

Elks



Tracks

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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

West Covina Lodge No.1996

INAUGURAL BALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2023

5 O'CLOCK PM - MIDNIGHT

HONORING EXALTED RULER

DAN PARKER & HIS CORPS OF OFFICERS

Entertainment by: Night Grooves & DJ Cesar

Price: \$40 PP

includes choice of Ribeye
Steak, Salmon, or Honey
Garlic Chicken



*For Ticket Sales &
Information Contact
Vivian Salinas at
(562) 298-3247*



*Dinner Served
6:30-7:30 PM*



West Covina Elks #1996 Presents

Mothers Day

MARIACHI BRUNCH

Sunday, May 7th

Special Menu

Tickets \$35

Doors Open 11AM

Social Hour 11 -12:00PM

Brunch Served 12 - 1:00PM

Mariachis 1:30 - 3:30 PM

DJ Dana 11 - 6:00 PM

Pre Sale Tickets Reservations ONLY
(626) 962-0113

Tickets Sales Start
Wed, March 29



SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY JUNE
13TH
ANNUAL FLAG
DAY CEREMONY
MORE INFOR-
MATION WILL BE
FORTHCOMING

SAVE THE DATE!

PER'S PRE-FATHER'S DAY BBQ

FEATURING



SUAVE & DJ DANA

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2023

TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON

CHAIRMAN: BEN ORTEGA

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

Committee Chairman 2023 - 2024

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Mediator	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Membership/Lapsation	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
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Sickness & Distress	Joe Chavez	213-500-3216
Super Bowl	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137
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Youth Activities	Trish Gonzalez	909-268-4137



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2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Danne Parker	818-371-5232
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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
Officer of the Year - Veronica Aslan
Citizen of the Year - Carmen Gabaldon
Spirit of Elkdom - Grace Capp, Carlos Virgen,
Gerardo Pompa,





Greetings to all of our Elks brothers and sisters.

Myself and Shirley are proud and honored to serve you once again as Exalted Ruler and First Lady. The support you have shown me is humbling. I thank you so much.

We have an exciting year ahead of us. Our core of officers are strong and supportive. The Inaugural Ball on April 8 is going to be great fun so get your tickets soon.

We are going to move forward on bathroom and hall repairs. I am looking forward to having more member support on Fridays.

I am always happy to receive suggestions to make Fridays better for our members. So please feel free to share your thoughts

Fraternally.

Dan Parker
Exalted Ruler
West Covina Elks #
1996



Leading Knights Station

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

My name is Joe Chavez, and I am proud to have been selected to be the Leading Knight for the Fraternal year of 2023-2024. I am excited for this new year; we have finally come out from under the pandemic and the lodge is in full swing. With all the new officers, we are committed to assisting the new Exalted Ruler Dan Parker with continuing to improve the lodge and making 2023-2024 a successful year.

The lodge calendar for this year is already full, beginning with the installation of the new officers on March 28, and The Inaugural Ball on April 8, 2023.

As Leading Knight, I am committed to putting this lodge back into the community of West Covina. I plan to research and seek other organizations we can assist in charity for the youth and the elderly of our community. I would also like to do a few charity events for the community during the summer. The Elks are an integral part of this community, and we should continue to partner with our city council to assist the citizens of West Covina and surrounding areas.

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. Remember Elks brothers and sisters' recruitment of new members is always in order. 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

Hello Elk Family,
Happy April!

I would like to extend my Appreciation and gratitude to all the volunteers who helped make the Pork E Q a fun and successful event. It could not be possible to have a successful event without great volunteers. To our members, your kind and generous donations made the Liquor Wheel Barrel Raffle profitable for the Lodge. As of April 1st, Dan Parker will be The Exalted Ruler. I will be your Loyal Knight. I am excited to move up a chair and accept new responsibilities. I am here to support the Exalted Ruler and will continue to support our Lodge. The Inaugural Ball on April 8th will celebrate the new term Officers. I hope to see you there.

