

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 12 !!

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

Admission fee includes "taco man" plate for the first 200 people. This includes those who purchased a number on the Superbowl board.

Tacos served 1 pm - 3 pm

OK to bring your own food and snacks.

...No outside beverages allowed...

Game starts at 3:30 pm
DON'T MISS THE KICK OFF!!

Hosted by MC
Duane Hamilton



Doors open at 11:30 AM
Pre-game entertainment by DJ Cesar

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

for more information, please contact Trish Gonzalez 909-268-4137

WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE #1996

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Flag Day	Ceci Avila	626-893-9756
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Newsletter Elks Tracks	Ben Ortega, PDDGER	626-926-4046
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Sickness & Distress	Dana Williams, PER	714-240-1647
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Elks Tracks Newsletter

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2022-2023 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Vivian Salinas	562-298-3247
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LODGE TRUSTEES

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Michael Salazar	626-827-6700
Chaplain	Olivia Pompa	626-377-2767
Inner Guard	Ceci Avila	626-485-6285
Organist	VACANT	
Tiler	Charlene Rasmussen	626-622-8485

2021-2022 HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year - Olivia Pompa
Tall Elk - Terry Ortega
Officer of the Year - Angel Vasquez
Citizen of the Year - Robert Leon
Spirit of Elkdom - Grace Capp, Carlos Virgen,
Martin Resendez,
Exalted Ruler Award - Veronica Aslan, Delia Varela





Hello my Members
I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health. We have ended our first month of the New Year and look forward to having dances and special events for the year. We continue to have dinners Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. We are able to serve dinner with the help of Volunteers who have been doing a GREAT job. THANK YOU for all you do. Carmen who is in charge of volunteers can always use your help so please call her and set up time to help. New Members this is a fun way to meet other members and you get to see first hand how our lodge runs. Update on bathrooms is that we are looking at doing more repairs beside painting so has pushed us back a bit. The BOD will announce which improvements we decide to go with. If you like to cook please put a team together to fill a spot at our Monday night No Frills dinners. We have a great menu for January. Lets continue this into February. Ask any officer for more information if you are interested. We have great events planned for February and I hope to see you there.

Thank you



Leading Knights Station

Welcome to February. Lots of activities this month to appeal to all. January starts the beginning of No-Frills Monday Night Dinner. An all-volunteer meal at a special reduced price. Let these creative culinary volunteer groups tantalize your taste buds that's easy on the wallet. Wednesday Karaoke night With KJ Don. Even if you don't sing it's an entertaining night. Friday Night Dinners and dance. Saturday dances leading up to the months highlight Pre-Valentine Dance on the 11th.

Starting with the first lodge meeting in February, nominations for officers for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. There are many positions open, if you ever contemplated becoming an officer of our lodge, now is the time. Chaplain, Inner-Guard, Tyler and Esquire are not voted on but are appointed by the Exalted Ruler. These positions do have memorization and event responsibilities. A great way to start out. The Exalted Ruler, Secretary, Treasurer, Leading, Loyal and Lecturing Knights and 5th year Trustees are voted upon officers. 5th year Trustee is a five-year commitment. Along with memorization and major event duties, these officers sit on the Board of Directors. The BOD makes the day-to-day decisions. Approve events and repairs and renovations of the lodge. So, when you vote for one of these positions, you're not only voting on the officers you see on meeting nights, but the people involved with moving and shaping of our lodge moving forward. These positions require a lot of your time and effort and are very rewarding. Whether you run for a position or vote for someone else, be involved. Choose a candidate that matches closely to your own views. The one you feel the best to accomplish the dedication and devotion to the tasks at hand. Before making a decision of taking one of these officer's positions, talk to a current or past officer or Past Exalted Ruler who can give you all the details.

Fraternally,

Dana W. Williams, PER
Esteemed Leading Knight

Loyal Knights Station

Greetings, to all members and friends. I hope everyone is staying in good health and staying warm. The rainy season has hit us very hard, But!, The weather doesn't stop us Elks from having to volunteer and lend a helping hand to other team members events.

I was so thrilled to hear the turnout on the New Year's Eve. Party was a great success. I am also so thankful for all the volunteers and for all the teamwork that was put into this Event to make it a tremendous success.

February is a warm and loving month so many great events this month. Hope to see everyone there, our Elks Tracks has a lot more information, on our events and dinners.

We have a visitation this month from the California -Hawaii Elks Association President Bradford Smith & First Lady Agnes Smith. Our President will visit West Covina Lodge on February 10th for our Friday dinner so stop by and say hello.

Stay in good health and I'll see everyone soon.

