

WEST COVINA LODGE No. 1996

ELKS



TRACKS

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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

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H A P P Y
INDEPENDENCE DAY

★ UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ★

West Covina Elks Lodge
CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT INC
FUNDRAISER



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

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

JOIN US FOR A CASUAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

ENTERTAINMENT BY



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**TICKETS GO ON
SALE
JULY 10TH! 4PM**



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

Ticket Info: Ben Ortega 626-324-5176 West Covina Elks lodge 841 W. Merced Ave West Covina, CA

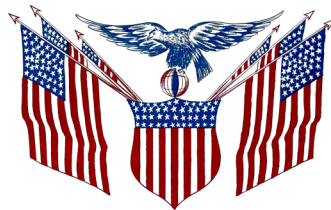
WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

Committee Chairman 2024 - 2025

Accident Prevention Manager
 Alternate Delegate
 Americanism
 Antlers Youth Group
 Audio/Lighting
 Auditing/Accounting

Bingo
 BLT
 Bulletin Director/Editor
 Charity/Major Project
 Christmas Tree Lane
 Community Public Relations
 Crab Crack
 Crab Crack
 Decorating
 Drug Awareness
 Elks National Foundation
 Elks Memorial Service
 Elks of the Year President 24-25
 Entertainment Friday & Saturday
 Entertainment Co-Chair
 Family Fun Night
 Flag Day
 Funeral Service
 Golfing
 Grants Coordinators
 Greeters
 Government Relations
 Hoop Shoot
 House Rules
 Indoctrination/Oreintation
 Investigations/Interviews
 Lapsation/Membership
 Lodge Activities
 Mail Out
 Major Project
 Major Project 50/50
 Mediator
 Mobile Pancake Maker
 Mothers Day
 Newsletter Elks Tracks
 New Years Eve
 PER Association Pres.
 Photographer
 Presiding Justice
 Public Relations
 Ritual Coach
 Roamin Elks
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 Scouting Boys/Girls
 Sickness & Distress
 Super Bowl
 Veterans
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 VAVS Deputy
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 Web Site
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Ed Velasquez	626-393-3247
Carlos Virgen	626-780-5712
Rhiannan Britney	626-206-2632
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Joanna Howard	
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Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
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By Event Chairperson	
Maria Ortega	626-806-7003
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Ceci Avila	626-893-9756
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VACANT	
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2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Michael Salazar	626-827-6700
Leading Knight	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Loyal Knight	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
Lecturing Knight	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Treasurer	Veronica Aslan	
Secretary	Terry Ortega	626-926-4501

LODGE TRUSTEES

1st Year	William Garcia	323-707-2862
2nd Year	Vacant	
3rd Year	Vacant	
4th Year	Vacant	
5th year	Vacant	

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,
 Grace Capp, Cheryl Grimm, Wanda Horton,
 Eva Mejia, Carlos Virgin





Greetings My Members,
It is time to celebrate the birth of our nation this month and for all of us to kick off our summer plans for vacations and traveling. In the spirit of Elkdom I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. I would like to thank Ben Ortega and his team for having a very successful Father's Day event. We not only had a great time with good food and music we made a profit, great job. I would like to thank Tonty Cortez our Lodge Inner Guard and his team for hosting and executing a wonderful Flag Day Ceremony. Both of these event were made possible with out Lodes team of volunteers that set up, served, worked in the kitchen and sold tickets. My greatest appreciation for our members for volunteering for not just these events but for all they do for our Lodge and the order. Our Bingo team is all volunteer ran, our servers for no frills, Friday & Saturday dinners repairs of the Lodge, the list goes on. So I ask all of the members to just say a thank you to a volunteer when you see them working and to treat them with the respect they deserve. We also had a few challenges we had to face in June but as a Lodge we faced them and are moving forward with the business of the Order. We also had the honor one of our own, PER Richard "Ric" Dana our San Gabriel Valley District Association Vice President for his Homecoming Visitation where Ric delivered the message of our State President's message and his motto of, "Elkdom, Live it, Love it, Promote it". This message is an inspiration to all to do our best as Elks to honor our commitment to Our Community, Nation and Lodge. Our Major projects and those less fortunate. Charity starts at home, is a message that means that as members we should be charitable to one another in the respect we show towards one another and our guests. A kind word, a selfless act of assistance, words of encouragement for the success of others can go a long way in both our lives and promoting our 4 cardinal principles or Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. My members since I did not pick a slogan for this year I have decided to bring back the one I used when I was Exalted Ruler in the past as it meant for us to keep the purpose and traditions of our order to both good and tuff times, "Hold Fast to Elkdom"! It is a nautical term sailors said when the ship entered ruff waters and the crew secured their ships and themselves to weather the storm and to keep their traditions that built the strength of the team. I wish you all a Happy 4th of July and a safe summer.

