

WEST COVINA LODGE NO. 1996

# ELKS



# TRACKS

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

West Covina Elks  
841 W. Merced Ave. West Covina CA 91790  
**2024**  
*New Year's Eve Party*  
*Midnight in Paris*  
*Performing in the main hall*  
**THE ACE BAND**  
*And in the lounge*  
**YESTERDAY'S DREAM**  
*Sunday December 31st*  
*Doors open at 6PM*

\$90 pp includes Rib Eye Steak or Salmon and Midnight Toast

Ticket sales:  
West Covina Elks Members only -  
Nov 1st AND November 6th .. 4PM in the lounge  
Nov 7th - ticket sales open to the public  
ALL SALES ARE FINAL

Ticket sales and information 626-324-5176

*West Covina Elks Presents*

# VETERANS DAY

**Dinner Dance**  
HONORING ALL OUR VETERANS

**NOVEMBER 11**  
Doors Open 5pm  
Dinner 6pm - 7pm  
Music 5pm - 11pm

**Music by;**  
**The Cauldron Band**  
and DJ Cesar

Tickets \$45  
(Veterans 1/2 Price)  
Includes Dinner.  
Baby Back Ribs, Chicken,  
Mashed Potatoes and  
Gravy, Roasted Zucchini  
& a Variety of Desserts  
provided by the Emblem  
Club.

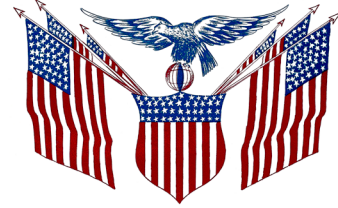
Call Angel (909) 210-3707 or Sandie (626) 675-6565  
Thank you for continually Supporting our Veterans!

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# WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE # 1996

## Committee Chairman 2023 - 2024

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## ELKS TRACKS NEWSLETTER

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## 2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Dannie Parker	818-371-5232
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Lecturing Knight	Christina Carter	626-646-3490
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Secretary	Dee Varela	626-705-2763

## LODGE TRUSTEES

1st Year	George Alcalá	626-472-3485
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4th Year	Sandie Sesanto	626-675-6565
5th year	Gerardo Pompa	626-674-7364

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Jill Murphy	626-330-0669
Chaplain	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Inner Guard	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
Organist	VACANT	
Tiler	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485

## 2022-2023 HONORED ELKS

**Elk of the Year** -----Terry Ortega

**Tall Elk** -----Grace Capp

**Officer of the Year** ---Veronica Aslan

**Citizen of the Year** ---Carmen Gabaldon

**Spirit of Elkdom** - George Alcalá, Trish Gonzalez  
Carlos & Angelica Virgen, Gerardo Pompa,







**Exalted  
Ruler's  
Message**

**Leading Knights  
Station**

**G**reetings to all the members at West Covina Elks Lodge 1996.

The BOD has taken steps to tighten up the finances for the lodge. We will be going on two Fridays and two Saturdays a month for functions for the members at the lodge. This will be on a rotating basis one Friday, then one Saturday each week.

We have finally been able to get Bingo up and running. Please check your e mails for updates on all events. The bingo committee is looking for volunteers to assist with Bingo on Thursdays.

The BOD was able to get all the trees and bushes trimmed in the lodge parking lot this past month. It is a great improvement for the outside of the lodge.

Please review your newsletter and any E mails that are sent out to view all the upcoming events. Remember the lodge has had many sold-out events, so get your tickets early. Remember Elks support the lodge by attending the events.

We have a great core of volunteers, but we are always in search of new volunteers to assist in the many events. This is a great way to meet other Elks and make an impact at our lodge. PURPLE PIGS are available in the office for members. Fill the piggy bank and get them back to continue the great charity work this organization does in the community.

Please remember to check in on your fellow Elks members that may be fighting an illness, or you have not seen at the lodge in a few months. A phone call or a visit may be what the doctor ordered to assist them in recovery.

Fraternally,  
Joe Chavez  
Esteemed Leading Knight

**Loyal Knights  
Station**

**H**ello my brothers and sisters. WOW, November already!!

Let me start off my saying Congratulations to Rosie Leon. She won the salsa contest with entry #2. It was spicy and tasty. Well deserved Rosie!!! We had a lot of tasters. There were lots of toys dropped off for the Ronald McDonald House event as well. You are all appreciated. New Year's Eve is approaching. We need your help.

