

WEST COVINA LODGE No. 1996

ELKS



TRACKS

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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



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.



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West Covina B.P.O. Elks

Lodge No. 1996

Cordially invites you and your guest to attend

The official Homecoming of our
 San Gabriel Valley District

California-Hawaii Elks Association

Vice President

Richard "Rick" Dana

Tuesday June 18th, 2024

No-Host Cocktails - 5 pm

Dinner - 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Roasted Pork Tenderloin or Salmon**OPEN MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER**

Donation - \$20.00 per person

Pre-purchase Dinner Reservations Only

(Purchase On-Line, In Person at the Bar, or with the Club Manager)

Chairman

Ben Ortega, PDDGER
 (626) 926-4046

RSVP by June 14th, 2024

(626) 962-0113

Exalted Ruler

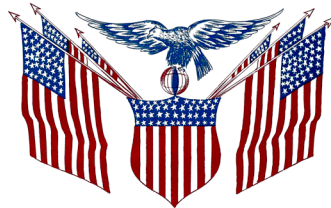
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WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

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Hoop Shoot	VACANT	
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Mothers Day	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
Newsletter Elks Tracks	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
New Years Eve	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
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5th year	Nadine Avila	626-899-5028

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Tara Orta	949-697-1399
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 ---Sandy Duarte, Debbie Millan





Greetings my Members,

We are now entering into the 3rd month of our fraternal year, and I just attended our 106th annual State convention in Fresno. It was a good time to meet various officers and chairpersons from throughout the state and learn about the challenges that face our lodge. members are the same everywhere; what gets every Lodge through these challenges is its members. Our lifeblood is the men and women who step up and volunteer from washing dishes to Exalted Ruler; their dedication and determination keep this great Fraternal Order going. When I conduct the indoctrination of our new members into the order, the number one reason for joining our order used to be "to give back to the community and the nation." Now, more and more, I hear, "We want to enjoy the dances and socializing." That is all well and good, but we tend to forget the purpose of our Lodge and the Order that we belong to. We are here to serve our communities, youth, veterans, and our nation. This year I proudly represented our Lodge in Fresno for our Major Projects March where our members through the monetary and volunteer work presented \$21,178.41 to the major project (Purple Pig) that supports the care and therapy of children with physical needs and their families. The bulk of this figure came from our BINGO account, where the members volunteer their time each Thursday night and other prep days to host BINGO. All these funds made from BINGO allow us to do the charitable work our lodge does in addition to supporting the Major Projects of our state and national associations. As your Exalted Ruler, I am asking our members to carve out some time to help with our BINGO program. It takes a lot of volunteers to operate, and it gives you that sense of giving and the satisfaction of fulfilling your charitable part of your obligation you took. They really need help later in the evening to verify cards and break down the tables and chairs. See Maria Ortega to see what you can do to support our BINGO Team and enable us to give more to our charities and community. Thank you all for your hard work and support.

Fraternally Yours,

Michael Salazar PER
Exalted Ruler

Leading Knights Station

Greetings brothers and sisters.

Happy Summer to all!! The Ritual competition has come and gone. What a wonderful experience it was. West Covina did not disappoint. We are first in our District. Words of encouragement and support brought us closer together. The emotion we felt was perfectly written in a text by our Esquire, Tara. "I am looking forward to our year to come and the heartbeat that we felt proud today. Hoping this will continue to grow and bring our lodge a little closer to the Elldom we all felt today. " Amen to that!!

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project fundraiser is on August 25th. The tickets are \$45 per person. From that ticket purchase, \$20 will be donated directly to Purple Pig. Don't forget, your donation is tax deductible.

May was a busy month. I would like to thank our Chaplain, who planned a beautiful Mother's Day Lunch. Excellent job Ceci!! Bring your recyclables by the lodge the last Saturday of every month. No need to get out of your car! Carlos, Sandy Duarte and crew are there to help.

June 3rd is No Frills Taco Night, hosted by yours truly.

