

# Elks



# Tracks

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

841 W. West Covina CA. 91790

**West Covina Elks Lodge invites you to a...  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Drive Through Breakfast!**

**July 4, 2020  
8:00 a.m. to Noon  
\$5 per Meal**

**Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs,  
sausage, juice or milk/chocolate milk.**

**Advance reservations are a must. Contact the Lodge office  
at (626) 962-0113 or email at [1996wcelks@gmail.com](mailto:1996wcelks@gmail.com) by**

**July 2, 2020, to reserve your meal.**

**Meals are available for family and friends.**

**Payments can be made upon pick-up. Cash or checks made  
out to the West Covina Elks Lodge #1996 requested.**

*happy  
4<sup>th</sup>  
JULY!*

## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

### Committee Chairman 2020 - 2021

Accident Prevention Manager	Lucy Ibarra	626-485-3624
Activities Reports	Robert Leon	909-227-7935
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Americanism	Julie Walker	626-222-2935
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Christmas Tree Lane	John Kemp	626-963-3921
Community Public Relations	Robert Leon	909-227-7935
Crab Crack	Ben Ortega, DDGER	626-926-4046
Crab Crack	Mike Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
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Drug Awareness	Steve Martin	626-253-1646
Decorating Committee	Gina Griffith	
Elks National Foundation	Bob Hollis-Brau PER	909-622-9861
Elks Memorial Service	Sandie Sesanto	626-675-6565
Emergency Preparedness Committee	Robert Burke	626-209-5660
Flag Day	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485
Funeral Service	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Grants Coordinators	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
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Greeters	Patricia Best	626-272-9277
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Hoop Shoot	Julie Walker	626-222-2935
House Rules	Chuck Dalool, PER	626-332-6945
Indoctrination	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Investigations	Tony Cortez	626-483-3838
Lapsation/Membership	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Laughlin Trip	Ben Ortega, PER	626-926-4046
Co-Chairman	Joanna Howard	909-392-2685
Lodge Activities	Robert Leon	909-227-7935
Mail Out	Chuck Dalool, PER	626-332-6945
Major Project	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Major Project 50/50	Robert Burke	626-209-5660
Mediator	Ben Ortega, DDGER	626-926-4046
Membership/Lapsation	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
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Mothers Day	Sandie Sesanto	626-675-6565
Newsletter Elks Tracks	Terry Ortega	626-926-4501
Co-Chairman	Ben Ortega, PER	626-926-4046
New Years Eve	Jay Lindsay	626-893-9756
Outside Charity Events	Maria Ortega	626-806-7003
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Veterans	Chris Abeyta	626-482-5182
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## Elks Tracks Newsletter

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Lodge Lounge(626) 338-8111  
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### Lodge Office Hours

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

### Hall Rental & Lease Info:

O(626) 962-0113

FAX: (626) 960-3512

The Elks Lodge Website is:

[www.westcovinaelks.org](http://www.westcovinaelks.org)

## 2020-2021 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	William Salinas	562-298-6194
Leading Knight	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Loyal Knight	Jay Lindsay	626-722-2435
Lecturing Knight	Becky Castillo	626-833-0765
Treasurer	Terry Ortega	626-926-4501
Secretary	Dee Varela	626-705-2763

## LODGE TRUSTEES

1st Year	Danny Janelli	626-551-9620
2nd Year	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
3rd Year	Gerardo Pompa	626-674-7364
4th Year	George Alcala	626-472-3485
5th year	Lucy Ibarra	626-485-3624

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Tony Cortez	626-483-3838
Chaplain	Sandie Sesanto	626-675-6565
Inner Guard	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485
Organist	VACANT	
Tiler	Gina Griffith	

## 2019-2020 HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year - Vince McCauley

Tall Elk - George Aguilar

Officer of the Year - Danny Janelli

Citizen of the Year - Maria Elena Ortega

Spirit of Elkdon - Eva Macias





To all our members,

I would like to welcome you back. Thank you to the members and officers who have worked with the curbside meals to make it successful. These events have helped us to pay bills that we continued to incur during our closure. We will continue to serve curbside meals through the month of July.