Please consider to volunteer some of your time. Let's work together to make this a great event. Monday Night Football continues to be a lot of fun. Bring the family!! Kitchen opens at 4:45pm.

BINGO has started. Consider coming down to play a game or two AND to volunteer during a game or two. All help is welcome.

As an officer and leader of this lodge, there have been many challenges and bumps in the road along this journey. It is not easy to assist and establish a sense of confidence and trust among our members when you are being pulled in different directions.

What can we do to unite the lodge as a whole again? Our success depends on every member collaborating and working together to reach success.

Talk with us. All feedback is a gift.

Respectfully,  
Trish Gonzalez  
Esteemed Loyal Knight

**Lecturing Knights  
Station**

**S**eaon, greetings, and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. The holidays are here and there is so many great events coming up that bring the holiday spirits to everyone I want to say thank you so much to all the Antlers who have been helping the Lodge and are at several of our events that in the past we have had the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Scouts are still a big asset to our Lodge.

The volunteers are so appreciative. Thank you everyone for putting in your heartwarming help for our members.

We have some great events coming up and we're also going to need volunteers with our brand-new float for 2024 for the New Year's parade, it will be decorated in the city of Irwindale. More details will be in the Elks Track magazine. We have future events coming up in November. We have the Veterans dance, and Turkey shoot on Monday night football, and don't forget we still have every Wednesday karaoke. We are all ready to socialize and have some fun for this upcoming Birthday bash and Christmas tree Lane, Tom and Jerry Christmas dinner party, and don't forget the New Year's Eve dance tickets go on sale for our members on November 1st. Don't forget everybody is welcome to volunteer and help and have fun but sadly, we have cut back on our Friday night dinners, but we still have the best ones. We still have our steak and lobster at the end of the month and more and are also hosting our Saturday Nite. Please don't forget to turn in your Purple Pigs, they are 100% tax deductible. We will see everyone at the Lodge and have some great fun and socialize Be safe, and God Bless you.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight  
Christina Carter

**G**reetings to my Elks family. I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. We have had some great events in the month of October. We had the visitation for our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Jennifer Rentschler, which was very nice. We had a very nice Sunday Brunch which was a lot of fun. Our Saturday Birthday Bash and Friday music and Dancing were good but we need more member support. Can't forget the fabulous Halloween party. We will continue to have more great events in November.

We have the Birthday Bash on November 4. There is a Veteran's Dance on November 11. On November 17 Steak and Lobster night we have our State President Ted Talbot and First Lady, Jeanie coming to visit and have dinner, so please plan on joining us. We have Saturday Dinner and Dancing on November 18, and Sunday Karaoke on November 19.

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of these events to enjoy yourselves and support our lodge. Our Club Manager Alex is working on a system that will allow us to order Friday dinners online. There will be more information and instructions coming out shortly. Remember my members if you are asked to show your membership card, please don't be offended but be proud to show it, I am very proud to be an Elk. God Bless All

Dan Parker, PER  
Exalted Ruler  
West Covina Lodge 1996



## Antlers Corner

**G**reetings West Covina Elks. This month a few of our Antlers will be participating in West Covina Beautiful's, Jubilee Fashion Show. Not only will some

be walking the catwalk but others will be presenting various parts of the program throughout the event. This is a great opportunity for our young members to be involved and demonstrate their commitment to our community . We will also be finalizing our toy delivery to Queen of the Valley, Pediatric Center. So stay tune for more updates. Please ask how you can support our Antlers!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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 Reccuring Donations!  
All Major Project "Purple Pig" Donations are  
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Christina Carter  
Lorraine O'Brien  
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Teresa Perez  
Clara Rosales  
Tony Avila

We also would like to thank all our recurring donors.



## In MEMORIUM

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

None to Report at Time  
of Printing



**WEST COVINA ELKS**  
**EXALTED RULER**  
**DANNIE PARKER**  
PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES  
**NADINE AVILA**  
ELK OF THE MONTH FOR  
OCTOBER 2023

**Turkey Shoot Tuesday November 14th**



WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS

# Annual STEAK & LOBSTER CHRISTMAS Celebration

DECEMBER 22

TICKET \$45

7PM TO 11PM

LIVE MUSIC - EDDIE & GENTS BAND

DOORS OPEN @ 4 PM

DINNER SERVED 5PM TO 7PM

TICKET GO ON SALE IN THE LOUNGE ON DECEMBER 6 @ 5PM SEE ALEX (MANGER)

