

WEST COVINA LODGE No. 1996

ELKS



TRACKS

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

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE



LET'S SUPERBOWL
FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025

Bring your own food and snacks.



NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED.



Mr. Trivia...
Duane Hamilton as our MC

Doors open at 12
Game starts at 3:30PM

Get there early
and
grab your SEATS!!

\$15 - admission Fee - meal included
Kids under 5 yrs old FREE
Food served between 1-3 pm
200 taco plates ...first come first served

Those who purchased a square on the Superbowl opportunity board:

Admission is included
1 food plate with \$50 purchase
2 food plates with \$100 purchase
Pre-game Entertainment



For more information, please contact Trish 909-268-4137

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE PRESENTS

Elks
St. Patrick's
Celebration Dance

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

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



MENU

TRADITIONAL ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Ticket Price \$40



TICKETS GO ON SALE

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

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

In This Newsletter:

*Officers Deep Pit Pork-E-Q Tickets Go On Sale
Wednesday February 5th through the Lodge Office,
See Terry. For General Ticket Information Call
or Text (626) 324-5176. Flyer on Pg. 8

*Tickets for the St. Patricks Celebration Dance
go on Sale Saturday February 1st through Toast
online or with the Bartendar.

*Veterans Household Items Drive Flyer on Pg. 11

Save These Dates:

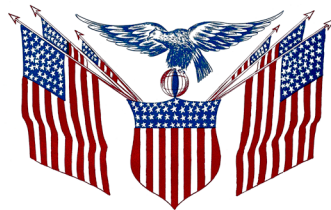
*Installation of Officers Tuesday, March 18th
*Inuagural Ball honoring the 2025-2026 Corps
of Officers on Saturday, March 29th.
*Service Pin & Awards Night, March 4th Info.
on Pg. 10



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

Committee Chairman 2024 - 2025

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Elks Memorial Wall & Tablet	Gale Warren	714-292-1017
Elks National Foundation	Robert Hollis-Brau PDDGER	909-622-9861
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Elks of the Year President 24-25	Terry Ortega	626-926-4501
Entertainment Friday & Saturday	Chris Guerrero	626-419-4083
Entertainment Co-Chair	Fernando Ramirez	562-287-9814
Family Fun Night	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Flag Day	Tony Cortez	626-483-3838
Funeral Service	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Golfing	Bill Schmko	626-862-6533
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Newsletter Elks Tracks	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
New Years Eve	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
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Scouting Boys/Girls	Christina Carter	626-646-3490
Sickness & Distress	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Super Bowl	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
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VAVS Deputy	Veronica Aslan	323-646-3317
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Youth Activities	Christina Carter	626-646-3490



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2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Michael Salazar	626-827-6700
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Loyal Knight	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
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LODGE TRUSTEES

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Tony Cortez	626-483-3838
Chaplain	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
Inner Guard	VACANT	
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,
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!
Welcome to the New Year and I hope you all had a very Merry and Joyous Holiday. We here at the West Covina Elks Lodge are thankful for our members, our family as we move forward into a new year of challenges and charitable deeds to enhance our communities and nation. December was packed with various activities and fun. Our ELK of The Year hosted another great Christmas tree Lane event that was successful and fun for all. There were 12 wonderful trees raffled off and we thank all the groups that sponsored these trees. We started the month off honoring the memory of our departed members by our Memorial Service Event chaired by our Chaplain, thank you Cece Avila. December gave our members a chance to enjoy the fellowship of one another through our activities, Tom & Jerry's, The Christmas Dinner and of course New Years Eve to top off the end of the year. I would like to thank our Loyal Knight Angel Vasquez for chairing this successful event where our Lodge had the Honor of hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler Doug Schiefer and his honored Guests, CHEA President Marty Mello, PGER Robert L. Duitsman and other State dignitaries. We also honored our KJ Don Navarette as his service to our members and lodge were recognized and greatly appreciated for the many years, he has provided a venue where we could come and sing and enjoy life, Thank you Don for all you have done. As we move forward into 2025 the time is approaching when we will be nominating and selecting the new Lodges Leaders, some will move up in the chairs and will add some new ones. I ask that you are contemplating taking an office that you do some homework into what is involved in being an officer of the Lodge. It is a commitment to preserving the traditions and operation of this Charitable Organization that serves not just us but our Community, Nation and those in need of our Benevolence. It involves work and time to keep this Lodge operating and to make sure all its programs are successful and in turn we are successful. Being an Officer is a choice to uphold and maintain the principles, statutes, rules and regulations of Our Order and of this Lodge. It requires working as a team and working together to get through the tuff decisions and standing by one another. I was blessed to have a great Corps of Officers, and they were open to learning the ways of our order and working well together. I hope that this continues. They had what all Elks should have, a passion to give back to the community, its members and the Lodge and sometimes put their own lives on brief hold to meet their commitments. So, I thank all my officers for their dedication and hard work. I also thank our members for all your support and hard work to make West Covina Lodge a place that shows everyone that "ELKS CARE and ELKS SHARE"!

