

WEST COVINA LODGE No. 1996

ELKS



TRACKS

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

WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS

LOVE & PASSION

TICKETS \$45

Valentine's Elks Dance Party

DINNER, DANCE, & MUSIC
CLOSED EVENT

SATURDAY 8TH FEB, 2025

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
SMOOTH TOUCH BAND
DJ NEY

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

MENU
NEW YORK STEAK & CHICKEN COMBO
DINNER SERVED 6 PM TO 7 PM

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

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE

LET'S SUPERBOWL

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025

Bring your own food and snacks.
NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED.

Mr. Trivia...
Duane Hamilton as our MC

Doors open at 12
Game starts at 3:30PM

Get there early
and
grab your SEATS!!

\$15 - admission Fee - meal included
Kids under 5 yrs old FREE

Those who purchased a square on the Superbowl board:
Admission is included
1 food plate with \$50 purchase
2 food plates with \$100 purchase

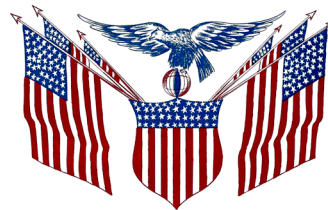
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WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

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Flag Day	Tony Cortez	626-483-3838
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1st Year	Jim DeBerry	951-335-2984
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Esquire	Tony Cortez	626-483-3838
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Inner Guard	VACANT	
Organist	VACANT	
Tiler	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485

2023-2024 HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year -----Carlos Duarte

Tall Elk -----Trish Gonzalez

Officer of the Year ---George Alcala

Citizen of the Year ---Angel Vasquez

Spirit of Elkdom ---Sandy Duarte, Debbie Millan,
Grace Capp, Cheryl Grimm, Wanda Horton,
Eva Mejia, Carlos Virgin





Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings My Members,
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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

Fraternally Yours,

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

Leading Knights Station

Happy New Year my dear Elk family. I hope the holidays have served you well. A fresh new year is here. This brings us opportunity to pursue goals, dreams and virtues. It is yours to clench, hold and accept. It is yours to reflect what you have learned from the past and better oneself. Now that the New Year has started, A great resolution would be how you can get involved in our Lodge. The Lodge needs help. We need help in our different committees. See what you can do to give a few hours of your time. We need your help in the support of our functions, which we have several. We want to continue to keep our Lodge going for all our members. Your support is what keeps our Lodge moving. Come in, and get involved. There are several great functions coming up. Please read and always keep handy the newsletter. It is the most valuable tool to know what is going on with the lodge. Thank you to all who participated with the Cookie Exchange we had on December 4th. It was a lot of fun. The Monday Night Football season has come to an end. Thank you to all who attended and showed your support. You are much appreciated. Superbowl is on February 9th. Look for the flyer within the newsletter. This has always been a great event. Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information. Best of health to you and your family.

Fraternally,
Trish Gonzalez
Esteemed Leading Knight

Loyal Knights Station

Greetings Elk Brothers, Sisters, and friends. By the time you receive this narrative, Christmas Day, and possibly New Year's Day will have come and gone. It is my sincerest hope that this entire Christmas Holiday season has showered you with the gifts of your desire, and has allowed you to experience the joys of health, love, laughter, family, religion, caring, giving, receiving, Americanism, and fond memories. Let us always remember Christmas Day denotes the birth of our Lord and Savior. I'd like to give a 'shout out' to our hall manager, Alex Lindsay, for the marvelous Christmas Lounge and Elkcove decorations. Acknowledgement is also due to the Elk's of the Year members who orchestrated a fabulous and colorful Christmas Tree Lane event, attended and enjoyed by many. Congratulations to the winning recipients. ****ALERT**** Our Veterans Committee, partnering with AMVETS, will be collecting household goods, men's, women's, and children's clothing, small furniture and appliances, kitchen utensils, etc. on February 7, 8th. More info. and flyer to follow.

I'll close by wishing all of my Elk Brothers, Sisters, and friends a delightfully happy, healthy, and prosperous 2025.

Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knights Station

Happy New Year my brothers and sisters, hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. The end of the year is a natural moment to look back and reflect on the highs and lows, the challenges and triumphs. It's a time to celebrate the goals we've achieved, acknowledge the lessons learned, and set our sights on new aspirations. Resolutions are a popular way to welcome the New Year. Whether it's focusing on health, learning a new skill, or nurturing relationships, setting clear and realistic goals can help guide our actions and keep us motivated throughout the year.