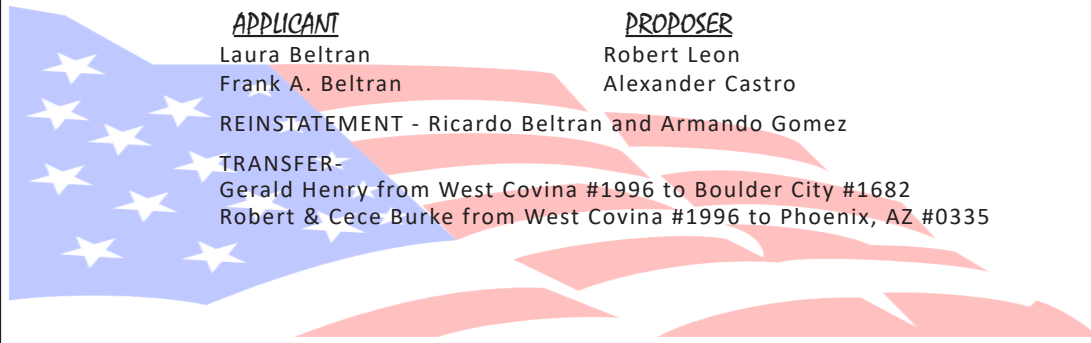


**PAST EXALTED RULERS**

- 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
- 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>
Laura Beltran	Robert Leon
Frank A. Beltran	Alexander Castro
REINSTATEMENT - Ricardo Beltran and Armando Gomez	
TRANSFER-	
Gerald Henry from West Covina #1996 to Boulder City #1682	
Robert & Cece Burke from West Covina #1996 to Phoenix, AZ #0335	

**Sickness and Distress**

**Bob Hollis-Brau is on the mend, keep him in your prayers.**  
**Linda Ruelas grandniece passed away, keep the family in your prayers.**  
**Rosie Leon's sister passed away, keep the family 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 G&R**



**Elks remain committed to serving veterans in need.**

November brings to mind a couple of very special days. On November 11, Veterans Day, we honor our veterans, past and present. There are so many ways to say thank you to our nation's veterans. Hosting dinners in our Local Lodges, sending care packages, and participating in events at Veterans Administration hospitals are just a few ways.

The Elks are committed to their mission "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises to render aid to our nation's veterans and military members with a special focus on those in need. The ENVSC empowers local communities by giving them the resources to directly serve veterans, military members, and their families.

The ENVSC supports a vast network of Voluntary Service Representatives, providing local outreach support to our veterans in need all over the country. This network is only successful because of the hard work performed by individual Lodge Members.

In 1946, the Commission formalized a commitment that was evident since the earliest days of Elkdom to serving veterans. Though much has changed since then, the Elks' dedication to serve veterans and military members in need has never wavered. In VA Clinics, veterans' homes, USOs, homeless shelters, and elsewhere, thousands of Elks volunteers generously give their time, energy, and resources to serve veterans and military members each year. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, who are reminding our communities, "We Are THE Elks."

November 23 is Thanksgiving, a day for us to thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on each of us, our family, our friends, our Order, and our great country. It is also a day we ask for the blessings of God to guide us and show us ways to help those who are less fortunate so we may make their life better, proving "Elks Care — Elks Share." Happy Thanksgiving.



THANK YOU VETERANS



**Bingo Is Back!  
Beginning  
November 2nd & Every  
Thursday After**



**Christmas Tree Lane  
Tree Sponsors Meeting  
Monday November 6th, 6:00 PM**

The Lodge's "Elks of the Year" invite you to our Christmas Tree Lane, Tree Sponsor meeting. This meeting is open to any Lodge or community Groups or Individuals interested in sponsoring a tree for our annual Christmas Tree Lane event December 10, 2023. This will be our first informational meeting on Monday November 6th, at 6:00 PM. in the Conference Room.

