

Elks



Tracks

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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



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West Covina B.P.O. Elks

Lodge No. 1996

Cordially invites you and your guest to attend

The official visitation of our
San Gabriel Valley District
California-Hawaii Elks Association

Vice President

Dorothy McCain

Tuesday May 23rd, 2023

No-Host Cocktails – 5 pm

Dinner – 6 pm

New York Tenderloin Steak or Honey Garlic Chicken

OPEN MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER

Donations - \$25.00 per person

Pre-purchase Dinner Reservations Only
In Advance Contact the Lodge Office

Chairman

Ben Ortega, PDDGER
(626) 926-4046

RSVP by May 19th, 2023
(626) 962-0113

Exalted Ruler
Dannie Parker, PER

WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS

CINCO -DE MAYO-

5TH MAY *Bobby Z Band* **\$40 ENTRY**

Limited Tickets Still On Sale
Contact Alex 626-338-2119



SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY JUNE 13TH
ANNUAL FLAG DAY
CEREMONY
MORE INFORMATION
ON PAGE 11



Proposed By-Law
Changes on Page
10. Discussion and
vote to be held
Tuesday, May 16th

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

Committee Chairman 2023 - 2024

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Crab Crack	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
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Elks National Foundation	Robert Hollis-Brau PDDGER	909-622-9861
Elks Memorial Service	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Entertainment Friday & Saturday	George Aguilar	626-233-8453
CO-Chairperson	Alex Lindsay	626-478-4351
Family Fun Night	Christina Carter	626-646-3490
Flag Day	Ceci Avila	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
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Mail Out	Chuck Dalool, PDDGER	626-332-6945
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Major Project 50/50	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Mediator	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Membership/Lapsation	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
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Scouting Boys/Girls	Anthony Reymann	626-827-8102
Sickness & Distress	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
Super Bowl	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Veterans	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
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VAVS Deputy	Veronica Aslan	323-646-3317
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2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Danne Parker	818-371-5232
Leading Knight	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
Loyal Knight	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Lecturing Knight	Christina Carter	626-646-3490
Treasurer	Veronica Aslan	323-646-3317
Secretary	Dee Varela	626-705-2763

LODGE TRUSTEES

1st Year	George Alcala	626-472-3485
2nd Year	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
3rd Year	Lou Aguilar	626-404-4999
4th Year	Sandie Sesanto	626-675-6565
5th year	Gerardo Pompa	626-674-7364

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Jill Murphy	626-330-0669
Chaplain	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Inner Guard	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
Organist	VACANT	
Tiler	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485

2022-2023 HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year -----Terry Ortega

Tall Elk -----Grace Capp

Officer of the Year ---Veronica Aslan

Citizen of the Year ---Carmen Gabaldon

Spirit of Elkdom - George Alcala, Trish Gonzalez

Carlos & Angelica Virgen, Gerardo Pompa,





Greetings to all of our Elk brothers and sisters. We have had a great start to this year. PER Vivian Salinas and her team of volunteers did a great job with the Inaugural Ball. It was a great party and fun for all who attended. We are looking forward to the Cinco de Mayo event. We have a great pre Mother's Day brunch planned for the Sunday before Mother's Day. This will allow us to celebrate Mother's Day at the lodge and still celebrate Mother's Day's with our families. Please remember my members we have great food and entertainment on Friday nights. Please join us as would love to see you and need your support. With our great core of officers and our members working together we will have a wonderful year.

Thank you God bless

Dan Parker PER
Exalted Ruler
2023-2024
West Covina Elks 1996



Leading Knights Station

Greetings to all the members at West Covina Elks Lodge 1996.

The year 2023-2024 is up and running. The previous BOD has done a great job implementing many new activities at the lodge. Monday night football, no frills Mondays, Karaoke Wednesdays with great food, taco Thursday once a month and our fabulous meals on Fridays. Don't forget we also have great bands on Saturdays for monthly birthday bashes.

