

WEST COVINA LODGE No. 1996

ELKS



TRACKS

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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

**WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE INVITES YOU TO  
SUPERBOWL WITH US!! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH**

**\$15 admission Fee / \$10 child under 8**

Admission fee includes "taco man" plate for the first 200 people. This includes those who purchased a square.  
Admission and Tacos included to those who purchased a square.

**tacos served 1pm - 3 pm**

**OK TO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND SNACKS.  
...No outside beverages allowed...**

**Doors open at 12PM**

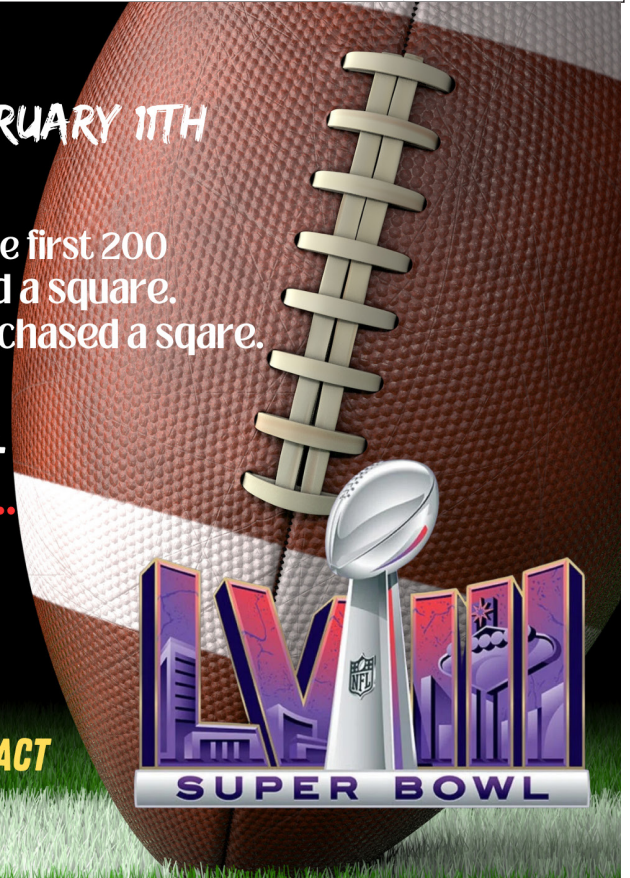
**Game starts at 3:30 pm**

**Pay at the door  
Get there early and grab your SEATS!!**

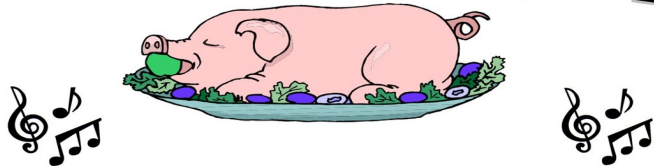
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

