

# Elks



# Tracks

West Covina Elks Lodge #1996

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

**'A Fresh Start To A Good Year'**

Please join us in celebrating

**West Covina Elks Lodge #1996**

**2021-2022**

**Exalted Ruler Dan Parker & his Corp of Officers**

**At the Inaugural Ball Dinner**

To be held on

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

No Host Social Hour - 5:00 p.m.

Officer's March - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Your choice of Rib-Eye Steak or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Asparagus, Scallop Potatoes, Salad, Dinner Roll

and Dessert

\$30 per person

You must make reservations and purchase your tickets in advance  
with the Lodge office (626) 962-0113

Deadline to purchase tickets will be Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

### Committee Chairman 2021 - 2022

Accident Prevention Manager	Angel Vasquez	909-210-3707
Activities Reports	Robert Leon	909-227-7935
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Audio/Lighting	VACANT	
Auditor	Robert Burke	626-209-5660
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BLT	Judith Lumbreras, PAVP	626-587-6489
Bulletin Director/Editor	Ben Ortega	626-926-4501
Charity/Major Project	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Christmas Tree Lane	John Kemp	626-963-3921
Community Public Relations	Robert Leon	909-227-7935
Crab Crack	Ben Ortega, DDGER	626-926-4046
Crab Crack	Mike Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Cribbage Club	Norm Nikodym	909-319-6488
Drug Awareness	VACANT	
Elks National Foundation	Robert Hollis-Brau PDDGER	909-622-9861
Elks Memorial Service	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485
Flag Day	Kelli Ishikawa	626-893-9756
Funeral Service	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Grants Coordinators	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Grants Coordinators	Veronica Aslan	323-646-3317
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Government Relations	Maria Ortega	626-806-7003
Hoop Shoot	Julie Walker	626-222-2935
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Indoctrination	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
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Lapsation/Membership	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Laughlin Trip	Ben Ortega, PER	626-926-4046
Co-Chairman	Joanna Howard	909-392-2685
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Mail Out	Chuck Dalool, PER	626-332-6945
Major Project	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Major Project 50/50	Robert Burke	626-209-5660
Mediator	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Membership/Lapsation	Dee Varela	626-705-2763
Mobile Pancake Maker	Vince McCauley	626-422-2812
Mothers Day	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485
Newsletter Elks Tracks	Ben Ortega	626-926-4046
New Years Eve	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
Paper & Cans	Chuck Sawyer	909-599-4890
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Photographer	Robert Leon	909-227-7935
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Public Relations	Robert Leon	909-227-7935
Ritual Coach	Rick Dana PER	626-484-4165
Asst: Ritual Coach	Chuck Dalool PER	626-332-6945
Roamin Elks	Bill Zeason	951-903-4192
Saturday Night Entertainment	Sandie Sesanto	626-675-6565
Scholarships	Michael Salazar, PER	626-827-6700
Scouting Boys/Girls	Don & Patricia Best	626-272-5799
Sickness & Distress	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
Super Bowl	Robert Burke	626-209-5660
Veterans	Chris Abeyta	626-482-5182
Volunteers	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
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Youth Activities	Ben Ortega PDDGER	626-926-4046



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## 2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS

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

## LODGE TRUSTEES

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

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

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

## 2020-2021 HONORED ELKS

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





Greetings to my Brother and Sister Elks,

We are moving into a new stage working on re-opening our lodge in a safe manner. We have started by having indoor dining with a Friday and Saturday dinner in April. All dinners will be by reservation only and must be pre-paid. We still have limited seating as we abide by the Covid restrictions. We will be scheduling more, keep an eye out for them through e-mails, our lodge bulletin, or Facebook postings.

We also had our first in person meeting at the lodge on April the 13th. It went very well with the seating spaced far apart. We will continue to have in person meetings as the restrictions allow.

I am proud to be Exalted Ruler this year and with the help of all the membership and volunteering, we should make this a good year.

Thank you for our fresh start for a good year!

Fraternally,

Dan Parker  
Exalted Ruler

## Leading Knights Station

Hello Members,

Welcome back!. We started off April with our member meetings at the lodge. We also have had 2 dine in dinners. I'd like to thank our cooks and our volunteers for stepping up and helping our lodge out in the re-opening process. We can do this with the help of our membership. I encourage you to come have dinner and enjoy the evening with our members and their guests. I know our Exalted Ruler would like to have dinner service every Friday. We need your help, either by cooking a dinner, serving, or just helping out to clean up the lodge. Let's all work together and get our lodge up and running.