The month of May will continue the lodges busy schedule. Please check your monthly newsletter or your e-mail for any changes or updates. A big thanks to Ben Ortega coordinating and sending out the newsletter.

Members have brought some issues concerning the purchase of tickets for events to the BOD this month. The BOD has listened to our members, and we are currently in the process of putting together some rules for tickets purchases soon.

We have had a large increase in new membership and recruiting is headed in the right direction. Remember sponsors, it is your job to inform the new members of the rules and regulations of the lodge and organization. Sponsors, please take the extra time to explain the fabulous volunteer work this lodge does.

We have a great core of volunteers, but we are always in search of new volunteers to assist in the many events. This is a great way to meet other Elks and make an impact at our lodge.

PURPLE PIGS are available in the office for members. Fill the piggy bank and get them back to continue the great charity work this organization does in the community.

In closing, please remember to check in on your fellow Elks members that may be fighting an illness, or you have not seen at the lodge in a few months. A phone call or a visit may be what the doctor ordered to assist them in recovery.

Fraternally,

Joe Chavez
Esteemed Leading Knight

Loyal Knights Station

Happy May and welcome summer!! Now that the cold months are behind us, I can look back and say what a successful last few months we had. It's great to see membership grow. There is no better time to invite friends and family to join the Elks.

Have you heard about No Frills Monday? The weekly event is very successful. Come on down to the lodge and enjoy a meal with family and friends. The cost is \$8 per plate, this includes dessert. This is an excellent opportunity to support your Elks family who extend a helping hand when needed. We need to fill our June menu. Don't be surprised if I ask you to cook! Don't be shy, we are here to help. Tuesday night is meeting night.

If you haven't been here in a while, what's keeping you? Get all of the new and current information first hand. This is a great way to support our Lodge. Wednesday Night Karaoke is a lot of fun. Not a singer?

Come and enjoy the music. We miss you on Friday Nights. Our 2 chefs, Jesse and Tony, are excellent cooks!! Be sure to check out the monthly menu for all of the weekly events.

Have a great month, and let me know how I can help.

Trish Gonzalez
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knights Station

Spring is on its way. Hoping everyone is in the best of health. Thank you, everyone for attending our meetings on Tuesdays. It's wonderful to see our new members in attendance.

So many great events for this coming up they are; May 5 we have Cinco de Mayo, May 7 we have Mother's Day brunch, May 30 family fun night Hope to see everyone there.

Coming soon Bingo night will be returning on Thursday evenings, which will be announced as soon as we get everything in order..

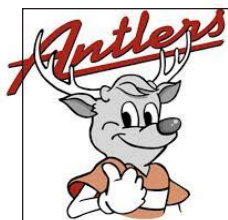
We also have taco Thursday, which the menu will be announce, every Wednesday we have karaoke, and every Friday we have our dinner and entertainment evenings.

We appreciate all the volunteers who come out and help us out, and all our great events and activities that we have at the Lodge. Meeting new friends and socializing is a key of having great fun and hoping to bring in more new members into our Lodge.

There are so many challenges in the community of West Covina by participating as a volunteer West Covina lodge 1996, there are pancake breakfast for students, also dictionary programs, golf, tournaments, Hoop Shoot and so many more youth activities.

We as Elks can make a difference and I am proud to be part of the West Covina lodge 1996, looking forward to seeing everyone at all our activities and events and dinners. This is brother in Love God Bless

Christina Carter
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



PROGRAM NEWS CORNER

A big Thank you to all Elks members for officially recognizing our Antler program. This month we await a response from the Grand Lodge on our official charter. We are excited for the future of this program and look forward to upcoming events.

For more information please contact us.

Carlos and Angelica Virgen
cavirgen@charter.net
626-780-5712



Members we are proud to announce that we are bringing Bingo back to West Covina Elks Lodge. All proceeds from Bingo are for charity purposes and help fund our Major Project (Purple Pig), Elks National Foundation (ENF), Veterans Programs and Community youth programs and more. You can help make a difference in the lives of many children that require physical therapy and address various needs in our community.