Monday Night Frills continues to be a fun event with family and friends. The weekly menus are posted in the newsletter. Please contact me if you would like to host a Monday Night Frills night. We are here to assist you and to make Your event successful. I will be back to host Monday Night Football, and the Superbowl Party. I am a football fan. I can hardly wait for that time of year. I look forward to working for and with you. Let me know how I can help.

Fraternally yours,

Trish Gonzalez
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knights Station

My fellow members
and friends

I am honored to be part of the new corps of officers, and to support our Exalter Ruler Dan Parker

Although last year we accomplished many projects such as, a new air conditioner, a new 3 bay kitchen sink, painting of the bathroom, and approval to have the parking lot lights replaced with LED lighting among other accomplishments. There is still much work to be done.

We will need the support from all our members and friends. Volunteers are always welcome. If you have great or new ideas are always also welcome.

I will be hosting the first family fun night in May 2023 and hope to see everyone.

As your Lecturing Knight, I will do my best to carry out all my duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I thank you all again I hope to see everyone at all our events and dinners.

God bless you all

Brotherly Love

Christina Carter
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



PROGRAM NEWS CORNER

Greetings, West Covina Elks. We now have a sufficient number of members to form our charter. Within the next month, we plan to submit our charter paperwork. We want to express our gratitude to every Elk for their ongoing support. We are looking to host a No Frills Monday next month, so please come out and support us! We appreciate your support of our See's Candy sales.

The Antlers, thank you. Feel free to contact us with any questions or interest.

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



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Trish Gonzalez

W.C. Emblem #299

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Ruben Ramirez

Lou Aguilar

Lionel Moreno

Ron Torres

George Alcala

We thank all our recurring donors.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, April 22, 2023 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs at locations in communities throughout the country. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is held two times during the year. This spring, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

The October 2022 Take Back Day brought in **647,000 lbs.** of unneeded medications at nearly 5,000 collection sites across the country. Since its inception in 2010, DEA's National Prescription Take Back Day has removed almost 17 million pounds of unneeded medications from communities across the country.

"The Take Back campaign is part of DEA's continued efforts to protect our communities and create healthier environments by offering the disposal of medications," said DEA Administrator Milgram. The next Take Back Day will be in the Fall of this year. But in the meantime ...

What Should You Do With Your Unused Meds?

Most people who misuse prescription drugs get them from family, friends, and acquaintances. You can make a difference by keeping track of the medicine you have, by rethinking where and how you keep your medications in your home, and by safely disposing of any unused medications. You can take your unused prescriptions to approved drop off sites or:

Visit the following websites for Disposal Instructions:
<http://www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org/NoDrugs/disposal.asp>
<https://www.takebackdrugs.org/>

Please do not bring your unused prescription drugs to the lodge. If you still have questions regarding the National Prescription Take Back Day, please feel free to contact your Lodge/District Drug Awareness Chairman and/or CHEA Drug Awareness Program Chairman, John D. McEntire, Jr., PDDGER.

In MEMORIUM

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

None To Report



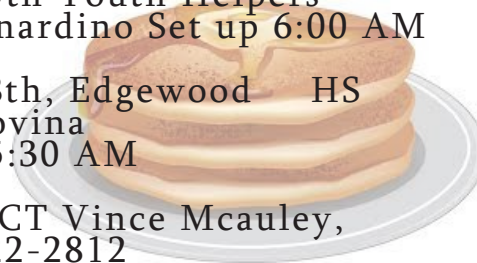
WEST COVINA ELKS
EXALTED RULER
VIVIAN SALINAS
PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES
GIL FERNANDEZ
ELK OF THE MONTH FOR
MARCH 2023

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

April 15th Youth Helpers
San Bernardino Set up 6:00 AM

April 18th, Edgewood HS
West Covina
Set-up 5:30 AM

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

Anthony M Avila Jr.
 Isabel Marie Carrier
 Rosalind Espinosa
 Debra Kay Fisher
 William Franzblan
 Gary George
 Oscar M Lobatto Jr.
 Lisa Mayo
 Susan Salazar
 Ted Sandoval
 Lisa Morales
 Gabriela Arguedas
 Belen Macias