Fraternally Yours,

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

Leading Knights Station

Hello Elks Family,
It has been a very busy last couple of months. I hope you have enjoyed yourselves. It's that time of year to prepare for the leadership changes within the lodge. Please come attend the meetings to nominate and vote for next year's leadership. I want to thank the volunteers. We have a lot of events scheduled this year that will need members to help out. If you wish to volunteer, please get in touch with the chairperson for that event. Also, please get in touch with Ceci Avila if you would like to volunteer to help serve food at our events. You will need a food handler's Certificate, which you can obtain online. Our volunteers are the backbone for all of the events. We urge them to continue the Elks' spirit and mission. **SUPERBOWL** is on February 9th. Look for the flyer in the newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact me. A great big thank you to our employees, Alex, Carlos and Brian. You are all doing a great job! Members, let us show our appreciation towards one another. Together, we can accomplish great things. Elks do come together when the tough times arise. Stay safe and healthy. See you at the lodge.

Trish Gonzalez
Esteemed Leading Knight

Loyal Knights Station

Greetings members and friends. Hoping that at the distribution of this article, you are all well and in the mist of fulfilling your New Year's Day resolution(s). I will begin with a final shout out, thanking all who assisted in making our New Year's Gala event memorable and successful, it's apparent, based on the positive feedback that we hosted a terrific event, thus, bringing in 2025 on a positive note. It's mind boggling to know that at the distribution of this article, this first month of the New Year is already history, a quiet reminder that time waits for no one, and perhaps to encourage us that we should reach into that bucket list and fulfill some of our own personal life's desires. And on that note, the end of our Elk's fraternal year is nearing its end. We likely will have a number of positions to be filled. I encourage and invite those of you who are desirous of taking the leap and becoming one of our core officers to do so. Yes, it is a commitment, with many challenges needing to be remedied, but also rewarding and gratifying knowing you played a pivotal role in the success in one of the nations oldest and largest fraternal organizations. I close wishing you all health, happiness, and friendship.

Respectfully,
Angel Vasquez
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knights Station

February is here, and although it may be the shortest month of the year, it is jam-packed with significant historical events. Beginning with Groundhog Day. A quirky tradition, we will know how many more weeks of winter are ahead. The Superbowl is next; the lodge will have the best Superbowl Party. Plenty of friends, food, and games. I hope you can make it. Valentines Dance. I hope you have your ticket because it's sold out! Presidents' Day will be celebrated on Feb. 17th. If you work, you get an extra day off! Very busy in February. Much to do with Pork a Que. This is an officer event, good food, great music and we are offering free Dance lessons. Many volunteer opportunities are available. Por a Que is March 9th, but planning is going on now, we want to have successful, fun and memorable event. The officers' fraternal year is almost over. We have had a great year with a great group of officers. I have been honored to work with all of you. I look forward to continuing to work with the officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. There are more opportunities to volunteer! Bingo is doing great, Maria, the Chairperson, is doing an outstanding job. Bingo needs Volunteers; you can walk the floor (burn calories), sell strips, and sell buy-in sheets. Bingo needs your help; please, if you can spare a few hours, we would greatly appreciate it. In closing, let me wish you a very happy year; God bless you and keep you all well.