We will be having a drive through Breakfast on the 4th of July at our Lodge on Saturday morning, from 8 am - 12 pm, so please come out see friends and support our Lodge. Tuesday meetings have begun with some modifications. You will be required to wear a mask to enter Lodge this is mandatory. We will be taking your temperature as well and seating is limited due to social distancing guidelines.

My goal is to be fully opened by mid-July. The BOD is working on making this happen.

Thank you for your patience and commitment to making West Covina Strong again.

William Salinas  
Exalted Ruler



## Leading Knights Station

Hello my fellow Elks,

Welcome back to the lodge! As we are getting ready to open the lodge for the membership, it will be different for everyone. Please be patient with us as we are all new to this new way of running our lodge. Hopefully, in time, we will be back to the way things were before the Covid19 experience.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge!

Thank you all for supporting the curbside meals. We would like to continue to serve you, and we will be asking for various donations of items to continue with these meals.

I hope you have been filing up your Purple Pigs, and I look forward to counting them, so bring them in to the office or meeting.

Thank you,

Vivian Salinas  
Leading Knight



## Loyal Knights Station

Hello Sisters and Brothers of the Elks Lodge!

Please let me start off with that I am hoping that everyone is doing well through the COVID 19 Pandemic.

I would like to wish all our Fathers out there a Happy Father's Day. For you fathers it will be different this year, but who cares, you are with the love ones that you hold you close to your heart.

I would like to thank the membership for supporting our Lodge with our Drive Thru to Go meals, it's only successful due to your support. I would like to repeat what I wrote last month. "Our values and commitment to our members and to our community are guiding us and our decisions every single day." With that being said, we are working on a serious conscious plan to opening our Lodge for our membership, with the adherence to CDC guidelines. We understand the safety of our membership.

Again, with great pride I am here to serve you all as your Loyal Knight!

In Sister & Brotherly Love.

Jay Lindsay  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knights Station

With a blink of an eye, Spring has passed us by. Much time has passed since we have all been able to enjoy the Lodge. I want to thank you for participating in our Drive-Thru lunch pickups. I looked forward to each of the lunches because it allowed me to say a quick hello to my fellow members. Please continue to join us in these lunches as we need your support for our Lodge.

Summer is here! We are on the road to opening our Lodge. Let us try to be patient, as it is going to take us time to be running at full capacity. There are many rules and guidelines which need to be followed. Changes can be difficult, but this is for our safety.

We will try our best to keep you notified of any events, Lodge openings, or any important news. Our newsletter is sent out once a month, but we do have a Facebook page and an email list you can join if you are interested. I understand, not everyone has access to both of these, so let's all try and use good old fashioned phone calls to keep each other in the loop. Please remember to reach out to our fellow elks. Check up on one another. Lend a helping hand to those who might need a ride to a market or a doctor's appointment. We are all brothers and sisters, so let's stand by each other.

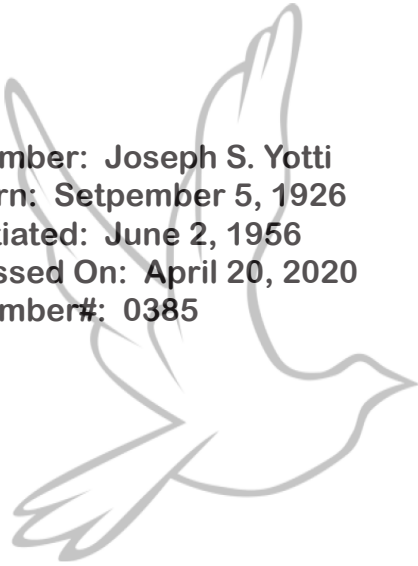
Lastly, we may not all be in agreement with the changes or decisions that have been made, but these are different times, and we have to move in a positive motion. All decisions made are to benefit the entire Lodge. Let us keep our motto in mind, "The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

Becky Castillo  
Lecturing Knight

## In MEMORIUM

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

Member: Joseph S. Yotti  
Born: Setpember 5, 1926  
Initiated: June 2, 1956  
Passed On: April 20, 2020  
Member#: 0385



## July Officers Duty Schedule

July 3 / 4      Lodge Closed  
July 10 / 11    Lodge Closed  
July 17 / 18    Danny Janelli / Jay Lindsay  
July 24 / 25    Joe Chavez / Becky Castillo  
July 31          Geraldo Pompa