Fraternally Yours,

Michael Salazar PER
Exalted Ruler
"Hold Fast to Elkdom"

Leading Knights Station

Brothers and Sisters,
Welcome to July! I would like to start off by recognizing and thanking our volunteers. To keep our Elks Lodge moving forward, it takes participation from many members. With that being said, we are currently recruiting volunteers. Please contact Ceci Avila at 626-485-6285.
We need volunteers for servers for all weekly and major events, volunteer bartender, BINGO needs volunteers ASAP, we need a fast food cook for Thursdays. We could use a few good "handymen". Ladies, if this is your talent, we need you as well. If you would like to help, let us know.
The August 25th Purple Pig Fundraiser is quickly approaching. TICKETS GO ON SALE ON JULY 10TH at 4 pm. Ben and Terry Ortega will be Selling the tickets.
I will have a meeting on July 3 at 6pm for those who want to be part of my team.
This is a huge opportunity to meet new friends and give back to our community.
See you there!
We are trying to keep all of you efficiently informed with all lodge events through a variety of methods. That includes our Newsletter our website, flyers posted at the Lodge and our Facebook page. If there are other suggestions out there, please feel free to share them with us. Our lodge can only be as active as its members.
Finally, have a fun and safe Independence Day. Stay cool and hydrated. Let's reach out to family and friends to say hi, catch up and check their health.

Fraternally,



Trish Gonzalez
Esteemed Leading Knight

Loyal Knights Station

Members, friends,
Guests, at the reading of this article, summer is already upon us and one quarter of the fraternal year is history. We recently hosted our newly appointed District Vice President, Richard 'Rick' Dana and his supporting entourage with a terrific dinner, congratulatory handshakes, and warm welcome. I extracted some important points of interest from his BPOE forward moving presentation and want to share a few with you: Elkdom: Live It-Love It-Promote It, promoting community involvement and extending an olive branch of welcoming friendship and information to those not familiar with the BPOE and our foundational goals. Continue to promote and enhance our Veterans assistance programs for those veterans who are in need of a helping hand, many of whom are to proud to ask. Promote a positive public image of our members by our individual conduct in our daily lives as we interact amongst members, guests, and publicly with others. Promote the 'Purple Pig' and membership donations as it depicts a direct correlation of our ability to assist children with medical and or disability needs. Lastly, enhance our Major Project activities and programs as it pertains to youth activities, scholarships, drug awareness, meeting the needs our students, etc. We congratulate and welcome Rick Dana and assure him of our support and assistance in achieving the aforementioned goals.

Respectfully,



Angel Vasquez
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knights Station

Welcome summer,
Hot days, great vacations, fun for kids and let us not forget Fourth of July! In July Emblem is having a Luau, the event is sold out! Should be fun for all.
Lots of events going on in July. Bingo goes on every Month, and guess what we need volunteers, without volunteers we could not be successful. I am hope you read this article and choose to volunteer. One Thursday come and join the fun, you be hooked. Volunteering helps with health and wellbeing according to the Mayo Clinic. The activity level can be sitting on a chair or walking the hall, you will be able to interact with some nice folks. And the best part would be helping the lodge continue to earn money for the Kids. Cant make it on Thursday, Maria (Chairperson) is busy working on Wednesday too.
In closing I hope to see some of you at bingo, even if it is to play, we need players too. Stay cool, drink water, be safe.

Yours in service

Olivia Pompa
Lecturing Knight





Antlers Corner

Hello ELKS and Happy 4th of July! We want to extend a big „Thank You“ to the West Covina Elks 1996 for hosting and supporting our Antler Blood Drive

2024. We are extremely grateful to the members and everyone who came out to support this important cause. We are pleased to announce that we have successfully met the Red Cross's goal for the blood drive. Your generous support and ongoing commitment to our community and fellow mankind are truly commendable. We sincerely appreciate your support! As summer approaches, stay tuned for more exciting events that we are planning to host.

