

WEST COVINA LODGE No. 1996

ELKS



TRACKS

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



West Covina Lodge No 1996
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
Cordially invites you to attend

THE INSTALLATION OF THE EXALTED RULER ELECT
TRISH GONZALEZ
WITH HER CORPS OF OFFICERS

Tuesday March 18th, 2025

No-Host Cocktails 5:30 PM
Dinner Served 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Installation of Officers Immediately Following Dinner

\$25.00 Donation,
Choice of: Rib-eye Steak or Salmon
with Red Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Cooked Fresh Vegetables,
Salad & Dessert

RSVP by Friday March, 14th
Lodge Office (626) 962-0113

Chairman, Richard "Rick" Dana, PER

Save OUR Date

Mother's Day
Annual Elks Event
Saturday, May 3, 2025

Save the Date

Father's Day
Annual Elks Event
Sunday, June 08, 2025

WEST COVINA ELKS
LODGE #1996

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

The Inaugural Ball
Honoring Exalted Ruler
Trish Gonzalez

AND HER CORPS OF OFFICERS
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

NO HOST COCKTAILS: 5:00 PM
DINNER 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
GRAND MARCH 7:00 PM
MUSIC & DANCING 8:00 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY:
CALIFORNIA SOUL TONES BAND
DJ FOR THE EVENING IS DJ CESAR

Price \$40 per person

Menu

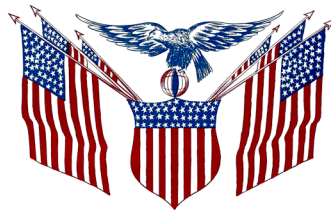
Italian Chicken Alfredo Over Bowtie
Pasta with a side Italian Dinner Salad
and Served with Garlic Bread

Tickets Go On Sale Saturday, March 1, 2025
In the Lounge with Ben and Terry Ortega at 9:00 AM

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

Committee Chairman 2024 - 2025

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Accident Prevention Manager | Louie Wagnor | 909-835-3788 |
| Alternate Delegate | Dan Parker, PER | 818-371-5232 |
| Americanism | Ed Velasquez | 626-393-3247 |
| Antlers Youth Group | Carlos Virgen | 626-780-5712 |
| Audio/Lighting | Rhiannon Britney | 626-206-2632 |
| Auditing/Accounting | Dee Varela, Ben Ortega, | |
| | Joanna Howard | |
| Bingo | Maria Ortega | 626-806-7003 |
| BLT | Judith Lumbreras, PAVP | 626-587-6489 |
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| 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 Memorial Wall & Tablet | Gale Warren | 714-292-1017 |
| 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 | Chris Guerrero | 626-419-4083 |
| 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 |
| Greeters | VACANT | |
| Government Relations | VACANT | |
| Hoop Shoot | Julie Garcia Walker | 626-222-2935 |
| House Rules | Rick Dana, PER | 626-484-4165 |
| Indoctrination/Oreintation | Michael Salazar, PER | 626-827-6700 |
| Investigations/Interviews | Tara Orta | 949-697-1399 |
| Lapsation/Membership | Theresa Ortega | 626-926-4501 |
| 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 |
| Photographer | Robert Leon | 626-827-6726 |
| Presiding Justice | Rick Dana, PER | 626-484-4165 |
| Public Relations | Carlos Virgen | 626-780-5712 |
| Recycle Team | Carlos & Sandy Duarte | 909-702-2855 |
| Ritual Coach | Rick Dana PER | 626-484-4165 |
| Scholarships | Angelica Virgen | 626-780-5712 |
| 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 |
| Web Site | Ben Ortega, PDDGER | 626-926-4046 |
| Youth Activities | Christina Carter | 626-646-3490 |



ELKS TRACKS NEWSLETTER

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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 | Veronica Aslan | |
| Secretary | Terry Ortega | 626-926-4501 |

LODGE TRUSTEES

| | | |
|----------|----------------|--------------|
| 1st Year | Jim DeBerry | 951-335-2984 |
| 2nd Year | George Alcala | 626-472-3485 |
| 3rd Year | Carlos Duarte | 909-702-2855 |
| 4th Year | Amador Santoyo | 626-484-3474 |
| 5th year | Louie Wagner | 909-834-3788 |

APPOINTED OFFICERS

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Esquire | Tony Cortez | 626-483-3838 |
| Chaplain | Ceci Avila | 626-485-6285 |
| Inner Guard | Ben Ortega, PDDGER | 626-926-4046 |
| Organist | VACANT | |
| Tiler | Charlene Rasmussen | 626-622-8485 |