All proceeds will be donated to the Purple Pig.

BINGO needs you!! Can you spare a couple of hours a week? Let us know. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Fraternally,

Trish Gonzalez
Esteemed Leading Knight



Loyal Knights Station

Members and friends, I trust the arrival of this ELK'S Tracks distribution finds you well and in good spirits. Having recently returned from Elk's State Convention and Ritual Competition in Fresno, the competing lodges were many, and the competition was formidable. Rest assured, our lodge was well represented, and our ritual team performed well. Many thanks to all who participated and/or assisted in this prestigious event.

Many times, some members are unfamiliar with the 'Esteemed Knight's' Lodge responsibilities of our Order; here is a brief synopsis:

- Reviewing the Opening, Closing, and Initiatory Rituals applicable to your stations and sufficient familiarization with other rituals.
- Studying the Laws of the Order, its rituals, the bylaws of the Lodge, and the manuals of the Order.
- Assist the Exalted Ruler in conducting the affairs of the Lodge.
- Acting in the absence of the Exalted Ruler in the order of your rank unless a PER has been designated.
- Observing proper protocol.
- Proper discharge if the duties assigned to you. The Constitution, Statutes, and By-Laws of our Order provide additional duties and responsibilities of your elected chair officers. I feel it is important to understand these duties.

Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez
Esteemed Loyal Knight



Lecturing Knights Station

Dear Brothers and Sisters, June is Vacation Month for Kids, not so much for parents, Grandparents, or caregivers. It is also a month to celebrate Dad. Living or dead, these people are never forgotten. The annual Elk Father's Day celebration will be held on June 8th. Suave will be the Band. Hope to see you there.

Last month, you all wished us luck for the ritual contest. Well, guess what? We won 1st place in our District! We performed at the CHEA convention in Fresno, and with all your support, we did a great job and proudly represented West Covina!

In this station of Brotherly Love, I would like to communicate thoughts or actions that embody Brotherly Love. Here goes Kindness:

Kindness in communication goes beyond mere politeness. It involves empathy, active listening, and the conscious effort to understand and respond to others with compassion and respect. It's about the tone we use, the words we choose, and the attention we give to those we interact with.

While the intention to communicate kindly is admirable, it's not without its challenges. Misunderstandings can occur, emotions can run high, and cultural differences can complicate interactions. To overcome these challenges, it's important to remain calm, clarify when in doubt, and approach each conversation with an open mind and heart. This is Brotherly Love

Thank you, and God Bless,

Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Olivia Pompa





Antlers Corner

June is „Impact Month“ and the Antlers have some great community events coming up. Join the Antlers and our community partners as we come together to assist a neighbor in need. Bring your lawn and yard tools and ask how to assist our community members in need, one yard at a time! We continue in the spirit to impact by offering you an opportunity to change a life. Roll up your sleeves and join us by donating Blood. “We know you got it in you!” See our flyer for more information on our Blood Drive and scan the QR code to sign up.t.

Sincerely,
Carlos and Angelica Virgen
626-780-5712



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive **West Covina Elks Lodge**

Banquet Hall
841 W Merced Ave
West Covina, CA 91790

Friday, June 7, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WCELKS to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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Build the blood supply: Come give 5/20 to 6/9 for an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt, ltd. qty.



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California-Hawaii Elks - Major Project, Inc.
Helping Children Since 1950
Ask About Recurring Donations!
All Major Project “Purple Pig” Donations are
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Raymond Hernandez
Lorraine O'Brien
Skip Sargent
Anonymous

Edward Maiuri
Lionel Moreno
Kathy Bell

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....

B.J. McKinney #2332
Life Member

Born: October 29, 1930
Initiated: May 28, 1968
Passed Away: May 12, 2024

WEST COVINA ELKS
EXALTED RULER
MICHAEL SALAZAR
PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES
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ELK OF THE MONTH FOR
MAY 2024

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BINGO IS BACK!