PROPOSER

Martin Espinosa
 David Tardivel
 Martin Espinosa
 Martin Espinosa
 Martin Espinosa
 George Andrade
 Amador Santoyo
 Shirley Parker
 Linda Ruelas
 Sandie Sesanto
 Linda Ruelas
 Sandra Lara
 Sandie Sesanto

Life Membership Request -

Terry H. Clisson #5863 - 30 Yr Member
 Darryl Muckala #5865 - 30 Yr Member

They both meet all requirements for Life Membership.

Transfer - Erica Arias from Glendale #1289
 to West Covina #1996

Reinstatements -

Irwin Fine #6228 and Carmen Moore #7253

Sickness and Distress

Ron Torres will be going in for heart surgery.
 Margaret Strazzeri had a stroke and in hospice, family asking for prayers.
 Dave Lorea's brother Anthony passed away.
 Louie Wagner's Aunt passed away. Please keep his family in prayer.
 Gilbert Becerra's nephew (40 years old) passed away.
 Carmen Trujillo (Filbert's wife) passed away.
 Tony Garcia had liver failer, but getting better. Please keep everyone in prayer.

MESSAGES FROM THE G&R

NEW LEADERSHIP PUSHING FORWARD WITH POSITIVITY

April begins with the changing of the guard. It is extremely important that the new Officers, Board of Directors, and Trustees work hand in hand to accomplish the important programs in each of your Lodges.

It is crucial to develop a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work with. You must develop a budget that will keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Pick out a night and invite all the Officers, Board of Directors, and your committee members and take this opportunity to review your Lodge budget. Discuss ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Discuss your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your state's Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Listen to what your Members have to say. Always consider their input and be open and flexible to new ideas. Perhaps say, "OK, let's try it."

Another area of critical focus at the onset of a new Elks year is membership. Work with your appointed Membership/Membership Retention Chair as a team. All of your Lodge Members are a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members in order to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with the delinquent Member, you may get them to renew their dues and become an active Member again.

Your Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for Members who were dropped for nonpayment of dues. I encourage you to review Statute 14.180. This Statute is very clear that your Lodge Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated of his/her rights to reaffiliate within 60 days.

Make +1 in membership a priority during your term. I know our Grand Lodge Membership Marketing Manager Rick Gathen would be very proud to say your Lodge achieved a +1 in membership. With the leadership team you have put together, I know how hard you will be working on "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm."

April also is the month when families get together for Passover and Easter. Helen and I want to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday celebration.

In closing, thank you for your continued leadership this year by working hard within your communities to show that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

God bless each 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 MARCH 14TH, 2023



ELKS & VETERANS PARTNERSHIP

On March 14th members of West Covina Lodge held a BBQ Chicken & Ribs lunch with the Veteran residents of the El Monte Veterans Village apartments. We cooked-up 14 racks of ribs and 10 chickens. I wish to thank the following

members of West Covina Lodge for their generosity and volunteerism. A special thank you goes out to Becky Castillo & Robert Malanche for their generous cash donations. I would also like to thank all the members for the charity pot donation. All the donations totaled \$775.00. With these funds we were able to purchase a large screen Smart TV and extended warranty. I also wish to thank these following members for their food donations and help: Vince McCaully, Angel Vasquez, Christina Carter, Mike Salazar, Carlos Virgen, Carlene Virgen, Rosie Leon, Robert Leon, Vicky Salazar, Dee Verala, Veronica Aslan, Ecalted Ruler Vivian Salinas, Carlos Duarte and Terry Ortega. **MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 10**



Rhonda Lynn Henry	1
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Richard Soto	5
Kathleen M Otten	7
Juanita Deluna	8
Adeline Miranda	8
Stephen Bledsoe	9
Jack E Coiner	9
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John B Rafferty	10
Antoinette Toni Harmonsor	11
Elizabeth Zook	11
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Patricia Soderblom	18
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PEOPLE
ABOUT
YOUR DREAMS.**

SHOW THEM!!