Olivia Pompa
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



Antlers Corner

We hope this message finds you well and safe. In light of the recent events in Southern California, we want to share some uplifting news. Last month, the W.C. Antlers were recognized by

the West Covina School Board for their outstanding support to families during the holiday season. Our Antlers have returned to school and are back to their normal schedules, but you can look forward to seeing us in action again soon. We would like to extend a special thank you to all ELKS and our community partner, W.C. Beautiful, for their continued support.

Sincerely,

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



West Covina Elks Golfing

Greetings Fellow Elks.



February is the month of St. Valentine's Day and Love. Roses are Red, Violets are Blue. FORE!!! Is what we yell sometimes when we watched the golf ball as it FLEW!

The West Covina Elks Lodge Golf Club golfed at Sierra Lakes in January. We had a great time and so can YOU. Our February outing will be Monday Feb 10th at Cresta Verde Golf course in Corona. Tee time is 9:00 am. There is no cost to join. Simply reach out to us if you want to play.

Pay the Elks Golf Club the green fees at the course the day we golf and enjoy your round!

A posted handicap is not necessary to play or join but if you have a handicap, you will qualify to win money for 1st and 2nd place. If not, you will still be included with everyone else for closest to the pin on par 3's.

Added bonus -IF you don't have a handicap and want to establish one, no problem. We can help you get one at a discounted rate. We have golfers of all levels. Men and women, Elks Members and their friends are welcome. Come check it out!

For more information contact:
Bill „The Slicer“ Schimko at 626 862-6533.
This could be the solution to fulfill one of your 2025 New Years resolutions!

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

Louie Wagner
Linda Ruelas

Mando Santoyo
Mike Salazar



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

In MEMORIUM

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

NONE TO REPORT



WEST COVINA ELKS

EXALTED RULER

MICHAEL SALAZAR

PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES

ANGELICA VIRGEN

ELK OF THE MONTH FOR

JANUARY 2025

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

BINGO IS BACK!



