

# Elks



# Tracks

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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

*West Covina Lodge*



Officers Deep Pit  
**PORK-E-QUE**

**Cost: Adults \$20.00 Per Person**

**"No Refunds ~ No Exchanges"**

**Entertainment: The Flashback Cowboys**

**Sunday, March 13th, 2022**

**From 2:00 - 6:00PM**

**Dinner Served from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Table Reservations for Parties of 16 or More**

**Generous Portion Roasted Pork, Ranch Style Beans, Coleslaw, or**

**Potato Salad Corn, Dinner Roll**

**Pre-Paid Ticket Reservations Only**

**Through the Lodge Office (626) 962-0113**

**1996wcelks@gmail.com**

**Emblem Club #299 will have dessert's for sale**

**Proof of Vaccination is Required for Entry**



**WEST COVINA  
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE  
ORDER OF ELKS LODGE #1996**

**Cordially invites you to attend**

**The Installation of  
Exalted Ruler Elect**

**Vivian Salinas**

**and her newly Elected Corps of Officers for  
Fraternal Year 2022-2023**

**Tuesday March 29th, 2022**

**No-Host Cocktails~5:30 PM**

**Dinner~6:30 PM**

**\$20.00 Donation, Choice of**

**N.Y. Steak, Salmon or Stuffed Chicken Breast**

**With all the Trimmings**

**Installation of Officers~7:30 PM**

**RSVP by Monday March 29th**

**Pre-Paid Dinner Reservation**

**Lodge Office (626) 962-0113**

**GRAND EXALTED RULER & MASTER OF CEREMONY**

**CHARLES "CHUCK" DALOOL, DDGER**

## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

### Committee Chairman 2021 - 2022

Accident Prevention Manager	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
Activities Reports	Robert Leon	626-827-6726
Alternate Delegate PER	Robert Hollis-Brau PDDGER	909-622-9861
Americanism	Julie Walker	626-222-2935
Audio/Lighting	Rhiannan Britney	626-206-2832
Auditor	Robert Burke	626-209-5660
Bingo	VACANT	
BLT	Judith Lumbreras, PAVP	626-587-6489
Bulletin Director/Editor	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4501
Charity/Major Project	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Christmas Tree Lane	John Kemp	626-963-3921
Community Public Relations	Robert Leon	626-827-6726
Crab Crack	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Crab Crack	Mike Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Cribbage Club	VACANT	
Drug Awareness	William Garcia	323-707-2862
Elks National Foundation	Robert Hollis-Brau PDDGER	909-622-9861
Elks Memorial Service	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485
Flag Day	Kelli Ishikawa	626-893-9756
Funeral Service	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Golfing	Bill Schmko	626-862-6533
Grants Coordinators	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Grants Coordinators	Veronica Aslan	323-646-3317
Greeters	Christina Carter	626-646-3490
Government Relations	Maria Ortega	626-806-7003
Hoop Shoot	Julie Walker	626-222-2935
House Rules	Chuck Dalool, PDDGER	626-332-6945
Indoctrination	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Investigations	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Lapsation/Membership	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Laughlin Trip	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Co-Chairman	Joanna Howard	909-392-2685
Lodge Activities	Robert Leon	626-827-6726
Mail Out	Chuck Dalool, PDDGER	626-332-6945
Major Project	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Major Project 50/50	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Mediator	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Membership/Lapsation	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Mobile Pancake Maker	Vince McCauley	626-422-2812
Mothers Day	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485
Newsletter Elks Tracks	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
New Years Eve	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Bottles & Cans	Chuck Sawyer	909-599-4890
PER Association Pres.	Dana Williams, PER	714-240-1647
Photographer	Robert Leon	626-827-6726
Presiding Justice	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Public Relations	Robert Leon	626-827-6726
Ritual Coach	Rick Dana PER	626-484-4165
Asst: Ritual Coach	Chuck Dalool PDDGER	626-332-6945
Roamin Elks	Bill Zeason	951-903-4192
Saturday Night Entertainment	Sandie Sesanto	626-675-6565
Scholarships	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Scouting Boys/Girls	Don & Patricia Best	626-272-5799
Sickness & Distress	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Super Bowl	William Salinas, PER	562-298-6194
Veterans	Chris Abeyta	626-482-5182
Volunteers	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
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Youth Activities	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046



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### Lodge Office Hours

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alex.manager.elks.1996@gmail.com