**GEORGE MACK 562-641-3797**

**OR TRISH GONZALEZ 909-268-4137**



**OFFICERS ANNUAL DEEP PIT  
PORK-E-QUE**



**Sunday, MARCH 10th, 2024  
West Covina Elks Lodge**

**Live Entertainment by:  
Whiskey Hayride and DJ Ferndogg**

**Generous Portions of Deep Pit**

**Roasted Pork Dinner with all the Fixings'**

**Plus Lots of Dancing! Music from 2:00m PM—6:00 PM**

**Only \$25 PP**

**Doors Open at 1:00 PM Food Served from 2:00 PM—3:30 PM**

**Tickets On Sale Through the Lodge Office (626) 962-0113**

**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**

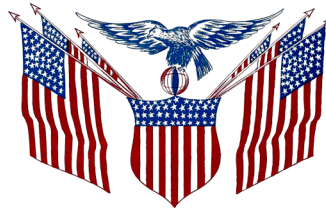
**Start Time 6:00 PM**

**FRIENDS-FUN-PRIZES**

## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

### Committee Chairman 2023 - 2024

Accident Prevention Manager	Irma Valdez Trotter	626-482-6397
Alternate Delegate	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Americanism	Julie Walker	626-222-2935
Antlers Youth Group	Carlos Virgen	626-780-5712
Audio/Lighting	Rhiannan Britney	626-206-2632
Auditor/Accounting	Joanna Howard, Ben Ortega,	
	Carmen Gabaldon	
Bingo	Maria Ortega	626-806-7003
BLT	Judith Lumbreras, PAVP	626-587-6489
Bulletin Director/Editor	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Charity/Major Project	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
Christmas Tree Lane	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Community Public Relations	Robert Leon	626-827-6726
Crab Crack	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Crab Crack	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Decorating	By Event Chairperson	
Drug Awareness	Maria Ortega	626-806-7003
Elks National Foundation	Robert Hollis-Brau PDDGER	909-622-9861
Elks Memorial Service	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Elks of the Year President 23-24	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Entertainment Friday & Saturday	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	VACANT	
Indoctrination	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Investigations/Interviews	Jill Murphy	562-652-3873
Lapsation/Membership	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Lodge Activities	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
Mail Out	Gil Fernandez	626-827-6054
Major Project	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
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	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Newsletter Elks Tracks	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
New Years Eve	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
PER Association Pres.	Dannie Parker, PER	818-371-5232
Photographer	Robert Leon	626-827-6726
Presiding Justice	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Public Relations	Carlos Virgen	626-780-5712
Ritual Coach	Rick Dana PER	626-484-4165
Roamin Elks	Bill Zeason	951-903-4192
Scholarships	Coleen Rozatti	626-384-8126
Scouting Boys/Girls	Christina Carter	626-646-3490
Sickness & Distress	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
Super Bowl	George Mack	562-641-3797
Veterans	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
VAVS Representative	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
VAVS Deputy	Veronica Aslan	323-646-3317
Volunteers	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
Web Site	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Youth Activities	Christina Carter	626-646-3490



## ELKS TRACKS NEWSLETTER

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Lodge Lounge Bar (626) 338-8111  
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Lodge FAX: (626) 960-3512

### Lodge Office Hours

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

Lodge Office Email:

[1996wcelks@gmail.com](mailto:1996wcelks@gmail.com)

### Hall Rental & Lease Info:

Contact Alex at Office (626) 338-2119

[alex.manager.elks.1996@gmail.com](mailto:alex.manager.elks.1996@gmail.com)

## 2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Dannie 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	Irma Valdez Trotter	626-482-6397

## 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,







## Leading Knights Station

**G**reetings and best wishes to all of our Elks brothers and sisters. I hope everyone is doing well through this time of Covid and flu. Remember to take care of yourself and others.

This is the month to nominate your new officers for the coming year. If you are interested in filling a chair or position, have a friend nominate you. Nominations will be the first 2 Tuesdays of February at the Lodge meeting.

We have the Valentines dance coming up on Saturday February 10. This is always a great event. Hope to see you there. Super Bowl will be on February 11. This will be a good time for all.

Best Wishes,

Dan Parker  
PER Exalted Ruler  
West Covina  
Lodge 1996



**H**ello to all our members at West Covina Elks Lodge 1996.

The Hall bathrooms have been completed and the new floors and toilets have been installed.

It is that time of year that members should begin to think about the new officers that will be voted in for the year 2024-2025. This is an especially important commitment to run for an officer or Trustee for the lodge. If you get selected by the members, you will commit to the success of the lodge and for the future of the lodge. Our goal as a membership should be to ensure the success of this lodge for years to come.

Please review your newsletter and any E mails for upcoming events. Remember the lodge has had many sold-out events, so get your tickets early. Remember Elks support the lodge by attending the events.

We have a great core of volunteers, but we are always in search of new volunteers to assist in all events. This is a terrific 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.

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.