Sincerely,
Carlos and Angelica Virgen
626-780-5712

Antler Blood Drive 2024 Antlers & Elks in Action



MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG DONORS

Fill your Piggy banks up & bring 'em in!
California-Hawaii Elks - Major Project, Inc.
Helping Children Since 1950
Ask About Recurring Donations!
All Major Project "Purple Pig" Donations are
100% Tax Deductable

Joanne Santoyo

We 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



WEST COVINA ELKS
EXALTED RULER
MICHAEL SALAZAR
PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES
CHRISTINA CARTER
ELK OF THE MONTH FOR
JUNE 2024



September 9
Monday Night Football
starts!!
And the countdown begins...
As of July 1st, 70 more days

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 Champion* 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
Martha Gamboa	Aracely Maloney
Heave Maddox	Anthony Maddox
Miguel G. Fregoso	Anthony Maddox
Yolanda Martinez	Edward Velasquez
Curtis R. Fox	Gilbert Becerril
Sina Shirmohammadi	Leandra Gomez

Sickness and Distress

George (Mack) Reisgo is undergoing eye surger in early July.

Maria Ramos is feeling better and has been at the lodge.

Willie Koskela is doing well, and misses everyone.

Rita Benson widow of Art Benson is living on her sons proprty in Apple Valley and doing fine.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE G&R



Dedicated, passionate Elks made this year a success

We celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on earth on the fourth day of this month. It is a time to reflect on all the freedoms we have enjoyed because of the vision of a small group of men and women committed to a cause.

People in this country still enjoy those same freedoms 248 years later. The enthusiasm for the cause of liberty has never been stronger. As Elks our commitment to our nation has never been stronger. Happy birthday, America—the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Time flies when you are having fun. A year ago, Wanda and I began this incredible journey. This was an adventure we never envisioned but we are so glad to have experienced.

The accomplishments we witnessed throughout our travels were truly remarkable. It was great to see your communities recognize that “Elks Care—Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.” We are very proud of your dedication to our Order.

It was great to meet new friends as well as spend time with old friends. The Elks really are one big happy family. Please continue to ask that relative or friend to join our family.

Wanda and I will continue to serve you as we move forward into this next Elks year, and for many more, God willing. The past year has been an adventure we will treasure forever. I would like to close by saying thank you for everything. We look forward to seeing you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas. It will be an exciting time.

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

No Frills Mondays July 1st ~ July 15th ~ July 29th

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE
NO FRILLS MONDAY
JULY 1ST

BBQ BEEF BRISKET OR
PILED HIGH PASTRAMI

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

\$10

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

\$10



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



**A LIMITED AMOUNT OF EACH DINNER
WILL BE SOLD.**

HOSTED BY:



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE
NO FRILLS MONDAY - JULY 15TH



\$10

CHICAGO DOGS AND FRIES
ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT

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



HOSTED BY:
THE EMBLEMS



Veterans Column

Greetings members, veterans, friends and guests. Hoping this article finds you well. Great news, working in conjunction with AM Vet's, Veterans Assistance Coordinator, Karina Guzman, our Lodge recently purchased eight sofas, coffee tables, and end tables to be delivered to newly housed veterans. We are delighted to reach out and assist our veterans as we can. Our recent visit to the Garfield High School Vietnam Memorial was pensive and thought provoking. A token of gratitude is in order for Mr. Jose L. Solomon, a Garfield High School graduate, Vietnam Veteran, and an original committee member instrumental in concept and creation of the prestigious memorial. He graciously met us at the memorial and provided first hand information. We learned that our very own Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Olivia Pompa's brother, Edward Guirado, a GHS graduate and Vietnam Veteran is eligible to have his name added to the memorial along with fifty plus additional eligible veterans in the near future. He submitted the required documents necessary for inclusion, congratulations Mr. Guirado, and thank you for your service. Thank you members and friends for your continued support. We will continue to reach out and assist our veterans as we can.

Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez
Veteran's Committee
Chairman

**Members in good
standing can bring one
non-member guest not
subject to
\$10 cover charge**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jaime Aragon	1
Ronald J Henderson	1
Lisa Morales	1
Lynn Loufek	2
Susan Luna	2
Gerardo Macias	2
William Rios	2
Ermilo Victgoria	2
John Gourley	3
Alicia Avalos	4
Thomas P Bullock	4
Richard L Pedersen	6
Irma Valdez Trotter	6
Cynthia Yates	6
Lora M Aguilar	7
David Gonzalez	7
Andy Rodriguez	7
Javier Alvarez	8
Erlinda Martus	8
David E Northrup	9
Dannie R Parker	10
Richard Staples	10
Roberta Lindsay	12
Livier Becerra	13
Donald A Navarrette	13
Sara Varela	13
TGara Orta	14
Ted Sandoval	15
Joe G Saucedo	15
Carmen M Gabaldon	16
Carmen Moore	16
Patrick Padilla	16
Francisco Briseno	18
Howard J Letzkus	18
Wilbur M Clark	19
Richard Howard	19
Martha Arredondo	20
Christina Berumen	20
Teresa Gonzalez	20
Robert M Lopez	20
Daniel David Romo	22
Lupe Casas	24
Raul Martinez Jr	26
Chris Montoya	27
Donald M Huff, PDDGER	28
Michael A Olin	28
Sandy G Silva	30
George A Alcala	30
Robert E Hollis-Brau	30
Irene R Navarro	30
Anthony Maddox	31



July Weekend Entertainment Schedule



NIGHT GROOVE

Saturday Night Party

WEST COVINA ELK'S LODGE

841 W. MERCED AVE

WEST COVINA, CA 91790

July 6, 2024

7 - 11 PM

\$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Bring your own food

Friday 7/12

7pm-11pm

Friday Night Dance Party

Classic Soul, Classic Rock, Funk & Disco



\$10 Cover
Non-Members

DJ Christopher Roman

(Get Yer Rocks Off Radio)

@ **West Covina Elks #1996**

841 W. Merced Ave. West Covina 91790

Bring Your Own Food Night



LIVE AT WEST COVINA ELKS
SATURDAY, JULY 20, 7-11PM
841 W. MERCED AVE.
(\$10 COVER FOR NONMEMBERS)

BIRTHDAY BASH

BBQ DINNER \$21. 5-7PM
PAY BY JULY 17
AND THE \$10
IS WAIVED!

IZYK DESIGNS
(626) 483-0358

DINE & DANCE WITH THE

THE BOBBY Z

COMBO

FRIDAY JULY 26, 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

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
*On Bus Drinks and Snacks	Saturday Sept. 28, 8:00 AM
*Players Card	Hotel Check In 3:00 PM
*Bingo and Raffles on the Bus (Sold Separately)	On Your Own
*Visit To Bullhead City Elks Lodge (Sunday)	Monday Sept. 30, Depart 1:00PM
	Arrive West Covina Elks 6:00 PM

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

July Officers Friday & Saturday Duty Schedule

July 5 - 6 Trish Gonzalez - William Garcia

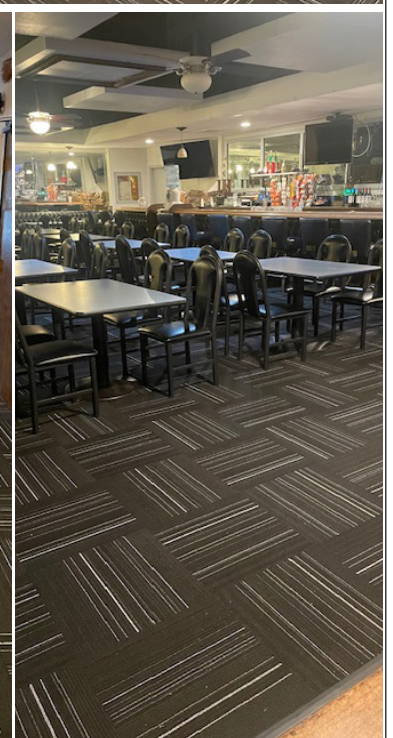
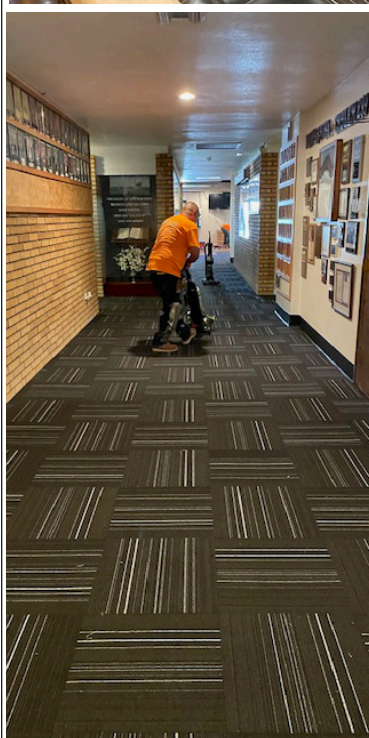
July 12 - 13 Angel Vasquez - 2nd Year Trustee

July 19 - 20 Olivia Pompa - 3rd Year Trustee

July 26 - 27 Veronica Aslan - 4th Year Trustee

Lounge Carpet Replacement Project

Great Big Thank You goes out to all the volunteers, members, and groups for their generous donations and help.