All details will be given and questions answered. We look forward to having you to make this another successful event

Please contact Christmas Tree Chairperson Ben Ortega at eMail: [garfieldbulldog@gmail.com](mailto:garfieldbulldog@gmail.com) or Cell at (626) 926-4046

November

HAPPY  
Birthday  
TO YOU



Maria Veronica Aslan	1
Joan Wilson	1
Edward Medina	2
Luis Rey	2
Adrienne Zackos	3
Chien J Wang	4
Joyce E Naberman	5
John Quemada	6
Evelyn Aleman	7
Ernest J Garcia	7
John R Garcia	7
Norman Salinas	7
Kelli I Ishikawa	8
Ruben L Ramirez	8
Cecilia Avila	9
Philip A Hawkins, PER	9
Teresa Perez	9
Jorge Ramirez	10
Suzanne Augino	12
Carmen Enciso	13
Chris J Abeyta	16
Nadine Avila	16
Raul Reyes	16
Edward A Soderblom	16
Ninfa Torres	16
Delbert J Owen	17
Victor A Ramirez	17
Phyllis Williams	17
Janette Garcia	18
Thomas E Gonzalez	19
Miaria C Figueroa	20
Carlos A Perez	21
Ruben Martinez	22
Neil Abeyta	23
Juan Briones	23
Robert Cardona	23
Barbara Murphy	23
Greg Gutierrez	24
Arnold S Vasquez	24
Robert C Swift	25
Isabel Cordova	26
Aurora Urueta	26
Rebecca Castillo	27
Sonia Diaz	27
Herb Redholtz	29
Roy J Simes, PER	29
Fidel Andrade	30
James T Conkle	30
Shirley M Parker	30
Carlos Ruiz	30

**Save The Date  
Christmas  
Tree Lane  
December 10th**



West Covian Elks Presents



# BIRTHDAY BASH

Saturday , Novemember 4

Band: Yesterday's Dreams

ENTRY \$10 FOR NOMEMBERS / DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD EVENT**

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED  
FIRST IN-FIRST OUT

West Covina Elks Prsents



**Eddie & Gents / Dj Cesar  
7 PM to 11 PM**

ENTRY \$10 FOR NONMEMBERS  
Prepaid Dinner Reservations Required by  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023 by 11:59 PM

West Covina Elks Presents

# FRIDAY *Night Dance*

November 10, 7:15 PM TO 11 PM

IMPULSE BAND

Food Being Served 5PM -7PM

ENTRY \$10 FOR NONMEMBERS - DOORS OPEN @ 4 PM

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

Prepaid Dinner Reservations Required by Wednesday  
November 8, 2023 by 11:59 PM

WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS

## *Steak & Lobster Night*

Friday, November 17, 2023

FEATURING BOBBY Z

7PM TO 10PM



All Pre-Paid Food Reservations need to be in  
by Wednesday, November 15, 2023 by 11:59 PM

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



**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS...  
2023 RV SPOT RESERVATIONS  
FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE**

The Elks' Rose Parade float decorating has increased interest in the Lodge's RV spots. To ensure that our Members and Associate Members are first afforded the use of these spots for Lodge New Year's Eve festivities, the Lodge is implementing the following reservation process:

From November 1, 2023, through December 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., West Covina Lodge Members and Associate Members may reserve one RV spot in their name for arrival dates of on or after December 27, 2023, and which includes staying December 30, 31<sup>s</sup> 2023, and January 1, 2024. In accordance with the Lodge's longstanding practice, only Members and Associate Members who have purchased a ticket to the Lodge's New Year's Eve party can make a reservation. Reservations must be made and pre-paid by contacting the Lodge Office at (626) 962-0113. Only the Lodge office is authorized to take and make reservations. RV spot "holds" and refunds will not be allowed.

On December 15, 2023, at 5:01 p.m., the reservation process will open to Elks members from other Lodges who have purchased a ticket to the Lodge's New Year's Eve party.

On December 20, 2023, at 10 a.m. the reservation process will open for any Elks members who will be decorating the Elks' Rose Parade float.

This reservation process is not intended to be an on-going practice and does not set precedence. Questions regarding this process can be directed to the Lodge Office at (626) 962-0113 or at 1996wcelks@gmail.com.

**Membership & Lapsation**

As of October 1, we have 645 active members and 52 delinquents. Let's keep the membership growing. With this many members, how about taking out an hour or two every month to help our volunteer program. Hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving spending it with family and friends.