The New Year offers hope and excitement for what is coming next, whether it be a new charity or a volunteer opportunity or just connecting with friends and family. West Covina is busy planning for Super Bowl, Valentines Day, St Patrick's day, Inauguration Ball, many opportunities for volunteering. I myself will chair the Pork-E-Que, I need lots of help!

With this I close:
may your new year be filled with hope, peace and blessings.

Lecturing Knight,
Olivia Pompa

Antlers Corner



On behalf of the Antlers, we wish all ELKS and your loved ones a Happy New Year filled with prosperity. As we reflect on 2024, we take pride in the work we've accomplished. Your support last year was essential to our suc-

cess, and we sincerely thank you!

We begin this year, once again on January 1, 2025, aboard the ELKS Rose Parade Float.

We hope you caught a glimpse of our Antlers and ELKS representing the various Elks Camps from across the nation. We are grateful for this opportunity provided by the ELKS organization and our lodge. Together, let's make 2025 a remarkable year of benevolence.

Sincerely,

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



West Covina Elks Golfing

Greetings Fellow Elks.



Are you interested in having fun, fellowship and playing golf? If so, the West Covina Elks Lodge Golf Club is for you!

We golf at 9:00 am the 2nd or 3rd Monday each month.

There is no cost to join!, Simply reach out to us, let us know you want to play. Pay the Elks Golf Club the green fees at the course the day we golf. and you're in.

A posted handicap is not necessary to play or join but if you have a handicap, you qualify to win money. If not, you will still qualify to win money for the closest to the pin on par 3's. Added bonus - IF you don't have a handicap but want to get one - no problem! We can also help you sign up with the SCGA at a discounted rate.

We have golfers of all levels (mainly not too good lol).. Men and women Elks Members and their friends are welcome, so come check it out. I have been a member for years and have made new friends. I look forward to the laughs and camaraderie each month.

For more information contact:

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

MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG DONORS

Fill your Piggy banks up & bring 'em in!
California-Hawaii Elks - Major Project, Inc.
Helping Children Since 1950

Ask About Recurring Donations!
All Major Project "Purple Pig" Donations are
100% Tax Deductable

Lionel Moreno

We would like to thank all our recurring donors.



In MEMORIUM

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

Maureen Bowen #7256

Born: March 17, 1943

Initiated: January 24, 2017

Passed On: November 22, 2024

Ronald M. Hull #7391

Born: September 29, 1966

Initiated: February 26, 2019

Passed On: November, 2024

WEST COVINA ELKS

EXALTED RULER

MICHAEL SALAZAR

PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES

DON NAVARETTE

ELK OF THE MONTH FOR

DECEMBER 2024

**Per capita and fees set for 2025-2026
Starting April 1, 2025, the following per capita
and fees will be due from each Member:**

Grand Lodge per capita: \$6.50

The Elks Magazine assessment: \$5.50

Insurance assessment: \$15 to \$25*

TOTAL remitted with report: \$27 to \$37

*To provide adequate funding of the Master Liability Program, each Lodge will be assessed on its own claim history and exposure. Accordingly, the per capita assessment will range from \$15.00 to \$25.00 for the 3/31/25-3/31/26 policy year. Each Lodge's assessment will be updated in the fees and dues section of CLMS no later than November 1, 2024. Please make sure that your Lodge budget includes this increase for the fraternal year beginning on April 1, 2025.

Call the Grand Secretary's office to set-up a personal tour of the National Headquarters if you, or someone you know, plan to visit Chicago over the winter.

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. Ander* 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 Lumberas 2014-15
 Mario Arellano* 2016-2017
 Dana Williams 2015-16, 17-18, 19- 20
 Sandra Mendoza* 2018-19
 William Salinas 2020-2021
 Dannie Parker 2021-2022, 23-24
 Vivian Salinas 2022-2023

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

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

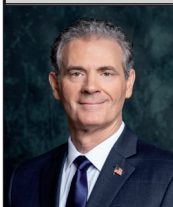
APPLICANT	PROPOSER
Ralph J. Galaz	Trish Gonzalez
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	
Member #5793 John Eng is requesting Life Membership. He meets all requirements.	