B I N G O
Thursday Night

EVERY THURSDAY

Doors Open 4:00 PM

Start Time 6:00 PM

FRIENDS-FUN-PRIZES

PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ralph Gaither* 1956-57
 Hugh M. Bagley* 1957-58
 William T. Tanking* 1958-59
 Albert E. Lindbeck* 1959-60
 James R. Yost*, Jr. 1960-61
 James L. Morgan* 1961-62
 Harold Z. Dobbs* 1962-63
 Laurence R. Tillman* 1963-64
 Enrico (Hank) Salvo* 1964-65
 Thomas E. Curtis 1965-66
 Jack Cleveland* 1966-67
 J. Paul Studer* 1967-68
 Roy Williams, Jr.* 1968-69
 Raiden V. Peterson* 1969-70
 Donald M. Huff 1970-71
 Albert D. Davis* 1971-72
 Milo G. Summerhays* 1972-73
 Robert E. Carlson *1973-74
 H. Richard Harbert* 1974-75
 James J. Andert* 1975-76
 Anthony R. Mickols* 1976-77
 John Asmundson* 1977-78
 James E. Smith* 1978-79
 Larry Henderson* 1979-80
 Frank Rehor* 1980-81
 Carl Mou 1981-82
 Richard Marble* 1981-82
 Robert E. Gubrud 1982-83
 James Moseley* 1982-83
 Al Putman* 1983-84
 Dick Delauder *1983-84
 Manny Zamudio* 1984-85
 William Heller* 1984-85
 Art Willard* 1985-86
 Renee LaRose* 1986-87
 Fidel Nieto Jr.* 1986-87
 Charles Dalool* 1987-88, 2011-12
 Michael Sirchia 1987-88
 Walt Doran* 1988-89
 David La Sage* 1988-89
 Bob Hollis-Brau 1989-90
 Jerry Kober 1989-90
 Ernie Gilbert 1990-91
 Pat Shea* 1990-91
 Ron Conger* 1991-92
 Dave Southard* 1991-92
 Gary Holmes* 1992-93
 Roy Simes 1992-93
 Bob Schachner* 1993-94
 WM Ziegenbein *1993-94
 Rick Dana 1994-95
 Matt Jessup 1994-95
 Roy Long* 1995-96
 Tim LaMarca 1995-96
 Ed Lima* 1996-97
 Bernie Auld* 1997-98
 Benjamin L. Ortega 1998-99, 2012-13, 13-14
 Vern Campion* 1999-00
 George Lunsford *2000-01
 Phil Hawkins* 2001-02
 Don McMahon* 2002-03
 Scott Matthews 2003-04
 Ralph Garcia 2004-05
 Willie Koskela 2005-06
 Juan Diaz* 2006-07
 Lisa Ryken* 2007-08
 Patricia Gilliland 2008-09
 Michael J. Salazar, Jr. PER 2009-10-11, 18-19
 Judith Lumbreras 2014-15
 Mario Arellano* 2016-2017
 Dana Williams 2015-16, 17-18, 19- 20
 Sandra Mendoza* 2018-19
 William Salinas 2020-2021
 Dannie Parker 2021-2022, 23-24
 Vivian Salinas 2022-2023

By Affiliation: Judge Al Miller*, Orville Miller,
 Robert Cortez*, Joe Lozier, Frank Berry PER,
 Jess Nelms, Charles Lein
 (*Deceased)

Propositions For Membership / Affiliation / Transfers Demits / Reinstatements / Life Membership

APPLICANT	PROPOSER
Fred Martinez	Ed Zubiate
Christine Tina Herald	Gale Warren
Rosie M. Acosta	Esther Sapien
Elizabeth Munoz	Gloria White
TRANSFER REQUEST	
William F Fox from Alhambra-San Gabriel #1328 to West Covina #1996	

Sickness and Distress

Joanne Santoyo's nephew has Lymphoma.
Edie Askew's daughter called. Edie is in a home in Glendora, CA. She is accepting calls and visitors. She is doing well, her memory is not that good. You may call the Lodge Office for information.
Lucy Ibarra and Alex Ibarra-Lindsey's mother passed away. Prayers requested.
Coach Dave Loera is at home now. His wife is in a rehab facility.
Allen Mendez's mother passed away. Celebration of Life service on February 2nd at Whittier Elks Lodge. Prayers for the family.
Adam Trevino's son had an accident and is being treated and slowly recovering

Please report any sickness & distress to the Lodge Office (626) 962-0113
 Keep the above members and their families in your prayers.

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



Positive energy helps new Officers get settled

Happy birthday to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks! On February 16, we celebrate 157 years of our great organization. On a personal note, my birthday is February 14. I wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day, especially my beautiful and amazing wife, Julia. This month is extremely important for Elkdom. First, new Officer elections should be held at your last monthly meeting. Second, you need to make sure those who are nominated and elected for the new Lodge year will be supported.

The new Officers must be encouraged by others. Everyone should be dedicated to making the Lodge an active and effective Lodge internally and externally in the community.

It would be a good time for the current Exalted Ruler to recognize any Member who sponsored or reinstated three Members by awarding them with the Grand Exalted Ruler pin. Please check out the activities program supported by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee on other awards that Exalted Rulers can submit. It's time to recognize and encourage those who have shown a great deal of effort and dedication to what we do as Elks.

February is an important month for Past Exalted Rulers to perform the ritual during their Lodges' Past Exalted Rulers Night. PERs deserve to be thanked for all they have done and for what they continue to do for your Lodge.