And finally, Covid and the flu has reared its ugly head this winter. Please get your shots and take care of yourself and family members. Please, if you do not feel-good stay home. The BOD continually disinfects the lodge to combat the spread of the covid germs.

Fraternally,  
Joe Chavez  
Esteemed Leading Knight

## Loyal Knights Station

**H**appy February! We are one month into the new year. I am on two diets now. I wasn't getting nearly enough food on just one. LOL! I hope that brings a smile to your day.

Our New Year's Eve event was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended. I want to give a very heartfelt THANK YOU to each and every member who volunteered to make this event successful. You are all much appreciated.

February brings on a busy month. Let's SUPERBOWL on February 11 th !! Look for more information on the Flyer within this newsletter.

As mentioned in my January article, there are many of our Elk brothers and sisters who can make a very positive change in our lodge. Please encourage them (or yourself) to be nominated. There are many of us who love and are loyal to our lodge. Keep that in mind as you vote for the officers. It will be up to each and every one of us to become part of the solution to continue to prosper OUR house, our beloved WEST COVINA Lodge. Leadership is imperative. Pork-E-Q is on March 10 th . Let's support our officers and make this a fun and great event.

Have a happy month!

In brotherly love,

Trish Gonzalez  
Esteemed Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knights Station

**G**reetings! February is a beautiful, heartwarming month, and happy Valentine's to everyone. We are also having a Valentine's dance on February 10. Tickets are on sale and selling quickly, so come on into the lodge and purchase your tickets. I'm hoping to see everyone at our Super Bowl Sunday. The first 200 get a taco plate. There's so much storm in this month's events. Don't forget we still have our Saturday evening dancing karaoke on Wednesdays. We have bingo on Thursdays and don't forget our big steak and lobster dinner on Friday and enjoy. For more information, you can pick up Elk Track magazine in the office during working business hours or through your email. Coming up soon will be our annual deep pit Pork-E-Que, our event will be cooked by our officers and members of the lodge. Ticket sales will be announced soon. Also coming up soon will be St. Patrick's dance on March 16. Get ready for a lucky charm. Rain or shine socializing, and West Covina Lodge, gathering to watch sports games, dancing. Is a great way to meet new Elks. This month is election time. for new officers and exalter for 20 24-2025. Thank you, Mr. Dan Parker; it's been a great pleasure serving as one of your extreme knights. Thanks to all the volunteers and members who have worked so many hard hours, and made donations, and made our lodge look great at our events. Also, to Alex Lodge, manager, for all your long hours, putting together many events, decorating the holes for the events, and keeping all the restrooms in the halls and tables sanitized to protect everyone that comes in. You have a great team. I hope everyone has a positive and open mind on who you're going to elect for your next officer and exalter ruler. See you back at the meetings.

God bless everyone and stay healthy. We have very rainy, cold weather coming up.

Christina Carter  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight.



## Antlers Corner

Greetings! If you didn't get the opportunity to see this year's Rose Parade Float, the Elks represented proudly. Not only was the float incredible, but patriotic and well-represented by all branches of our military. The "Chimes of Liberty" rang loud with our Veterans and the Youth, represented by our West Covina Antlers 1996. The Antlers continue to make an impact in and around our community. Take a moment to read this latest article publicized by the Emanate Health Foundation. Please ask how you can further assist our Antlers in making a difference in our community.

<http://www.emanatehealth.org/stories-of-giving/>

You can contact us directly for more information.

Thank you,

Carlos & Angelica Virgen  
626-780-5712



## 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

Christina Carter  
Carlos Perez  
Trish Gonzalez  
George Alcala

John Chavez  
Tasha Ricardez  
Grace Capp

Linda Ruelas  
Phil Hawlins  
Kathy Bell

We would like to thank all our recurring donors.