Thank You,

Christina Carter
Esteemed Loyal Knight



Lecturing Knights Station

Hello Friends,
Here we are, fast approaching the end of winter. February is SUPERBOWL month! I, as a sports fan can hardly wait. Our Superbowl Party is on February 12th. The doors will open at 11:30. DJ Cesar will entertain us from 12- to 3PM. Please be sure to look for the Superbowl flyer. That will answer many of the questions you may have. Although my team didn't make it, I wish much luck to the two teams who will move on.

Let's not forget about Pork-E-Que. This event will take place on March 12. Entertainment by Whiskey Hayride and DJ Cesar. Tickets will go on sale on February 1st. You can purchase your tickets through our Lodge Secretary, Dee and Our Lodge Treasurer, Veronica at the front office. Tables will fill up quickly. Please contact me (Trish 909-268-4137) if you would like to help out with any of the two events. I am looking forward to seeing YOU there.

This month is when the lodge is starting the election of new officers for the 2023 - 2024 year. There will be some leadership changes.

We want to have a strong leadership team as we go into the next year. Election of new officers is on February 21st. Be safe, be careful and stay healthy. See you soon at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Trish Gonzalez
Esteemed Lecturing Knight





PROGRAM NEWS

Greetings West Covina Elks. The Antlers will begin to meet once a month on Thursdays as our program continues to develop. We continue to grow and look forward to welcome any new members from ages 12 to 20 yrs. Stay tune to hear

of ways you can help support the West Covina Antlers! Please contact us with any question or interest.

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



Photos below were taken January 2nd & 3rd at Float Fest in the City of Pasadena. The West Covina Lodge Antlers Youth Organization distributed over 5,000 Drug Awareness coloring books and 2,000 mini Hoop Shoot basketballs



ANTLERS

FAILURE
IS NOT
THE OPPOSITE OF
SUCCESS.
IT IS PART OF
SUCCESS.

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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
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Carlos Duarte

We thank all our recurring donors.



In MEMORIUM

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

None To Report



Official Visitation
of
California-Hawaii
Elks Association
President
Brad Smith &
First Lady Agnes

Brad will be visiting the San

Gabriel Valley District on Friday, Saturday,
& Sunday February 10, 11 & 12. Brad and
Agnes will be having dinner at the West Covina
Elks Lodge on Friday evening February 10th.
Members are encouraged to join us as we wel-
come President Brad and First Lady Agnes.
President Brad will be visiting all the
Lodges in the San Gabriel Valley with the
Presidents Dinner on Saturday February 11th
at Duarte Elks Lodge.

PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ralph Gaither* 1956-57
 Hugh M. Bagley* 1957-58
 William T. Tanking* 1958-60
 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

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

Lorenzo Porras
 Carol Talavera
 Jonathan H. Carmona
 Juan A. Soria
 Frank Duarte

TRANSFER REQUEST

Michael Hammerson From West Covina #1996 to Ontario #1419

PROPOSER

Emma Wilson
 Dee Varela
 Sue Augino
 Eva Mejia
 Carlos Duarte

Sickness and Distress

Julie Frank is recovering at home from a heart attack.

Lucy Ibarra's mom is doing better from her knee surgery, hoping she will be walking soon.

Rhianna Brittney's fiance's sister had surgery. Keep her in your prayers. *Jay Lindsey* had surgery and is better.

Rick Dana's sister-in-law (*Gene Dana*, Past Emblem President's sister) passed way.

Eddie Holguin had knee surgery.

Please Keep Them All In Your Prayers



The West Covina Antlers participated this year in helping decorate the Elk Float for the Rose Parade. It has been 27 years since an Elks Float has been in the Tournament of Roses parade. At the end of the Parade all parade Floats are driven and parked at the Floatfest area for 2 days of viewing. The Elks had a 10 X 10 booth set up for us West Covina to do some Public Relations. We proudly placed a large West Covina Elks Banner above our booth. During the 2 days, the Antlers handed out 2,000 Elks mini basketballs and 5,000 Drug Awareness coloring books to all the visitors that stopped into our booth. This was quite a successful program for the Antlers and Elks as we had many visitors stop by.


Robert Leon
 Chea Public Relations Chairman, San Gabriel Valley District

*Officers Deep Pit
Pork- E - Que*

MARCH 12, 2023 12:15 PM - 6PM
DOORS OPEN AT 12 PM
\$25 PER PERSON

INCLUDES GENEROUS PORTIONS OF DEEP PIT ROASTED PORK,
COLESLAW, RANCH STYLE BEANS, CORN AND A DINNER ROLL
SERVED BETWEEN 2 TO 3:30 PM
THE EMBLEMS WILL HAVE DESSERT FOR SALE

TICKETS GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 1ST
WEST COVINA MEMBERS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF
PURCHASING TICKETS FROM JANUARY 25TH - 31ST



ENTERTAINMENT BY **WHISKEY HAYRIDE**
AND **DJ CEASAR**

PRE-PAID TICKET RESERVATIONS ONLY THROUGH THE LODGE OFFICE
(626)962-0113
NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