Our officers are busy planning events for the upcoming months. Hope to see you all support our events.

Don't forget to turn in your Purple Pigs.

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Thank you,

Vivian Salinas  
Leading Knight



## Loyal Knights Station

My Fellow Members,

This month we will kick-off the celebration with our Inaugural Ball honoring Exalted Ruler Dan Parker and his corps of officers for the year 2021-2022 and welcoming a new Elk year on Saturday, May 8th; more information will be available inside this newsletter. As we follow all the guidelines, we cannot have any live entertainment, and that includes a DJ. this should change in the coming weeks.

Our Exalted Ruler has made it his goal to reopen the Lodge responsibly with dinners served either Friday or Saturday nights. These dinners are produced and operated by volunteer staff, so if you would like to help your Lodge contact Leading Knight Vivian Salinas for volunteer opportunities, only our members can make our Lodge successful.

This year's Mother's Day Ceremony event will be a combined event with Father's Day, a date not yet determined.

Members, please join me in extending a great big Thank You to our former Bingo Chairpersons, Nancy Kane, and Gus Kane, for the many years of service in running our bingo every Thursday night before the pandemic. When I was Exalted Ruler In 2013-2014, Nancy Kane stepped up and took over our Bingo program after our previous Bingo chairman abruptly resigned. It was nothing short of amazing what Nancy and Gus accomplished with our program, making it one of the more successful Bingos in the San Gabriel Valley. The efforts of Nancy and Gus Kane and their team of volunteers generated enough charitable funds to propelled us to #3 in our State Major Project donations at our annual Piggy Bank March at State Convention the past few years before the pandemic. Bingo is our most immense charitable fundraising strength and enabled us the opportunity to donate not only to our Major Project (Purple Pig) but also ENF, Scholarships, Community Youth Programs, Scouting, Drug Awareness, Veterans, Homelessness, and many other charitable programs. So, with that, I say Thank You, Nancy & Gus, for a Job Well Done! So, please relax and enjoy your free time; you both deserve it. Again, Thank you and God Bless.

Fraternally,

Ben Ortega, PDDGER  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knights Station

Greetings Everyone,

I am so grateful and appreciative to serve as your Esteem Lecturing Knight. Thank you for all the support and encouragement from many members. So please feel free to e-mail me, and share any ideas that may help me with my events that I need to fulfill in my position.

To all the beautiful Mom's, I wish you a Happy Mother's Day. Hopefully you will be able to enjoy time with your families.

We have a couple dinner events coming up. I hope to see everyone there. These dinner's will be indoors. We will be abiding by the Covid restrictions.

We are looking forward to opening up the lodge more and hoping to see everyone support our events.

Please don't forget to wear your mask and wash your hands, and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

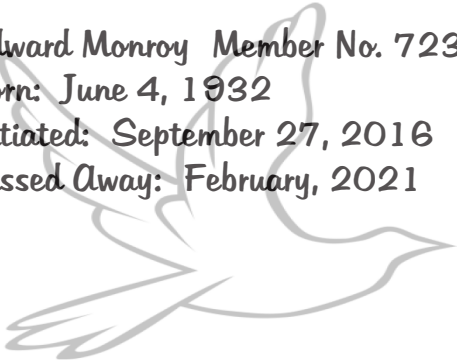
Christina Carter  
Esteem Lecturing Knight



## In MEMORIUM

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

Edward Monroy Member No. 7236  
Born: June 4, 1932  
Initiated: September 27, 2016  
Passed Away: February, 2021



Fill your Piggy banks up & bring 'em in!  
California-Hawaii Elks - Major Project, Inc.  
Helping Children Since 1950  
Ask About Reccuring Donations!  
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Gerald Henry  
William García

Lucy Ibarra  
Dana Williams



**Save the Date:  
Flag Day Ceremony  
Tuesday June 15th**



**CEREMONY  
More information and  
Details will be  
forthcoming in the  
June Newsletter**



Getting a COVID-19 vaccine adds  
one more layer of protection.

[www.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)



## PAST EXALTED RULERS

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

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

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

<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>TRANSFER DEMIT</u>
Gale Warren	Brady G. Warren	Ken Madrid #7051 to Ontario Lodge
<u>REINSTATEMENTS</u>		
<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</u>
		Thomas R. Kirsch #4136 (He meets all requirements for Life Membership)

## Sickness and Distress

**Willie Koskela** was in the emergency with a head injury. He had a chair slip from under him and hit the back of his head. He is well. He also joined us for an in door lodge meeting.