Sickness and Distress

Don Navarrette is doing OK. He has breathing issues and was bleeding internally but is doing better.
Trustee Jim DeBerry's niece is battling leukemia. She is 6 years old. Prayers are very much appreciated.
Arnold Varela's brother passed away. His sister-in-law suffered a stroke and is slowly recovering.
Wanda Horton is in good spirits. She has had a few setbacks, but is getting better slowly. She is looking forward to coming back to the lodge.
Lucy Ibarra and Alex Ibarra-Lindsey's mother is in hospice. Prayers requested.
Sandra Contreras-Duarte's - Lost her Sister December 2nd.
Coach Dave Loera - is recovering from a diabetic medical issue

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



New year begins, but Elks year ends soon

Happy 2025 to all our Elks family! Julia and I want to wish you and your families a healthy and happy new year.

January is the beginning of the last quarter of the Lodge year. Be sure to have your membership retention and arrears program ready to work on having a +1 membership gain for 2025! Have your committee reach out to delinquent Members. This personal contact could very well bring these Members back into our folds.

While we have so many Members who are active and going beyond the call of duty, we unfortunately have those who are delinquent in membership. We need to look over the lapsation list. Our delinquent Members had a reason for joining and they are worth keeping as active Members. Find out what you can do to improve this. Think of the missed opportunities that these delinquent Members could have had in making a legacy of service.

As we begin 2025, Lodges need to be focusing on several aspects: Our Members and membership, our Lodges and improvements, and our recognition to those who have given beyond the typical role of service.

There is no better way to recognize these people who have gone beyond the call of duty in their service to Elksdom than to award them with "Elk of the Year," "Officer of the Year," and "Citizen of the Year." The awards form can be accessed in CLMS2Web. They need to be submitted prior to March 31 so that the certificates can be printed and sent back to the Lodges for Officer installations. As an Exalted Ruler, you have an opportunity to recognize those Members who are doing everything without even being asked.

Speaking of legacy, the Legacy Award scholarship is available until February 3, 2025. It provides \$4,000 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Elks Members. Use the membership of Elksdom to pay it forward to help your children and grandchildren. The end of year will be here before you know it. With the FRS system, your Lodge just needs to ensure all entries are current. The nice thing about the FRS system is your Lodge no longer needs to have the annual audit completed. However, you still must submit your 990 and 990T for each corporation in your Lodge. Have them completed by a qualified individual (e.g., CPA) and filed with the IRS and uploaded on Elks.org.

Elksdom's Heart for America means looking for ways to recognize the value of our Members, membership, and the value of looking forward to the future. Keep up the good work you are doing in your Lodge and community. I want you to know how much I appreciate all that you are doing for Elksdom. God bless you and God bless America.

Membership Delinquent List

Members below have not paid their 2024-2025 Membership Dues and your membership benefits & privileges are now suspended. Please call the **Lodge office at (626) 962-0113** to bring your membership up to date and current.

Members in a non-paid status cannot enter the Lodge to participate in any events even as a guest

Robert L Agee	Colette C Lewis
Lora M Aguilar	Robertta Linsay
Conrad A Apodaca	Nancy Lucero
Edie Askew	Armida M Manzo-Ramirez
Ronald A Brockman	Ivan Marburger
Sally Callaway	Cecilia Martinez
Lupe Casas	Tony Martinez
Robert Castaneda	Gerard McCarten
Alexander Castro	Edward Medina
Yolanda Chavez	Marisa Montenegro
Timothy Conklin	MaryLou Mora
Jonathon Cook	Michael A Olin
Lewis A Cowan	Caroline Orozco
Maria Delgado	Lucille Orozco
Sonia Diaz	Aida Real
Shirley A Esquerro	Richard Reyes
Debra Kay Fisher	Andy Rodriguez
William Franzblau	Samuel M Rodriguez
Edmund J Frias	Elenore M Rojas
James H Gilbert	Patrick A Rojas
Norman Gilkey	Roland C Sammelman
David Gonzalez	Ted Sandoval
David M Grijalva	Lillian s Torres
Philip D Hawkins	Aurora Urueta
Betty Lammens	David E Walz
Candace Leuthold	Kindel W Winter

Eagle Scout Service Project West Covina Elks Lodge Parking Restoration

My name is Joaquin Urdiales, and I am the Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 433. I am a Junior at Damien High School and a third-year Varsity Letterman in Cross Country and Track and Field. Becoming an Eagle Scout has been my main focus and goal these past few years. After Scouting, I want to continue running and pursue a college degree.