B I N G O

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
Henry G. Fernandez	Esther Sapien
Alejandro Diaz	Ed Fierro
Klimenko Adame	Alicia Becerril

Sickness and Distress

George (Mack) Reiso is undergoing various medical tests.
Helen Genis's husband, Norbert is in the hospital.
Mike Salazar's grandson had shoulder surgery and is doing better.
Angel Vasquez's ex-father-in-law passed away.
Livier Becerra's 99 year old mother has a stomach mass and in need of prayers.
Lucy Ibarra & Alex Ibarra-Lindsey's mother, Connie is home from the hospital.
Tara Orta's ex-husband is having open heart surgery and is getting a pacemaker.
Carol Avila request prayers for Mario Chavez Rodriguez he will be having bone marrow transplant June 11 god willing - he has MDS and needs this to survive

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GER



Elks continue to honor longtime Flag Day connection
 June 14 is Flag Day—a mandatory service for the Elks. In 1907, the Elks became the first fraternal body to adopt by Resolution that June 14 be designated as Flag Day in our Order. President Woodrow Wilson established a national Flag Day in 1916 by presidential proclamation. In 1949, President Harry Truman, himself an Elk, signed an act of Congress designating June 14 each year as Flag Day.

The American flag symbolizes the “land of the free and home of the brave” for all Americans. As we pay tribute by proudly displaying our American flag, let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals of patriotism and freedom.

On Sunday, June 16, we observe Father’s Day. We recognize fathers and grand-fathers for their contributions to fatherhood. The first Father’s Day was celebrated June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972 that President Richard Nixon made the third Sunday in June a nationwide holiday to honor fathers in the United States. We as Elks do not have a special ceremony to celebrate our dads; however, I would suggest you hold some type of event at the Lodge to make them aware their wisdom and love was and is much appreciated. Happy Father’s Day.

With a short time to go, Wanda and I are beginning to end the adventure of a lifetime. It has been a great honor for us to serve as your First Lady and Grand Exalted Ruler. We have met so many great Elks and their families. We renewed old connections and made new ones. It has been great to see the many charitable works accomplished across the country. We are extremely proud. Thank you.

As we traveled from state to state you have made us very proud by letting the communities know who we are: “We Are THE Elks.” We look forward to seeing you in Austin, TX.

Finally, remember the deadline for GER Award forms, for bringing in three new or reinstated Members, is June 12.

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

No Frills Mondays June 3rd & June 17th

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE
NO FRILLS MONDAY
JUN 3RD



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TACO MONDAY!!

2 TACOS RICE AND BEANS

\$12 A PLATE

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DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 5:30 PM

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
PURPLE PIG FUNDRAISER
ON AUGUST 25TH!!



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

**\$3 TACOS
A LA CARTE**



**If you had to choose between eating tacos or
being skinny the rest of your life, would you
choose chicken or beef tacos?**



**HOSTED BY:
LEADING KNIGHT TRISH**

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE
NO FRILLS MONDAY - JUNE 17 TH



\$12

PORK CHOPS

RICE PILAF
VEGETABLE AND
DESSERT

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 5:30 PM



**HOSTED BY:
THE EMBLEMS**



Veterans Column

Members, veterans, and friends, hoping this article finds you well as summer fast approaches. Good news, we have been granted permission to visit the Garfield HS Vietnam Era Memorial Wall. The black granite monument was erected in commemoration of the 582 former school students who served in the military during the Vietnam War. We will visit on Monday, June 10, at 10 am and Monday, June 24, at 10 am. We allow 15-20 visitors per visit. I will post a sign-up sheet in the Lodge Veteran's photo area. Arrangements will be made to either carpool from the Lodge or meet at the site. Join us in commemoration and remembrance of our local veterans the 2.7 million men and women who served, and the more than 58,000 servicemen and women who were killed.