## July Greeter's Schedule

July 3            Lodge Closed  
July 10          Lodge Closed  
July 17          Ben & Terry Ortega  
July 24          Greeters Needed  
July 31          Greeters Needed  
Please contact Patricia Best at (626) 272-9277  
if you are available to be a Greeter



## Elks Dining Schedule



Monday No Frills	5:30 - 7:30p
Wednesday's	Lodge Closed
Thursday's	Lodge Closed
Friday's	6:00 - 9:00p
Saturday's	6:00 - 7:45p
Sunday's	Lodge Closed

## Friday Night Dinner Specials



July 3 - Lodge Closed  
July 10 - Lodge Closed  
July 17 - Food Available  
July 24 - Food Available  
July 31 - Food Available

## No Frills Monday's



July 6 - Lodge Closed  
July 13 - Food Available  
July 20 - Food Available  
July 27 - Food Available



## Volunteers Needed for Re-Opening

As we re-open our Lodge the week of July 12th we will need many volunteers, to clean, serve, greet members, take temperature readings among other task in order to comply with the State and L.A. County guidelines if we are to be successful. For more information on volunteer opportunities contact the Leading Knight Vivian Salinas at (562) 298-3247

**Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2020: 623**

### Increases

Initiated	1
Affiliated:	0
Reinstated:	0
Subtotal:	1

### Decreases

Dropped:	0
Transferred Out:	0
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths:	4
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	4

**Calculated Membership Total: 620**

## 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

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

### PROPOSER APPLICANT

Tony Cortez Ofelia Carter

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Maurice Jordan #5536

### TRANSFER DEMIT

Amanda Villaromo #7421 request transfer to  
 Bullhead City, AZ #2408

Christina Carter from Duarte Lodge requesting  
 transfer to West Covina Lodge #1996

Pat Mower requesting transfer to  
 Whittier Lodge #7003

## Sickness and Distress

Rosie Delgado was in the hospital for a kidney  
 illness. She is now in a house facility in Glendora.

Juan Diaz, PER, passed away in April.

Brad McFadden, passed away on June 17th.

Past Emblem President, Sandy Woods passed away on  
 June 22nd.

George Aguilar's ex-wife passed away.

Amparo Madrigal's nephew passed away. Her sister  
 (mother of her nephew) is in the hospital.

Sandi Sesanto's brother lost his battle with Cancer on April 20, 2020.  
 He was buried on April 27, 2020.

Please keep our members and their families in your Thoughts and Prayers

## July Friday Night Lounge Entertainment

July 3	Lodge Closed
July 10	Lodge Closed
July 17	To Be Announced
July 24	To Be Announced
July 31	To Be Announced



## July Saturday Night Entertainment and Events

July 4	Lodge Closed
July 11	Lodge Closed
July 18	To Be Announced
July 24	To Be Announced





# ELK OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2020 DAN PARKER Exalted Ruler William Salinas



Jaime Aragon	1
Ronald Henderson	1
Lynn Loufek	2
Susan Luna	2
Gerardo Macias	2
William Rios	2
John Gourley	3
Alicia Avalos	4
Eric Grijalva	5
Richard Pedersen	6
Irma Valdez Trotter	6
Cynthia Yates	6
Andy Rodriguez	7
Will Valdez	7
Javier Alvarez	8
Erlinda Martus	8
Carmen Aguilar	9
Amparo Madrigal	9
David Northrup	9
Dannie Parker	10
Richard Staples	10
Christine Costantino	12
Roberta Lindsay	12
Livier Becerra	13
Lawrence Howard	13
Donald Navarrette	13
Sara Varela	13
Stephanie Norman	14
Carmen Gabaldon	16
Francisco Briseno	18
Howard Letzkus	18
Wilbur Clark	19
Richard Howard	19
Christina Berumen	20
Teresa Gonzalez	20
Daniel Romo	22
Diana Casato	24
Raul Martinez	26
Drina Morales	26
Hilda Flores	27
Asher Cordes	28
Donald Huff	28
Michael Olin	28
Joel Andrews	29
Michael Medina	29
Raymond Roldan	29
George Alcala	30
Robert Hollis-Brau	30
Anthony Maddox	31



West Covina Elks Lodge  
Cribbage Club

A great big Thank you goes out to the Cribbage Club for their generous donation to help make our Lodge a much better place.