### 2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Dannie Parker	818-371-5232
Leading Knight	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Loyal Knight	Ben Ortega	626-926-4046
Lecturing Knight	Christina Carter	626-646-3490
Treasurer	Veronica Aslan	323-646-3317
Secretary	Dee Varela	626-705-2763

### LODGE TRUSTEES

1st Year	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
2nd Year	Gerardo Pompa	626-674-7364
3rd Year	George Alcala	626-472-3485
4th Year	Lucy Ibarra	626-485-3624
5th year	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Michael Salazar	626-827-6700
Chaplain	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485
Inner Guard	Kelli Ishikawa	626-893-9756
Organist	VACANT	
Tiler	Keith Kelley	626-825-3240

### 2020-2021 HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year - Veronica Aslan  
Tall Elk - Robert Burke  
Officer of the Year - Joe Chavez  
Citizen of the Year - Becky Castillo  
Spirit of Elkdon - Wanda Horton/Cheryl Grimm  
Shirley & Dan Parker  
Exalted Ruler Award - Vivian Salinas







**G**reetings to all our members. My term is coming to an end. My First Lady and myself have been honored to serve you and our lodge as Exalted Ruler. This year has had its challenges but working together we have succeeded. Even though I will not be an officer this year, Shirley and I will still be here and will help when we can.

We have a good strong officer core coming in to continue with a successful year. We have had some great events this year. There are many more to come so watch the Elks Track and your email for fliers. We have the Pork-E-Que coming up. Don't forget Saint Patrick's Day March 17. The Inaugural Ball on April 2 will introduce our new incoming officers.

We hope that everyone stays safe and healthy throughout the year.

Best regards and wishes

Dan Parker  
Exalted Ruler  
2021/2022  
West Covina Lodge

## Leading Knights Station

**H**appy St. Patrick's Day members, As we get near the end of our term I would like to say Thank You to all our Volunteers who have helped with serving dinners on Wednesday and Friday nights and special functions this year. Volunteers now play a big part in our lodge as we manage to lower our overhead and cost to keep our Lodge finances in the black! By doing this we are able to have events and dinners for our members.

Thank you to our Super Bowl crew for a stellar job it would not of been a success wiyh out you.

Please continue to turn in your Purple Pigs these are much appreciated.

Let's all come out and support our Pork-e-que and our St. Patrick Day dinner. It has been my honor to serve as your Leading Knight and I am looking forward to serving as your Exalted Ruler 2022-2023.

Thank you,



Vivian Salinas  
Leading Knight.

## Loyal Knights Station

**M**embers and Friends, I wish to say Thank You for your support and participation this past year. This was the year that we grabbed our Lodge from its foundation and stood it back up! We survived the pandemic and are thankful to you, our members, for, without you, it could not have been done. Although we are overall operating in the financial black, we can't stop there, and we can do better. It will require intensive oversite by the Board of Directors and the members so that we do not fall back into our old habits of overspending, increasing overhead, running in the Red due to lack of oversite and accountability. Although I will not be on this upcoming journey this coming Fraternal year, I will still be involved to help guide, nurture, and uplift the new corps of Officers when asked or when the need arises. I've been doing this for 30 years straight, I've never left, and I will do whatever is necessary to see that our Lodge is here for years to come.

Finally I want to Thank Exalted Ruler Dan Parker and First Lady Shirley for their Leadership it was a heck of a ride, Thank You and I know you'll always be around..

I wish Exalted Ruler elect Vivian Salinas & corps of Officers nothing but the best and be their to support them all year long.

In closing, again I want to say ThankYou and ask you for your support for the new Corps of Officers in the coming year. God Bless

Ben Ortega, PDDGER  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knights Station

**I**would like to thank everyone who has helped me this past year. There has been allot of great memories with all the evnts we have had and with working with you my brothers and sister Elks. I have learned a great deal and I am so thankful for those of you who have guided and helped me. Its been a long road and Im looking forward to see what challenges approach us.

Asking to help out and thern doing it just make me feel so good inside.

We have more events coming with the Officers Deep Pit Pork-E-Q and St. Patricks Day, Installation of Officers and the Inuagural Ball. I thank you for letting me serve as your Lecturing Knight and reminisce of all the importance of what an Officer can do and wish the incoming Lecturing Knight the best in the coming year. I will now look forward to serving you as your Loyal Knight and ask for your support.