I'm currently in the planning stages of a special event-a 'Haircut Day' for our sponsored Veteran's Housing Complexes. This event is not just about grooming, but about showing our veterans that we care for their well-being. If you have barber skills and would like to be a part of this meaningful initiative, please don't hesitate to contact me. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez
Veteran's Committee
Chairman



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

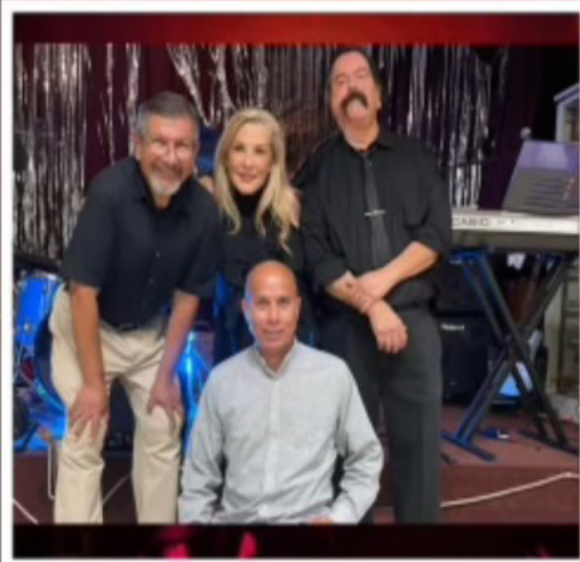
Happy Birthday



Adrian Martinez	1
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William P Salinas	1
Marisa Montenegro	2
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Joseph B Cruz	5
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Matthew E Gomez	14
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Gema Quinn	18
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Paul F Liput	19
Martin V Salinas	20
Jennifer Garcia	22
Alan R Mendez	22
Luis Tony A Hernandez	23
Scott Montoya	23
Ralph Q Garcia	24
Cecilia D Martinez	24
Fernando Torres	24
John McMillen	25
Fernando Maese	27
Frank L Ferrero	28
Charlene Rasmussen	29
Dale Seidel	29
Paula Torres	29
Dorie Bafford	30



CC'S Rockin Soul West Covina Elk's



841 Merced Ave.
West Covina, Ca-91790
\$10 cover for nonmembers
June Birthday Bash

June 1st
7:00-11:00pm

POSTER
MAKER

West Covina Elks Lodge

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT INC

FUNDRAISER

AUGUST 25TH - 1:30 PM TO 7:00PM

JOIN US FOR A CASUAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

ENTERTAINMENT BY

COLD DUCK

AND DJ CESAR

TICKETS \$45 per person

(\$20 FROM EACH TICKET SALE,

DONATED DIRECTLY to C.H.E.M.P.I.)

YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

DINNER SERVED 2:30 PM - 3:30PM

Kaluah Pork (our version), Rice, Hawaiian Macaroni Salad

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE

PURPLE AND WHITE HAWAIIAN ATTIRE

Chairperson

Leading Knight

Trish Gonzalez 909-268-4137

West Covina Elks lodge

841 W. Merced Ave West Covina, CA



"West Covina Elks #1996"

Presents the return of

'THE BRITISH INVASION BAND'

Friday, June 21st, 2024

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

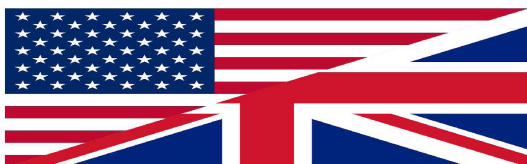
Entry is \$10 for non-members

Dinner choices: Bring your own food night!



Playing your 60's & 70's Brit Hits and more!!!

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DINE & DANCE WITH THE

THE BOBBY Z

COMBO

FRIDAY JUNE 28 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

CHEA President 2024 - 2025 Marty Mello



Biography

Marty Mello was born in Ceres, California, he was the youngest of 3. At the age of 4 the family moved to Woodland, California where Marty attended elementary and high school. Upon graduating high school, Marty went to work for the family trucking business where he held several positions over the years including driver, mechanic, dispatcher and bookkeeper. In 1998 Marty & Debra opened their own business warehousing and distributing finished forest products for several wholesalers.