**Rick Dana**'s oldest daughter, his granddaughter and grandson have covid. His son-in-law has the symptom's of covid

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

## GRAND LODGE PR AND MEMBERSHIP MARKETING COMMITTEE

# 3 words for Elks to rally around

By **RICK GATHEN**  
 Membership Marketing Manager

Respond, recover, renew are three key words for your Lodge in 2021.

We must recognize this as an opportunity to be better. Recover by using the lessons learned from 2020 to help build a new foundation and way forward. Respond by understanding that the importance of leading your Lodge to a sustainable future begins now. Think first about renewal as you grapple with your response and recovery.

In April we sent a direct mail piece to the Members who were dropped from the rolls in March. The reinstatement campaign is called "WELKcome Back". It encourages people with "why" and "how"

to reinstate their membership.

Another reinstatement direct mail campaign is scheduled for September. It will focus on the way we operate after the COVID-19 crisis, with the majority protected by a vaccine by the fall.

We are developing strategies to address the daunting challenges our Lodges are facing with restoring Members' comfort with socializing in groups again. Priority must be given to addressing the underlying public health challenges. We will address Member confidence through extending social protection to all, facilitating safe events, and promoting that our 'new normal' is a better one. This is how you reset your Lodges business strategy.





**Diane Stoner Biography  
California Hawaii Elks  
Association Vice President  
San Gabriel Valley District  
2021 – 2022**

**D**iane Stoner was initiated into the Arcadia Lodge #2025 on January 29, 2002. She waited until she finished her Master's work before becoming an officer. She started as Lecturing Knight, where she learned more than she ever imagined about the responsibilities of the kitchen and activities involving kitchen services in the Lodge. She was voted Officer of the Year, as the Lecturing Knight.

It was a good start for moving onto the Loyal Knight's chair and then the Leading Knight. Then she became Exalted Ruler in 2009 – 2010. After the year as Exalted Ruler she moved on to become a Trustee and has served as a Trustee ever since

Diane has been very active in Veteran's affairs, and was able, as part of a team, to procure, train and provide a service dog to a disabled veteran.

Diane's professional life began as a student working in an intern position for a contractor for the Department of Defense. She worked as a contractor for Nasa's Deep Space Network, and for the Library of Congress, on a communication system. Finally ending up working in Program Management for Northrop Grumman. She worked there until after the B2 Bomber's completion (the one that flies over the Rose Parade every year). While working on the B2, she that's spent a year, as an engineering liaison to Lockheed Martin, in New York. During that time, she took up the sport of racquetball. It is very difficult to get exercise with 6 feet of snow on the ground, and racquetball is played inside. After returning home to California, she was given the opportunity of playing semi-pro racquetball, which she did for about 10 years.

Once the work on the B2 was over, she moved on to the Aerospace Corporation to become a space cadet. That is working on Satellites, etc. These projects were all for the Department of Defense, and took her all over the country, working in some fun settings, such as in Florida during hurricane Katrina. As the hurricane was approaching, the team got a Sunday off. So they decided to go to Coco Beach to surf for the day. Actually, Coco Beach has no surf, but Katrina helped to make things interesting. But the work was not all fun and games. She got to work in the Field of Dreams (the contractor's name for it) in New Hampshire. They worked for several days outside, in February, in the snow, on equipment on the back of a flat bed truck. It's possible that the contractor was trying to get even with the bosses. It worked.

As district VP, Diane hopes to be able to help to ensure that all of the Lodges, in the district, are able to successfully re-open.



Michael J Barrios	2
Sal Solis Jr.	2
David L Stevens	2
Weston Van Kirk	2
Arturo Martinez	3
Nancy Lucero	4
Gerard McCartan Jr	4
Leon D Borden	5
Ronald Murphy	7
Connie Emanuel	8
Fred Pacheco	10
Conrad Apodaca	11
Albert Muster	11
Norman Gilkey	12
Melvin M Keck	13
Colette C Lewis	13
Nicolas D Saldarriaga	13
Michael Touhey	13
Margaret Lori Del Rio	14
MaryLou Mora	15
Birger Stenoy	15
William Martin	17
Gregory Metoyer	18
Christopher Hawkes	19
John Ammon	21
Edmund Frias	21
Dennis K Ito	22
Armida Manzo-Ramirez	24
Vivian Salinas	24
Ivan Marburger	25
Linda L Abeyta	27
Kyle Cantrell	27
Christopher McDermott	27
Cecilia Arteaga	28
Philip D Hawkins	28
Charles V Lepins	28
Jesus B Alcaez	29
Betty L Fowler	29