We need you! Join the Bingo Team!

Contact: Maria Ortega
626-806-7003
Call or text message
meortega2282@gmail.com

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

Wanda Horton
Maria Figueroa
Margarito Vega
Victoria Zadian

Lalo Rios
Monday Night Football
Lestor Leufroy
Christina Carter

We thank all our recurring donors.



In MEMORIUM

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

None To Report



WEST COVINA ELKS
EXALTED RULER
DANNIE PARKER
PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES
TERRY ORTEGA
ELK OF THE MONTH FOR
APRIL 2023

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Scheduling Not Available at
Time of Printing

CONTACT
Vince Mcauley,
(626) 422-2812



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
 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



Phyllis Williams
 Christine Mead
 Gaby Arguedas
 Daniel Ross Sr.
 Paula Torres
 Yvonne Castano
 Susan Salazar
 Belen Macias
 Lisa Nunez
 Isabel Alcaraz Cordova
 Gema Quinn

PROPOSER

Alex Lindsay
 Robert Loza
 Sandra Lara
 Alex Lindsey
 Edward Fierro III
 Kelli Ishikawa
 Linda Ruelas
 Sandi Sesanto
 Sandi Sesanto
 Sandra Lara
 Shirley Parker

Sickness and Distress

Ron Torres fell and fractured his rib. His heart surgery was delayed but will have the surgery this week.
 Patrick Rojas had back surgery. He is in some pain but feeling better.
 Jim Salazar had a mild heart attack. He is also doing better.
 Alfonso Ortega is in good spirits, will be taking some time to be with his family.
 Willie Koskela is now attending Lodge meetings. Doing a little better.

MESSAGES FROM THE G&R

May holidays salute moms, service members

The winter months are well behind us now. It is time for us to focus on our Elks spring and summer activities.

May has many events that we as Elks are proud to recognize and participate in. Let's start with Mother's Day, which this year falls on Sunday, May 14. Thank you to each Lodge that has a Mother's Day celebration. You may want to consider assembling a committee and starting an event if your Lodge has never had one. Mother's Day is a very special day to spend not only with your mother but your grandmother, your great-grandmother, sister, or your aunt. Take a moment to call your relatives, and send flowers or candy. Make them feel as special as they are. Happy Mother's Day!

During the month of May, we celebrate Armed Forces Day, which will occur on Saturday, May 20. This is a day for all of us to say thank you to all of the men and women in all branches of service in the military. Each of these individuals are the ones who have taken time to defend this great country of ours and protect the liberties we enjoy today. What a better way for our Lodges to recognize Armed Forces Day and show them Elks Care about their service to our country.

May is also when we remember our departed service members on Memorial Day. This year Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 29. There are so many ways that we as Elks can take the time to reflect on our departed service members. You can place flags at the graves of deceased military veterans. Participate in or host a Memorial Day parade. Please take part in this very important way to honor the deceased veterans in your community. I remember the day when my community opened our first veterans park. It was during a Memorial Day ceremony. There was nothing more heart wrenching to see all the names of the people who served our country with distinction.

Each year, I proudly walk with veterans in our local Memorial Day parade. It makes you proud to be an Elk knowing that you stand behind our pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" and we never will. Take the time to hold some type of ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the veterans who fought so hard to enjoy the freedoms all of us enjoy today. There is no better way we as Elks can continue "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to remember our veterans.

Helen and I would like to say thank you for all that you do during the month of May, and for the very special events that are so important to us as Elks. God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.