I chose the West Covina Elks Lodge for my Eagle Scout Service Project because they have allowed us to use their facility to hold our Troop meetings and events. As part of this project, we re-painted over 50 white and blue parking lot lines along the building's East, West, and South sides (over 1400 feet of painting). We are also re-painting five designated handicapped parking spots and 3 newly handicapped parking spots. This process took the longest as we had to paint two coats of the blue inner square, wait for it to dry, followed by a white outside border, and spray paint the white handicap parking symbol. As a bonus, we repainted the yellow horizontal parking lot lines and four yellow directional arrows.

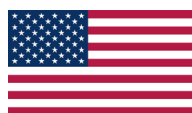
I want to thank Mr. Michael Salazar Exalted Ruler and the West Covina Elks Lodge for their support. I would also like to thank our Troop Leaders, Mr. Ariel Abuel, Mr. Nelson Robles, and Mr. Bill Duarte, for their guidance. And a special thank you to my Troop members, friends, and family for giving me their time.

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Veterans Column

Greetings Elk and veteran brothers and Sisters. Hoping this posting finds you well, beaming with excitement at gifts given and received, and recuperating from the hectic holiday season. I wish you all well in fulfilling your New Year's resolutions. (I'm still contemplating beginning resolutions made many years ago, yikes). Thank you veteran and non-veteran members who donated to our sponsored DIY themed Christmas Tree Lane entry. The tree was vibrant, colorful, and displayed gleaming ornaments as well as photos of our veterans. DIY tools are always very desirable. Thank you Carmen G. and Beverly L. for your decorative assistance. Our Veterans Committee in partnership with AMVETS will again be collecting household goods, clothing for men, women and children, kitchen and decorative items, small appliance and furniture items, etc. Collection dates are Feb. 7, 8th, in our Lodge conference room. The donated items will benefit many veterans. Additional information and flyer to follow. Brothers and sisters, I hope you all enjoyed a memorable Christmas Day with family and friends and warmly wish you all an exciting, bountiful, memorable, healthy, and blessed New Year. Respectfully,

Angel Vasquez
Veterans Committee
Chairman



JANUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Leslie Crowell	1
Judith Lumbreras, PER	1
Linda Moncada	2
Lupe Pedersen	2
Ed Schmutzler	2
Hector Trujillo	2
Allen Maes	4
Steve Robles	4
Yolanda Chavez	5
Apolonia Oronoz	5
Alex Espinola	8
Jack E. Figueroa	8
Melissa Hamilton	8
Peter A. Grant	9
Vasken (Vic) Maghakian	9
Deborah Millan	9
Michele Wilson	9
Rosemarie Valles	10
George Leiva	11
Christine Mead	11
Alexander Castro	12
Edward Aguilera	14
Richard Robinson	14
Lydia Marie Gonzalez	15
Alex Rodriguez	15
Carlos Sanchez Jr.	15
Richard Gutierrez	16
Edward Holguin	16
Dean H. Sheldon Jr.	16
Jorge Azpeitia	18
George G. Nguyen	18
Kennith G. Armour	19
Lyuz Esparza-Rey	19
Ramiro L. Quintero	19
Thomas A. Galvery	20
Colleen Rozatti	20
Linda Ruelas	20
Isabel Marie Carrier	22
Rosie Rivera	22
Emma Wilson	23
Janet Tasha Ricardez	24
Tracey Russell	24
David K. Mindrum	25
Lillian S. Torres	25
Luis A. Aguilar	26
Robert Cardenas	26
Michael J. Perrow	26
Lillian Olivia Guirado-Pompa	28
Thomas Williams	28
Laura Beltran	30
Christine Stafford	31



January Weekend & Future Entertainment Schedule

WEST COVINA ELKS
PRESENTS

BIRTHDAY Bash

TheTanori/Cere Trio Band + One



Saturday, January 4th
7 PM To 11 PM

BRING IN YOUR OWN SNACKS AND FOOD

Doors Open at 5 PM

No Reservations / First Come, First Sitting
\$10 Coverage Charge for Nonmembers



West Covina Elks Lodge
Presents

Elks Friday Dance

Performance By :
Dudes Got Blues Band



January 10, 2025

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Doors Open @ 4:00 PM
First Come, First Sitting