Prior to joining the Elks, Marty served on the Woodland Little League board of directors for

8 years where he and Debra were in charge of concessions while coaching Double A, Major League and Big-League teams. Marty had the honor and pleasure of coaching 2 Big League teams in All-Star competition.

In November of 1978 Marty married his high school sweetheart Debra. Best move he ever made; it changed his life forever. They have two children including: Josh, his wife Shalynn and their four children Makinley, Cailey, Jacob and Lucas who live in Woodland, CA where Josh works for the family business and is going to take it over so Marty can commit more time to his year as CHEA President. Daughter Amy, her husband Hector and their two children Nathan and Zoe who live in Sacramento, CA. Both Josh and Amy are members of the Woodland Elks Lodge.

Marty joined the Woodland Elks Lodge #1299 in 1989 and immediately became involved with the Youth Activities program and served as chairman from 1990-1996. Marty also served as a Lodge Trustee for multiple terms 1991-96, 2002-03, 2018-22 and was elected Chairman for all but the 1st year. He was honored as Elk of the Year in 1991-92 and has served as Audit Committee Chairman 1998-99, elected to Loyal Knight 2003-04 and appointed again in 2019-20, served as Exalted Ruler 2004-05, Chaplain 2007-08, received Elk of the Year in 2010-11 and Honorary Life Member in 2013. Marty's service to the North Central District, included serving as Youth Activities Chairman 2005-06, Calculated for the North Central District's ritual contest 1991-2002 and 2009-2011 and served as District ENF Chairman in 2010-11.

Marty's service to the California Hawaii Elks Association, included serving as Youth Activities Vice Chairman 2006-07, Youth Activities Chairman 2007-09, Association Vice President 2009-10 under President Lee Karjola and Cindy, Marty served as Business Practices Vice Chairman 2015-16, Business Practices Chairman 2016-18, appointed District Leader 2014 to present, CHEA Trustee 2018-23, served as Trustee Vice Chairman 2022-23 and CHEA 1st Vice President 2023-24. Marty served on the Grand Lodge level as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2011-12.

Marty & Debra love spending time with their family camping, off roading, traveling in their motorhome and spending time with their grandchildren. Needless to say, their world revolves around their grandchildren and family. Marty and Debra are honored and are looking forward to the opportunity to serve as President and First Lady of the California Hawaii Elks Association this year and look forward to meeting and making friends as we travel our great association Promoting Elkdom.

"Elkdom, Love It, Live It, Promote It"

June Officers Friday & Saturday Duty Schedule

June 7-8 Irma Trotter Valdes-Veronica Aslan

June 14-15 Nadine Avila-Terry Ortega

June 21-22 Ceci Avila-Charlene Rasmussen

Jun 28-29 Toney Cortez-Tara Orta



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 Accomadations: 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 aviod cancellation



ELKS CONTINUE TO HONOR LONGTIME FLAG DAY CONNECTION JUNE 14 IS FLAG DAY-A MANDATORY SERVICE FOR THE ELKS. IN 1907, THE ELKS BECAME THE FIRST FRATERNAL BODY TO ADOPT BY RESOLUTION THAT JUNE 14 BE DESIGNATED AS FLAG DAY IN OUR ORDER. PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL FLAG DAY IN 1916 BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION. IN 1949,

Emblem Club #299 Corner

Dear Elk Sisters and Brothers,
We enjoyed the pre-Mother's Day ceremony & lunch. Enjoyed the program and music. On June 8th Emblem will have a Parking Lot sale. Many wonderful things are coming to the sale as well as some brand new accessories.

Mark your calendars for July 7, 2024 for our Sunday afternoon dance at the Lodge. Bring your own snacks. Bring your family and friends! Tickets are on sale now.

Thank you for your participation in our activities.