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....*

*Charles Dalool, PDDGER*

*Born: September 28, 1932*

*Initiated: July 25, 1972*

*Passed Away: January 20, 2024*

*Milon C. Anger*

*Born: January 8, 1941*

*Initiated: January 27, 1976*

*Passed Away: December 30, 2023*



## WEST COVINA ELKS

EXALTED RULER  
DANNIE PARKER

PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES

MIKE SALAZAR  
ELK OF THE MONTH FOR  
JANUARY 2024



## 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

Alex Espinola  
 Arthur Garcia  
 Rick Raymond  
 Adrian Martinez  
 Aida R Duenas  
 Edward Maiuri  
 Stephen M Paiges  
 Samuel M Rodriguez  
 Michael A Fescas  
 Jennifer Paige  
 John A Gomez

### PROPOSER

Robert Leon  
 Ben Ortega  
 Dan Parker  
 David Delgado  
 George Aguilar  
 Chris Guerrero  
 Dan Parker  
 Angel Vasquez  
 Arvon Wolverton  
 Dan Parker  
 Chris Guerrero

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS:** #6757 Edmund J Frias and #5957 Steve Martin  
 They meet all requirements for Life Membership.

**TRANSFER REQUEST:**  
 William Zeason Jr from West Covina Lodge #1996 to Ontario Lodge #1419.  
 Jesse Loga from Ontario Lodge #1419 to West Covina Lodge #1996

## Sickness and Distress

\*Phil Hawkins in the hospital, had back surgery. He will be going to a rehab facility to continue his recovery.

\*Arnold Varela's mother passed away on January 28, 2024.

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE G&ER

### New Officers elected, PERs honored in February



A small group of actors and entertainers began this great Order on February 16, 1868. Look where we are one hundred and fifty six years later: We are still here to serve those in need, proving that "Elks Care—Elks Share." What a journey!

February is a very busy month for us as Elks. Only two months remain in the Lodge year. If you still have goals you haven't met, it's not too late. Get to work on them, they can still be accomplished. Use the next two months wisely and you certainly can get a lot done. It would be quite an accomplishment to announce to all of your Members that you have successfully reached the goals you set almost one year ago.

February is when new Officers are nominated and elected for the new Lodge year. All Lodges in our Order should elect leaders who are going to be dedicated to the affairs of your Lodge and community. The success of your Lodge programs will depend upon their leadership. Lodge Secretaries should note that February is when you must upload the Lodge directory into the CLMS2 web page. This information is extremely important so that updates are done in a timely manner.

This month we recognize our Past Exalted Rulers. We must let them know their leadership and experience is invaluable to us. A Past Exalted Rulers Night is a great way to honor them for their contributions to your Lodge. Make them feel proud of their accomplishments.

During February, we recognize American Heart Month. This is when we get our Lodges and communities together in raising awareness to prevent heart disease. Proudly wear red during this month to show Elks care about cardiovascular health.

In addition to Presidents' Day on February 19, we also celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. We remember the people we love and those who make a difference in our lives. To my wife, Wanda, thank you for being my valentine for the past forty one years.

Remember: "We Are THE Elks."

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



## THANK YOU VETERANS



**G**reetings friends. Hoping that the first month of the New Year finds you all in good health and spirits.

I am pleased to announce the West Covina Elk's Veterans Committee in partnership with the AMVETS Organization will be sponsoring a 'Household Goods and Clothing' collection as well as a 'Pantry Refill' canned and dried foods collection for distribution to veterans. We previously conducted a very successful collection of both the household goods /clothing items and a pantry refill of food items. The collection dates will be February 16th, and 17th, at the West Covina Elk's conference room, from 9am to 1pm. AMVETS representatives will pick up the household goods and clothing items on February 20, 2024. We will maintain a list of donators desiring a receipt of items donated for tax purposes. The pantry refill food items will be personally delivered by me and West Covina Elk volunteers to the selected Veteran's Housing Complex. If you need assistance with transporting donated items, contact me. Rest assured, your donations are very much needed and appreciated by the recipient veterans and their families. Thank you all in advance for your donations and continued support of our veterans. A flyer will be posted.

Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez  
Veteran's Committee Chairman

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

We have 41 delinquent members as of this writing. The names are listed in this bulletin. If you have any contact with a member on the list, reach out to them, maybe they didn't realize they hadn't paid or can't find their membership invoice. Let them know they can contact the Lodge Office, Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If anyone has lost a credit card, glasses, umbrella, scarf . . . call the office, we might have it.

It's that time of year for Officer Elections. The first nomination will be Tuesday, February 6th, second nomination, Tuesday, February 13th and election on Tuesday, February 20th. Remember it is your chance and right to vote for a person who can do the job and not a popularity contest. Let's bring back what Elkdom stands for: Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity. This Lodge does not survive or depend on one person. It's about all of us being united and working together. Good Luck to Everyone!

Fraternally,

Dee Varela, Lodge Secretary



Gene Chavez	1
Richard L Green	1
Sergio Flores	2
Candace Leuthold	2
Dwayne L Koskela	3
Amador Santoyo	3
Frank Cannon	4
Lynda D Padilla	4
Maria Elena Ramos	5
Martha Saldana	6
William Lujan Sr	7
Rudy Melendez Jr	7
Nora A Serrano	7
Will Valdez	7
Carlos Herrera	8
Steven Martin	9
Angie Varela	9
Rafael Beltran	11
Benjamin L Ortega, PDDGER	11
John Petrov	14
Edie Askew	17
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
Alicia Ochoa	22
Larry R Snow	22
Linn E Rickerd	23
Vicky Estrada Salazar	23
Sandra Sluka	23
Milton Vich Mier	23
Frank A Beltran	24
Robert Castaneda	24
Jeffrey Stafford	25
Hubert S Bigger Jr	26
Martha De La Bretoniere	26
Cynthia Jimenez-Alday	27
Jonathan Carmona	27



West Covina Elks Lodge Presents

# BIRTHDAY

## Bash Night

**FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

PERFORMANCE BY

**YESTERDAY'S DREAM**

DOORS OPEN 5PM / MUSIC 7PM TO 11PM

\$10 Cover for Nonmembers

**ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER \$18**

Deadline for Dinner Reservations, Wednesday, February 1, 2024

Table Reservations Guaranteed with Purchase of Dinner

West Covina Elks Lodge 1996

# FRIDAY NIGHT

MUSIC BY

**DJ Cesar**

FRIDAY  
**9**  
FEB

DOORS OPEN 4:00PM

**Bring your own food**

\$10 Coverage for Non-Members

**West Covina Elks Lodge**

# SATURDAY Night KARAOKE DANCE

**FEB  
17**

HOSTED BY

**DJ DANA**

**6 PM TO 10 PM**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY \$16**

**DOORS OPEN @ 5 | DINNER SERVED AT 6 PM**

841 WEST MERCED DRIVE, WEST COVINA

**West Covina Elks Lodge  
Presents**

# VALENTINE'S Dance

**TICKETS \$60 PP**

**Saturday, February 10th**

Performance in the Hall by  
**California Soul Tones 7:30pm - 11:30pm**

**DJ Dana 5:30pm to 12am**

In the Lounge we have

**Impulse Band 7:15pm to 11:00pm**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30pm \* DINNER 6pm To 7pm**

Menu: New York Steak & Chicken, Roasted  
Potatoes, Veggies, Dinner Roll & Side Dinner Salad

**Tickets on Sale Now Call or Text**

**(626) 324-5176**





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# Saint PATRICK'S DANCE

SATURDAY MARCH 16 IN THE MAIN HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM  
DINNER SERVED FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM

Featuring

**RHYTHM JUKEBOX**  
7 PM TO 11 PM

**DJ CESAR**  
5 PM TO 11 PM

TICKET PRICE **\$45**

CATERING BY **DON TONY**

TICKETS GO ON SALE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 @ 4 PM  
\*ONLINE\* AND IN THE LOUNGE

## February Officers Friday & Saturday Duty Schedule

**Feb. 2-3 Trish Gonzalez - Angel Vazquez**  
**Feb. 9-10 Christina Carter - Sweet Lou Aguilar**  
**Feb. 16-17 Veronica Aslan - Sandie Sesanto**  
**Feb. 23-24 Dee Varela - Irma Valdez Trotter**

**MONDAY NO FRILLS BEGINS FEBRUARY 12 THEN EVERY OTHER MONDAY THEREAFTER**

WEST COVINA ELKS LOEGE #1996

**12  
FEB  
5pm**

**MONDAY "NO FRILLS"**



**\$12**

**Only  
50  
DINNERS**

**BBQ BRISKET, BAKED POTATOE, CORN, SIDE GARDEN SALAD, DINNER ROLL & DESSERT**

DOORS OPEN @ 5 PM / DINNER SERVED 5:30pm to 7:30pm

**The Cook for the Evening is Jay**

WEST COVINA ELKS Lodge #1996  
**Throwback Thirsty Thursday Menu**

KITCHEN OPENS @ 4 PM TO 8 PM  
LAST ORDER 7:45 PM

Bar Open @ 4 pm to 10pm

Pastrami	\$16
Cheese Burger	\$12
Chicken Strips	\$12
Fish & Chips	\$12
Hot Dog (Beef)	\$8
Chili Dog (Beef)	\$9
French Fries	\$4
Onion Rings	\$4



**PAY THE BARTENDER**



## Emblem Club #299 Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope your celebration, whether big or small, loud or quiet, was a great ending to 2023.

In 2023, Emblem sold cakes and calendars, celebrated our 67th Birthday, Tea & Fashion Show, a successful Golf Tournament, served dinners for the Elks, and helped families in need for the holidays. Overall, a very good year. Thank you, Elk Brothers and Sisters, for all your help throughout the year.

Also, in 2023, we lost loved ones and friends, a sad reality that no one is ready for.

The plans for next year include A NEW BOARD. If you are asked to take an office or Chair a Committee, PLEASE say YES! Be a part of a growing community of friends doing good work, fundraising, awarding scholarships, and helping the Elks with projects. For the 2024 New Year, the slate is clean, and we begin again.,

This year, we adopted two families from West Covina for Christmas, and the families joined us as our guests at our Members' Christmas Party. I hope we can make this a Club tradition.

Let us pray for peace and health for everyone. Happy New Year!

Emblem Love,  
Charlene Rasmussen

Come Fly with Emblem

President  
West Covina Emblem Club #299



## 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.

Thank you!  
Carlos and Sandy Duarte  
(909)702-2855



## 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

### FEBRUARY 3 / YESTERDAY DREAMS

ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER

\$18

### FEBRUARY 9 / DJ CESAR

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD EVENT / DOORS OPEN  
AT 4:00 PM

### FEBRUARY 17 / DJ DANA

ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY

\$16

### FEBRUARY 23 / BOBBY Z

NEW YORK STEAK & LOBSTER

\$46

LOBSTER

\$35

NEW YORK STEAK

\$26

SALMON

\$20

ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

\$17

**MEMBERS ONLY SCAN QR CODE TO ORDER  
YOUR DINNERS**



**MARCH 3rd  
5:00PM**

San Gabriel Valley District PER Association

# HOCKEY GAME FUNDRAISER

**Ontario REIGN VS  
Abbotsford CANUCKS**

Help support SGV District  
sponsored activities that include  
District Hoop Shoot, Ritual Contest,  
Your Activites Awards, and CHEA  
President Visitation.