Cribbage Games are  
Mondays  
6:00 PM  
All Year

Beginners Welcomed  
Free Lessons Offered

Contact: Norman Nikodym  
(909) 319-6488

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[www.elks.org/register](http://www.elks.org/register)

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**California-Hawaii Elks - Major Project, Inc.**  
**Helping Children Since 1950**



**Ask About Reccuring Donations!**  
**All Major Project "Purple Pig" Donations are**  
**100% Tax Deductable**



**BINGO IS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
**Information Contact Nancy Kane (909) 839-3142**

# Grant Information

## More Grant Information... West Covina Elks Lodge is 4 for 4!

The Lodge has been awarded the \$2000 Spotlight Grant, which it will use to make a \$1000 donation to the YWCA-San Gabriel Valley in support of their home delivery of 270 lunches to senior citizens in the West Covina, Baldwin Park, Covina and La Puente communities. The additional \$1000 will be used by the Lodge to create Neighbor to Neighbor care packages of items to be delivered at the same time as the lunches. How can you help? By donating and bringing to the lodge by August 1, 2020, items such as small bottles of liquid hand soap or hand sanitizer, boxes of facial tissues, individual rolls of paper towels, word search books, small bags of snacks, sugar free candies. (Please include your receipt for your purchases.) Or by sending a monetary donation of any denomination to the Lodge and identifying it to be used for the Spotlight Grant. Or volunteering to come to the Lodge to create the care packages and/or volunteering to help with their delivery tentatively scheduled for the week of August 17. Interested? Please contact Veronica Aslan at (323) 646-3317 or at [texasvero@aol.com](mailto:texasvero@aol.com).

The fourth grant the Lodge has also been awarded is the \$2500 Freedom Grant which the Lodge will be donating in full to the Long Beach VA's Women's Closet, overseen by the Women Veterans Programs and Voluntary Services. They will use the funds to stock the Closet with items such as undergarments, socks, pajamas, jackets, shoes and job interview appropriate clothing. These items will be gifted to homeless and poverty-level women veterans who have been referred by a provider or social worker. How can you help? By donating a gift card to the Lodge by August 1, 2020, of any denomination from Target or Walmart, which the Closet representatives will use to purchase personal and feminine hygiene items. (Please include your receipt with your gift card.) Or by sending a monetary donation of any denomination to the Lodge and identifying it to be used for the Freedom Grant. Interested? Please contact Veronica Aslan at (323) 646-3317 or at [texasvero@aol.com](mailto:texasvero@aol.com).

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support,  
Elks brothers and sisters!*



## West Covina Lodge No. 1996

Benevolent and Protective Orders of Elks

841 W. Merced Ave • West Covina • California 91790-4902

Tel: (626) 962-0113 • Fax: (626) 960-3512

July 01, 2020

Dear Members of the West Covina Elks Lodge 1996,

This is a special notice to advise all Lodge members that on Tuesday, July 14th at our regular Lodge Meeting, there will be a special vote conducted for the transfer of funds from our Restricted Money Market Account to our Operating Account.

The Lodge has been operating on a skeleton budget due to the the COVID-19 pandemic which forced the closure of our Lodge. Our lodge financial situation will not get any better without a steady stream of income. Due to this outlook, the Board of Trustees will bring to the membership at our next open meeting, a request for \$60,000.00 from the Lodge's restricted money market account. This money will cover all outstanding bills, property taxes, refund any lease out/rental deposits from canceled hall rentals that could not be rescheduled, and to assist the Lodge with expenses that will be incurred during the initial re-opening process of the Lodge.

We invite all members to join the floor discussion and come out to vote on this important matter. We look forward to your support.

Thank You,

William Salinas  
Exalted Ruler

Delia Varela  
Secretary  
West Covina Elks Lodge 1996

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## Elkdom shines during unprecedented times

This will be my final newsletter message as your Grand Exalted Ruler. Given the ongoing concerns for the health and safety of our Members, together with that of their families and friends, the Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore has been cancelled. It is unclear as of the time of this writing what alternative arrangements will be made. Whatever happens, I can assure you that some very good people have been working to develop contingency plans.