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West Covina Elks
APRIL BIRTHDAY BASH
Entertainment by
**CAULDRON
BAND**
Saturday April 1st
Doors open at 6pm
Music 7pm to 11pm

\$10 COVER for NON-MEMBERS with a Sponsor.
NO COVER for Members and their immediate family.

*****IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER*****
Cover Fee for Non-Members will be waived with
Pre-Paid Dinner Reservations.
New York Steak \$20, Baby Back Ribs \$20,
Jack Daniels Chicken \$15,
To reserve a Table Call
Sandie (626) 675-6565 or Jannette (626) 347-6144
For dinner reservations call by Wed March 29th..
841 W. Merced - West Covina, CA 91790

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West Covina Elks Lodge
****We're Back****



Band plays from 7pm - 11pm
Dinner Menu for this event,
Rib Eye Steak \$20, Rotisserie Chicken \$15
Asian Chicken Salad \$14
Reservations must be made by Wednesday
April 12th.

SATURDAY 15 BEST MUSIC VENUES IN WEST COVINA
APRIL \$10 Cover for Non Members w/Sponsor
*****IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER*****
NO COVER FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY
Reservations: Sandie (626) 675-6565 or Jannette 347-6144
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**TACO
THURSDAY**



April 13

BEEF, PORK OR CHICKEN
6 PM TO 8 PM
ENTERTAINMENT **DRINK SPECIALS**

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WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS



**CINCO
-DE MAYO-**

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

MAXICAN FOOD BUFFET
TICKETS GO ON SALE APRIL 12, 2023

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It's time for me to bid farewell....

It's time for me to bid farewell....

Someone once told me....

"If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello."

Well...It's time for me to be brave enough to say Goodbye. Goodbye to something I've enjoyed doing, something I know I was good at and something I ALWAYS had FUN doing.... being "Your Entertainment Chairperson".

Being a Chairperson means being part of a Team a ALWAYS had the best team of people by my side. Members who started helping me way back in 2014, (you know who you are) and have always helped with any Event I was working on. New members who have jumped in from their first week as members to help me and who have formed lasting friendships with me. I've always said it takes a village to pull off successful events. Thank God for my village.

I am going to miss hiring the bands and planning the events but most of all, I'm going to miss all of you and our FUN TIMES planning the events.

BUT it's time for me to move on....

Realizing that my Family is also a team effort, is what is prompting this bittersweet change for me. When my kids and grandkids are receiving opportunities to do so many exciting things in their life, and me sometimes having conflicting commitments, it was up to me to compromise. I don't want to miss seeing my grandkids hit that home run or miss a cheer competition or miss see my kids fulfilling their dreams.

Oh, you aren't getting rid of me, I'll still be around to just enjoy myself, have FUN or get on your nerves. Oh yeah, and complete my term as one of your Trustees.

My wish for everyone here at our lodge is, that you all continue to experience success, to feel fulfilled in all you do, and to have nothing but pleasant results with each completed project or event. Remember it's not about recognition or getting a reward, it should come from your heart.

It's been my pleasure being your Lodge Entertainment Chairperson and I will genuinely miss it. I take with me fond memories and some valuable lessons.

I hope I left a little impression, similar to the one you have left on me.

Once again, Thank you to everyone who helped me and came out to enjoy our Saturday Nights and Special Events. You are truly the BOPE (Best People on Earth)

Sincerely,
Sandie Sesanto
Entertainment Chairperson



MONDAY NIGHT NO FRILLS

APRIL 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



APRIL 3RD - HOSTED BY THE ANTLERS

PULLED PORK SLIDERS. COLE SLAW. BEANS. CHIPS
AND DESSERT



APRIL 10TH- HOSTED BY MEAL MASTER VICKY SALAZAR

OPEN-FACED. HOT TURKEY SANDWICH WITH MASHED POTATOES
AND GRAVY. CRANBERRY SALAD AND DESSERT.