The Contest 'A' - All American Lodge Contest certification forms are due soon, so it's a good time to get prepared to show the efforts you have made during the last year. It takes teamwork to achieve this very prestigious award. Honestly, most Lodges would qualify but don't fill out the form properly. It is important to score your efforts on the form provided. It's a great way for your Lodge to keep track of what you need to be doing. If you need assistance, contact your local area Fraternal Committee member. There are three winners named in each of the six membership divisions. Why not take the time to plan now and submit your form before the deadline. Be sure to include supporting documentation.

You deserve to be recognized. Continue to demonstrate "Elks Care—Elks Share" and show "Elkdom's Heart For America." God bless our great Order and our troops, and God bless America.

WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS
Steak & Lobster Night
Friday, February 28, 2025
Bobby Z
7PM TO 10PM



 **DINNER SERVING TIME**
5PM TO 7:30PM

All Pre-Paid Food Reservations Need To Be In
by Wednesday, February 27, 2025 by 10:00 PM

Veterans Column

Greeting Veterans and Elk Brothers and Sisters. Hoping you are well and the first few weeks of the new year have been in your favor. We are reaching out to our members to contribute to our 'Veterans Assistance Needed' activity. Please see the flyer (included in this issue), depicting the household items and goods we are collecting for distribution to our veterans. The items are distributed by AMVETS to recently or newly housed veterans. It's also a great opportunity to donate essential, no longer used household decorative items, clothing, kitchen utensils, etc. to those in need. Items will be collected on February 7, 8th, from 10am to 2pm. at our Lodge. Your participation is crucial for a successful event. Contact me, Angel Vasquez (909-210-3707) with collection questions or concerns. Thanks in advance to all for your continued support of our veterans.

Angel Vasquez
 Veterans Committee



Gene Chavez	1
Richard L. Green	1
Sergio Flores	2
Candace Leuthold	2
Edward Maiuri	2
Dwayne L. Koskela	3
Nancy Rodriguez	3
Amador Santoyo	3
Frank Cannon	4
Lynda D. Padilla	4
Jonathan Romero	4
Maria Elena Ramos	5
William Lujan Sr.	7
Rudy Melendez Jr.	7
Nora A. Serrano	7
Will Valdez	7
Carlos Herrera	8
James D. Salazar	8
Steven Martin	9
Angie Varela	9
Melba Aranda	10
Rafael Beltran	11
Leandra Gomez	11
Benjamin L. Ortega, PDDGER	11
John Petrov	14
Joe De La Fuente	17
John A. Gomez	17
Christina Carter	18
Robert A. Alba	19
Robert Duran	20
Dale S. Falicon	21
Wanda Horton	22
Larry R. Snow	22
Phillip Hernandez	23
Linn E. Rickerd	23
Vicky Estrada Salazar	23
Frank A. Beltran	24
Robert Castaneda	24
Armando L. Gomez	24
Jeffrey Stafford	25
Hubert S. Bigger Jr.	26
Martha De La Bretoniere	26
Cynthia Jimenez-Alday	27
Jonathan Carmona	28

West Covina Antlers In Action

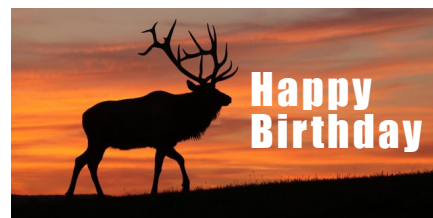
WEST COVINA USD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER



"I lost my job this year. I'm very thankful for being able to provide a meal to my family"



"I'm a single parent caring for a special needs child. It's been difficult this year. This meal is a blessing."