2023-2024 HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year -----Carlos Duarte

Tall Elk -----Trish Gonzalez

Officer of the Year ---George Alcala

Citizen of the Year ---Angel Vasquez

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





Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings My Members, Aloha my members! As we enter March, we draw down the fraternal year of 2024-2025 and prepare for a new year packed with new challenges and new ideas to better our Lodge and serve our order. Our Lodge is going into the year with a full corps of officers and, fortunately, plenty of familiar faces who started this journey this year and are committed to continuing as officers of the Lodge. We have established a line of continuity with our leadership, and it is a strong one. We will also welcome some new faces and give a well-earned rest to those leaving office. The Job done by all the officers was a job well done. It was a year of learning and of accomplishments. We had some bumps along the way, but through the support of the membership and the dedication of both our lodges Chairpersons and officers, we fared well through them. I cannot praise our secretary enough for stepping in when not just the Lodge but I needed her to revive the administrative condition of the Office. We owe our Treasurer many thanks for sticking it out for another year to work diligently to achieve the various goals to align our financial state into an efficient and working condition. Terry and Veronica worked together to better our Lodge and meet district, state, and federal compliance discrepancies, laying a foundation for those that will follow to succeed. Our team of Trustees stepped up to the plate and have not let up on their duties to improve our Lodge's well-being and condition, and I wish to thank them all for their dedication and hard work. Your Chair Officers fulfilled their duties with professionalism and grace. I look forward to seeing the great things they will accomplish as they proceed to being and Exalted Ruler themselves. My appointed officers I thank you for all you do and hope that you will continue as an elected officer in the future. Last but definitely not least I am appreciative to our Club manager and the membership for supporting the efforts of this lodge and all its programs, without all of us we would not be the Elks, demonstrating that Elks care and Elks share! Now we still have some work to do fulfilling requirements of the Grand Lodge regarding reporting and procedures that have not been adhered to in a very long time by our Lodge, but that will come as we grow in our knowledge and work together. Exalted Ruler Elect Trish I wish you and your Corps of Officers the best and as we say in the Navy, Fair Winds and following seas.

To the members I say Thank you, God Bless and see you around the Lodge.

Fraternally Yours,

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

Leading Knights Station

Greetings Members! Thank you to all who made the Superbowl a huge success! I would like to thank Rolling Deep for Charities for donating prizes for the trivia games hosted by Duane Hamilton and for a donation towards the pre-game entertainment.

Thanks to Arnold Varela for the audio system he set up for the game. In one word, AMAZING! Thank you to the runners, command central, and the volunteers who worked at checking everyone in without any issues. WE ARE A GREAT TEAM!!

As I write this article, I reflect back on the past few years, as an officer, I am truly grateful for the experience I have received as The Lecturing Knight, The Loyal Knight and The Leading Knight.

When I joined the Elks 6 years ago, I did so to support my lodge by attending the social events. One day on a Wednesday, I was approached by 2 friends, Lucy Ibarra-Williams and Becky Castillo, to run for The Lecturing Knight Chair. I was skeptical. They said, "It's an easy job, you only have to memorize a couple of lines and plan an event". I thought, easy peezy! I agreed to run, and I won. It turns out that it's a little more than that, but I embraced it. I have been told, "I came out of nowhere..." Once I got the taste of true Elksdom, I wanted to give my all into this organization. I became a volunteer and in doing so, I met so many members who are now good friends. I watched and participated with pride as members, friends, family and the community came together for celebration and recognition. Then, it was a quick blink, and just like that I have been elected as the 2025-2026 Exalted Ruler of this great lodge.

I am truly excited for what this role will have in store for me.

Fraternally,

Trish Gonzalez
Esteemed Leading Knight

Loyal Knights Station

Greetings, Elk Family, friends, and whoever eyes are cast upon this narrative. As our fraternal year nears its end, I feel a sense of pride and dutiful accomplishment as I reminisce about this past year's achievement of multiple activities. I thank the many chairpersons for their creativity and commitment to the success of their event, as well as the throngs of volunteers whose time and effort ensured the event's success. Cudos to our Hall Manager, kitchen, and bar staff for a job well done, and an acknowledging tip of our hats to the core of officers and office personnel whose steadfast commitment and performance resulted in a memorable 2024-2025 fraternal year. The challenges, setbacks, and detours we experienced, as all organizations will, were met with confidence and resolve due to the diligence and endeavor to succeed promoted by the entire officer core. I want to thank ALL our members and guests who participated in our multitude of activities, it is your contribution and participation that made it successful. Lastly, I welcome the new core of officers and congratulate those who have chosen to assume newly voted or assigned positions. We all look forward to an amazing new fraternal year.

Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez

Lecturing Knights Station

Here we are in March; your Lecturing Knight is moving to Loyal Knight next fraternal year 2025-2026. Looking forward to the new challenge. Thank you to everyone for your confidence and good wishes. I will strive to meet expectations. Now, on to Ritual, we will work hard and make you all proud. Excited about the new year, congratulations to Trish Gonzalez and her Corps of Officers. Good things are going to happen; we will all work hard to make our new ER year great! Please join us for the inaugural ball. You will see the full court of officers on their Sunday best.

Trustee Carlos Duarte and his team are collecting recycled cans and bottles. Please remember to bring the recyclables to the lodge. The date and Times are in the Elk Track.

As always, I am requesting Volunteers. We need you in Bingo, Serving, and Cleaning. There is so much to do, and so few volunteers are there to help. Please think about it, and maybe come for an hour or two.

As we come to the end of this journey, remember that every ending is just a new beginning in disguise.

Yours in service,

Olivia Pompa
Lecturing Knight

Antlers Corner



As we approach our second anniversary as a chartered "Antlers Program," we would like to share a brief history of the Antlers. The program was initially organized in the late 1930s and thrived for several years as an active branch of the Elks. However, by the 1960s, interest in the program dwindled, leading to its discontinuation. Recently, there has been a

revival of the program, with many lodges across the nation restarting their Antlers Programs.

The Antlers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has several key objectives:

- To promote the spirit of American patriotism
- To teach respect for parents and love for home
- To instill the fundamentals of good citizenship
- To support worthy causes
- To establish a foundation of character
- To enhance the welfare and happiness of its members
- To respect the beliefs of others regarding matters of worship and religion, which is true Americanism

Membership is open to any individual who is between the ages of 12 and 20, is a citizen of the United States, possesses good character, and believes in the existence of God. We invite anyone interested to inquire about our West Covina Antlers.

Sincerely,

Carlos and Angelica Virgen
Antlers.wcelks@gmail.com
626-780-5712



West Covina Elks Golfing

Greetings Fellow Elks.



March is here, and so is St. Patrick's Day. If you want fun without a Leprechaun, then golf is the game you should play.

"Luck of the Irish" it's a saying we know what it means. The only thing better is watching golf balls land on greens. Maybe get a hole in one? It can be done. After all, you're not full of beans! Remember, it's about green beer, so give a cheer. But do not fear. The West Covina Elks Golf Club is here.

We golfed at the Cresta Verde Golf Course in February. We had a so much fun we are playing there again March 10. Tee time is 9:00 am. We have golfers of all levels. Men, Women, Elks Members, and your friends are welcome. There is no cost to join. Simply reach out to us, let us know you want to play. Pay the Elks Golf Club the very reasonable green fees at the course the day we golf and enjoy your round! Cheers!

For more information contact.

Bill Schimko
626 862-6533



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Martha Gamboa

Joanne Santoyo

Lydia Gonzalez

David Caro

George Alcalá

Ceci Alcalá

Darlene Castiega

Joanne Villareal

Carlos Duarte

Skip Sargent

Pete Ramirez

Charles Haynes



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

WEST COVINA ELKS

EXALTED RULER

MICHAEL SALAZAR

PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES

ARNOLD VARELA

ELK OF THE MONTH FOR

FEBRUARY 2025

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

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 Rehorr* 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 Lumberas 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

| <i>Proposer</i> | <i>Applicant</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Shirley Parker | Evangelina Fernandez |
| Hank Loyola | Jose Luis Gonzalez |
| Cynthia Jimenez-Alday | Linda Olmeda |
| John Gonzalez | Miguel Villegas |
| Nancy Oroz | Lori Jo Turrey |
| Sandie Sesanto | Vanessa Marinelarena |
| Sandie Sesanto | Dominic Marinelarena |

LIFE MEMEBERSHIP REQUEST

EDWARD SODERBLOM #7036 - 39 YEAR MEMBER - MEETS ALL LIFE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

TRANSFER REQUEST - John Rubio request transfer from Alhambra-San Gabriel Lodge to West Covina Lodge.

Sickness and Distress

Peggy Roman's brother-in-law passed away suddenly.