APRIL 17TH- HOSTED BY THE EMBLEMS

1/4 ROTISSERIE CHICKEN. BAKED POTATO, GREEN SALAD.
ROLL AND CAKE FOR DESSERT



APRIL 24TH- HOSTED BY TEAM LINDSAY

FISH TACOS!!



ELKS RITUAL WORD CHECKERS NEEDED

„The Elks San Gabriel Valley District is looking for members in good standing who are interested in participating as word checkers for the upcoming Elks ritual contest scheduled for April 30, 2023 and being held at the West Covina Elks Lodge #1996. If you are interested you must attend the word checker training on April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Duarte Elks Lodge #1427, located at 2436 Huntington Drive in Duarte. Candidates for this role must have excellent hearing in order to serve in this capacity and grade those members competing. „

Thanks,
Robert Hollis-Brau, PDDGER
(909) 717-8118

check!



Emblem Club #299 Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
March was a fun time for all of us. Members enjoyed the "Deep Pit" Pork-E-Que ". The entertainment of "Whiskey Hayride" and DJ Caesar was great!
You can sure tell that our guests really like to dance and eat good food. The Liquor Wheel Barrel and 50-50 are always exciting.

Emblem is looking forward to working with our Elks sharing good times.

Charlene Rasmussen
President
West Covina Emblem
"Come Fly with Emblem"

WEST COVINA LODGE SATURDAY NIGHTS MENU & ENTERTAINMENT

BIRTHDAY BASH APRIL 1ST

ENTERTAINMENT - CALDRON BAND

NEW YORK STEAK	\$20.00
BABY BACK RIBS	\$20.00
JACK DANIELS CHICKEN	\$15.00

SATURDAY DANCE APRIL 15

ENTERTAINMENT - SEDILLO BAND

RIB-EYE STEAK	\$20.00
ROTISSERIE CHICKEN	\$20.00
JACK DANIELS CHICKEN	\$20.00
ROTISSERIE CHICKEN	\$15.00 ¹

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE APRIL FRIDAY NIGHTS



Menu

& ENTERTAINMENT APRIL 2023



APRIL 7TH

ENTERTAINMENT - BRITISH INVASION

BABY BACK RIBS	\$20.00
MAHI MAHI	\$20.00
ROTISSERIE CHICKEN	\$16.00
CRISPY CHICKEN SALAD	\$16.00

APRIL 14

ENTERTAINMENT - LANCE & GARY SHOW

PRIME RIB	\$26.00
HALIBUT	\$22.00
PRIME RIB SALAD	\$18.00
ASIAN CHICKEN SALAD	\$16.00

APRIL 21

ENTERTAINMENT - LOU & LILLIAN

RIB EYE STEAK	\$22.00
SALMON	\$20.00
CHICKEN MARCELLA	\$16.00

APRIL 28

ENTERTAINMENT - BOBBY Z

NEW YORK STEAK & LOBSTER	\$38.00
LOBSTER	\$26.00
NEW YORK STEAK	\$22.00
HERB CHICKEN BREAST	\$16.00

**Call (626) 962-0113
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THESE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DROPPED AS OF MARCH 31ST 2023

However, an unaffiliated Member whose name has been stricken from the rolls of membership for nonpayment of dues may, on his or her application, if made within sixty (60) days thereafter, be reinstated as a Member in good standing in the Lodge upon majority vote thereof at the next regular meeting and payment of the delinquent and current dues.

