Christina Carter	626-646-3490



## ELKS TRACKS NEWSLETTER

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### Lodge Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday. 10:00am-5:00pm

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[1996wcelks@gmail.com](mailto:1996wcelks@gmail.com)

### Hall Rental & Lease Info:

Contact Alex at Office (626) 338-2119

[alex.manager.elks.1996@gmail.com](mailto:alex.manager.elks.1996@gmail.com)

## 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	ER Temp. Appoint.	Veronica Aslan
Secretary	ER Temp. Appoint.	Dee Varela

## LODGE TRUSTEES

1st Year	William Garcia	323-707-2862
2nd Year	Carmen Gabaldon	626-264-0007
3rd Year	Sandie Sesanto	626-675-6565
4th Year	Irma Valdez Trotter	626-428-0834
5th year	Nadine Avila	626-899-5028

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Tara Orta	
Chaplain	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
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 -







**G**reetings My Members, April went by fast since we have been doing many things to improve and enhance our Lodge's business and operational practices and carve a path towards a more prosperous year. As I promised in the beginning of this fraternal year to be transparent with the membership. We have incurred many financial demands from the past in the first two weeks of this year ranging from tax fees to assessments from both the Grand Lodge and the State Association. While the assessments are part of sustaining our Charter and standing with both associations the tax fees were not and are quite substantial. We have one year's fees so far and expect the fees for the remaining two years that were delinquent. With that said we have to move forward cautiously and with care to be prudent with our finances. The Trustees have been hard at work to develop our Budget on time and as close as possible to meet our obligations and to maintain our Lodge's operational and entertainment needs. At this time I cannot stress the importance of leasing our Facilities at a fair market value and to be consistent with the fees and services to use our facilities to the penny. New contracts have been developed and are being implemented to avoid a fair and profitable price to both members and outside lease out customers. Therefore, what may have been done in the past is no longer the norm. We need the revenue generated by lease-outs to pay our bills to keep outdoors open, it is simple as that.

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Exalted Rulers Message**

## Leading Knights Station

**H**appy May, brothers and sisters! April was a busy month. It always is during our first month in the new term. I would like to congratulate our new Esquire, Tara Orta, for doing a great job during our meetings.

This term, I am the chairperson for the Purple Pig Charity event. I am working diligently to raise funds to offset the costs of the event.

On Monday, May 6th, I will be hosting No Frills Monday. I challenge you to join us and enjoy a tasty meal. Your generosity will go toward the event. I am working on bringing back the Pig Races for the charity event as well. From what I hear, they are a lot of fun.

Speaking of Purple Pig, bring your pigs in anytime and give them to the office or to me to be counted. ALWAYS put your name on them so you can be acknowledged.

"A coin a day & they'll walk, talk, see, & play! Don't forget, every last Saturday of the month is Recycle Saturday. The crew is there from 8am to 12pm. Drive on by. You do not even have to get out of your car!

Remember to call on family and friends frequently. Especially if you know they are not well or if they are in emotional distress.

Have an aMAYzingmonth!!

Fraternally,  
Trish Gonzalez  
Esteemed Leading Knight



## Loyal Knights Station

**M**embers and friends, I am humbled yet excited as we venture into the 2024-2025 fraternal year and thank you for the opportunity to serve you and as our Lodge's Loyal Knight.

I've learned much about the overall operations of our Lodge over the past few years, fulfilling the position of Trustee, and have volunteered on numerous occasions for our array of activities and necessary repairs. I now look forward to learning the foundational aspects and operations of our order. I have had the fortune to support the leadership of several past Exalted Rulers and have learned to respect and admire each for their individual styles of leadership and friendship. I look forward to strongly supporting our newly elected Exalted Ruler, Michael Salazar, and this year's cadre of officers. I will continue to assist our Trustees on an as-needed basis to ensure the safe operation of our Lodge. Equally as important, I look forward to representing all our members as your Esteemed Loyal Knight. Respectfully submitted,

Angel Vasquez  
Esteemed Leading Knight



## Lecturing Knights Station

**D**ear Brothers & Sisters, May is here, with Spring and hopefully flowers.

Happy Mother's Day. Sunday, May 5th, is the annual Pre-Elks Mother Day celebration. It is always a good time.

Please wish us luck, as we will be performing the Ritual for initiation very soon. The team has been working hard to study and memorize our parts. I will be the Officer on Duty this Month for a Birthday bash; stop by and say hello or ask me questions about the elks.