Dee Varela, Lodge Secretary

West Covina Elks Club Presents

# BIRTHDAY

*Bash*

**Elks Do!**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

50/50

Rhythm Jukeboxx / 7 PM TO 11 PM



**RHYTHM JUKEBOXX**

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD EVENT**

ENTRY \$10 FOR NONMEMBERS

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED / SEATING IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVE



WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS

# ELKSGIVING KARAOKE SUNDAY

DJ DANA 1 PM TO 4PM

19 NOVEMBER

POP MUSIC  
LATIN MUSIC  
ROCK MUSIC

12PM DOORS OPEN

POTLUCK WILL BE SERVED AT 1PM  
PLEASE BRING A DISH



Details on the Potluck see Alex/Jay/Tara



## Emblem Club #299 Corner

Happy Thanksgiving!!!  
I hope that Thanksgiving will be good for everyone. Most of us will be with family and friends, others will not, I hope that there will be an extra chair at our tables for that person who will be alone.

Our first Thanksgiving we were celebrating being alive in a Brand New Country. Then we have celebrated the end of Wars, Revolution, Civil, WW1, WW2, Vietnam. Let's hope and pray that we will be here next year. How morbid I sound!

Emblem Club had our 21 st "Fore the Kids" Golf Classic. The Golf was played on Oct,13, before this was printed, so there will be more to say on the Golf Classic next month.

Thanksgiving is the beginning of the Holidays. Lots of parties, gifts, love and laughter. Have fun and be safe.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!  
Emblem Love, Laughter and Good Will to Everyone

Charlene Rasmussen  
President, West Covina Club  
Come Fly With Emblem

## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE OCTOBER 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**

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 / YESTERDAYS DREAM

**BIRTHDAY BASH**

**\*BRING YOUR OWN FOOD EVENT\***

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**

### NOVEMBER 10 / IMPULSE BAND

**GARDEN SALAD INCLUDED ONLY W/ ENTRIES**

NEW YORK STEAK	\$22
MAPLE GLAZED SALMON	\$18
PASTA ALFREDO WITH SHRIMP	\$16
POT ROAST WITH MUSHROOM CREAM SAUCE	\$16

### NOVEMBER 17 / BOBBY Z

NEW YORK STEAK & LOBSTER	\$44
LOBSTER	\$33
NEW YORK STEAK	\$25
SALMON	\$20
ROTISSERIE CHICKEN	\$16

### NOVEMBER 18 / RHYTHM JUKEBOX & DJ CESAR

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**

APPETIZERS PLATTER	\$13
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**MEMBERS ONLY SCAN QR CODE TO ORDER**



### OCTOBER 2023 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

**DOORS OPEN AT 4PM**



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NOVEMBER 13, 2023

**DOORS OPEN AT 4PM**

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NOVEMBER 20, 2023

**DOORS OPEN AT 4PM**

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NOVEMBER 27, 2023

**DOORS OPEN AT 4PM**

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DECEMBER 4, 2023

**DOORS OPEN AT 4PM**

5:15 PM



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**DONT MISS THE KICKOFF!!**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Hello Brother and Sister Elks!

We have some exciting information to share with you! We have expanded our POS system for you to reserve and pay for your Friday and Saturday meals in advance by using your cell phone and scanning the QR Code below.



The QR code will show you the different meals available for each night, and you may select the one of your choosing. Your first time ordering a meal, you will have to set up a profile which will take less than 5 mins, after that upon payment you will receive an email confirmation showing your meals purchased. If you do not wish to do this, you can purchase your meal any night we are open from the bartender on duty. If you would like to see a demonstration of how to use this exciting new system, see Alex or Brian and they can show you how to do it.

Please be patient with us and remember that for the first five to six weeks, we will be in the process of ironing out all the kinks. Alex and Brian will be greatly appreciative of any constructive feedback on your experience through the start of this exciting next chapter for the West Covina Elks Lodge!





## The Great American Smokeout November 16, 2023



The American Cancer Society marks the third Thursday of every year as the **Great American Smokeout**. The Great American Smokeout 2023 will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. It is an annual event that encourages individuals across the United States to quit smoking and start a healthier, smoke-free life. It emphasizes the benefits of quitting, such as improved health, increased life expectancy, and a reduced risk of cancer and other diseases. You might ask—How can I participate in The Great American Smokeout 2023? Here’s how you can get involved:

- **Quit Smoking:** If you smoke, use The Great American Smokeout as an opportunity to quit. Seek support from friends, family, or quit-smoking programs.
- **Support Quitters:** Encourage and support friends or family members who want to quit smoking. Offer assistance, understanding, and encouragement.
- **Spread Awareness:** Share information about the harmful effects of smoking and the benefits of quitting on social media and within your community.
- **Organize Events:** Communities, workplaces, and schools can organize events, workshops, or educational sessions to raise awareness about smoking cessation.
- **Access Resources:** Utilize resources provided by the American Cancer Society, such as quit-smoking guides and helplines.
- **Share Success Stories:** Celebrate the success stories of individuals who have quit smoking and are enjoying a smoke-free life.