WEST COVINA ELKS MEMBERS IN ACTION AT EL MONTE VETERANS VILLAGE



Carol Lynn Avila	1
Andrew Herrera	1
Michael J Barrios	2
Sal Solis Jr.	2
David L Stevens	2
Rebecca Duenas	3
Arturo Martinez	3
Nancy Lucero	4
Gerardo McCartan Jr.	4
Leon D Borden	5
Peter R Ramirez	6
Ronald D Murphy	7
Connie Emanuel	8
Conrad A Apodaca	11
Lester j Leufroy	11
Angelica Virgen	11
Norman Gilkey	12
Melvin M Keck	13
Colette C Lewis	13
Richard Reyes	13
Nicholas D Saldarriaga	13
Michael Touhey	13
Margaret Lori Del Rio	14
Michael Flowers	15
MaryLou Mora	15
Birger Stenoy	15
Gregory Metoyer	18
Joanne M Santoyo	18
Michael Centro	19
Christopher Hawkes	19
Martha A Saucedo	20
Edmund J Frias	21
Ronald A Brockman	22
Dennis K Ito	22
Michael V Herrera	23
Armida Manzo-Ramirez	24
Vivian Salinas	24
Ivan Marburger	25
Tony Preciado	25
Theodore Stewart	25
Linda Louise Abeyta	27
Christopher McDermott	27
Cecilia Arteaga	28
Philip D Hawkins	28
Charles V Lepins	28
Jesus B Alcares	29
Betty L Fowler-Lopez	29
Dave Pantaleo	30

Members and freinds, the note on left was given to us by one of the veteran residents at the El Monte Veterans Village apartments at our last evnt held on March 14th. Mr. Jamesin is a mute and cannot speak however he found the time to bring us down a note showing his appreciation and gratitude for the lunch/dinner that we served to the 40 veteran residents.

We will be planning a Memorial Day event at the apartment complex. We will start off with a Memorial service at the start and hamburger and hot dog BBQ after and socializing with the veteran residents. I will be reaching out to the membership for volunteers and for donations for this event. More information coming soon.

If you are interested in this or any future events please call or text me at (626) 926-4046 or email me at: garfieldbulldog@gmail.com

Ben Ortega, PDDGER
VAVS Representative

Veronica Aslan
VAVS Deputy



West Covina Elks PRE-FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY JUNE 11TH

DOORS OPEN 1PM
SOCIAL HOUR 1-2PM
DINNER SERVE
2-3:30 PM

DJ DANA 1PM
SUAVE 3:30 - 7:30PM
NO TICKETS WILL BE
SOLD AT THE DOOR

Tickets On Sale
6:00 PM May 1st

Includes Chicken &
Ribs Dinner

BBQ PARTY & BUFFET

SUNDAY SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY

JUNE
11

SUAVE

DJ DANA

TICKETS
\$30

INCLUDES BUFFET 2-3:30PM

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

For Ticket information call Ben Ortega at
(626) 324-5176 no refunds or exchanges
www.westcovinaelks.org

West Covina Elks Lodge Presents

06
MAY

BIRTHDAY BASH

SAT. 7 PM to 11 PM

Doors Open @ 6 PM

SPECIAL GUESTS

YESTERDAYS DREAM

Bring in your own Food

Non - Member with sponsor \$10

Reservations please call Alex 626-338 -2119

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

FLAG DAY

June 13, 2023

Cocktails at 5:30 PM
Dinner from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM
Ritual at 7:00 PM
Dinner Tickets \$10.00 each

Fried Chicken, Potato Salad,
Corn, and Dessert

Prepaid Dinner Reservations ONLY. Contact the Lodge
Office by 4:30 pm on June 9, 2023 at (626) 962-0113

NO FRILLS MONDAY



MAY MENU

THE COST PER PLATE IS \$8.
SERVING TIME IS 5:30 - 7PM
OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT.
INCLUDES DESSERT!
DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM

Bon
Appetit!