Bless all of you,

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 June 29th 8:00 AM

Thank you!

Carlos and Sandy Duarte
(909)702-2855



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE JUNE 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, JUNE 1 (BD BASH) CC'S ROCKIN SOUL
DINNERS SERVED WITH MASHED POTATOES, VEGGIES,
DINNER ROLL, AND A SIDE SALAD WITH YOUR CHOICE
OF RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING.

PRIME RIB DINNER	\$25
QUARTER ROTISSERIE CHICKEN	\$17

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 DJ VINCE
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 SMOOTH RESPONSE
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 BRITISH INVASION
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 BOBBY Z
(STEAK & LOBSTER NIGHT)
ALL DINNERS SERVES WITH A BAKED POTATO, VEG-
GIES AND A DINNER ROLL. YOUR CHOICE OF SOUP:
NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER OR SIDE SALAD

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





RICHARD M. DANA BIOGRAPHY ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT

Richard Dana was born to Richard and Ellen Dana on December 29th, 1947, in El Paso, TX. Rick was an only child, raised in nearby Las Cruces, New Mexico, where his father owned and operated a sheet metal fabrication, heating, and cooling business.

Rick's mother passed away while he was still in Jr. High School, and Rick lived with her parents in Las Cruces. Eventually, he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, to rejoin his father and attend high school there.

In 1967, he joined the Marine Corps and, after finishing training in San Diego, spent months in training in Memphis, TN. His first posting was to work with helicopters at the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana. In 1967, he served on a tour of Vietnam. In late 1968, his next assignment found him in Yuma, AZ, working with jet aircraft. He would spend the next seven years at MCAS Yuma, which included a 12-month deployment to Japan. Rick left the Corps with the rank of Staff Sergeant, having served for ten years.

Rick met his wife, Gene, while in Yuma, and after his honorable discharge, he moved to California to join her. They were married in 1976 and settled in West Covina, where they raised their blended family of four, son Matthew and daughters Paula, Lee, and Sherry. After 48 years of marriage, they enjoy an ever-growing family of 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. It was during this time that Rick began to realize his educational goals. He had availed himself of the opportunity to attend classes at Western Arizona College while stationed in Yuma. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Cal State University Los Angeles in 1980. Ultimately, he would go on to earn his master's degree in business administration in 2001. Rick finally retired in April 2019 after spending over 30 years in aerospace procurement.

Rick joined the Elks in 1989 and immediately became active with the Veterans Committee. A few months later, he was Installed as Chaplain and progressed through the Chairs. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1994 – 1995, with the motto "Be Involved." Rick has held several District Chairmanships, earning special recognition for his CHEMPI District Chairmanship for Major Projects. He has served two terms as Esquire to the DDGER and two terms as Auditor to the DDGER.

As Association Vice President, Rick welcomes the opportunity to support President Marty Mello for the 2024 – 2025 Association year. Marty's theme this year is "Elkdom: Love it, Live it, Promote it," and that is Rick's intention.

WEST COVINA ELKS Lodge #1996

Wednesday Karaoke Menu

Combos served with Fries or Onion Rings

Serving Time 4 PM to 7 PM

Pastrami	\$16
Cheese Burger	\$12
Chicken Strips	\$12
Fish & Chips	\$12
Hot Dog (Beef)	\$8
Chili Dog (Beef)	\$9
French Fries	\$4
Onion Rings	\$4
Side of Chili (4 oz)	\$1