**106TH ANNUAL CHEA  
CONVENTION**

# 2021 CHEA Virtual Convention

*May 5-7, 2021 | Join us ONLINE*  
**REGISTER at:**  
[www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org)

## **3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER**

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1. **CLICK ON CENTER "SLIDER" - THEN CLICK "REGISTER" OR**
2. **CLICK ON "MEETINGS"; CLICK "ASSOCIATION CONVENTION"  
THEN CLICK "REGISTER HERE" AT BOTTOM OR**
3. **CLICK HERE: "REGISTER"**

**NOTE:** After registering you will receive an email that day, with reminders one week before and one day before the convention begins. Be sure and check your SPAM folder if you don't see an email.

### **AGENDA**

#### Wednesday, May 5

*8:00 p.m. Opening Session & Memorial Service*

#### Thursday, May 6

*8:00 a.m. Investment Committee Meeting*

*9:00 a.m. CHEMPI Board of Trustees Meeting*

*10:00 a.m. CHEA Board of Trustees Meeting*

*11:00 a.m. First BUSINESS SESSION*

*2:00 p.m. Secretaries, Trustees, Club Managers  
and Members Workshop*

#### Friday, May 7

*7:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Ritual Contest (Participants  
only allowed)*

*8:00 a.m. Final BUSINESS SESSION*

*9:30 a.m. Theme Child Presentation*

*9:40 a.m. Virtual Exalted Rulers March*

*11:00 a.m. Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights,  
Other Officers and Members Workshop*

*Complete details of the agenda are  
on the website*



## JAY LARKINS BIOGRAPHY CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT 2021 - 2022

Jay Larkins was initiated into the Santa Clarita Lodge #2379 in August 1994, quickly becoming Lodge Esquire then Esteemed Loyal Knight, Leading Knight and the:1 Exalted Ruler in October 1996, due to the passing of the Exalted Ruler. As the Junior P.E.R. he was elected to the Board of Trustees serving the final year as Chairman, then elected Lodge Secretary. He is a Past 'Tall Elk' and 'Elk of the Year' at the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge.

In 1999, Jay became a Certified Ritualistic Floor Judge, Word Judge and Calculator and served as Tri-District Ritual Training Chairman. From 1999 to 2018, Jay served as coach of the Santa Clarita Elks Ritual Team with 4 C.H.E.A. Team Ritualistic Championships.

Jay served on several district committees and served as Esquire to District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Brennan and as Auditor to D.D.G.E.R. Bill Howell.

In 2003, Jay was appointed Association Vice President for the Metropolitan District under Association President Doug Larsen and First Lady Jo, and in 2005 appointed to serve as District Deputy Grand1 Exalted Ruler.

He served on the C.H.E.A. Board of Trustees and on the C.H.E.M.P.I. Board of Trustees, serving the final year as the Chairman. At the 2019 CHEA Convention in Fresno, he was elected as the California-Hawaii Elks Association First Vice President.

Jay's professional career has taken him from directing the local news on a small television station in East Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia at CNN Headline News, then The Weather Channel, and then leaving for California and TV show 'Hard Copy' at Paramount Studios in Hollywood. Then, on to 'Entertainment Tonight' whereas Director he helped earn the show its First Emmy Nomination and Win. Jay and Ginger started their own production company in 2014 and worked with 'The Dan Patrick Show', 'The Rich Eisen Show' and Hallmark Channel's 'Home and Family' and 5 startup shows including 'Laughs' on FOX, 'Entertainment Tonight in Dubai', DirecTV NFL Fantasy Zone, Emmy Nominated 'Crime Watch Daily' and Emmy Nominated 'DailyMailTV' where he was Nominated for a Directing Emmy in 2018 and Winning the Emmy \With 'DailyMailTV' in 2019.

In the entertainment industry, Jay is a member of The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Motion Picture and Television Editor's Guild, and the Director's Guild of America.

Jay and his wife Ginger, a 20-year Elk, Past Elk of the Year, and Past Emblem Club President, met in Atlanta at the Weather Channel. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Daughter Mindy, a 20-year member of Santa Clarita Lodge, lives in Birmingham, Alabama \With her two children, Taylor and Brady, and fiancé John; and son Casey lives in Charlotte, North Carolina with children Piper, Sebastian and Elliott and wife Stephanie.