May 1st- Hosted by La Ramada

LET'S GET BAKED! - Baked Potato Bar with all the fixin's

May 8th - Bar Closed ... SEE YOU NEXT WEEK

May 15th - Hosted By The Chick Clique

TRIPLE THREAT COMBO - 2 Taquitos, 1 enchilada,
1 beef and potato taco, rice and beans

May 22nd - Hosted By Group One

I WANT MY BABY BACK RIBS - Baby back ribs, mashed
potatoes, beans and cole slaw

May 29th -
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK

CLOSED FOR
MEMORIAL DAY

ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT

2023-2024

DOROTHY MCCAIN BIOGRAPHY



Dorothy is a native California and both Dorothy and her mother were born in Los Angeles, which is a little unusual. Dorothy lived in Los Angeles until 3 years ago when she moved to Azusa to be closer to her brother and sister and their families. She has 2 sisters and a brother. Dorothy also has two nephews and one niece and many great nephews and nieces. Her niece in Utah has a two-year little girl and a 21-year boy. She has the oldest and youngest of the greats.

Dorothy joined Arcadia Elks Lodge 2025 on December 16, 2008. Dorothy was Esquire to the DD for 2022-23 as well a District Major Projects Chair. During her time in the Elks, she was Exalted Ruler 2019-20, at least two times in all the Chairs as well as Inner Guard. She was also the 2021-22 District Chair for BLT. In addition to her elected positions,

Dorothy has worked on many committees including Scholarship, which is her favorite, and Drug Awareness.

Traveling is one of Dorothy's favorite things. She has been on at least 15 cruises as well as 4 river cruises with a fifth river cruise planned in June. The cruises have been around North America as well as two in the Mediterranean and one in the Douro Valley of Portugal. The Douro Valley is the only place that Port wine can be made and called Port wine. This cruise fit in nicely with Dorothy's interest in wine tasting. She has visited the Temecula Valley and Santa Ynez Valley many, many times to taste their wine and was filmed talking to Fess Parker for an episode of „Life Styles of the Rich and Famous (she doesn't believe her part ever appeared).

2023-24 is going to be a GREAT year and working together we can make it a very productive and fun time in the San Gabriel Valley District.

INCREASE IN RV SITE RENTAL FEES

During its meeting of April 12, 2023, the Lodge's Board of Directors approved a \$5 increase for the rental of RV sites. Effective June 1, 2023, the new rates will be \$25 for West Covina Members and Associate Members, and \$30 for all other Elks.

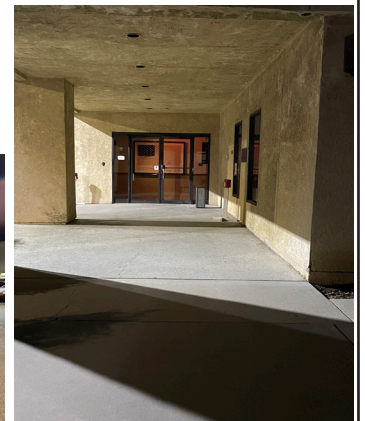
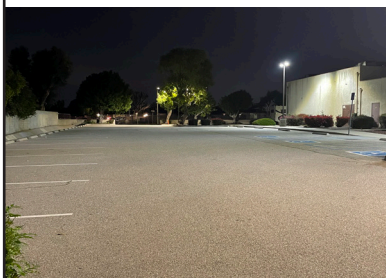
Board Of Directors

PARKING LOT LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT COMPLETED

West Covina ELKS #1996 is now illuminated to better serve our membership and patrons of our lodge. Installation thanks to Michael Luna (Michael Lawrence electric) and his team for installation. Here are before and after photos of our parking lot. I'd like to point out the last photo (img_7425) as it shows how illuminated the main entrance is without downlights. Once downlights are on this area will be well lit.

Regards,

David M Delgado
Applications & Certifications Manager



Emblem Club #299 Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
If you missed our March Social, you missed a really good time. We had a pot luck and you know how good our pot lucks are; and we played Mexican Bingo. I repeat myself, we had a really good time. It would be great if we could improve our attendance at our Business Meetings and our Socials. It is really important to keep in touch.