West Covina
Emblem Club #299
 Presents
Hawaiian Luau
Fundraiser

At West Covina Lodge 1996
 841 W. Merced, 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 **50/50**

PRE-SALE TICKETS
MAY 7, 2024

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 July 27th 8:00 AM

Thank you!

Carlos and Sandy Duarte
(909)702-2855



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE JULY 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, July 6

Bring your own food night.

Music by Night Groove

Friday, July 12

Bring your own food night.

Music by DJ Christopher Roman

Saturday, June 20 (Birthday Bash)

BBQ Tri-Tip & BBQ Chicken \$21

Dinners served with baked beans, Red potato salad, tossed salad with Ranch Dressing, Dinner roll, & Surprise Dessert.

Music by COMBO COMBO

Friday, July 26 (Steak & Lobster Night)

Dinners are served with a baked potato, veggies, 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

Music by Bobby Z



DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Be proud of drug awareness victories—but stay vigilant

By WILLIAM J. BRYAN

National Director

July is certainly a month for celebration! We celebrate the birth of our nation; we gather to celebrate a new year in Elksdom; and we celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the Elks Drug Awareness Program.

Just because we are in a festive mood does not mean we can relax. Illicit drugs don't take a vacation. We must constantly remind and educate our children on the dangers of use and abuse.

Even though fatal overdoses dropped 3% over the past year, there were still more than 100,000 deaths attributed to illicit

drugs. This is twice what it was just four years ago. Although 24 states, along with Washington D.C. and Guam, have acted to legalize recreational marijuana, we still need to warn children of its dangers.

A number of synthetic substances of the benzimidazole structural class are being trafficked and abused for their opioid-like effects. As the United States continues to experience an unprecedented epidemic of opioid misuse and abuse, the continued evolution and increased trafficking and popularity of new and deadly synthetic opioids from a variety of structural

classes, including benzimidazoles with no approved medical use, are a public health concern.

But it's not all bad news. One of the things we can celebrate is that over the last year, law enforcement seized more than 110 million fentanyl pills and removed them from our communities. Another reason to celebrate is that in this past year, the work of the Elks Drug Awareness Commission has set new records in getting information into our communities. This is all due to the hard work of the state, district, and Local Lodge efforts. We celebrate you!

Net new Members with online invites

Has your Lodge promoted the online Membership application for signing up new Members?

Using the Elks website, a current paid-up Member of the Order can forward a membership invitation to family and friends. Invitees can complete and submit the application online.

Lodge Secretaries will be notified of these applications via the "Alerts" screen

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Bryan R. Klatt

of CLMS2, then can process the electronic version the same as a paper application.

All data provided by the applicant will be imported into the Lodge's CLMS2 database with the simple click of a button.

What better way to gain a Member than by using technology to its fullest?

Grow
Elksdom

G/L PR AND MEMBERSHIP MARKETING COMMITTEE

Fresh slogans, videos, tools on tap

By RICK GATHEN

Membership Marketing Manager

Get ready for an exhilarating National Convention as we embark on exciting new initiatives curated by the Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership Marketing Committee! With a lineup of innovative programs, captivating videos, and promising opportunities set to launch, this convention promises to be a game-changer for our organization.

Here's a sneak peek into what's in store:

1. **Let's Soar with Four:** Dive into our new Grand Lodge Membership growth slogan and artwork, igniting a spirit of unity and progress.

2. **Elksdom's Heart for America:** Discover the power of our new GER slogan, coupled with heartwarming artwork that embodies our commitment to Elksdom and our nation.

3. **Top proposer reports and social media strategy:** Explore our latest tools for boosting membership, including innovative social media tactics and recognition programs designed to celebrate our top recruiters.

4. **Pre-Orientation video and letter:** Unveil our compelling resources crafted to welcome and engage new Members right from the start, setting the stage for active participation and involvement.

5. **Simplified introduction GER e-greeting message:** Delve into our strategic approach for reaching out to potential Members with a clear and compelling message, enticing them to join our thriving community.