If you are new to Elksdom or have been a member for many years, now is the time to think about what you can do to help. This is not an exact quote: Ask not what the Elks can do for you. But what can you do for the Elks? Cooking, cleaning, serving, washing dishes. Bingo is here; if you would like to volunteer, please come by; volunteers are always welcome and needed. There are many opportunities to help; we always have committees looking for people to assist.

The Elks are more than just a group of people. We are a community united by our shared values and a desire to help others while enjoying ourselves. Let's always remember: 'The faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.' This is the essence of Brotherly love that we embody as Elks.

Thank you, and God Bless,

Olivia Pompa  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



## Antlers Corner



Hello there, Elks! It's hard to believe that the first quarter of the year has already passed. Our youth group is working hard to plan our upcoming events. Recently, our Antlers group, along with our partners from „West

Covina Beautiful,“ received recognition at a City Hall council meeting for their dedication to the City's Arbor Day event. We will provide more information soon about our upcoming Impact Project event, so please stay tuned. Thank you for your continued support.

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.  
Helping Children Since 1950  
Ask About Recurring Donations!  
All Major Project "Purple Pig" Donations are  
100% Tax Deductable

Sandy Duarte  
Ronnie Torres  
Maria Ramos  
Nadine Avila  
Grace Capp

Rick Dana  
Larry Peterson  
Linda Ruelas  
Tony Avila  
Oscar Aguirre

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....*

NONE TO REPORT



## SAVE THE DATE !!



A coin a day so they can  
walk, talk, see and play!

## SUNDAY

## AUGUST 25TH, 2024

## PURPLE PIG CHARITY EVENT

ALL INFORMATION  
*Coming Soon!*

## WEST COVINA ELKS

## EXALTED RULER

## MICHAEL SALAZAR

PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES

## MANDO SANTOYO

ELK OF THE MONTH FOR  
APRIL 2024

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

## BINGO IS BACK!



## Thursday Night

EVERY THURSDAY  
Doors Open 4:00 PM  
Start Time 6:00 PM

FRIENDS-FUN-PRIZES



## 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  
 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

APPLICANT	PROPOSER
Juanita Gutierrez John R Ruesga Edwina Meir Julia D Hart Gilbert (Gil) Toledo Jesus Vasquez Jr. MaryEllen Rodriguez	George Ruesga George Ruesga Shirley Parker Merle Palomera Gene Chavez Edward Velasquez Edward Velasquez
TRANSFERS	
<b>Pete Morales from West Covina #1996 to Yucca Valley #2314</b>	
REINSTATEMENTS	
<b>Ray Rojas</b>	

## Sickness and Distress

**Wanda Horton** fell and had to get hip replacement, is now home recovering.  
**Beth Zook** is home from the hospital and recovering.  
**Ron Torres** is now doing better after stay at the hospital.  
**Gale Waren's** nephew was diagnosed with brain cancer.  
**Beverly Loza** had surgery and is doing well.  
**Lorraine O'Brien** is now dancing after an injury to her knee.  
**Maria Ortega's** sister passed away.  
**Robert Loza's** brother has been in the hospital for an undisclosed medical issue

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE GER



### May calendar has events for moms, military, youth

May is a busy month for the Elks. There are several different opportunities to show our communities that “Elks Care—Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.”

The Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1–7. This is an excellent time to show our support for the many programs dedicated to our youth such as scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and the Dictionary Project, just to name a few. They demonstrate to our communities the dedication we have for the youth of today and our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.

The second Sunday in May is Mother’s Day, a time to honor mothers and grandmothers. Our mothers spent endless hours teaching and guiding us, shaping who we are. They inspired us, protected us, taught us about devotion to family, and loved us unconditionally. We give them gifts, take them to dinner, cook them a special dinner, or send them flowers— anything to make them feel as special as they are. To them, Mother’s Day is a day to be surrounded by loving family. Happy Mother’s Day.

This is also the month we celebrate Armed Forces Day, on Saturday, May 18. This is the day to say thank you to all men and women in all branches of the military. These individuals protect and defend this great country of ours. Please show them that Elks Care and appreciate their service to our country.

Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to demonstrate patriotism for our great country, exhibit pride in our flag, and show our commitment and appreciation for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. There are many services that honor these deceased military men and women. Please take the time to hold a ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the heroes who served.