Mike Touhey had a heart attack. He is now back home.

Ed Fierro had surgery, he is doing well and back home.

Danny Hughes wife Lisa Hughes (John Hughes' daughter-in-law) was diagnosed with cancer. She is undergoing chemo treatments.

Patrick Rojas twin brother John had phnemonia and a stroke. He is not breathing on his own.

Jaime Camacho's niece has a brain tumor. She has 3 small girls. She currently going through chemo and radiation.

Lisa Urueta had cancer and underwent surgery and is at home and recovering.

Keep all of the above members and their families in your prayers.

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



Deadlines, programs, training wrap up Lodge year

The Elks Lodge year is coming to a close but now is not the time to sit back and relax. You still have the opportunity to complete some unfinished projects and finish strong.

All of the various programs and awards for your Lodge and Members are due this month. Take the chance to review Elks programs on elks.org to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members. One great program is the Contest "A" – All American Lodge Contest. Although you may believe your Lodge does not qualify for this award, you should still submit the

application to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements next year to continue showing "Elkdom's Heart for America."

This is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Foundation. I know your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$5.00 per Member goal. There are also many ENF awards and certificates for your Lodge and Members. These should be applied for and given out. ENF provides money to your State Association, as well as funding many grant programs for your community activities. The most common recommendation from your Grand Lodge Area Auditor is for Lodges to better use the ENF grants to help improve operations. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

Best wishes to all our new Lodge Officers who are going to be committed to governing the many practices and traditions that are fundamental to making our Lodges the best they can be. I hope that the transition will be smooth because it's important that the experienced Officers mentor and help the new Officers to make the Lodge year a success.

Please take time to have a training program within the Lodge or district like the Elks Kollege of Knowledge that educates and trains new Officers to do their job. Mentoring new Officers can make a smooth, prepared transition.

New Exalted Rulers you must list your committee appointments and give the list to the Lodge Secretary. Secretaries, please give this information to your District Deputy for the Lodge directory. This information then should be entered into CLMS2.

What would we do without our Secretaries who keep everything in order? Thank you for your service. I know it's a busy time for you as you are preparing the year-end reports.

Leaders of the Lodge, it is time to solidify your budget for the upcoming year and make any adjustments that are needed. This is also a time to evaluate what needs to be fixed. Any successful endeavor takes teamwork.

March is the time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. One thing we all know how to do well is to have fun and fellowship with our Members in Elkdom.

Thank you for your service. God bless you all, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

March Duty Officers Friday & Saturday

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| March 1 | Ceci Alcala |
| March 7 & 8 | Tony Cortez - Ben Ortega |
| March 14 & 15 | Jim DeBerry - Trish Gonzalez |
| March 21 & 22 | George Alcala - Angel Vasquez |
| March 28 & 29 | Carlos Duarte - Olivia Pompa |

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE PRESENTS

Elks St. Patrick's Celebration Dance

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM / BAND 7PM TO 11 PM

MENU

TRADITIONAL ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Ticket Price \$40



TICKETS GO ON SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025, ONLINE @ WEST COVINA ELKS TOAST
OR IN PERSON IN THE LOUNGE AFTER 4 PM WITH THE BARTENDER

ALL SALES ARE FINAL / 9.5% TAX INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE

GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Getting involved feels so rewarding

By WILLIAM C. BOHNETT
Committee Member

At the beginning of a new Member's journey, they are often asked why they are interested in being an Elk. The common answer is that they want to be involved.

Do we get them involved? Absolutely! Elkdome's youth activities can not only get them involved, but they may have the time of their lives. Helping our youth is grassroots Elkdome—and very rewarding.

For instance, sponsor a golf outing with some of your local youth. The volunteers will be rewarded with a sense of purpose. This hands-on action will sell our great Order in many ways! All one needs to see is a smile on a child's face and you're hooked for life. Working with our youth can change a person. It's a thrill seeing the excitement these kids show when they sink a long putt or chip a shot out of the sand trap. Junior golf teaches a child healthy competition and

fair play, and they might even make a new friend or two.

Elkdome's youth programs such as the Junior Golf Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, or Antlers Program will not only get the kids excited, but Members and volunteers will also feel fulfilled for helping to steer our future leaders. Chances are the participants, both Members and kids, will share their experiences. This opens the door for new Members and motivates existing Members. And, of course, the kids are the big winners!

Our excellent youth programs are managed by very capable and motivated individuals, from the Lodge to the districts and states to the Grand Lodge level. There's a chairperson for all the youth activities and events.