### Youth and Tobacco Use

If cigarette smoking continues at the current rate among youth in this country, 5.6 million of today’s Americans younger than 18 will die early from a smoking-related illness. That’s about 1 of every 13 Americans aged 17 years or younger who are alive today. Tobacco is a hard habit to quit, so it is crucial to start talking to your kids now to prevent them from using tobacco products in the future. Finding the right time to begin the conversation may be difficult, but there are many things parents can do to help teach the dangers of smoking to children. It’s never too soon to start a conversation about tobacco with your kids. It’s recommended to first mention tobacco use to children when they’re about age 5 or 6, and continue the dialogue on a regular basis until your child is out of high school.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) tobacco produce use is started and established primarily during adolescence. Nearly 9 out of 10 adults who smoke cigarettes daily first tried smoking by the age of 18, and 99% first tried smoking by age 26. Each day in the United States, about 1600 youth smoke their first cigarette leading to nearly 200 youth starting smoking every day.

What is the toll of Tobacco in California? Over 24,600 (2.3%) of High school students smoke. Many more High School students (5.6%) use e-cigarettes. A staggering 32,500 kids under the age of 18 will try cigarettes for the first time each year. Research has shown that kids whose parents often talk with them about the dangers of tobacco use are about half as likely to smoke as those who don’t have these discussions with their parents. This year on the Annual Great American Smokeout Day, let’s hope that we not only can encourage our young people who are smoking to quit, but that we can do more to prevent our children from ever starting. Not sure what to say to your kids? For Elks DAP resources for parents and students, visit:

- [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)
- [www.elkskidzone.org](http://www.elkskidzone.org)
- [www.elksteenzone.org](http://www.elksteenzone.org)

or you can check out the following websites from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

- [www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.gov](http://www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.gov)
- [www.JustThinkTwice.gov](http://www.JustThinkTwice.gov)

## GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

### Awards honor Scouting standouts

By DAVID C. FOSTER  
Committee Member

Although the Elks Lodges had to end their official relationship with the Boy Scouts as charter or sponsors of a scout unit, Lodges may continue to support scouts by providing use of the Lodge facilities after obtaining a “Facilities Use and Indemnity Agreement” from the local scout unit or council.

Here are some ways the Lodge can be supportive of Scouting:

- Assist with items and materials as needed.
- Formally recognize the Americanism training of Eagle Scouts by the presentation of a certificate and an American flag. The Scout Court of Honor should be strictly a scout function, not infringed upon by Elks. Grand Exalted Ruler Shook will send a letter and a pin to the Eagle Scout. Grand Lodge will print an attractive certificate. You will need to let the Activities Committee member know so they can get the proper information to Grand Lodge.
- Recognize Girl Scouts with Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards. The Gold Award, for high school Girl Scouts, is similar to the Eagle Scout Award for young men. The Silver Award is for cadets

in grades 6-8 who have completed the eight-step program. The Bronze Award is for grades 4-5 who complete a seven-step program. Certificates are available at [elks.org/grandlodge/activities](http://elks.org/grandlodge/activities) then click on Forms/Certificates.

• Recognize individuals working in Scouting with a nomination for the Marvin M. Lewis Scouting Award. This recognizes Elks in good standing who contribute significantly to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. It is named for PGER Marvin M. Lewis, one of Elkdom’s strongest proponents of Scouting. Each Lodge may nominate one candidate for this award. A Grand Lodge selection committee will review the candidates and choose up to four winners. This application, which is due March 1, 2024, is available at [elks.org/grandlodge/activities/marvinlewis.cfm](http://elks.org/grandlodge/activities/marvinlewis.cfm).

Become familiar with the Elks and Scouting Managing Guidelines and the Grand Lodge Youth Protection Guidelines, both available at [elks.org/leadership/manuals.cfm](http://elks.org/leadership/manuals.cfm).

Supporting the youth of the communities we serve remains an important part of the mission of the BPOE. For any help, please contact me at [dcwhitail72@hotmail.com](mailto:dcwhitail72@hotmail.com).