February Weekend Entertainment Schedule

West Covina Elks Presents

Saturday Night Elks Birthday Bash

Saturday, February 1, 2025

7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

Performance By

EDDIE AND THE GENTS

Bring In Your Own Food Night
First Come, First Sitting
Doors Open @ 5:00 PM

\$10 Cover Charge For Nonmembers

**WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025**



Soul Impressions

7 PM to 11 PM

DINNER SERVED 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

TO ORDER ON LINE GOOGLE
WEST COVIA ELKS TOAST



\$10 COVER CHARGE FOR NON-MEMBERS

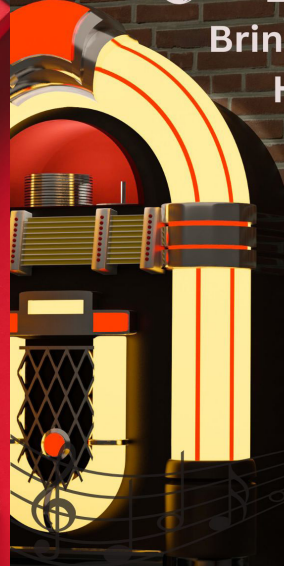
**West Covina Elks Lodge Presents
Friday, February 7, 2025**



Jukebox Night

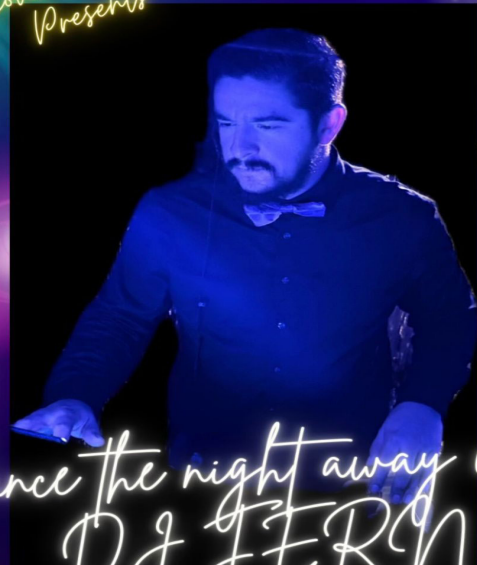
Lounge is Open @ 4 PM

**Bring in your own Food Night
Happy Hour All Night!**



**No Cover charge for Nonmembers. Nonmembers
need to be sponsored by an Elk Member**

*West Covina Elks Lodge
Presents*



*Dance the night away with
DJ FERN*

**FEBRUARY 21, 2025 | 7 PM-11 PM |
DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM**

\$10 COVER CHARGE TO NON MEMBERS

BRING IN YOUR OWN FOOD

Happy New Year from the Recycle Committee!



Since starting our recycle project a little over a year ago, we've raised close to \$3000.00!! This money has gone towards the general fund, recycle containers, rollers for both recycle and trash containers and our new, soon to be purchased, banquet chairs.

Thank you for your donations and continued efforts towards this important project.

Your Recycle Team,

Carlos, Sandy, Mando, Joanne, Louie, Trish, George Mack, George Alcala



February Duty Officers Friday & Saturday

February 1	George Alcala
February 7 & 8	Olivia Pompa - Carlos Duarte
February 14 & 15	Veronica Aslan - Armador Santoyo
February 21 & 22	Terry Ortega - Louie Wagner
February 28	Charlene Rasmussen



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 February 22nd
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

Thank you!

**Carlos & Sandy Duarte
(909)702-2855**



Officers Deep Pit Pork-E-Que

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



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

**MARCH 9, 2025 1 PM - 6PM
DOORS OPEN AT 12 FOR LINE DANCE LESSONS
\$25 PER PERSON**

INCLUDES DEEP PIT ROASTED PORK.

COLESLAW. POTATO SALAD.