There are quite a few functions planned that you wouldn't want to miss. A Sunday Afternoon Dance in August, Tea and Fashion Show in September, "Fore the Kids Golf" in October and Christmas Calendar Drawings starting December 1 are all in the planning stage. Be sure to check the Party Line for more details.

Membership!! We would really be "Estatic" if we could initiate new members at every Business Meeting. Please ask an Emblem Officer for a Membership form. West Covina Emblem will be cooking a No Frills dinner on the Third Monday of the month.

Check your emails and text messages for information.
May God Bless Each and Everyone of You!

Emblem Love

Charlene Rassmessen
President

"Come Fly with Emblem"

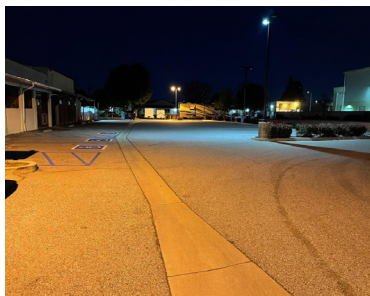


WEST COVINA LODGE SATURDAY NIGHTS MENU & ENTERTAINMENT

BIRTHDAY BASH MAY 6TH

**ENTERTAINMENT - YESTERDAYS DREAM
BRING YOUR OWN FEAST EVENT**

**BEFORE PICTURES OF THE
PARKING LOT LIGHTING**



SAFETY & SECURITY

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE MAY FRIDAY NIGHTS



Menu

&
ENTERTAINMENT
MAY 2023



MAY 5TH

**CINCO DE MAYO DANCE
DINNER INCLUDED**

\$40.00

MAY 12TH

ENTERTAINMENT - LANCE & GARY SHOW

BABY BACK RIBS	\$20.00
ALASKA COD	\$22.00
ASIAN CHICKEN BREAST SALAD	\$15.00
LEMON CHICKEN BREAST (6OZ)	\$15.00

MAY 19TH

ENTERTAINMENT - LOU & LILLIAN

NEW YORK STEAK (BONE-IN)	\$25.00
MAHI MAHI	\$24.00
CRISPY CHICKEN SALAD	\$15.00
ROSEMARY CHICKEN BREAST (6OZ)	\$15.00

MAY 26TH

ENTERTAINMENT - BOBBY Z

NEW YORK STEAK & LOBSTER	\$38.00
LOBSTER	\$26.00
NEW YORK STEAK	\$22.00
SALMON	\$21.00
¼ PIECE OF ROTISSERIE CHICKEN	\$16.00

**Call (626) 962-0113
by Wednesday for
Pre-Paid Friday Dinner Reservations**

Discussion and Vote on the proposed By-Law and House Rules Changes to be taken at the Lodge Meeting on Tuesday May 16th

PROPOSED BY LAW AND HOUSE RULE CHANGES 2023

*Pronoun changes will be automatically done by Grand Lodge.

*Grand Lodge has approved our current language of adding Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors.

*The Secretary shall also report to the Grand Secretary all expulsions and suspensions of Members, giving the name, age, birthplace, residence and occupation. ~~The Secretary shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$5,000.00 for the faithful performance of their duties.~~

*The Treasurer shall present a report at each regular meeting showing the condition of the funds of the Lodge. ~~The Treasurer shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$5,000.00 for the faithful performance of their duties.~~

Section 1. The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership upon the payment in advance of 25 times the annual regular Lodge dues as set forth in Article X. The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than 30 years preceding application, ~~and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years.~~ (Minimum age no longer required)

The Auditing & Accounting Committee shall: 1. Be charged with making all arrangements for completion and submission of the Lodge's Annual Financial Report to Grand Lodge and all required governmental agencies by ~~June 15th~~ Change to August 1st for all entities of the Lodge whose fiscal year ends March 31st, in accordance with Sec. 13.040 of the Laws of the Order and the provisions of the Grand Lodge Auditing, Accounting & Management Manual.