Finally, remember GER Award for DDs deadline is on the 15th. The Annual Report and Annual Charity Report are due May 1.

## No Frills Mondays May 6th & May 20th

WEST COVINA ELKS  
LODGE NO FRILLS  
MONDAY - MAY 6TH

# PASTRAMI!!

WITH FRIES AND A DESSERT

**\$12**



**\$12**

DINNER SERVED AT 5:30 PM  
A LIMITED QUANTITY WILL BE SOLD

HOSTED BY: LEADING KNIGHT TRISH



**\$10**

**\$10**

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE  
NO FRILLS MONDAY - MAY 20 TH

# SPAGHETTI

GREEN SALAD  
GARLIC TOAST  
DESSERT



DINNER SERVED AT 5:30 PM  
A LIMITED QUANTITY WILL BE SOLD

HOSTED BY:  
THE EMBLEMS

## Exalted Ruler Message Continued from page 3:

I would like to thank our members who continually step up and volunteer in our office, lounge and doing committees that shed a positive light on our Lodge both with the community and to help lower our operating costs.

Thank you. Bingo is back online, and we still need help with the operations on Thursday nights, come down and get to know other members while benefiting our Charity Fundraising, we need you. Our Officers have been working hard on their Ritual Parts and will be competing in the District Ritual contest on May 4th at the Arcadia Elks Lodge, come down and support your officers. Again Thank you to all member that help make our Lodge a better place, and to the ones that are not as involved, come to a meeting see what you are missing and learn first hand what is going on.

Fraternally Yours,  
Michael Salazar, PER  
Exalted Ruler



**All Elk Members  
in Good Standing  
may bring one  
guest not  
subject to any  
Cover Charges**

## Happy

## Birthday



Carol Lynn Avila	1
Michael J Barrios	2
Sal Solis Jr.	2
David L Stevens	2
Rebecca Duenas	3
Arturo Martinez	3
Nancy Lucero	4
Gerard McCartan Jr.	4
Leon D Borden	5
Peter R Ramirez	6
Ronald D Murphy	7
Connie Emanuel	8
Maria Garcia	10
Conrad A Apodaca	11
Lester J Leufroy	11
Angelica Virgen	11
Norman Gilkey	12
Colette C Lewis	13
Richard Reyes	13
Nicolas D Saldarriaga	13
Michael Touhey	13
Lucy C Cheney	14
Margaret Lori Del Rio	14
Michael Flowers	15
MaryLou Mora	15
Birger Stensoy	15
Edward Zubiato	15
Gregory Metoyer	18
Joanne M Santoyo	19
Michael Centro	19
Christopher Hawkes	19
Stephen M Paige	20
Martha A SAucedo	20
Edmund J Frias	21
Ronald A Brockman	22
Dennis K Ito	22
Michael V Herrera	23
Armida Manzo-Ramirez	24
Vivian Salinas	24
Ivan Marburger	25
Tony Preciado	25
Theodore Stewart	25
Linda L Abeyta	27
Christopher McDermott	27
Cecilia Arteaga	28
Phillip D Hawkins	28
Charles V Lepins	28
Jesus B Alcaez	29
Betty L Fowler-Lopez	29
Dave Panataleo	30





WEST COVINA LODGE LET'S GET TOGETHER & CELEBRATE EVENTS

## Soul Impressions

At thee Elk's Lodge

7pm-11pm

841 Merced W. Covina, Ca.

May 4th

\$10 Cover Fee for Non Members



## Soul Impressions

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

## FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

# Party

SPECIAL GUEST

**OSTIA BAND**  
7 PM TO 11 PM

MAY  
10

OUR OWN  
**DJ CESAR**

ENTRY \$10 FOR NON MEMBERS  
DINNER SERVED FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM

NEW YORK STEAK & BURBON CHICKEN COMBO \$19  
SERVED WITH A DINNER SALAD AND A DINNER ROLL

DINNERS MUST BE PURCHASED BY MAY 8 @ 11:59 PM

## W Covina Elks Lodge Dance Night



## »»» Presents ««« RELATIVITY

SATURDAY, MAY 18th

7pm - 11pm | 841 W Merced Ave, W Covina

\$10 COVER FOR NON-MEMBERS

DINE & DANCE WITH THE

## THE BOBBY Z COMBO

FRIDAY MAY 31ST 7:00 - 10:00 PM



NEW YORK STEAK & LOBSTER	\$46
LOBSTER	\$35
NEW YORK STEAK	\$26
SALMON	\$20
LEMON HERB CHICKEN BREAST	\$17

TO ORDER & PAY FOR YOUR MEALS BY WEDNESDAY  
MIDNIGHT CLICK THE LINK BELOW.