God Bless you all.

Christina Carter  
Lecturing Knight

## In MEMORIUM

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

None Were Reported at Time of Publishing



## 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

Thank You For Your Donations



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

## Delinquent Members List

If your name appears on this list  
please contact the Lodge Office  
Tuesday - Friday 10:00 AM to  
5:00 PM at (626) 962-0113

006572 Joel	Andrews
007404 Robert	Avila
007155 Betty	Balog
004556 Charles	Brown
006901 Nick	Cadena
007208 Diana	Casato
007370 Asher	Cordes
007338 Lou	Ferrigno
007062 Ernest	Garcia
006814 Yolanda	Garcia
007452 Thomas	Gonzalez
007177 Anthony	Grijalva
007445 Eric	Grijalva
007313 Pelaiah	Hinojosa
007222 Glenn	Kennedy
006965 Connie	Kielsmeier
007355 Candace	Leuthold
007232 Helene	Maietta
006343 William F	Martin
007446 Arturo	Martinez
007323 Raul	Martinez
006736 Pete	Morales
007386 John	Petrov
007257 Robert	Ramirez
007218 Nicolas	Saldarriaga
004220 Robert	Sanchez
007336 Rose	Sauceda
007352 Janet	Shirley
007337 John	Simpson
007356 Cecilia	Suviate

**These Members Listed will be  
dropped from our membership  
rolls on March 31st**



I want to say Thank you to  
our Super Bowl Commi-  
tee for helping with a  
great Super Bowl event.  
I could not have done it  
without you:

Viv Salinas, Robert and  
Rose Leon, Greg Andrade,  
Joe Chavez, Jaime, and  
Vicky Salazar, Veronica  
Aslan, Ben, and Terry  
Ortega, Christina Carter,  
Angel Vasquez, Arnold,  
and Dee Varela, George  
Alcala, Olivia Pompas,  
Charlene Rasmussen, Ce-  
cilia Arteaga, Carmen Ga-  
baldon, John Macmillan,  
Mr. Lou, Mr. Tony P., Ron  
Torres, and our fabulous  
MC Mike Salazar, Mr.Ser-  
gio Flores, and our E.R.  
Dan and Shirley Parker  
plus our great Bartender  
Dave Porras and Mr.Car-  
los, D.j.Cesar and Lorena  
Cazarin

Chairman,

William Salinas, PER

## EXALTED RULERS CALENDAR MEETING MONDAY MARCH 14TH AT 6:30 PM



All Officers, Committee Chair-  
persons, Members are invited to  
attend the Calendar meeting to go  
over the coming Fraternal year ca-  
lendar of events for the 2022-2023

Meeting will be held in the Confe-  
rence room.

Vivian Salinas  
Exalted Ruler, Elect

**Accomplishment is  
when you use your  
extra strength to help  
someone else, rather  
than to get to the top  
first.**