History will remember these as extraordinary times in the history of our nation and the world. While many previously felt secure in the belief that the world's problems were always in far off places and there was little for us as Americans to worry about, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed that. Who had heard of social/spatial distancing and the use of face masks in common areas?

We've been experiencing some challenging times, but here as in all throughout our history, the Elks have stood tall and worked through problems. Through creative new means of handling the business in our Lodges and looking after each other as best we can, we have done well and can be proud of what we have accomplished together.

It has been deeply moving for both Beth and I to have had the opportunity to travel around our country and meet so many wonderful people, to make new friends, and to learn about the truly remarkable charitable works being done in so many ways. While our travel was cut a bit short (a dozen of our visits were canceled due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions), we saw that Elkdom is clearly shining bright, building on the work and traditions of those who have gone before and moving forward together toward a brighter future.

That was the essence of my slogan, "Honoring the Past-Embracing the Future" and it is ringing true in our Lodges and State Associations all across the nation. There is a lot to be proud of with Elkdom.

This has indeed been the ride of a lifetime, and I take this final opportunity to thank you all for the warmth, caring, and hospitality shown to Beth and me along the way. Elks are a truly special breed of people, and worthy of the title Best People On Earth!

By the way, don't forget that the Auditing and Accounting Committee is to be looking at the Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month. Just doing my job.


Best wishes to all, and may God bless.

# West Covina Elks Events



Thank you to all the Officers, volunteers, members and friends that have worked, participated and supported our Drive Through Lunches, your simply the Best!





**West Covina Elks Lodge**  
**Presents...**


**Stir Fry Curbside Meal Pick-Up**  
**July 11, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**\$10 per meal**

Choose between chicken or beef stir fry with vegetable. Includes rice, bread, cucumber salad, dessert, and a bottled water.

Advance meal reservations are a must. Contact the Lodge office at (626) 962-0113 or email at [1996wcelks@gmail.com](mailto:1996wcelks@gmail.com) by July 8, 2020 to reserve your meal. Meals are available for family and friends.

Payments can be made upon pick-up. Cash or checks made out to the West Covina Elks Lodge #1996 requested.

Thank you for supporting your Lodge.  
See you there, brothers and sisters!






**West Covina Elks Lodge Presents...**

**Enchilada Curbside Meal Pick-up**

**July 25, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**\$10 per meal**

Two chicken ~~or~~ cheese enchiladas in red sauce, salad, rice, beans, dessert and bottled water.

Advance meal reservations are a must. Contact the Lodge office at (626) 962-0113 or email at [1996wcelks@gmail.com](mailto:1996wcelks@gmail.com) by July 22, 2020, to reserve your meal. Meals are available for family and friends.

Payments can be made upon pick-up. Cash or checks made out to the West Covina Elks Lodge #1996 are requested.

Thank you for supporting your Lodge.  
See you there, brothers and sisters!






## 2019-2020 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER BEN ORTEGA FAREWELL MESSAGE



Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members of the San Gabriel Valley District, I'm hoping that this letter finds you, your families, and your membership well in good health and safety. There is no doubt that the Covid-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc throughout our communities, and our Lodges. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you, your Officers, and membership for following through with our programs despite these difficult circumstances we have been faced with and in keeping our Lodges composed.

We have now entered a new phase, with many of our Lodges beginning to reopen for business. Although in resuming our Lodge operations, we will face challenges to comply with the health restrictions, our priority should be the safety of our membership and I am very confident that with your leadership, this is a challenge is one you can easily overcome. The reopening of our Lodges is an essential step towards what will be a "New Beginning" for us all, but it is a beginning to a pathway to new normalcy.

Exalted Rulers and members, what can, has and will continue to make an already challenging time more frustrating is when our organizations do not take the time to keep our memberships informed on what our next steps look like and what they can expect from us as leaders. If your Lodge's desire is not to reopen at this time, my ask is that you keep your membership informed with frequent updates regarding your Lodge operations as well as your charitable efforts. Remind your members that although your Lodge may still be closed that your benevolent commitment to the community continues.