CHECK OUT WEST COVINA ELKS #1996 ON TOAST TAKEOUT.

[HTTPS://TOASTTAKEOUT.PAGE.LINK/AABJ](https://toasttakeout.page.link/AABJ)

MEMBER SPONSORED GUEST MUST SIGN THE GUEST REGISTER



West Covina Elks Presents

# Throwback Thirsty Thursdays

Kitchen Open 4PM to 8PM

4PM-10PM

All Drinks \$4.00 / Top Shelf Drinks \$5.00

In appreciation of Membership



## May Officers Friday & Saturday Duty Schedule

May 3 -4 Charlene Rasmussen - Ceci Avila

May 10-11 Tara Orta - Tony Cortez

May 17-18 William Garcia - Trish Gonzalez

May 24-25 Carmen Gabaldon - Angel Vasquez

May 31-June 1 Sandie Sesanto - Olivia Pompa

## WEST COVINA PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

The West Covina Past Exalted Rulers Association wishes to thank you all for your participation in our bi-annual PER Raffle. The winners were Nadine Avila, Trish Hacker & Terry Ortega.

The PER Association Thanks You




## West Covina Elks FLAG DAY

June 11, 2024

Cocktails @ 5:30 PM

Dinner from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Ritual at 7:00 PM

Dinner \$15

Rotisserie Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies and a Dinner Roll

Prepaid dinner ONLY. Purchase your tickets at the bar between the hours 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM by June 10, 2024. This is an open meeting. All members, friends and family are welcome to attend.




## 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 Payable to "West Covina Elks 1996"

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

*Hotel Accommodations: Aquarius Resort Casino	Depart West Covina Lodge Saturday Sept. 28, 8:00 AM
*On Bus Drinks and Snacks	Hotel Check In 3:00 PM
*Players Card	On Your Own
*Bingo and Raffles on the Bus (Sold Separately)	Monday Sept. 30, Depart 1:00PM
*Visit To Bullhead City Elks Lodge (Sunday)	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



## Important! Members

Elk Member Guest who purchase dinner meals for Friday or Saturday Nights when we serve food are not subject to the \$10 cover charge.



## Emblem Club #299 Corner

Dear Elk Sisters and Brothers,  
We are looking for warmer weather as our Parking Lot Sale on June 8th, 2024. Please do not wear clothing; you may have things to add to the sale.

We are looking forward to our Golf Tournament this fall. Look for more details and information in the coming articles.

We always look forward to our Thursday Bingo snack bar with all the goodies we sell. On Thursday, April 18th, we were offered an opportunity to sell sandwiches, which was a complete success and hope to have this opportunity be offered again.

We enjoy sharing our Veterans, Charities, Community Service Activities. We are always looking for interesting activities. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Emblem Love,

Charlene Rasmussen  
President, West Covina Emblem Club  
Come Fly With Emblem



## 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 March 30th 8:00 AM

Thank you!

Carlos and Sandy Duarte  
(909)702-2855



## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE MAY FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS



# Menu



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## 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**

### SATURDAY, MAY 4 (B-DAY BASH) SOUL IMPRESSIONS

NEW YORK STEAK	\$21
SALMON	\$18
HERB CHICKEN BREAST	\$17

### FRIDAY, MAY 10 OSTIA BAND & DJ CESAR

NEW YORK STEAK (40Z) & BOURBON CHICKEN (40Z) COMBO	\$19
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SATURDAY, MAY 18 RELATIVITY  
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

SATURDAY, MAY 24 DJ EXIT  
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD.

FRIDAY, MAY 31 BOBBY Z	
NEW YORK STEAK & LOBSTER	\$46
LOBSTER	\$35
NEW YORK STEAK	\$26
SALMON	\$20
LEMON HERB CHICKEN BREAST	\$17

**MEMBERS SCAN QR CODE TO  
PRE-ORDER YOUR DINNERS,  
NEVER WORRY ABOUT FOOD RUNNING OUT**



## West Covina Lodge Dress Code

T-shirts and tank shirts (tops) prohibited in the Club after 6:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. 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,  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY 4:00 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

## GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

## Contest theme centers on patriotism

By Mark E. Eaton, Committee Member

The Fraternal committee has chosen this year's Americanism theme: **"What does patriotism mean to me?"**

This should prove to bring a wide variety of essays. We look forward to reading the different interpretations of this year's subject.