— Donald Ernest Mansell

## PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ralph Gaither\* 1956-57  
 Hugh M. Bagley\* 1957-58  
 William T. Tanking\* 1958-59  
 Albert E. Lindbeck\* 1959-60  
 James R. Yost\*, Jr. 1960-61  
 James L. Morgan\* 1961-62  
 Harold Z. Dobbs\* 1962-63  
 Laurence R. Tillman\* 1963-64  
 Enrico (Hank) Salvo\* 1964-65  
 Thomas E. Curtis 1965-66  
 Jack Cleveland\* 1966-67  
 J. Paul Studer\* 1967-68  
 Roy Williams, Jr.\* 1968-69  
 Raiden V. Peterson\* 1969-70  
 Donald M. Huff 1970-71  
 Albert D. Davis\* 1971-72  
 Milo G. Summerhays\* 1972-73  
 Robert E. Carlson \*1973-74  
 H. Richard Harbert\* 1974-75  
 James J. Andert\* 1975-76  
 Anthony R. Mickols\* 1976-77  
 John Asmundson\* 1977-78  
 James E. Smith\* 1978-79  
 Larry Henderson\* 1979-80  
 Frank Rehor\* 1980-81  
 Carl Mou 1981-82  
 Richard Marble\* 1981-82  
 Robert E. Gubrud 1982-83  
 James Moseley\* 1982-83  
 Al Putman\* 1983-84  
 Dick Delauder \*1983-84  
 Manny Zamudio\* 1984-85  
 William Heller\* 1984-85  
 Art Willard\* 1985-86  
 Renee LaRose\* 1986-87  
 Fidel Nieto Jr.\* 1986-87  
 Charles Dalool 1987-88, 2011-12  
 Michael Sirchia 1987-88  
 Walt Doran\* 1988-89  
 David La Sage\* 1988-89  
 Bob Hollis-Brau 1989-90  
 Jerry Kober 1989-90  
 Ernie Gilbert 1990-91  
 Pat Shea\* 1990-91  
 Ron Conger\* 1991-92  
 Dave Southard\* 1991-92  
 Gary Holmes\* 1992-93  
 Roy Simes 1992-93  
 Bob Schachner\* 1993-94  
 WM Ziegenbein \*1993-94  
 Rick Dana 1994-95  
 Matt Jessup 1994-95  
 Roy Long\* 1995-96  
 Tim LaMarca 1995-96  
 Ed Lima\* 1996-97  
 Bernie Auld\* 1997-98  
 Benjamin L. Ortega 1998-99, 2012-13, 13-14  
 Vern Campion\* 1999-00  
 George Lunsford \*2000-01  
 Phil Hawkins 2001-02  
 Don McMahon\* 2002-03  
 Scott Matthews 2003-04  
 Ralph Garcia 2004-05  
 Willie Koskela 2005-06  
 Juan Diaz\* 2006-07  
 Lisa Ryken\* 2007-08  
 Patricia Gilliland 2008-09  
 Michael J. Salazar, Jr. PER 2009-10-11, 18-19  
 Judith Lumbreras 2014-15  
 Mario Arellano 2016-2017  
 Dana Williams 2015-16, 17-18, 19-20  
 Sandra Mendoza\* 2018-19  
 William Salinas 2020-2021

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  
 None Received From The Office

## Sickness and Distress

*Gale Warren's niece passed away.  
 Ron Torres thanked everyone for their prayers for his wife, she is now home.  
 Frank Briseno was in the hospital running test for his heart.  
 Linda Ruelas is home, recovering from surgery.  
 Bill Miller passed away, he was a member of the Roamin Elks.  
 Russ Koppel is in a rehabilitation facility and is in good spirits.  
 Melissa Hamilton's husband Dwayne, is a home doing better..*

*Please keep our members and their families in your prayers. If you know of any member who is ill, please notify the Lodge Office (626) 962-0113.*

**KARAOKE WITH KJ DON  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
 6 - 10 PM.  
 DINNER & DRINK  
 SPECIALS AVAILABLE**



## ATTENTION GOLFERS WEST COVINA GOLF CLUB NEWS

### Attention Golfers

West Covina Elks Golf Club had a wonderful time playing San Dimas Golf Course Feb. 16th. We are trying to schedule Monday March 14th at Dos Lagos GC but need a few more players to confirm and commit to play. We are open to all friends and members to join in, Call or email me anytime to ask questions or join in, Hope to meet and see you all !!

Bill Schimko ph#626 862 6533  
 email address: wfs19511@yahoo.com  
 Hit'em long and straight !! Bill

WEST COVINA ELKS  
 GOLF CLUB



# Service Pin & Awards Night

## March 1st, 2022

### 7:00 PM

#### 5 YEARS

007294 Evelyn Aleman  
 007288 Bonnie Angski  
 007286 Christina Berumen  
 007289 Donald Best  
 007317 Patricia Best  
 007272 Francisco Briseno  
 007399 Edward Broomfield  
 007467 Christina Carter  
 007265 Corrina Carter  
 007263 Leslie Crowell  
 007287 Juanita Deluna  
 007268 Bill Dennis  
 007273 Julie Frank  
 007301 John Gourley  
 007282 Christopher Hawkes  
 007304 Carlos Herrera  
 007271 Jerry Jensen  
 007291 Nancy Keener  
 007262 Jay Lindsay  
 007417 Henry Loyola  
 007292 Susan Luna  
 007306 Amparo Madrigal  
 007316 Eric Mandeson  
 007277 Lydia Mangaroni  
 007295 Debra McMillen  
 007307 Jose Mesa  
 007309 Ruben Ramirez  
 007311 Vincent Ruesch  
 007308 Grace Silva  
 007300 Christine Stafford  
 007281 Lisa Urueta