We are always available to work with every Member! The tools and guides on running our youth events are not a secret. Manuals, event details, and even funding options are readily available at elks.org.

Veterans Column

Greetings Elks brothers and sisters, friends, and all who read this narrative. As is the norm, I hope you are all well and the first two months of 2025 have been in your favor. Our recent Veterans Assistance collection of household goods, clothing, shoes, bedding, kitchen utensils, small appliances, etc. was a huge success. Thank you all who took the time and effort to sort through and part with the many terrific and very needed and useful items. Your caring and charitable spirit insured the success of this collection campaign. If you desire a tax deductible donation receipt for your donated items, please contact me. After four years of proudly presiding as our Lodge's Veterans Committee Chairman, I will be stepping down and am in the hunt for a replacement. The gratifying position has allowed me to work directly with dedicated AMVET representatives as well as many of our Lodge's brothers and sisters to serve numerous veterans throughout our region. If you are interested, contact me and I will assist you in transitioning into the position. Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez
Veteran's Committee
Chairman



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|-----------------------|----|
| David Loera | 1 |
| Joanna Villareal | 1 |
| Chris R Gonzalez | 2 |
| Gracew Silva | 2 |
| Heaven Maddox | 3 |
| Sonia Resendez | 3 |
| Harry F Rodriguez | 3 |
| Vincent A Ruesch | 3 |
| Susan Hargrave | 4 |
| Cy Koch | 4 |
| Robert Loza | 4 |
| Emilio Reyes | 4 |
| Mark Chindlund | 5 |
| Julie V. Frank | 5 |
| Elvira R Munoz | 5 |
| Mary Ellen Melei | 6 |
| Richard Arborn | 7 |
| Gloria Asmat | 7 |
| Ramona Konov | 7 |
| Gregorio Andrade | 8 |
| Alicia Becerril | 9 |
| Gilbert Becerril | 9 |
| David Delgado | 9 |
| Trish Gonzalez | 9 |
| William R Morrow | 9 |
| Ray C Ware | 9 |
| Kathleen Wright | 10 |
| John Gregorio Sr. | 11 |
| Jack F Rhodes | 11 |
| Raymond E Rick | 11 |
| Frank Contreras | 12 |
| Caroline Orozco | 12 |
| Sylvia Sanusi | 12 |
| Henry G Fernandez | 13 |
| Martha Gamboa | 13 |
| Christopher J McMahon | 13 |
| Darold E Merritt | 14 |
| David Miller | 14 |
| Curtis R Fox | 15 |
| Nicholas J McMillan | 15 |
| Jacob J Konov | 16 |
| Grace Capp | 17 |
| Byron Jackson | 17 |
| Steven S Potts | 17 |
| John W McCormick | 18 |
| Josie Bravo | 19 |
| Josie Deocampo | 19 |
| Victoria Zadian | 19 |
| Gale Warren | 20 |
| Peggy Roman | 21 |
| Luis Lucero | 22 |
| Anthony Nobili | 22 |
| Sylvia Salazar | 22 |
| Daniel S Chacon | 24 |
| Robert Gubrud, PER | 24 |
| Chgris Hughes | 24 |
| Rudolpho Salazar | 24 |
| Bob Aparicio | 25 |
| Gaby Arguedas | 25 |
| Clifford G. Hacker | 25 |
| Nicholas F Coclon | 26 |
| Ricardo Beltran | 28 |
| Lalo Rios | 28 |
| Susan Salazar | 28 |
| Rhiannon Britney | 28 |
| Edward Velasquez | 29 |
| Margarito Vega | 30 |
| William Salazar | 31 |

March Weekend Entertainment Schedule

West Covina Elks
Presents
BIRTHDAY BASH

Entertainment
Relativity Band / 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM



Saturday, March 1, 2025

Doors Open at 5:00PM
Dinner Served 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Please order your dinner online

\$10 Coverage Charge For Nonmembers

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE
presents
BACK to 80's
Elks Party

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025
IN THE LOUNGE / 6 PM TO 11 PM

Featuring:
DJ DANA

80'S COSTUME CONTEST
\$25 PRIZE (INDIVIDUAL)
\$50 PRIZE (COUPLE)