RANCH STYLE BEANS, CORN AND A DINNER ROLL

SERVED BETWEEN 2 TO 3:30 PM

THE EMBLEMS WILL HAVE DESSERT FOR SALE

**ENTERTAINMENT BY WHISKEY HAYRIDE
AND DJ CEASAR**

PRE-PAID TICKETS SOLD BY TERRY AND BEN ORTEGA

NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

LIQUOR WHEEL BARREL RAFFLE AND 50/50



West Covina Elks Lodge
NO FRILLS MONDAY
 February 17, 2025



Dinner Plate

2 Hard Shell Tacos, Rice,
 Beans, and Dessert



Only \$12

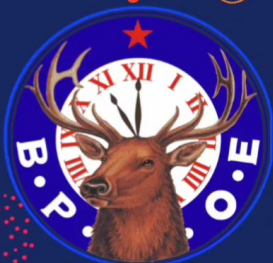
Doors Open at 4:00 PM
 Dinner Served at 5:30 PM

Hosted by: The Emblems

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WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE
FEBRUARY FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS



Menu



&
ENTERTAINMENT

9.5% TAX INCLUDED

FRIDAYS SERVE TIME 5 - 7 PM
 SATURDAY SERVE TIME 6 - 7 PM

**ALL DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE ORDERED
 ONLINE OR IN PERSON BY WEDNESDAY BY 11:59 PM**

Order Online through the QR scan code below
 Saturday, February 1st - Eddie & the Gents
 Friday, February 7th - Juke Box Night

***Saturday, February 15th - Soul Impressions /**

Dinner Served

Friday, February 21st - DJ Fern

***Friday February 28th - BOBBY Z Steak & Lobster**

ALL DATES ARE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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

**TO ORDER
 SCAN THIS
 CODE**



ELKS

To Our Absent Members

Eleven O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "To our absent members."

May they never be forgotten.

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

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

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

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

5 YEARS

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

10 YEARS

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

10 YEARS (Cont.)

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

15 YEARS

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

15 YEARS (Cont.)

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

20 YEARS

Gil J. Fernandez
Vince McCauley
Anthony Nobili

25 YEARS

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

30 YEARS

Richard L. Green
Fred Hermosillo

35 YEARS

William G. Koskela #5699

40 YEARS

Irwin Fine

45 YEARS

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

50 YEARS

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

60 YEARS

Ronald J. Henderson
John R. Kemp

70 YEARS

Donovan R. Tschider

DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

COA Awareness Week reaches vulnerable children

By WILLIAM J. BRYAN

National Director

The shortest month of the year has many days to remember. Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, Groundhog Day, and Black History Month occur in February each year—as does the BPOE's birthday. In many years, Mardi Gras and Lunar New Year are commemorated during this month as well.

One lesser-known observance during February is Children of Alcoholics Awareness Week, which is taking place from February 9-15, 2025. This campaign shines a light on the often-overlooked challenges faced by kids growing up with a parent struggling with alcohol addiction. It's a time to raise awareness, offer support, and remind these children that they're not alone. The week promotes understanding, encourages healing, and



connects families with resources to break the cycle of addiction and build healthier futures. If you want more information, contact your State Chair.

In the Drug Awareness Program, the month of February is a time where we can reflect upon the year and begin to plan for the coming year. Lodges can be proud of what they have accomplished, but also must be vigilant because our work is never done. Our contests will be ending in a month, so now is the time to ask yourselves: did we participate this year? If you didn't, why not? The essay contest, video contests, and poster contests are simple and fun, and are a great way to show your community that you care. If in doubt as to what to do, simply contact your State Chair.

The DAP's Speaking Tour has reached a record number of schools and students.

Lodges may want to consider having virtual presentations instead of in-person presentations. Virtual engagements allow Lodges to reach schools at absolutely no cost and relatively little work for them. Again, the best resource for you is your State Chair. Reach out to them for more information if you'd like to have one of our talented speakers come to your community.



George Washington, who we celebrate this month, said: "A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?" That holds true to the work and accomplishments of the Elks Drug Awareness Program.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Household Items Needed

- Small Appliances
- Clothes & Shoes
(Men, Women and Children)
- Jackets & Blankets
- Wall Decorations
- Kitchen Utensils
- Hygiene Items
- Misc. Home Items, etc

Drop Off/Collection-WC Elks Lodge
Feb 7 & 8, 10am-2pm
Contact Angel (909) 210-3707
Veterans Committee Chairman

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

West Covina Lodge Dress Code

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



THANK YOU
For your service and bravery!