#### 10 YEARS

006981 Curt Bancroft  
 006974 Manuel Barajas  
 006978 Rogelio Benzor  
 006987 Christine Costantino  
 006963 Lucy Ibarra  
 006958 Kelli Ishikawa  
 006982 Gus Kane  
 006950 Lynn Loufek  
 007204 Tony Martinez  
 007129 Mary Melei  
 006976 Rudy Melendez Jr.  
 006971 Yvette Miranda  
 006953 Donald Navarrette  
 006968 Maria Ortega  
 006975 Richard Pedersen  
 006967 Sal Solis, Jr.  
 006947 David Stevens  
 006964 Sara Varela  
 006956 Dale Walker

#### 15 YEARS

006747 Mario Arellano PER  
 006703 Patricia Bryant  
 006735 Judith Lumbreras PER  
 006740 Edward Mathews  
 006729 Cindy Nobili  
 006734 Valentina Romo

#### 20 YEARS

006706 Jack Coiner  
 006529 Dale Falicon  
 006951 Michael McKenzie  
 006548 Morgan Muncie (Todd)  
 006538 Ramiro Quintero  
 006525 Michael Salazar PER

#### 25 YEARS

006308 Jorge Azpeitia  
 006309 Joseph Cruz  
 006627 Mark Keuning  
 006318 Vasken (Vic) Maghakian  
 006338 Duane Marshall  
 006310 William Morrow  
 006311 Albert Polehonki  
 005829 Steven Potts  
 006008 Victor Ramirez

#### 30 YEARS

005851 Blas Chavez  
 005837 Freddie Clark  
 006160 Roger Heiman  
 005857 Benjamin Ortega, PDDGER

#### 35 YEARS

005421 Richard Canzoneri  
 006116 Joseph Martinez

#### 40 YEARS

004791 Richard Amborn  
 006599 Robert Cardona  
 006889 Norman Gilkey  
 005737 James Mangiapane  
 007205 George Oakes  
 004699 Dennis Whitman

#### 45 YEARS

003906 David Burton  
 005548 Patrick McAlmond

#### 50 YEARS

002972 Charles Dalool, PDDGER  
 003071 Walter Robinson  
 003073 Charles Sawyer Jr

#### 55 YEARS

002178 Ruben Aman  
 002126 Ken Bellanca  
 006029 Lawrence Howard

#### 60 YEARS

002672 Wilbert Koskela PER



Chris Gonzalez 2  
 Walter Robinson 2  
 Grace Silva 2  
 Sonia Resendez 3  
 Harry Rodriguez 3  
 Vincent Ruesch 3  
 Susan Hargrave 4  
 Cy Koch 4  
 Julie Frank 5  
 Elvira Munoz 5  
 Mary Ellen Melei 6  
 Richard Amborn 7  
 Gregorio Andrade 8  
 Nancy Keener 8  
 Alicia Becerril 9  
 Gilbert Becerril 9  
 David Delgado 9  
 Patricia Trish Gonzalez 9  
 William Morrow 9  
 Juan Valdez 9  
 Ray Ware 9  
 Kathleen Wright 10  
 Curt Bancroft 11  
 Jack Rhodes 11  
 Betty Balog 12  
 Frank Contreras 12  
 Sylvia Sansui 12  
 Christopher McMahon 13  
 Darold Merritt 14  
 David Miller 14  
 Nicholas McMillen 15  
 Jacob Konov 16  
 Gary Sommerville 16  
 Maureen Bowen 17  
 Patricia Bryant 17  
 Grace Capp 17  
 Byron Jackson 17  
 Steven Potts 17  
 Patrick Rojas 17  
 John McCormick 18  
 Gale Warren 20  
 John Watson 20  
 Peggy Roman 21  
 Lewis Cowan 22  
 Anthony Nobili 22  
 Richard Canzoneri 24  
 Daniel Chacon 24  
 Robert Gubrud, PER 24  
 Chris Hughes 24  
 Rudolpho Salazar 24  
 Robert Vasquez 24  
 Bob Aparicio 25  
 Anthony Grijalva 25  
 Clifford Hacker 25  
 Nicholas Coclon 26  
 Lalo Rios 28  
 Rhiannon Britney 29  
 Edward Velasquez 29  
 Tonya Michelle Szemes 31