**Tickets - \$25 \*does not include parking\***

For Tickets contact Mike Salazar  
626.827.6700 by Tuesday, February 20

Ontario Reign Hockey Arena  
901 Via Piemonte Suite 370, Ontario, CA 91764

**West Covina  
Superbowl Meeting  
February 7th at  
6:00 PM**

**Any Members  
wishing to help  
with our Superbowl  
Party is welcome  
to attend  
In the conference room**

## Delinquent Members List

As of January 28th 2024

If you feel your name is listed in error  
please call the Lodge Secretary  
Dee Varela Office (626) 962-0113

#7593	Michael J Bahra
#7375	Roger Baltazar
#7430	Samara Barrett
#7342	Stephen Bledsoe
#7385	John Brittain
#4489	Robert J Caldera
#5421	Richard M Canzoneri
#7394	David Caro
#6696	Alice Diaz
#7563	Edward M Diaz
#7335	Rosa Duran
#7226	Robert A Fry
#6880	Lyndale Clair Hadden
#7502	Antoinette Harmonson
#7533	Andrew Herrera
#7271	Jerry Jensen
#7291	Nancy Keener
#7222	Glenn Kennedy
#7414	Armida Manzo-Ramirez
#7483	Barbara Murphy
#7466	Alicia Ochoa
#6631	Joe A Quintana
#7453	Rudy Reyes
#7534	Teresa Rojas Aguilera
#7436	Henry Roseli
#7530	Martha Saldana
#1914	Charles Savo
#7331	Jerome Sluka
#7332	Sandra Sluka
#7007	Bryan Smith
#6513	Gary Sommerville
#7364	Gina Soriano-Pena
#7525	Jose E Soto
#7486	Tonya Michelle Szemes
#7238	Linda Takahashi
#6938	Juan O Torres
#7524	Javier A Urueta
#7521	Anthony Varela
#7614	Milton Vich Mier
#6473	James L Wicker
#7559	Michelle Zelada

**Lodge Meetings are the  
first 4 Tuesdays of the  
Month.**

**Meeting start time  
7:30 PM**



*West Covina Lodge*  
*Annual*



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

**Cost: Adults \$25.00 Per Person**

**Entertainment by:**  
**Whiskey Hayride**  
**and DJ FernDogg**

**Sunday, March 10 th, 2024**

**From 1:00 - 6:00PM**  
**Dinner Served from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Generous Portion Roasted Pork, Ranch Style Beans,  
Coleslaw, or Potato Salad Corn, Dinner Roll**

**Tickets On Sale through the Lodge Office (626) 962-0113**  
**1996wcelks@gmail.com**

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

## Podcast series, Drug Take Back Day among successes in '23

By William J. Bryan, National Director, Elks Drug Awareness Commission

Well as we try to stay warm during these winter months, I want to share with you that as of this month our Awkward Conversations 2023 video podcasts have been viewed more than 650,000 times!

That's fantastic news, but we have fewer than 2,500 subscribers to our YouTube channel. Want to help the Elks Drug Awareness Program? Simply go to the Elks DAP YouTube channel and hit the "subscribe" button. Sounds like a commercial, doesn't it? Well, simply put, it is! It's easy to do and believe it or not, it helps the Elks by subscribing, so please take the time to do so.

Prescription drug abuse is the nation's fastest-growing drug problem and has been classified as an epidemic by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While the fentanyl problem receives the press it deserves, we must continually warn our youth about the dangers of drugs. During the last National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in October, the efforts of communities, law enforcement, and the DEA removed 599,897 pounds of unneeded medications from more than 4,500 sites.

The DAP directors have been busy this winter putting together a new budget and program for the coming Elks year. We are asking Lodges and specifically incoming ERs to plan, in conjunction with their State Association's Drug Awareness Chair, a year full of drug awareness activities. We are all in this fight together and we need all Lodges on board.

If you have a specific question about a certain drug or paraphernalia, here's a great website to help you learn more: [getsmaraboutdrugs.gov/drugs](https://getsmaraboutdrugs.gov/drugs). Simply type in the search bar what you're looking for. This is especially good for parents and grandparents to educate yourselves on what may be happening in your communities. While our mission is to educate children, we want to help parents as well. This website can also be accessed for Spanish speakers.