007255 Aguilar, Carmen R
007206 Amick, Lydia
006974 Barajas, Manuel
006632 Barro, Lino R
007401 Britt, Tom
004556 Brown, Charles E
007476 Cantrell, Kyle
007428 Carnahan, Rita R
007208 Casato, Diana M
006987 Costantino, Christine
007516 Cuellar, Doreen
007189 De Leon, Ruby
007368 Fleig, Richard
006847 Gomez, John A
007176 Gomez, Leandra
007518 Hatley, Nicholas
006887 Macias, Gerardo
007316 Mandeson, Eric
007150 Martinez, Lupe L
006459 Meadows, Anthony
007381 Mestas, Gloria
007365 Miranda, Daniel
004936 Motta, Marion R
007572 Muniz, Athena M
007186 Pacheco, Fred
002171 Palazzolo, Joseph C
007512 Perez, Antonio
007169 Perrow, Michael J
007025 Piel, Agnes
006538 Quintero, Ramiro L
007402 Ramirez, Anthony
002798 Reitz, Eugene H
006066 Rumbles, Wayne
007573 Salazar, Eli
006780 Salazar, James D
006656 Sanchez, Frank
007120 Valencia, Cecilia
007477 Van Kirk, Weston
006891 VanCura, Becky J
007064 Vasquez, Robert



Good deeds become official after documentation

By DANIEL J. CAPELLA
Committee Member

There is an old adage that I think about once in a while, the punch line of which is, "The job ain't done 'til the paperwork's done." I won't describe the picture that accompanies this saying, but the punch line surely summarizes the problems we face with regards to our survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs.

If some find this topic to be repetitive with regards to Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee newsletter articles, you are correct. That's because of the extreme importance of an accurate, Lodge-by-Lodge, state-by-state summary of what we do and what we contribute in the name of charity. The significance of our survey cannot, in any way, be overly emphasized because of its usefulness for the survival of our Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Previously, our committee has warned

that some governmental individuals and agencies believe our fraternal organization is simply a source of wealth, waiting to be tapped for the benefit of governmental projects and programs. Combating that perception was a purpose for which our Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee was originally formed. Committee members on the national, state, district, and local level continually work to challenge the misconception that we are just another business that should be subject to full taxation.

Over the past many years, Government Relations Committee members at all levels have strived diligently to defend our charitable organization. We have improved the overall procedure of keeping track of our charitable reports, including donations, hours of service, and mileage in order to make it easier to track and forward all such information to Grand Lodge. We have also worked to spread the burden of inputting statistics

to include other Members of the Lodge, so as to lessen the work of our Lodge Secretaries, who have borne the brunt of this task for many years.

These endeavors are working, but progress has been slow. It is suggested that Lodges reassess their present practices so the clerical system associated with our survey becomes easier to manage and maintain, thereby making the procedure more accurate and time efficient. Doing so will involve some changes, and we all know most individuals and organizations are afraid of change—yet change is necessary to insure our future.

Continuing to improve our reporting system must be accomplished, in addition to increasing our influence within our communities through a consistent effort that builds relationships with local, county, and state elected officials. Doing so will validate our importance within our communities and improve our reputation.

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April 2023 Elktivities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Birthday Bash Cauldron Band- Call for Dinner
2	3 NO FRILLS MEAL \$8,00 Investigation	4 Lodge Meeting 7:30 P Lounge Open	5 PER Mtg. 7p Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available 5-7 Lounge Open	6	7 Dine & Dance British Invasion	8 Inaugural Ball Night Grooves
9	10 NO FRILLS MEAL \$8,00	11 Lodge Meeting 7:30 P BALLOTING Lounge Open	12 BOD Mtg. Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available 5-7 Lounge Open	13 Taco Thursday 6-8p	14 Dine & Dance Lance & Gary	15 Sedillo Band Call for Dinner Youth Helpers Pancake Breakfast San Bernardino
16	17 NO FRILLS MEAL \$8,00 Indoctrination	18 Lodge Meeting 7:30 P Lounge Open Breakfast at Edgewood HS	19 Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available 5-7 Lounge Open	20	21 Dine & Dance Lou & Lillian	22
23	24 NO FRILLS MEAL \$8,00	25 Lodge Meeting 7:30 P INITIATION Lounge Open	26 Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available 5-7 Lounge Open	27	28 Dine & Dance Steak & Lobster Bobby Z	29
30 Ritual Contest at West Covina Lodge 7:30 AM						