The contest has separate divisions for fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. For each division, first place wins \$1,000, second place earns \$500, and third place gets \$250.

There are some important dates to remember. If you miss your deadline, your essay will be ineligible to win. Keep in mind all initial essays should go to the Local Lodge first for judging. It is important to communicate this information to your schools and teachers.

Also, you should send your essay to the Elks Lodge nearest to your home, and only to one Lodge! Each level of judging will send the top three in each division to be judged on the next level.

### Deadlines

- Student/teacher sends essays to Local Lodge: No later than December 15, 2024.
- Local Lodge sends to District Chair: No later than January 31, 2025.
- District Chairman sends to State Chair: No later than February 28, 2025.
- State Chair sends to Contest Administrator: No later than March 31, 2025.

### Rules

1. No more than 300 words. Essays must be typed or legibly printed in ink (by the entrant).
2. Must be submitted to the Lodge nearest their address.
3. The participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending, and the sponsoring Elks Lodge on the essay itself.
4. The cover page provided on our website must be attached to the essay. This cover sheet will follow the essay through each level of judging.

### Judging and Scoring

1. Originality. Avoid the use of clichés and worn-out words and phrases. 30 points.
2. Development of the theme. Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble. 40 points.
3. Mechanics and neatness. Use proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation. 30 points.

Publicize your contest via social media, newsletters, and e-mail blasts, as well as through local newspapers and radio. Prizes at the local level are also a good idea for increasing participation.

National winners of first, second, and third place in each division will be announced in our spring newsletter. Awards can be picked up at the Fraternal Committee booth at the 2025 Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, MO at the conclusion of session.



# Structure, communication help to discourage drug use

By **WILLIAM J. BRYAN**  
National Director

For nearly four years now, the Elks Drug Awareness Program and the Drug Enforcement Agency have teamed up to provide parents and grandparents with tools on how to talk with kids through our *Awkward Conversations* podcast and video series. There's more to come later this year, but now is the time to talk to your children and grandchildren.

Without a doubt, you still might have some reservations: "Will my children think I am too strict if I tell them not to smoke, drink, and use drugs?" Developing a strong bond with your children at an early age is important, but as the parent or grandparent, it is your job to provide the rules, structure, and discipline to raise a healthy child. Be a parent, not a pal. Set rules and consequences for breaking

those rules. Your children will surely test you by pushing the boundaries. This is to be expected. Stay strong and follow through with the consequences previously set. Children and grandchildren of Elks need to know that without establishing these boundaries, kids will be lost.

"Will my kids listen?" Adolescents who have a good bond with an adult are less likely to engage in risky behaviors. Tell your children you don't want them drinking or using drugs. Explain to them how you feel and what you expect from them. For example, you might say: "I know you may be tempted to try drugs, but I also know you're really smart. That's why I expect you to avoid drugs—no matter what your friends do. Agreed?" or "It worries me to know how easily you could damage your brain or develop an addiction. Will you promise me you

won't try things just because the people you hang out with try them?"

Spend time with your kids and learn what is going on in their lives. If they think you will be there for them, they will be more likely to talk to you about drugs or situations that make them feel uncomfortable. This is especially important during times of change—such as a new school, a move, or a divorce—when they may feel anxious.

As awkward as it may be... now is the time. Have the conversation.

In other news, the directors of the Elks Drug Awareness Commission are busy planning a two-day training for all State Chairs as well as an open house for all attendees to the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas. We hope to see you there and at our booth in the convention center.

## GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

# Celebrating student achievement validates hard work

By **LANCE C. KNIGHT**  
Committee Member

Congratulations to all recently installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers! You should be proud that the Members of your Lodge selected you to serve in a leadership role for the 2024-2025 Lodge year. All of you possess attributes, which when combined, will help you to work as a team for the coming year in making a difference in your community and Lodge.

As the school year is ending, now is the right time to contact the schools in your area to review or start a youth recognition program such as the Student of the Month/Year and/or Teenager of the Month/Year. The Lodge Activities Committee would work with your local school officials to administer the youth recognition program so it's ready to begin the new school year.