**Awards to be given: Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Tall Elk, Spirit of Elkdom**



## Veterans Corner February West Covina Elks #1996 Veterans Committee



Well, it's hard to believe that we are coming to an end of 2021/2022 fiscal year. Even with the challenges that we have had with Covid 19, this past year, successfully serving our Veterans in need. Beacon/Spotlight Grants served 25 Veterans with the Welcome Home Program in partnership with Team AmVets. Focus Grant served 25 Senior Disabled at Palo Verde Apartments in El Monte, CA, with 2 on property events. Distribution of clothing articles, tennis shoes, blankets, cooking supplies, groceries, backpacks and much more. Gratitude Grant assisted with Christmas Dinner for 25 Veterans and 24 low income families at the Palo Verde Apartments. 49/\$25.00 gift cards for their Turkey/Ham dinner were disbursed, along with groceries to the Veterans. The children received 50 candy bags and Famous Amos cookies. Beginning of the school year 50 backpacks with school supplies were given to the kids as well, which was funded by the Bingo Charity. We will continue with the Focus Grant with more clothing items and other items for the Veterans at Palo Verde, to be completed by mid-March. This will complete all Grants.

We have so much to be thankful for this past year, even with the challenges and the obstacles that prevented our team to continue the 4 events scheduled at Palo Verde, we still succeeded with 2 special events. Pizza Party in July and the Pancake Breakfast in October. We continued to deliver the groceries and supplies to be distributed by the management personnel.

Thank you to all that supported us and to all that helped with the events that were held. You all made these events very special and showed that the Elks Slogan is true..." Elks Care, Elks Share".

Chris Abeyta  
Lodge/District Chair  
Committee  
Linda Abeyta  
Kelli Ishikawa  
Lucy Ibarra  
Dana William, PER  
Robert Hollis-Brau, PDDGER  
Angel Vasquez  
Keith Kelley  
Mike and Beth Zook

## THANK YOU VETERANS



## OPERATION FOOD RESCUE

Through "Operation Food Rescue" our Lodge is doing its part to alleviate food insecurity experienced by members of our service area communities. The Lodge is now donating left over food items from its events as well as those food items which are near their expiration date, and which cannot be used in the near future. The first two recipients of these donations were the East San Gabriel Coalition for the Homeless in Hacienda Heights and Shepherd's Pantry in Irwindale. Thank you to Club Manager Alex Ibarra-Lindsay for coordinating the Lodge's efforts to rescue quality food items from landfills and sharing it with those who are experiencing a true need.



## SUPER BOWL BASKET RAFFLE SUCCESS!

A special "Thank you!" goes out to the following members who created and donated the 16 raffle baskets for the Lodge's Super Bowl event:

- Veronica Aslan
- Carol Avila
- Don Navarrette
- Sonia Resendez
- Dee Varela



Their generosity earned the Lodge \$640 just through the sale of raffle tickets for the baskets.

This success could not have been accomplished without **Charlene Rasmussen**, our raffle ticket seller extraordinaire!

WEST COVINA ELKS #1996  
**EXALTED RULER DAN PARKER**  
 PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES  
**MARTIN RESENDEZ**  
 ELK OF THE MONTH  
 FOR FEBRUARY 2022



**Friday March 18th**  
**Call for Dinner &**  
**Show Reservations**  
**Call 626.962.0113**

**Only at the West Covina Elks Lodge**

WEST COVINA LODGE  
**INAUGURAL BALL**  
 SATURDAY APRIL 2ND

HONORING  
 EXALTED RULER  
**VIVIAN SALINAS**  
 AND HER CORPS OF OFFICERS

FEATURING

\*RHYTHM JUKEBOXX  
 \*RUBEN CANTU  
 THE SAX MAN  
 &  
 DJ CESAR

PRICE: \$40.00 PP  
 INCLUDES DINNER CHOICE OF  
 RIBEYE STEAK, SALMON, OR LEMON CHICKEN  
 PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS TICKETS (626) 962-0113

DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM  
 MUSIC 6:00 PM  
 DINNER 6:30-7:30 PM

GRAND MARCH 7:30 PM

West Covina Elks  
**MARCH BIRTHDAY BASH**

Entertainment by  
**THE CAULDRON BAND**

**Saturday March 5th**  
**Doors open at 6pm**  
**Music 8pm - 12am**  
**Bring your own Food Event**  
**Proof of Vaccination**  
**Masks Required**

*\*Need your own space, Rent our Elkové\**  
 841 W. Merced ■ West Covina, CA 91790 ■ (626) 962-0113

**THURSDAY**  
 saint  
**Patrick's Day**

Only 125 Tickets  
 will be sold

Band  
**Cauldron**

Tickets go on Sale  
 February 23, 2022

5 PM To 11 PM March  
 Dinner and Dance **17**

Tickets \$25

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996



## Emblem Club #299 Corner

Dear Elk Members

February is the love month, I hope you all have someone to love, be it a partner, children, pets, or yourself. We all need love. February is also Presidents Day and don't forget Superbowl!