Transparency is key here, please keep them informed as to what your plans are to reopen your Lodge and remembering that safety is paramount.

This pandemic has exposed areas of weaknesses in our „Order“ of how we can conduct business it has forced us to find alternative ways to communicate. History brings me back to the 1990s with the Apple Computer ad campaign „Think Different,“ what a slogan and look where they are now. As I reflect at the onset of this pandemic I can see now that we as an organization were ill-prepared to address this challenge quickly, create contingency plans and now have found ourselves forced to „Think Different“. There are many Lodges that may never recover from the effects of this pandemic and unfortunately, there were no government financial aid packages that targeted our „not for profit“ Lodges and organizations. We can only hope that there may be some relief down the line for those struggling Lodges to help them survive so they may continue their philanthropic work in their communities.

Finally, there is no doubt in my mind that in the future, we will be better prepared to meet the challenge, and next time we will be ahead of the curve rather than behind it. Let this be our wakeup call to prepare us for whatever life has in store for us. My final day in office is July 11th when DDGER Designate Vern Valenzuela will be installed as your new DDGER for the year 2020-2021, I wish him the very best and will be here to support him.

In closing Again I thank you for holding the line during this difficult period and I look forward to seeing you in the near future once our Lodges reopen.

Respect, nurture and embrace one another, never doubt humanity,

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ben Ortega, DDGER San Gabriel Valley District



Dear Elk Brothers and Sisters,

Hope you are all well and staying safe. Another month staying home, wearing masks and socially distancing ourselves. I think it is working, as hard as it has been not to see or hug relatives, we are healthy, for that I am thankful.

Emblem's board meetings continue Zoom Conference calls, hopefully we will be able to meet in person soon. State Convention has been postponed until 2021

June would normally be a vacation month, not in 2020! Stay-cation, in our backyards is what needs to happen. There may not be an Elks flag day ceremony this year, but I hope to see many American flags flying.

The ELK Turkey lunch was delicious, easy order easy pick up. Looking forward to Hamburgers or Hot Dogs Lunch.

June is also the month where we celebrate Dads. Dads who are single, married divorced, or widowed I truly would like to wish all fathers a great day, with family and friends. Happy Father's Day

Please stay safe, wash your hands hope to see you soon!  
Emblem Love,

Olivia Pompa  
Emblem President

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am hoping that this Bulletin finds you all well in these uncertain times. I continue to Pray for our Lodge, our Members, and our Families.

As Lodges and businesses are slowly reopening and people are starting to venture out a bit, I am hoping that everyone is being Safe and Continuing to stay at home whenever possible.

I worry about the members of our lodge because we are in the higher risk group by age and some with underlying conditions. So even though I miss everyone and would love to get back to normal...I honestly have to say, I'd instead you all take care of yourself and follow whatever Stay at Home Orders are still in place.

Growing up, my parents taught me to turn to God in times of fear and uncertainty, as we do in times of Joy and Celebrations. So during these past few months, I've been praying a lot because I'm not ashamed to admit that the Corona Virus has me a little worried and scared for my family, my friends, myself, and especially for my mom.

I'm attaching a prayer I've found, I've added it to my regular prayers....maybe you might like it too?

#STAY HOME, it could save lives. STAY SAFE

Sandie Sesanto  
Lodge Chaplain



Loving God, we come to you full of anxiety about what may happen in the coming days and weeks. Shower us with strength and make us into steady pillars for those around us. In this time of uncertainty and epidemic, wake us up to the reminder that we are not alone.

Even as we are asked to keep our distance from others, help us to find ways to reach out to those who need our support. We pray especially for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened. For the children who will miss meals due to school closures. For those already isolated, lonely, and scared. Loving God, give them your peace, and through our hands, ensure they have what they need.

Sustain, strengthen, and protect all caregivers. Bless them as they offer compassionate care and show selfless courage in the face of risk.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism, you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope.

Amen.

## Trustee Corner 5-4-3-2-1

Hello to all our brothers and sisters of West Covina Lodge 1996. I hope this article finds you and your family safe and healthy as we head into summer.