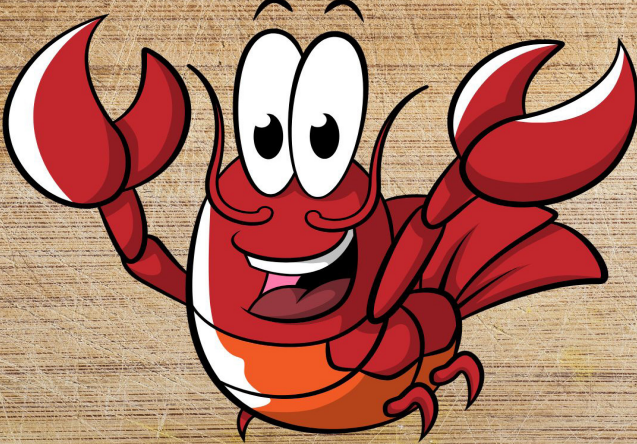
80'S SNACK BAR
80'S PRICES
ORDER ONLINE



DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM
BACK TO THE 80'S BAR DRINK PRICES
FROM 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

THIS WILL BE DJ DANA'S FAREWELL PARTY AS HE BEGINS HIS NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE

WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS
Steak & Lobster Night
Friday, March 21, 2025
Bobby Z
7PM TO 10PM



All Pre-Paid Food Reservations need to be in by Wednesday, March 19, 2025 by 9:59 PM

WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS
\$30 PER PERSON



AFTERNOON BRUNCH TIME

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

12:30 PM TO 6:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM
SERVING TIME 1:00PM TO 2:00 PM

ENTERTAINMENT BY:
YESTERDAY'S DREAM 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, PANCAKES,
BISCUITS & GRAVY, SURPRISE CHEF DISHES
9.5 % SALES TAX INCLUDED
INCLUDES A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ON LINE OR THE BAR

HOSTED BY OUR MANAGER ALEX LINDSAY





AWARDS & SERVICE PIN NIGHT TUESDAY MARCH 4TH, 2025 7:30 PM

This is an open meeting. Those that are listed come and receive your pin.

Menu~Baked Chicken, Mash Potatos, Vegetables, Dinner Roll \$12.00

ORDER DINNER THROUGH THE LODGE OFFICE (626) 962-0113

5 YEARS

William Garcia
Thomas E. Gonzales
Olivia Guirardo-Pompa
Nicholas John McMillen
David Tardivel

10 YEARS

James V. Agostino
George A. Alcala
Suzanne Augino
Cecilia Avila
Carrie Buckingham
Peter D. Castor
Andres Cesar Cazarin
Jack E. Figueroa
Maria C. Figueroa
Jannette Garcia
Leandra Gomez
Greg Gutierrez
Phillip Hernandez
Alex Ibarra-Lindsay
John C. King
George Leiva
Howard J. Letzkus
Pete S. Lopez #7152
Larry Mahrenholtz

10 YEARS (Cont.)

Araceli Maloney
Anthony Melei
Robert Mitchell
Elvira R. Munoz
Nancy Oroz
Lupe Pedersen
Antonio Pelaez
Michael J. Perrow
Linda Ruelas
Sylvia Sanusi
Richard Soto
Adam R. Trevino
Chein J. Wang
Emma Wilson

15 YEARS

John A. Gomez #6847
Robert H. Gurrola
Robert Leon
Rosalie Leon
Michael Lawrence Luna
Gerardo Macias
Jill Murphy
Eric J. Nobriga Sr.
Lorraien D. O'Brien
Dannie R. Parker

15 YEARS (Cont.)

Charlene Rasmussen
Vicky Estrada Salazar
John Uhlman
Will Valdez
Jerald R. Whippie
Joan Wilson
Michelle Wilson

20 YEARS

Gil J. Fernandez
Vince McCauley
Anthony Nobili

25 YEARS

Richard Howard
Fred M. Palmer
Charles C. Reynolds
Steve Rollman
Arvon Wolverton

30 YEARS

Richard L. Green
Fred Hermosillo

35 YEARS

William G. Koskela #5699

40 YEARS

Irwin Fine

45 YEARS

Terry Cairy
Ronald L. Grey
Jack F. Rhodes
Michael E. Contini

50 YEARS

Don Gacevich
C R Chick Lien, PER
David Miller
Robert C. Swift

60 YEARS

Ronald J. Henderson
John R. Kemp

70 YEARS

Donovan R. Tschider



Officers Deep Pit
Pork-E-Que

TICKETS GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 5TH
TICKET INFORMATION 626-324-5176



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
OLIVIA POMPA 626-377-2767

MARCH 9, 2025 1 PM - 6PM
DOORS OPEN AT 12 FOR LINE DANCE LESSONS

\$25 PER PERSON

INCLUDES DEEP PIT ROASTED PORK.