This is the last full month I have in Office as president, let me tell you it has been an honor to serve. There have been challenges, losses and successes. Challenges are an opportunity, loss inevitable, success is when members come together for a common goal, and win! Last year we gave 4 scholarships to deserving young people going to or continuing college. The Fore the Kids golf Tournament yielded several thousand dollars to be given to children charities. The next Golf Tournament is set for October 14th, 2022. Dee Varela and Olivia Pompa will Co-Chair this event. Emblem collected canned food for Shepherds Pantry and donated baked goods to the Veterans Palo Verde Home.

In closing I would like to thank the West Covina Elk Lodge for all your help. It was a great year for coming together and helping each other. Good Luck for 2022, I wish only the best for all of you, and your families. Stay safe, wash your hands, wear your masks and always be nice to one another.

Emblem Love,  
Olivia Pompa



**AFTER 40 YEARS  
WEST COVINA ELKS RECYCLES  
WILL CEASE UNLESS A CHAIR-  
MAN CAN BE FOUND CONTACT  
CHUCK SAWYER**



**THIS IS IT!**

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING CRV BOTTLES,  
PLASTICS & CANS ONLY  
ONE LAST FINAL TIME.**

**SATURDAY MARCH 5TH**

**8:00 AM - NOON**

**PACK UP THOSE CRV BOTTLES,  
PLASTIC AND CANS**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK**

**CHUCK SAWYER**

**909-599-4890**

## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE FEBRUARY FRIDAY NIGHTS



*Menu*

&  
ENTERTAINMENT  
MARCH 2022



### March 4th Membership Price

#### Entertainment – Lance & Gary Show

Baby Back Ribs (1/2 Rack)	\$20.00
Salmon	\$20.00
Rotisserie Chicken	\$15.00
Chicken Salad	\$13.00

### March 11th

#### Entertainment – Lou Apadoca

T-Bone Steak	\$22.00
Salmon	\$20.00
Chicken Alfredo Fettuccini	\$15.00
Cob Salad	\$13.00

### March 18th

#### Entertainment – The British Invasion Band

Prime Rib	\$24.00
Mahi Mahi	\$20.00
Steak House Salad	\$17.00
Chicken Marsala	\$15.00

### March 25th

#### Entertainment – Bobby Z

New York Steak & Lobster	\$52.00
Lobster	\$35.00
New York Steak	\$25.00
Salmon	\$20.00
Chicken Asian Salad	\$13.00

**PRE-PAID DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE  
MADE BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE DINNER  
YOU WILL BE ATTENDING. DINNER RESERVATI-  
ONS CAN BE MADE FOR FUTURE DATES  
CONTACT THE LODGE OFFICE TUESDAY -  
FRIDAY 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM CALL (626)  
962-0113 FOR RESERVATIONS. THANK YOU**



**EARLYBIRD**  
**Membership Drive**  
**Saturday March 19th**  
**from 10:00 AM to 2:00**  
**PM at the Lodge Office**  
**this will be the final day**  
**for Earlybird Member-**  
**ship. (626) 962-0113**

WEST COVINA ELKS and Diane Gleason the Elks Social Media Network



**ELROY THE ELK**

Elroy the Elk reminds young kids that hugs are better than drugs

**ASK HOW YOU CAN JOIN  
 A NATIONWIDE FORCE FOR GOOD**



**Elks**  
 National  
 Foundation

Your job is not to judge.  
 Your job is not to figure  
 out if someone deserves  
 something. Your job is  
 to lift the fallen,  
 to restore the broken,  
 and to heal the hurting.

## *Special Thank You to the following Valentine's Dance Party Volunteers*

I want to personally Thank You for your time energy and decorating ideas. You guys were a pleasure to work with and I couldn't have asked for a better TEAM!! I've heard nothing but positive comments about this event. Thank you all for making this Valentines Dinner Dance one of the best ones we ever had. I could not have pulled it off without you!!!