Thank you to all Elks who believe our children are worth it!



## 'Small things making a big difference': High school students donate toys for pediatric playroom

Posted: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Victoria Virgen clearly remembers when her younger sister Carlene was undergoing a tumor removal surgery. "It was a very scary time for all of us," recalled Victoria, now a senior at Mt. SAC Early College Academy. She has a vivid memory of her father taking her to buy two-year-old Carlene a plush animal during her hospital stay. "When we handed it to her, she was so happy and still has it today," shared Victoria.

Victoria wanted to ensure this same feeling of joy for pediatric patients at Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital (QVH). As president of the Antlers Youth Division of the West Covina Elks Lodge (1996), Victoria worked with her fellow members to coordinate a donation of infant and toddler toys for the QVH Pediatric Playroom.

Last month, Victoria and Carlene, who is also an Antler member, dropped off the toys with other group members. The girls' parents, Carlos and Angelica, are Elks members and serve on the committee that guides the young people in their service efforts. "The students select and run the projects," noted Angelica, who is grateful for the past care she has received at QVH. "It's their work and they get to see the outcomes."

Like Victoria, Angelica remembers what an impact age-appropriate toys had during Carlene's hospital stay. "It is painful as a parent to see your child sick," recalled Angelica. "But when they are playing with toys, they aren't worrying about their condition or pain... something like this can brighten their day."

Emanate Health Child Life Specialist Gina Day Vaughan has seen the impact of toy donations firsthand, noting that the items are not just for amusement. "Children learn through play," Gina said. "Having toys specifically for infants and toddlers meets an important need because it fosters growth and development for these young patients during their hospitalizations, while also providing a sense of autonomy and mastery of a stressful place." In addition to the patients' delight, Gina also observes the gratitude of their parents. "They are so thankful. For example, musical toys can help calm and soothe infants. If a toddler needs to be in an isolation room [due to their condition], allowing to play makes them less scared and can be a distraction from a procedure or taking vital signs."

Victoria plans to pursue a career in the medical field because she wants to continue helping others. "The Antlers and I were happy to give back to the community. When we had the opportunity to donate these toys, I was over the moon because I know that small things can make a big difference!"

To make a gift to support pediatrics patients at Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital, visit [emanatehealth.org/pediatricsgiving](https://emanatehealth.org/pediatricsgiving) or call 626.814.2421. Applications to join the Antlers Youth Division are available for young people ages 12-20 at the Elks Lodge in West Covina.

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## February 2024 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BINGO Thirsty Throwback Thursday Kitchen Open	2 LODGE CLOSED	3 Italian Dinner Buffet \$18 Yesterday's Dream (Birthday Bash)
4 LODGE CLOSED	5 New Candidates Investigations Emblem Mtg. 7pm	6 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM 1st Nominations	7 KJ Don Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available PER Mtg. 7PM	8 BINGO Thirsty Throwback Thursday Kitchen Open	9 Bring Your Own Food DJ Cesar Doors Open 4PM	10 Valentine's Dance Closed Event
11 Superbowl Party  CLOSED EVENT	12 Monday No Frills BBQ \$12	13 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Balloting 2nd Nominations	14 KJ Don Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available BOD Mtg. 630	15 BINGO Thirsty Throwback Thursday Kitchen Open	16 LODGE CLOSED	17 Fish Fry All U Can Eat \$16 DJ Dana
18 LODGE CLOSED	19 New Candidates Indoctrination 7P	20 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Officers Elections	21 KJ Don Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available	22 BINGO Thirsty Throwback Thursday Kitchen Open	23 Steak & Lobster  Bobby Z	24 Recycle Bottles, Cans & Plastic Bo- ttles 8 - 12
25 LODGE CLOSED	26 Monday No Frills \$12 To Be Determind	27 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Initiation	28 KJ Don Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available St. Patricks Tickets Sales	29 BINGO Thirsty Throwback Thursday		