COLESLAW, POTATO SALAD.

RANCH STYLE BEANS, CORN AND A DINNER ROLL

SERVED BETWEEN 2 TO 3:30 PM

THE EMBLEMS WILL HAVE DESSERT FOR SALE

ENTERTAINMENT BY WHISKEY HAYRIDE

AND DJ CEASAR

PRE-PAID TICKETS SOLD BY TERRY AND BEN ORTEGA

NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

LIQUOR WHEEL BARREL RAFFLE AND 50/50



West Covina Elks

KARAOKE

Wednesdays

6-10PM

841 W. Merced Ave.
West Covina Ca.




KJ Javo & Megaphone Megan



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.

ATTENTION: Our end of the month collection will be cancelled for the month of March.

However, we will be accepting donations during the entire month as usual. Please bring your donations to our weekly meetings or anytime during business hours. You can leave them in the patio. We appreciate your continued support. Thank you.

Carlos & Sandy Duarte
(909)702-2855



Give Back to Your Community

Become an ELK



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE

MARCH 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

Order Online through the QR scan code for these events below

- **Saturday, March 1st - Relativity Band / Birthday Bash**
 - **Friday, March 7th - DJ Dana Williams Back to the 80's Farewell**
 - **Saturday, March 15th - Impulse Band**
 - **Friday March 21st - BOBBY Z Steak & Lobster**
- Call For Tickets or Information for these events**
March 1st Call or Text (626) 324-5176 or
Call the Lodge Office (626) 962-0113
- **Tuesday March 18th - Officers Installation**
 - **Saturday March 29th - Inaugural Ball**

To see menu and to order any days meals by scanning the code below with your phone to place your order and pay online, this guarantees your meal for that day. You can also order and pay for your meals with the bartender at the bar for any future dinner dates.

**TO ORDER
SCAN THIS
CODE**



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention, everyone! The last day to purchase tickets for the St. Patrick's Dance will be Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



California Hawaii Elks Association
110th Annual Convention

ANAHEIM

May 7-10, 2025

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FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



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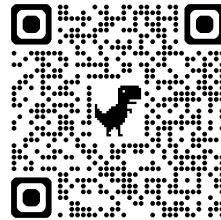
Local attractions include Disneyland, California Adventure,
Knotts Berry Farm, Angels Baseball, Beaches, Parks and more.
Learn about the things to do at www.visitanaheim.org.



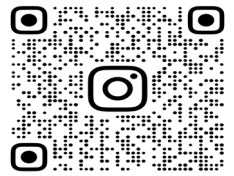
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GRAND LODGE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Charitable reporting helps to tell Elks' story

By JOHNNY L. JONES
Committee Member

The Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee assists Lodges and State Associations in the promotion of, and interaction with, local, state and federal elected officials.

It is helpful if these individuals understand the Elks and the charitable work we do. We recommend that public officials be invited to Lodge events. Allow them to speak and interact with Members. Show them our end of year reports to allow them to be aware of the amount of work done by our Order.

Three new resolutions concerning Government Relations were passed at the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas. These resolutions added the charitable reporting obligation to the Secretary's official responsibilities and formalized the standing of the Government Relations Committee at the State

and Local Lodge Level. Exalted Rulers will now also appoint a Government Relations Committee, of not less than three, when other committees are appointed.

While Charitable Reporting is now a formal duty of the Secretary's position, this can be delegated to another individual. The Secretary still has ultimate responsibility for the completion of the reporting.

Your Lodge and State Association Government Relations Committees should be vigilant in monitoring local, state, and national legislation for its effect on the Order's interests.

As the time for our new Elks year approaches, Exalted Rulers, Lodge Officers, and committees have been elected and appointed. Your Lodge year has been laid out. Please take time before the new Elks year begins to familiarize yourself with the Government Relations Manual. The manual will help you perform your duties for the upcoming year.

As a reminder, all State Associations and Local Lodges must submit their Charitable Reports by May 1.

District Deputies have been asked to check on charitable reporting during their visits to Local Lodges. This is yet another tool for State Chairs to utilize to ensure that charitable reporting is being completed.

Our charitable reporting allows us to have the privilege of operating as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Use reports as valuable recruiting tools to show prospective Members just how much work we contribute to our local communities.

Our committee wishes you all the best in your endeavors. Remember to document your miles, hours, and dollars spent performing the works of the Grand Lodge, your State Association, and your Local Lodge to show all the charity that has been done by our Members.