LIQUOR WHEEL BARREL RAFFLE AND 50/50

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
TRISH GONZALEZ 909-268-4137

February Birthdays

Gene Chavez	1
Richard L Green	1
Sergio Flores	2
Candace Leuthold	2
Dwayne L Koskela	3
Amador Santoyo	3
Frank Cannon	4
Maria Elena Ramos	5
Martha Saldana	6
William Lujan	7
Rudy Melendez	7
Nora A Serrano	7
Will Valdez	7
Carlos Herrera	8
James Salazar	8
Steven Martin	9
Angie Varela	9
Rafael Beltran	11
Maria Carmody	11
Leandra Gomez	11
Benjamin L Ortega, PDDGER	11
John Petrov	14
Joe De La Fuente	17
John A Gomez	17
Christina Carter	18
Marion Motta	19
Robert Duran	20
Dale S Falicon	21
Wanda Horton	22
Alicia Ochoa	22
Larry R Snow	22
Linn E Rickard	23
Vicky Estrada Salazar	23
Sandra Sluka	23
Robert Castaneda	24
Jeffrey Stafford	25
Hubert S Bigger Jr	26
Martha De La Bretoniere	26
Lino R Barro	27
Tom Britt	27
Cynthia Jimenez-Alday	27

West Covina Elks #1996 Presents

TICKETS \$40 PP

ST. PATRICK'S

MARCH 17TH

ELK'S DANCE PARTY

LIVE MUSIC , DRINKS , 50/50 & MORE FUN

FEATURING
CALIFORNIA SOUL TONES BAND
7 PM to 11 AM

DJ DANA
5 PM to 12 AM

Dinner Served 6 PM to 7 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

ONLY 160 TICKETS
Will Be Sold
Round Tables of 8

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, February 15, @ 7:00 PM
In the Lounge with Jay & Alex

Semi Formal Attire

NO REFUNDS



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It's not how much we give,
but how much love we put
into giving.

MOTHER TERESA

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**OFFICER NOMINATIONS
2023-2024
1ST NOMINATIONS
TUES. FEBRUARY 7TH.**

**2ND NOMINATIONS
TUES. FEBRUARY 14TH.**

**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON
TUES. FEBRUARY 21ST**



West Covina Elks Presents
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BASH
Entertainment by
NIGHT GROOVE
Saturday February 4, 2023
Doors open at 6pm
Music 7pm to 11pm

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

*****IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER*****
Cover Fee for Non-Members will be waived with a
Pre-Paid Dinner Reservations.
****Dinner Choices****
Baby Back Ribs or Salmon \$20.00 OR
Rotisserie Chicken or Crispy Chicken \$16.00
To make dinner/table reservations call by Wed. Feb 1st.
Call Sandie (626) 675-6565 or Jannette (626) 347-6144
841 W. Merced - West Covina, CA 91790

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West Covina Elks Lodge
"Back by Popular Demand"



RHYTHM JUKEBOXX
Music 7-11pm

Dinner or Table Reservations, must be made by Wed. 2/22.
Call Sandie (626) 675-6565 or Jannette (626) 347-6144

Saturday 25 FEB BEST MUSIC VENUES IN WEST COVINA
\$10 Cover for Non Members
Cover waived with Dinner Purchase

Menu Choices:
Rib Eye Steak \$22, Salmon \$20, or Chicken Marcella \$16
841 W. Merced Ave - West Covina, CA 91791

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WEST COVINA ELKS
PASTA NIGHT
5 PM TO 7 PM
EVERY 2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Variety of Pasta Choices **\$16**

No Reservations Needed
Limited Quantity Will Be Served

West Covina Elks
SOLD OUT!!!
Presents a
Pre-Valentines Party
Back by Popular Demand...



the 'ACE' band
AND DJ CESAR

Reserved Seating
Tickets \$45
Includes Meal
For Tickets
Call Sandie
(626) 675-6565
Or Jannette
(626) 347-6144

Doors open 6pm
DJ 6pm - 8pm
Dinner 6:30 - 8pm
Band 8pm - Midnight

Get your
tickets early.
Sorry, No Refunds.

SOLD OUT!!!

Saturday February 11, 2023
841 W. MERCED AVE - WEST COVINA, CA 91790



West Covina

ELKS



Operation Vet's Assistance

Contact: Angel Vasquez
(909) 210-3707

WC ELKS & AMVETS join forces to help Vets get back on their feet. Help us by donating New and Slightly used items for their personal and home use.