Bring In Your Own Food






\$10 Coverage Charge For Nonmembers

WEST COVINA ELKS PRESENTS

Steak & Lobster Night

Friday, January 31, 2025

Bobby Z
7PM TO 10PM



DINNER SERVING TIME
5PM TO 7:30PM

All Pre-Paid Food Reservations Need To Be In
by Wednesday, January 29, 2025 by 10:00 PM

West Covina Elks Presents

Saturday Night Elks Party

We are having a gathering this Saturday
night and would love for you to join us!

Saturday, January 18th
7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

Performance By
**NIGHT GROOVE
BAND**

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

\$10 Cover Charge For Nonmembers

**NO FRILLS MEALS EVERY OTHER MONDAY
IS BACK! BEGINNING IN JANUARY**

West Covina Elks Lodge

Only
\$13

Ribey Steak Dinner

January 6, 2025

Only 100 Dinners

First Come, First Sitting!

NO FRILLS MONDAY

- ✓ Happy Hour 4 PM to 6 PM
- ✓ Dinner Tickets go on Sale @ 5PM



Smoke Daddy Cooking

January Duty Officers Friday & Saturday

January 3 & 4
January 10 & 11
January 17 & 18
January 24 & 25
January 31

Louie Wagner - Terry Ortega
Ceci Alcala - Charlene Rasmussen
Inner Guard - Tony Cortez
Trish Gonzalez - Jim DeBerry
Angel Vasquez



West Covina Lodge Recycling

If you have any glass bottles, plastic bottles or aluminum cans that you would like to donate, please bring them with you to our Tuesday meetings. A container located in the enclosed patio area will be available to place your donations there.

We will also be collecting on the last Saturday of each month in the parking lot by the kitchen of the Lodge, from 8am-12pm. All recycling money will be going towards the Lodge's operating fund.

**Come join Us Saturday January 25th
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

Thank you!

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



West Covina Elks Lodge Presents **NO FRILLS MONDAY ROTISSERIE CHICKEN DINNER**

January 20th

**ONLY
\$12**

**Duarte's
Cooking!**

**We Need
Your Support**

**1/4 Piece of Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Corn, Dinner Roll and Dessert**

Happy Hour 4 PM to 6 PM

Only 40 Dinners!

Eagle Scout Service Project West Covina Elks Lodge Parking Restoration



SAVE THE DATE

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE PRESENTS

Elks St. Patrick's Celebration Dance

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

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

MENU

TRADITIONAL ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Ticket Price \$40



TICKETS GO ON SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 AT 10 AM

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

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE JANUARY FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS



Menu



&
ENTERTAINMENT

9.5% TAX INCLUDED

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

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

Order Online through the QR scan code below

Friday January 3rd - Lodge Closed

Saturday January 4th - Tenorie / Cere Trio

Friday January 10th - Dudes Got Blues Band

Saturday January 11th - Lodge Closed

Friday January 17th - Lodge Closed

Saturday January 18th - Night Groove Band

Friday January 24th - Lodge Closed

Friday January 31st Bobby Z (Steak & Lobster)

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

**TO ORDER
SCAN THIS
CODE**



West Covina Emblem Club #299

Happy New Year to all are Emblem and Elks families and friends. We wish you all a prosperous and fulfilled New Year.

The Emblem Club has many events planned this year we hope you are able to partake in some of our activities. If you are interested in knowing more about the Emblem Club or interested in joining please give me a call at. (626) 622-8485.

Bless all of you,

Charlene Rasmussen
President, West Covina Emblem Club
Come Fly With Emblem



Scouts Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

El Monte Veterans Village Apartment Holiday Breakfast Event December 16TH



ELKS
SERVING
VETS



WEST COVINA LODGE LOUNGE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
FRIDAY 4:00 PM TO CLOSE
THURSDAY 5:00 PM TO CLOSE
SATURDAY 5:00 PM TO CLOSE
CHECK CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY &
SATURDAY LOUNGE OPEN & CLOSED DATES

Lodge Meetings are the first
4 Tuesdays of the Month.
Meeting start time 7:30 PM
5th Tuesday's Are Family
Fun Nights and members and guest are welcomed

West Covina Lodge Dress Code

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

Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership Marketing

By Rick Gathen
Membership Marketing Manager

As the holiday season approaches, it's the perfect
time to reflect on the spirit that defines our Elks
organization—caring, connection, and a shared
commitment to making a difference.