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

WEST COVINA EMBLEM CLUB #299

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Emblem Club year is ending for my term. I have enjoyed being your president and working with the Emblem ladies and men with their unique special activities and fundraisers. Our incoming president, Diane Jaynes, looks forward to her year working with Emblem members. Let us all support Diane as you have supported my team. Together, all of us can do fantastic work in our communities and for our youth. Thank you for the opportunity Emblem has given me as club president and for helping me keep up with our projects.

Yours truly, Bless all of you,

Charlene Rasmussen
President, West Covina Emblem Club .299
Come Fly With Emblem



**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

WEST COVINA LODGE DRESS CODE

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

Hall Rental/Lease Available
Need a place to hold your party,
wedding, Quinceanera, Birthday,
Company event, or Memorial service

Contact Alex at Office (626) 338-2119

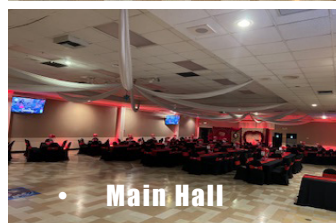
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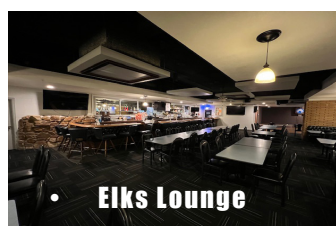
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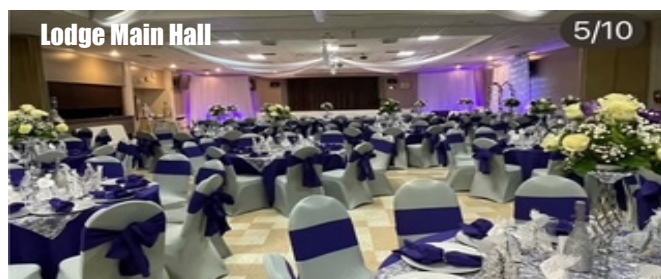
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• Elks Lounge



Lodge Main Hall

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March 2025 Elktivities



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|  Elks National Foundation <small>Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities</small> | | Members your membership dues notices have been mailed to all members please send dues to the office or you can stop by and drop it off. Members can pay their dues by credit card, check or cash through the Lodge office. Information or questions call (626) 962-0113 | | | | 1 Relativity Band Birthday Bash Doors 5:00 PM Order Food Online |
| 2 Lounge Closed | 3 New Candidate Interviews Lounge Closed Ritual Practice | 4 Lounge Open 4:00PM Pin & Service Award Night 7:30PM | 5 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available PERMtg. 7PM | 6 Lounge Open 5:00PM Thirsty Thursdays BINGO Doors Open 4:00 PM | 7 Back to the 80's DJ Dana Farewell Order Food Online Doors 4:00PM | 8 Lounge Closed |
| 9 Officers Deep Pit Pork-E-Q  | 10 Emblem Club Meeting 7:00PM Lounge Closed Ritual Practice | 11 Lounge Open 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM BALLOTING | 12 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available BOD Mtg. 7PM | 13 Lounge Open 5:00PM Thirsty Thursdays BINGO Doors Open 4:00 PM | 14 Lounge Closed | 15 St. Patrick's Dance Impulse Band Doors: 5:00PM Ticket Holders Only |
| 16 Lounge Closed | 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day  Lounge Closed Ritual Practice OREINTATION | 18 Lounge Open 4:00PM Open Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM Officer Installation Members & Guest | 19 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available | 20 Lounge Open 5:00PM Thirsty Thursdays BINGO Doors Open 4:00 PM | 21 Steak & Lobster with Bobby Z Doors 4:00PM | 22 Lounge Closed |
| 23 Lounge Closed | 24 Emblem Social 7:00PM Lounge Closed Ritual Practice | 25 Lounge Open 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM Initiations | 26 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available | 27 Lounge Open 5:00PM Thirsty Thursdays BINGO Doors Open 4:00 PM | 28 Lounge Closed | 29 Inuagural Ball Honoring Trish Gonzalez & her Corps of Officers |
| 30 Lounge Closed | 31 Lounge Closed Ritual Practice | <p><i>The Benevolent and Protective Order of</i></p>    <p>Elks Care - Elks Share</p> <p>Rich in History and Tradition</p> | | | <p>HAPPY <small>WEEKDAYS • 4pm - 6pm</small> HOUR</p> | |