The Trustees are feverishly working to complete the makeover of the bar area. We are currently in the process of painting the area and heading into the final stages of completion. Due to continued support from our membership, donations have arrived to assist with the cleaning of the kitchen and the painting of the kitchen floors. We are also attempting to get estimates for the steam cleaning of the carpets in the bar area and the cloth chairs. If any member has knowledge of a good company or individual who does this type of work, please call the office or any Trustee to pass on information. The Trustees are also requesting any member with construction background in any of the trades for assistance with maintenance of the lodge and/or volunteer help.

During my June article, I had referred to our financial situation. We have been operating on a skeleton budget. Our lodge financial situation will not get any better without a steady stream of income. Due to this outlook, the Board of Trustees will bring to the membership at our next open meeting, a request for \$ 60,000.00 from the Lodge's restricted money market account. This money will cover all outstanding bills, refund rental deposits from canceled lease outs and rentals and assist the lodge in the complicated re-opening process.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all the members for their support in the maintenance of the lodge and all the drive-thru lunches that have been organized by some of the Lodge officers and membership. Please be safe and wear your mask, it will save a life.

Fraternally,  
Joe Chavez, Trustee # 2

## The Lodge is Re-Opening

The Lodge Re-Opening is scheduled for the week of July 12th, beginning on Monday July 13th, there will be guidelines that must followed and adhere to, and your full cooperation will be greatly appreciated and needed in order for the Lodge to be successful at the re-opening. We are planning to be open Mondays, Tuesdays (Meetings) Friday's & Saturday's with adjusted hours of operation to start.

There will be more details regarding guidelines provided by email and posted at the Lodge. Thank you, BOD

## Pancake Machine Crew Schedule



July 4 - West Covina Elk's Lodge

*We appreciate your help!*

**Volunteers Always Appreciated**  
**Contact Vince McCaully 626-422-2812**

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**WE ARE NO LONGER  
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**WE WILL STILL BE COLLECTING  
 CRV GLASS, PLASTIC,  
 ALUMINUM CANS ONLY!**

## No Recycling in July

## Modified Club Hours

Monday - 5:00pm to 10:00pm  
 Tuesday - Member Meeting Only  
 Wednesday - Lodge Closed  
 Thursday - Lodge Closed  
 Fri. & Sat. - 6:00pm to 12:00am  
 Sunday - Lodge Closed  
 (Special Events Only)

**All Closing Hours Are**  
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## July 2020 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS			1 LODGE CLOSED	2 LODGE CLOSED Last Day to preorder Saturday's Breakfast Curb Side P/U Meal	3 LODGE CLOSED	4 LODGE CLOSED Curb Side Meal P/U 8 am - 12 pm Breakfast - Pancake, Eggs, Sausage, Milk or Juice - \$5.00
5 LODGE CLOSED	6 LODGE CLOSED	7 Lodge Mtg. 7:30p  <b>MEETING</b>	8 LODGE CLOSED Last Day to preorder Saturday's Stir Fry Curb Side Meal	9 LODGE CLOSED	10 LODGE CLOSED	11 LODGE CLOSED Curb Side Meal P/U Chicken or Beef Stir Fry, Rice, Bread, Cucumber Salad, Dessert 11am - 1pm
12 LODGE CLOSED	13 Lodge Open 5-10p Bring Your Own Food	14 Lodge Mtg. 7:30p  <b>MEETING</b>	15 LODGE CLOSED 1	16 LODGE CLOSED	17 Lodge Open 6 pm - 12 am Food Available	18 Lodge Open 6 pm - 12 am Food Available
19 LODGE CLOSED	20 Lodge Open 5-10p Bring Your Own Food	21 Lodge Mtg. 7:30p  <b>MEETING</b>	22 LODGE CLOSED Last Day to preorder Saturday's Enchilada Curb Side P/U Meal	23 LODGE CLOSED	24 Lodge Open 6 pm - 12 am Food Available	25 Curb Side Meal P/U 11 am - 1 pm Chicken or Cheese Enchilada, Salad, Rice, Beans, Dessert Lodge Open 6 pm - 12 am Food Available
26 LODGE CLOSED	27 Lodge Open 5-10p Bring Your Own Food	28 Lodge Mtg. 7:30p  <b>MEETING</b>	29 LODGE CLOSED	30 LODGE CLOSED	31 Lodge Open 6 pm - 12 am Food Available	