Lastly, I wish to personally extend a heartfelt Thank You to Mr. William Garcia, better known as "Willie G", who graciously agreed to make a Surprise Special Guest Appearance and sing a few songs with The ACE Band. What a special treat that was, it truly was a night to Remember!

**Pat Best**

**Angie Varela**

**George Alcala**

**Janette Garcia**

**Cece Martinez**

**Maria Ortega**

**Angel Vasquez**

**Vince MaCauley**

**Nancy Lucero**

**Alicia Gonzales**

**Webelos Pack 433**

**Den Chief Troop 433**

**Don Best**

**Tony Varela**

**Ceci Avila**

**Steve Sesanto**

**Ida Lancaster**

**Eva Macias**

**Joe Chavez**

**Danny Aguilar**

**Alice Diaz**

**Anna Maria Burbano**

**Girl Scouts Troop 10344**

**Partol Leader Troop 433**

**Sandie Sesanto**

**Saturday Night Entertainment Committee**



**Cauldron Band**

*You're Invited!*



**March 17, 2022 St. Patricks Day**



## PANCAKE CREW SCHEDULE



All Volunteers Always Welcomed. Come and give us a couple of hours of your time. Contact Vince: (626) 422-2812

## Christmas Community Fundraiser Letters

### Christmas Community fundraiser Story

A young mother was at Walmart shopping for groceries and some Christmas gifts for her children. Sadly she had to return the gifts in her cart as she was short in funds. Disappointed she purchased her groceries and went home. The next morning she drove to the local church to receive food for her family. The Elks also had a table setup. Through the driver's side we handed her a decorated model house, a sealed Envelope and wished her a Merry Christmas. Not more than 15 minutes and she returned. She quickly parked her vehicle, she was pretty emotional as she came over with tears and hugged all of us. She was very grateful and thanked us for the Walmart Christmas gift certificate. She says now she can return to Walmart and buy the Christmas gifts for her children.

### Christmas Community fundraiser Letter received:

On behalf of my grandson, I am sending a huge thank you to the members of your lodge for the \$200.00 Walmart Christmas gift certificate. My grandson's father died in late June. He found his dad collapsed in the living room. He called 911 to make the report. His older brother and him watched over his dad while in a coma for a few weeks just before removal of his breathing tube. Truly a trauma for my grandson that he is yet to recover from. Thank you for your gift that brought a smile to his face. Christmas will definitely be brighter thanks to the generosity of your members.



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## We Have Lodge Gift Cards



## Valentine's Dance 2/12/2022



### Willie G backed by the Ace Band



**Surprise Guest Appearance by no other than "Willie G", Original Singer of Thee Midnitters. A night to remember...**

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*March 2022 Elktivities*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lodge Office Open Tuesday - Friday 10AM - 5PM (626) 962-0113		1 Lounge Open 4 PM Pin & Awards Night Open to Members & Guest Dinner Available	2 Karaoke 6 PM Lounge Open 4 PM Food Available PER Mtg. 7:00 PM	3 LODGE CLOSED	4 Dine & Dance Lounge Open 4 PM Lance & Gary	5 Birthday Bash The Cauldron Band Bring Your Own Food
6	7 INVESTIGATIONS 7:00 PM	8 Lounge Open 4 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Bulletin Articles BALLOTING	9 Karaoke 6 PM Lounge Open 4 PM Food Available BOD Mtg. 7:00 PM	10 LODGE CLOSED	11 Dine & Dance Lounge Open 4 PM Lou Apodaca	12
13 Officers Deep Pit Pork-E-Q 2-6PM Flashback Cowboys	14 INDOCTRINATION 7:00 PM Emblem Mtg. 7P	15 Lounge Open 4 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	16 Karaoke 6 PM Lounge Open 4 PM Food Available	17 St. Patrick's Day Party 5-11 PM Cauldron Band	18 Dine & Dance Lounge Open 4 PM The British Invasion	19 Membership Card Drive 10:00 AM - 2:00PM Lodge Office
20	21	22 Lounge Open 4 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Initiation by Officers Elect Black Tux	23 Karaoke 6 PM Lounge Open 4 PM Food Available	24 LODGE CLOSED	25 Dine & Dance Lounge Open 4 PM Bobby Z	26
27	28 Emblem Social 7P	29 Installation of Officers Open to Members & Guest Dinner Available	30	31		Calendar Subject To Change. Check your email or westcovinaelks.org