6. **Grand Lodge branding guide:** Gain insights into our comprehensive branding guide, ensuring consistency and coherence in our messaging across all platforms.

7. **Social shareables best practices:** Learn how to leverage our engaging social shareables effectively, maximizing our reach and impact in the digital sphere.

By delving into these key areas together, we aim to amplify the effectiveness of our collective efforts, driving significant growth and engagement for our Lodges.

Together, let's soar to new heights and make a lasting impact on Elksdom!

Save the Date: Elk of the Year Steak-Out Sunday September 15th

West Covina Lodge Dress Code

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



WEST COVINA LODGE LOUNGE HOURS

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

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

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



8TH ANNUAL

REX DONDLINGER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Fundraiser for
San Gabriel Valley Elks PER Association



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

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

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

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

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ENTRY FORM

Please Tear off and enclose \$100.00 Check Per Golfer

Deadline for Entries—September 16, 2024

Captain: _____

Captain's Phone Number: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Contest winners reach their goals

By TERENCE P. FORD
Committee Member

The 2023-2024 Soccer Shoot Program had growth across this country. Twenty-seven states took part in the National Virtual Contest through area or regional contests or direct state report submittals for consideration. This is an increase in five states from last year. Based on the Charities Records Report as of March 31, 2024, Soccer Shoot had almost 15,000 children taking part this past year. This is a growth of almost double from last year's Charity Records Report.

Thank you to all the Lodges that held a Soccer Shoot, and to all the 27 State Associations for hosting at least a state-level contest. This year there are four area/regional contests: Area 1, Mid-Atlantic, Area 3, and Mid-America.

The first-place winners in the 2023-2024 National Virtual Soccer Shoot Contest:

U-8 Boys: BENJAMIM D-S.,
Sponsored by Framingham, MA
No. 1264

U-8 Girls: ALICE R., Sponsored by
Newport, KY No. 273

U-10 Boys: URIEL C., Sponsored by
Amarillo, TX No. 923

U-10 Girls: ALY H., Sponsored by
Frackville, PA No. 1533

U-12 Boys: JACKSON C., Sponsored
by Denver, CO No. 17

U-12 Girls: ANGELA S., Sponsored
by Golden, CO No. 2740

U-14 Boys: TYSON C., Sponsored
by Florence, KY No. 314

U-14 Girls: ELIZA C., Sponsored by
Lake Hopatcong, NJ No. 782

U-16 Boys: HOYT G., Sponsored by
Chambersburg, PA No. 600

U-16 Girls: LILLY A., Sponsored by
Madisonville, KY No. 738

The Activities Committee website now has updated forms, downloadable editable flyers, and posters as well as downloadable certificates for use at the local, state, and area/regional contests.

For this program to continually show it is growing, when a Lodge holds a Soccer Shoot, it needs to properly report this event in their respective Charity Records Book under line 1103 – Soccer Shoot Program.

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July 2024 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO FRILLS MONDAY Brisket or Pastrami Lounge 4:00 PM Interviews	2 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge 4:00 PM	3 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Food Available	4 Happy 4th of July Lodge Closed	5 Lounge Closed	6 Night Grooves Bring Your Own Food
7 Emblem Club Luau Dance SOLD OUT	8 Lounge Closed	9 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Balloting	10 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM BOD Mtg. 6:30 PM	11 BINGO Thirsty Thursday Lounge Open 5:00	12 DJ Christopher Roman Bring Your Own Food	13 Lounge Closed
14 Lodge Closed	15 NO FRILLS MONDAY Chicago Dogs Lounge 4:00 PM Orientation	16 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge 4:00 PM	17 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM PER Mtg. 7 Food Available	18 BINGO Thirsty Thursday Lounge Open 5:00	19 Lounge Closed	20 Birthday Bash Combo Combo Tri Tip & Chicken Dinner Menu Pg. 9
21 Lodge Closed	22 Lounge Closed	23 Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Initiation	24 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Food Available	25 BINGO Thirsty Thursday Lounge Open 5:00	26 Steak & Lobster Bobby Z Menu Pg. 9	27  Lounge Closed Recycle Drive 8:00 AM - Noon
28 Lodge Closed	29 NO FRILLS MONDAY TBD Lounge 4:00 PM	30 Fasmily Fun Night	31 Karaoke 6-10:00 PM Lounge 4:00 PM Food Available			Have You Paid Your 2024-2025 Dues Yet?