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Veteran patients appreciate the love in February

By Mary K. Morgan
 Commission Director

It's February and that means VA's National Salute to Veteran Patients Week is here!

The annual VA National Salute to Veteran Patients program began in 1978 when VA took over sponsorship of a program started a few years earlier by the humanitarian organization, No Greater Love, Inc.

The program has grown since. Today, Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) staff at the VA administer local events and activities to honor hospitalized and outpatient veterans.

The National Salute to Veteran Patients Week is observed annually during the week of Valentine's Day, a day of caring and sharing, which mirrors the Salute's expression of honor and appreciation.

February can be a difficult time for those who are hospitalized or living away from family. The holidays are over, the weather can be rough, and volunteer levels tend to be lower than other times of the year. This makes it a great time for representatives to plan extra activities, for Lodge Members to volunteer, and for Elks and their families to help out at VA and other veterans' facilities.

There are plenty of ways to celebrate! Last year, Alaska State Veterans Chair Joel Hembach passed out hot chocolate and Valentine's cards at the Anchorage VA Clinic. Representative Bill Curlin hosted two February Bingo nights at the Connecticut Veterans Home. Representative John Phelan took veterans from the Hot Springs VA Medical Center to lunch and a visit to the Crazy Horse Memorial.

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February 2025 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Get your password online at: www.elks.org/register</p> <p>Elks news, features, and reports.</p> <p>Works on all mobile platforms including smartphones and tablets.</p>				 <p>Community • Friendship • Charity join.elks.org</p>		<p>1 Lounge Open 5:00PM Bring your own Food! Eddie & the Gents</p>
<p>2 Lodge Closed</p>	<p>3 Monday Night No Frills Meal Doors Open 4:00PM Food Available INTERVIEWS</p>	<p>4 Lounge Open 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM Officers 1st Nominations</p>	<p>5 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available PERMtg 7:00PM</p>	<p>6 Lounge Open 5:00PM Thirsty Thursdays BINGO Doors Open 4:00 PM</p>	<p>7 Lounge Open 4:00PM Bring your own Food! Juke Box Night</p>	<p>8 Valentines Dance Closed Event Ticket Holders Only</p>
<p>9 Superbowl Sunday</p> 	<p>10 Lounge Closed Emblem Meeting 7:00PM</p>	<p>11 Lounge Open 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM Officers 2nd Nominations BALLOTING</p>	<p>12 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available BOD Mtg. 6:30P</p>	<p>13 Lounge Open 5:00PM Thirsty Thursdays BINGO Doors Open 4:00 PM</p>	<p>14 Lodge Closed Lease Out</p>	<p>15 Lounge Open 5:00PM Bring your own Food! Soul Impressions</p>
<p>16 Lodge Closed</p>	<p>17 Monday Night No Frills Meal Doors Open 4:00PM Food Available OREINTATION</p>	<p>18 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM Officers Elections</p>	<p>19 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available</p>	<p>20 Lounge Open 5:00PM Thirsty Thursdays BINGO Doors Open 4:00 PM</p>	<p>21 Lounge Open 4:00PM Bring your own Food! DJ FERN</p>	<p>22 Hall & Lounge Lease Out Lodge Closed Bottle, Cans, Plastics Recycle 8AM - 12</p>
<p>23 Lodge Closed</p>	<p>24 Lodge Closed</p>	<p>25 Lounge Open 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM INITIATION PER NIGHT</p>	<p>26 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available</p>	<p>27 Lounge Open 5:00PM Thirsty Thursdays BINGO Doors Open 4:00 PM</p>	<p>28 Lounge Open 4:00PM Steak & Lobster Bobby Z</p>	