Secure a financial report of any other entity affiliated with the Lodge, having a fiscal year ending other than ~~*March 31st, within sixty days~~ Change to 15 days after tax return is submitted no later ~~*than April 15th the close of that fiscal year~~

(c) LIFE MEMBERSHIP In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or

*Honorary Life Member shall pay ~~\$57.00~~ Change to ½ basic lodge dues towards Lodge administration expense.

*3(d) No guests are allowed in our Club after ~~6:00 p.m.~~ Change to 7:00 PM on Meeting Night Tuesday, except on special occasions or employees on duty. Exceptions

*can be made by approval of the Board of Directors or the direction of the Lodge. Add: Members with Mobility issues who require personal care or the assistance of a driver to get to the Lodge shall be exempt.

*3(f) ~~All persons 21 years of age must be accompanied by the host Member while in the Game Room.~~ (We no longer have a game room)

*13(a) Reservations in the Lounge on Friday and Saturday may be made for parties of ~~eight~~ four or more. Reservations will be held no longer than 15 minutes past the reservation time. Reservations shall be made with the Club Manager, Office, or Bartender.

*3(f) Add: Smoking of Marijuana or any Cannabis including Vaping Products, is strictly Prohibited on any Lodge Property, including the Lodge Parking Lot.

Vote and Discussion to be held on Tuesday May 16th

These next 2 items are currently not being adhered to but are in our CURRENT by laws and will not be voted on the floor. The committee recommends we immediately implement these 2 items.

Section 1. The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$25.00, \$10.00 to accompany the proposition (application), and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

Section 1. There shall be no fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant making an application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday.

These changes will be published in the next newsletter to inform us of the date for voting. Members will vote on the floor 2 weeks after to discuss and vote to accept these changes.

Submitted by Dana Williams, PER
By-Law Committee
Ben Ortega, Michael Salazar, Rick Dana and Bob Hollis-Brau

Leave your Lodge's thumbprint on your community

By **TERENCE P. FORD**
Committee Member

Congratulations, and thank you, to the slate of Lodge Officers who were recently installed to lead their 2023 – 2024 Lodge Year. Now that you have gotten the first month or so under your belts and established some plans for your Lodge, there is no better time to start planning on what new project you are going to bring to your community so they know “*Elks Care — Elks Share.*”

Here are some projects that you could implement in your Lodge.

The Dictionary Project promotes literacy to children in third grade as they transition from learning how to read to identifying and comprehending information. A dictionary could be a great gift for children: it is a book they could own for years. Obtain a sample kit and work with your local school(s) to determine what is best suited for them.

The Youth Recognition Award recognizes outstanding young men and women for achievements in school and community life—fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school, club and community service, industry, and farming.



How about an Antlers Program? Do you have many young families in your Lodge? It is a chance for young people in our communities to get involved with the Elks in the many service-related projects your Lodge sponsors. It is also a great way to gain future Members of your Lodge.

Look to start a Junior Golf Program, a drive, chip, and putt contest. Like Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot, this program helps participants build self-esteem, connect with peers through competition, and maybe gain some new friends. Reach out to your local golf course's pro for assistance with introducing and promoting

the sport of golf to local youth.

How about recognizing the first responders in your community? Consider the Medal of Service and the Medal of Valor programs. For a small fee, your Lodge Secretary can order both Medals of Service and Valor. The Service medals are to be awarded to local EMS, firefighting, and law enforcement representatives deemed worthy by your membership, for exemplary service in the performance of their work. The Medal of Valor is intended to be given to the families of those same first responders who have lost their lives in the performance of their duties.

These are just a few programs your Lodge can implement and keep going for years to come. By starting one or more of these programs, you could end your term with a sense of pride. Before you leave office, do not forget to submit an entry for the Community Project Contest. Be proud of your Lodge's accomplishments—others should know it, too.