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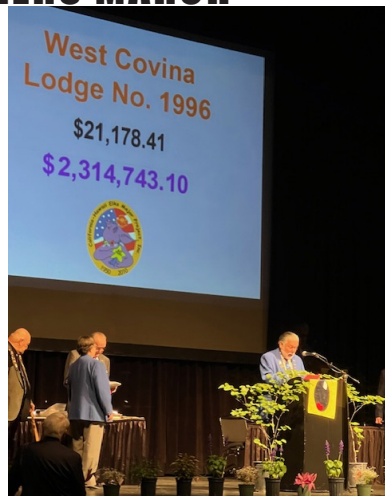
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West Covina
Emblem Club #299
Presents
Hawaiian Luau
Fundraiser Tardeada
At West Covina Lodge 1996
841 W. Merced Ave. West Covina, CA 91790
July 7, 2024 | DOORS OPEN AT 1:00PM
DANCE 2:00PM TO 6:00PM
Casual Hawaiian Attire if Desired
\$25 Per Ticket Dessert table provided by Emblem Club Members & Friends
MUSIC BY NIGHT GROOVE
You May Bring Your Own Goodies
FOR TICKET INFO CALL NINA (626) 224-6294
CECI AVALOS (626) 485-6285
OLIVIA POMPAS (626) 377-2767
RAFFLES
PRE-SALE TICKETS MAY 7, 2024
50/50

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.

MAJOR PROJECT EXALTED RULERS MARCH



Exalted Ruler Michael Salazar above (left) with the family of 2024-2025 CHEMPI theme child Rudy. Also above right, Exalted Ruler Mike presenting West Covina Elks Major Project donation to the Major Project of \$21,178.41



Our recycle committee purchased, and a few team members presented this donation check to the lodge. This will be used during some of our charitable donation presentations. (,and might be posted on our Facebook page.) Thanks for your support and donations. Keep recycling!

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

Location: West Covina Elk's Lodge
841 West Merced Avenue Drive
West Covina CA 91791

EMBLEM YARD SALE

GET MORE. SAVE MORE

SAT. JUNE 8, 2024

8 AM - 2 PM

HUNTING AND FINDING TREASURES
AT UNBEATABLE PRICES!

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARD OUR VETERANS

Donations Greatly Appreciated.

Drop Off Times at the Lodge Will Be:

Monday 6/3_Tuesday 6/4_Wednesday 6/5_Friday 6/7_Saturday 6/8
Drop Offs pre-arranged by Tina (626) 482-6397

JOIN THE CLUB

Scan the QR code to join the Fidelity Club with a monthly donation to the Elks National Foundation through your credit card or bank account. It is an easy and secure way to support your Foundation!

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June 2024 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Lounge Hours on Days we are open Mon, Tues.Wed. Fri.4:00PM Thurs. 5:00PM Saturday 5:00 PM					1 Birthday Bash CC Rockin Soul Lounge 4:00 PM Prime Rib Night Menu pg.9
2 Lodge Closed	3 NO FRILLS MONDAY Tacos Plate Lounge 4:00 PM	4 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge 4:00 PM	5 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Menu Pg. 10 PER Mtg. 7	6 BINGO Thirsty Thursday Lounge Open 5:00	7 DJ Vince Lounge 4:00 PM Bring Your Own Food BLOOD DRIVE	8 Emblem Club Yard Sale 8am-2pm Lodge Closed
9 Pre-Fathers Day BBQ Suave/ DJ Cesar SOLD OUT	10 Lodge Closed	11 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Balloting	12 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Menu Pg. 10 BOD Mtg. 6:30 PM	13 BINGO Thirsty Thursday Lounge Open 5:00	14 Lodge Closed	15 Smooth Response Band Lounge 5:00 PM Bring Your Own Food
16 Lodge Closed	17 NO FRILLS MONDAY Pork Chops Lounge 4:00 PM Indoctrination	18 AVP Rick Dana Homecoming Open Meeting Lounge 4:00 PM	19 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Menu Pg. 10	20 BINGO Thirsty Thursday Lounge Open 5:00	21 British Invasion Lounge 4:00 PM Bring Your Own Food	22 Lodge Closed
23/30 Lodge Closed	24 Lodge Closed	25 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Initiation	26 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Menu Pg. 10	27 BINGO Thirsty Thursday Lounge Open 5:00	28 Bobby Z Lounge 4:00 PM Steak & Lobster Night Menu pg.9	29 Lodge Closed