The focus of this program is to acknowledge outstanding young men and women for achievements in school and community life — fine arts, hobbies, athletics, classwork, church, community service, industry, farming, and more. Their accomplishments should be praised. Working in conjunction with school administrators, a student nominating committee may be named. This committee would be responsible for screening Teenager and/or Student of the Month

nominees in both junior and senior high schools, selecting an outstanding boy and girl each month, and then yearly, giving them awards and publicizing their accomplishments.

Fillable certificates, signed by the Local Lodge Exalted Ruler and Youth Activities Chairman, may be downloaded in the Grand Lodge Activities Committee section of [elks.org](http://elks.org). If you have this program in place, honor those award winners in all categories with a special recognition activity at the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee page on [elks.org](http://elks.org) has all the materials needed to implement a successful Youth Recognition Program in all areas. All the certificates, guidelines, nomination forms,

posters, news releases and multimedia videos are available to all Local Lodges, districts, and state Youth Activities Chairs to download. It includes the contact information for all Grand Lodge Activities Committee members and their areas of responsibility, plus those states they are assisting during the fraternal year. This is an excellent way to let our communities know "We Are THE Elks!"

Your GL Activities Committee looks forward to assisting you and your Lodge to promote all the programs in your community. Be sure to visit the Activities Committee booth at the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin. "Elks Care — Elks Share" exemplifies the commitment to our youth recognition programs.

The Elks have successfully completed another year with the Dictionary Project.

Since 2003, 1,257 Lodges have participated in this program providing 4,426,142 students with dictionaries. This school year alone, the Elks were able to provide 85,628 dictionaries to our third graders.

That means we were able to get our name out to more than 80,000 families and let them know *We Are THE Elks!*

— Tracy Leopold,  
Activities Committee Member



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## May 2024 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>LOUNGE HOURS WHEN OPEN</b>  <b>MONDAY - FRIDAY 4 PM SATURDAYS 5 PM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>  <b>New Members</b>	1 Karaoke 6-10 Lounge Open 4:00 PM Kitchen Open PER Mtg. 7	2 BINGO Lounge Open 4:00 PM Thirsty Thursday's	3 <b>LOUNGE CLOSED</b>	4 Birthday Bash Soul Impressions Lounge Open 5 See Menu Pg.9
5 Pre-Mothers Day & Cinco de Mayo Celebration	6 NO Frills Dinner Lounge Open 4 <b>Investigations</b> Enblem Mtg.7	7 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge Open 4 Members Only	8 Karaoke 6-10 Lounge Open 4:00 PM Kitchen Open BODMtg.6:30	9 BINGO Lounge Open 4:00 PM Thirsty Thursday's	10 Ostia Band & DJ Cesar Lounge Open 4 See Menu Pg. 9	11 <b>LOUNGE CLOSED</b>
12 <b>LOUNGE CLOSED</b>	13 Emblem Mtg. 7:00 PM  Ritual Praticce (tentative) 6:30	14 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Balloting Members Only <b>Nesletter Articles Due</b>	15 Karaoke 6-10 Lounge Open 4:00 PM Kitchen Open <b>STATE</b>	16 BINGO Lounge Open 4:00 PM Thirsty Thursday's <b>CONVENTION</b>	17 <b>LOUNGE CLOSED</b>  <b>FRESNO</b>	18 <b>Relativity</b> L/O Elkov Lounge Open 5 Bring Your Own Food
19 L/O Hall La Ramada Veterans 1-6 PM	20 NO Frills Dinner Lounge Open 4 <b>Indoctrination</b>	21 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge Open 4 Members Only	22 Karaoke 6-10 Lounge Open 4:00 PM Kitchen Open	23 BINGO Lounge Open 4:00 PM Thirsty Thursday's	24 DJ Exit Lounge Open 4  Bring Your Own Food	25 <b>LOUNGE CLOSED</b> Bottles,Plastic & Cans Drive 8AM - 12
26 L/O Elkov 1-6 PM	27 <b>LOUNGE CLOSED</b>  Memorial Day	28 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge Open 4 Members Only  <b>Initiation</b>	29 Karaoke 6-10 Lounge Open 4:00 PM Kitchen Open	30 BINGO Lounge Open 4:00 PM Thirsty Thursday's	31 Steak & Lobster Lounge Open 4 Bobby Z See Menu Pg. 9	