For more information on these programs and other programs Lodges could consider implementing, please go to the Activities Committee page on the elks.org website.

Recognizing student success is significant, powerful

By **LANCE C. KNIGHT**
Committee Member

Congratulations to all recently installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers! You should be proud that the Members of your Lodge selected you to serve in a leadership role for the 2023-2024 Lodge year. All of you possess attributes, which when blended together, will help you to work as a team for the coming year in making a difference in your Lodge and in your community.

As the school year is coming to an end, now is the right time to contact your local schools to review or start a youth recognition program such as the Student of the Month/Year and/or Teenager of the Month/Year. The Lodge Activities Committee would work with your local school officials to administer the youth recognition program so it's ready to kick-off with the new school year. The point of this program is to seek out students and teenagers whose accomplishments deserve public recognition and praise. If you have this program in place, honor those award winners in all categories

with a special recognition activity at the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee has been relying on the elks.org website as the source of all the materials needed to implement a successful Youth Recognition Program. All the certificates, guidelines, nomination forms, posters, and news releases are available to download for all Local Lodges, Districts and State Youth Activities Chairs. The certificates are made “fillable” for you to type in the recipients' names to create a more professional-looking product.

Also, at our webpage under the Student Recognition program, is the “Recognize America's Outstanding Youth” pamphlet, which contains an important message from our Grand Exalted Ruler on the value and direction of our youth programs. It includes the contact information for all Grand Lodge Activities Committee Members and their areas of responsibility, plus those states they are assisting during the fraternal year.

The GL Activities Committee is proud

to bring you the new multimedia videos covering each one of the programs offered within the Youth Recognition Program. They are: The Activities Committee, Community Projects Committee, Antlers Program, Student Recognition Program, Junior Golf Program, JROTC Award Program, Public Safety Medals of Valor/Service, The Dictionary Project, Soccer Shoot Program, and Youth Activities Program Seminar. Promoting these programs will make your community more aware of what the Elks stand for. Be sure to watch these videos to gain valuable information about these programs.

Your GL Activities Committee looks forward to assisting you and your Lodge to promote and work all of the GL Activities Committee Programs in your community. Be sure to visit the Activities Committee booth at the 2023 Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis. The “*Elks Care and the Elks Share*” the commitment to our Youth and we will continue in “*Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm.*”



CHEA State Convention
May 17 - 20
Palm Springs California

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May 2023 Elktivities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No Frills Meal Bake Potato Meal w/Dessert \$8.00	2 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Lounge Open 4:30 PM	3 Karaoke 6-10P Lounge Open 4:30 PM PER Meeting 7P	4 Lodge Closed	5 Cinco de Mayo Dance Bobby Z	6 Birthday Bash Yesterdays Dream
7 Mothers Day Brunch	8 Lodge Closed	9 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Lounge Open 4:30 PM	10 Karaoke 6-10P Lounge Open 4:30 PM BOD Meeting 6:30P	11 Lodge Closed	12 Dine & Dance Lance & Gary Menu Pg. 9	13 Lounge Closed
14 Lodge Closed	15 No Frills Meal by Chicks Clique \$8.00 INDOCTRINA- TION	16 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Lounge Open 4:30 PM INITIATION	17 Karaoke 6-10P Lounge Open 4:30 PM	18 Lodge Closed	19 Dine & Dance Lou & Lillian Menu Pg. 9	20 Lounge Closed
21 Lodge Closed	22 No Frills Meal Group One Smoked Baby Backs \$8.00	23 AVP Visitation Open Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Lounge Open 4:30 PM	24 Karaoke 6-10P Lounge Open 4:30 PM	25 Lodge Closed	26 Dine & Dance Bobby Z Menu Pg. 9	27 Lounge Closed
28 Lodge Closed	29 Memorial Day Lodge Closed	30 Lodge Closed	31 Karaoke 6-10P Lounge Open 4:30 PM			