## Drug Awareness Poster, Essay and Video Contests

Red Ribbon Week, the week of October 23-31<sup>st</sup>, just concluded, but the work of the Elks in the area of Drug Awareness continues. The Elks hold their Drug Awareness Poster, Essay and Video Contests to coincide with this event. The poster contest is open to students in Grades 3, 4, and 5. The Essay Contest is open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8. There is a video contest for individuals or small groups of students who are in middle school, high school, and post high school. The theme for the 2023-2024 Poster, Essay, and Video Contests is “Be Kind to your Mind—Live Drug Free.”

The Drug Awareness Program Committee worked with District Administrators to get the word out to teachers and students at the various school sites. However, we still need the help of all Elks to get the word out. If you know of a child—possibly a neighbor, a grandchild, or even your own child, please pass this information on to them and encourage them to participate. There is still time for students to have the opportunity to enter. Deadline for submission to Duarte Elks Lodge #1427: **Thursday, November 9, 2023**. Copies of the complete rules can be found on the CHEA Elks website. For more information, you can contact John D. McEntire, Jr., PDDGER, Drug Awareness Program Chairman.



## Elks Scholarships

**Most Valuable Student Scholarships** are open to ANY high school seniors who are American citizens. These scholarships are based on academics, leadership, and financial need. Applicants do not need to be related to Elk members. The four-year scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year. There are 500 awards totaling \$2,400,000 available nationwide. There is still time to apply. The deadline for submission is **November 13, 2023, 11:59 pm, Pacific Time**.

**Legacy Awards** are merit-based scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks who are members in good standing. These scholarships are for \$4000.00. The applications are online beginning September 1, 2022, and you can find them at the above link. The deadline for 2023 Legacy Awards application is **February 5, 2023**.

**ScholarWeb** is a resource available to students and parents. Under the Resources tab, in the Resource Center there is a Free Scholarship Search Database of other scholarship opportunities for students. Also, there is information regarding Financial Aid Resources.

**Vocational Grants (Occupational or Technical Training)** – This program has been revised to increase the amount of the awards and make it easier to apply and qualify. Grants up to \$2,000 per year are awarded to assist **adults** to become gainfully employed in their chosen vocational career with two years or less of study. Applications should be made 3 to 6 months **before** the vocational courses begin.

**Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities** – This scholarship program is a financial needs-based and academic-use scholarship. It is intended for undergraduate work at an accredited community college, four-year college, university, or licensed vocational school. The **funds cover academic expenses only**, which includes tuition, books, lab fees, and on-campus room and board. Since 1981 the Elks have provided financial assistance to students with severe disabilities wishing to further their education. An announcement will be made regarding the opening date for applications (Usually in November).



Eagle Scout certificate



Girl Scout Gold Award



Marvin M. Lewis Scouting Award

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# November 2023 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Karaoke 6-10P Dinner Available <b>PER Mtg. 7P</b>	2 BINGO Doors Open 4:00PM Med-term Convention	3 <b>LODGE            CLOSED</b>  Med-term Convention	4 Birthday Bash w/Yesterdays Dream. Bring Your Own Food
5	6 Monday Night Football <b>Christmas            Tree Lane            Meeting            6:00PM</b> INVESTIGATIONS	7 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM	8 Karaoke 6-10P Dinner Available <b>BOD Mtg.            6:30 P)M</b>	9 BINGO Doors Open 4:00PM	10 Impulse Band Oeder Your Dinner Online Served 5-7 PM.	11 Veterans Day- Dance Doors Open at 5:00 PM
12	13 Monday Night Football Emblem Meeting 7:00PM	14 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM <b>TURKEY            SHOOT</b> Newsletter Due	15 Karaoke 6-10P Dinner Available	16 BINGO Doors Open 4:00PM	17 Bobby Z Steak & Lob- ster Order Dinner Online	18 Eddie & The Gents  Order Dinner Online
19 Elksiving Karaoke Sunday Potluck 1-4 PM	20 Monday Night Football INDOCTRINATION	21 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM	22 Karaoke 6-10P Dinner Available	23 <b>LODGE            CLOSED</b> Happy Thanksgiving	24 <b>LODGE            CLOSED</b>	25 <b>LODGE            CLOSED</b>
26	27 Monday Night Football <b>Emblem            Social 7:00PM</b>	28 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM INITIATION	29 Karaoke 6-10P Dinner Available	30 BINGO Doors Open 4:00PM		