Jay and Ginger are children of Elks. Ginger's father, Henry Knighten Sr., was a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and installed Jay as Exalted Ruler. Jay's father, Tom, was a member of the Kingsport, Tennessee Lodge. Growing up, Jay played for the Elks sponsored little league baseball team and participated in the Elks National Hoop Shoot Program Growing up and attending all his school years through college in the Volunteer State led to his love of orange and his support of the University of Tennessee Volunteers ... Win or Lose!

Jay and Ginger are excited, honored and proud to be given the opportunity to serve the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association as President and First Lady.

***“The Future of Elkdom Begins With You” because, Elks Make Lives Better***



## Emblem Club #299 Corner

Dear Brother and Sister Elks,

May, a great month for Moms, but May 15th is National Armed Forces Day, and who does not like Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial first day of summer. It is also a day to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice while defending their Nation. Let us remember those heroes. It is an exciting time now, more people are being vaccinated, restaurants are opening, COVID has low numbers, I am tempted to hug everyone! We still need to be cautious; Washing your hands, wearing masks is such a simple and kind thing to do. The Elks lodge is slowly but surely opening, with all the safeguards in place, I could not think of a better place to spend my time, with family and friends.

Emblem to is ready to begin raising money for our favorite charities, we will be selling desserts for Friday or Saturday dinners, hope you can make it. One fund raiser in particular, For the Kids Golf Tournament, is rescheduled for October. We are going to have a great time, please be sure to join us.

In closing I want to remember last year. We may not have been able to celebrate our dear Moms because of the COVID quarantine, but now with our vaccines, hopefully you will be able to give Mom a great big hug and kiss. Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there.

Emblem Love,  
Olivia Pompa



### **"Help us keep our Lodge business open, protect our staff, and protect fellow diners by following our simple guidelines:**

- o Keep your mask on until your food or drinks are served and after finishing it/them.
- o Put your mask on whenever a server approaches your table.
- o Put your mask on whenever you leave your table.
- o Wash or sanitize your hands.

**Thank you for helping protect the health of our staff and your fellow customers!"**



Support our Foundation by donating online. You could give through the Lodge, but the *only* difference when you donate online is how quickly your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at

**[enf.elks.org/MyLodge](https://enf.elks.org/MyLodge)**

## Drug Awareness News

### **How to honor a lifelong volunteer**

By William J. Bryan  
Assistant National Director

In this day and under current COVID-19 restrictions, volunteers are as important as ever to the many missions of Elkdom. One thing equally important as the volunteers is recognizing them for their service. After a few years' hiatus, the new White House Administration has re-instituted the Lifetime Achievement Award category of the President's Volunteer Service Award. The Elks Drug Awareness Program is once again certified by the Administration to approve nominations for this award.

Established by executive order by President George W. Bush in 2003, this prestigious civil award was established to honor volunteers who have performed 4,000 hours or more of volunteer work in their community.

Recipients receive a certificate, a letter from the President, and a very nice "Lifetime Achievement Award" pin to proudly wear. Thanks to a grant from ENF, these awards come at no cost to your Lodge! It's a great way to honor the work of a brother or sister Elk, or to recognize someone in your community. After you present the award, if they are not an Elk, you can invite them to join!

For more information on the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, contact your State Elks Association Drug Awareness Chairperson.

In other news, the Elks DAP has been very busy in creating lesson plans for schools and organizations to teach youth about the substance abuse dangers in this age of virtual learning. Now is a good time to visit [elksteenzone.org](https://elksteenzone.org) to see what they're up to. You'd be amazed by all that the program has done. Check it out! While you're at it, stop by [elkskidszone.org](https://elkskidszone.org) to see what we're offering to younger kids.

## Pancake Machine Crew Schedule



*We appreciate your help!*

**Volunteers Always Appreciated**

**Contact Vince McCaully 626-422-2812**

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Lodge Office Open Tuesday - Friday 10AM - 5PM						1 TBD
2	3 <b>Investigation</b>	4 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	5 PER Meeting 7P Conference RM	6	7 Friday Night Dinner Reservations & Prepay a Must	8 Inaugural Ball Reservations & Prepay a Must Ribeye or Chicken Cordon Bleu \$30
9 Lodge Closed	10	11 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	12 BOD Meeting 7P	13	14 Friday Night Dinner Reservations & Prepay a Must	15 TBD
16 Lodge Closed	17 <b>Indoctrination</b>	18 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	19	20	21 Friday Night Dinner Reservations & Prepay a Must	22 TBD
23 Lodge Closed	24	25 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM <b>Initiation</b>	26	27	28 Friday Night Dinner Reservations & Prepay a Must	29 TBD
30 Lodge Closed	31					Calendar Subject to Change with Events Being Added Last Minute Updates by Email