This time of year, more than any other, reminds
us of the importance of coming together, suppor-
ting one another, and giving back to those in need.
Throughout the past year, our Members have shown
incredible dedication, whether it's providing comfort
to our veterans, guiding our youth, or making a real
impact in our communities through our grants. These
efforts have not only warmed the hearts of those we
serve but have also strengthened the bonds that unite
us as Elks. This is what I like to call the "Elks war-
ming of the soul."

As we look ahead to the new year, let's keep this spi-
rit alive. Let's continue to share our stories of servi-
ce and welcome new faces into our fold, ensuring
that everyone who joins feels the warmth and cama-
raderie that make our organization so special. Every
Member, new or seasoned, brings something unique
to our Elks family, and together, we can accomplish
even more.

To each of you, thank you for your generosity, your
time, and the heart you bring to our organization.
May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and
the love of family and friends. Here's to a bright,
inspiring, and fulfilling year to come!

Happy Holidays and thank you for being part of our
Elks family.

Give Back to Your
Community

Become an

ELK



NOT JUST TODAY...
BUT EVERY SINGLE DAY,



thank
YOU Veterans!

When it comes to **MEDICARE** you have choices!



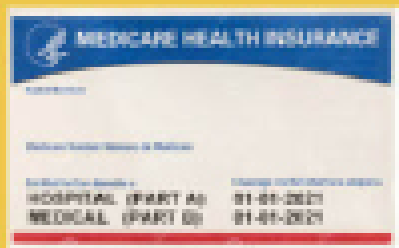
Ron Torres
Health Plan Advisor
Ca Lic. #0A76195



SERVICES OFFERED

- ✓ Medicare Advantage
- ✓ Medicare Supplements
- ✓ Prescription Drug Plan
- ✓ Individual Insurance

**CONNECTING
YOU WITH THE
RIGHT PLAN !**



I AM AN INSURANCE AGENT, READY TO HELP YOU

- Understand your Medicare Plan Options in clear simple terms.
- Find an affordable solution to keep your current doctor or find a new one.
- Get a side-by-side comparison of leading Medicare Health Plans.

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La Puente, CA 91744
in front of 7-11 Gas Station**

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Our licensed insurance agents are independent contractors of Health Plan Market who work with Medicare beneficiaries to explain Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug Plan options.

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January 2025 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR LODGE CLOSED	2 Lounge Open 5:00PM Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM BINGO!	3 Lodge Closed	4 Lounge Open 5:00PM Birthday Bash Bring Your Own Food Tanori/Cere Trio + 1
5 Lodge Closed	6 Monday Night No Frills Meal Doors Open 4:00PM Food Available INTERVIEWS	7 Lounge Open 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM	8 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available BOD Mtg. 6:30P	9 Lounge Open 5:00PM Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM BINGO!	10 Lounge Open 4:00PM Bring Your Own Food DUDES GOT BLUES BAND	11 Lodge Closed
12 Sunday Funday with -Yesterdays Dream	13 Lodge Closed	14 Lounge Open 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM BALLOTING	15 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available	16 Lounge Open 5:00PM Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM BINGO!	17 Lodge Closed	18 Lounge Open 5:00PM Bring your own Food! The Night Groove Band
19 NFL Playoff Football? Tentative	20 Monday Night No Frills Meal Doors Open 4:00PM Food Available OREINTATION	21 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM	22 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available	23 Lounge Open 5:00PM Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM BINGO!	24 Lodge Closed	25 Hall & Lounge Lease Out Lodge Closed Bottle, Cans, Plastics Recycle
26 Lodge Closed	27 Lodge Closed	28 Lounge Open 4:00PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM INITIATION	29 Lounge Open 4:00PM Karaoke 6-10 PM Dinner Available	30 Lounge Open 5:00PM Bingo Doors Open 4:00 PM BINGO	31 Lounge Open 4:00PM Steak & Lobster Bobby Z	