- Household Items Needed**
- Small Appliances
 - Clothes & Shoes
 - Jackets & Blankets
 - Wall Decorations
 - Kitchen Utensils
 - Misc. Home Items, etc



Drop Off/Collection-WC Elks Lodge
Feb 25-27, 10am-2pm
AMVETS P/U Date
Feb 28, 2023



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GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

First responders embody 'service'

By DUANE D. HELDENBRAND
Committee Member

We as Elks try to exemplify the word *service* in our local communities every day. Two of our cardinal principles, Charity and Brotherly Love, reflect this and are part of the very foundation on which our Order is built. The Grand Lodge also promotes, in our Local Lodges, many programs to recognize service, including the Medal of Service and the Medal of Valor programs.

For a small fee, your Lodge Secretary can order both Medals of Service and Valor. The Service medals are to be awarded to local EMS, fire fighting, and law enforcement representatives deemed worthy by your membership, for exemplary service in the performance of their work. While I pray your Lodge never has the need to award a Medal of Valor, it is intended to be given to the families of those same first responders who have lost their lives in the performance of

their duties.

If your Lodge is not currently participating in this program, I strongly encourage you to begin as soon as possible. It is a simple, low-cost program that provides a high impact appreciation for your membership and our entire Order.

You can find additional information for this or any Activities program on Elks.org. Navigate to the Activities tab under Grand Lodge committees. You may always contact your Activities Area committeeperson directly as well.



WEST COVINA ELKS #1996
EXALTED RULER
VIVIAN SALINAS
PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES
DEBBIE MILAN
ELK OF THE MONTH FOR
JANUARY 2023

NO FRILLS MONDAY

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

JANUARY 30 - TEAM LINDSAY

CHICKEN TERIYAKI PLATE, WITH A VEGETABLE EGGROLL
AND A SIDE SALAD WITH JAPANESE DRESSING!

FAMILY FUN DISNEY NIGHT TONIGHT!!

FEBRUARY 6TH - EMBLEMS

2 BEEF TOSTADAS, SIDE OF RICE AND TORILLA CRISPS

FEBRUARY 13H - NO FOOD TONIGHT LODGE CLOSED

FEBRUARY 20TH - GROUP 1

FRIED CHICKEN WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S

FEBRUARY 27TH - TEAM LINDSAY

BUILD YOUR OWN SANDWICH!



Elks share their thoughts

Want to discuss the Elks? Check out the Membership Forum (elks.org/messageboard/forum.cfm). Members use the message board to share constructive information every day.

Emblem Club #299 Corner

Dear Elk Sisters and Brothers,

This is the last full month I have in Office as Emblem President, and it has been an honor to serve. There have been challenges, losses and successes. Challenges are an opportunity, loss inevitable, success is when members come together for a common goal, and win!

Last year we gave 2 scholarships to deserving young people going to or continuing college. The "Fore the Kids" golf Tournament yielded several thousand dollars to be given to children's charities. The next Golf Tournament is set for October 13th, 2023. Dee Varela and Olivia Pompa will Co-Chair this event. Emblem collected can food for Shepherds Pantry which has been my President's Project this year and we "Adopted" two families for Christmas, a Veteran and his family and a Mom and her son and Turkey's and monetary gifts were given.

Due to our beneficial rainstorms, our January Business Meeting was canceled. In closing I would like to thank the West Covina Elk Lodge for all your help. It was a great year for coming together and helping each other. Good Luck for 2023, I wish only the best for all of you, and your families. Stay safe and keep well.

Emblem Love,

Maureen Miles, President

Emblem and Angels – Serving Our Community
It's What We Do



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM



AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
SUNDAY, JAN 29, 2023
12 PM



NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
SUNDAY, JAN 29, 2023
3:30 PM



WEST COVINA ELKS LODGE FEBRUARY FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS



Menu

&
ENTERTAINMENT
FEBRUARY 2023



ENTERTAINMENT - DJ CESAR

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4 (BIRTHDAY BASH)

ENTERTAINMENT - NIGHT GROOVES

BABY BACK RIBS	\$20.00
SALMON	\$20.00
ROTISSERIE CHICKEN	\$16.00
CRISPY CHICKEN	\$16.00

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10 (PRESIDENTS VISITATION DINNER / SEATED IN THE ELKCOVE) ENTERTAINMENT - BOBBY Z

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

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 ENTERTAINMENT - BRITISH INVASION

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

FEBRUARY 24 ENTERTAINMENT - BOBBY Z

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25 ENTERTAINMENT - RHYTHM JUKEBOX

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

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Setting a plan helps incoming officers

By Anthony Markarian, Committee Chairman

A new year beginning is the perfect time to reflect on the goals you set for your Lodge, in addition to establishing new goals for 2023.

Setting goals can help us move forward as officers and build bonds that will carry on forever. Create a road map for your team to follow by introducing new ideas while setting goals for your officers to follow. The next corps of officers will continue your ideas as an Exalted Ruler and as a team of officers. You might have three months left as a leader, so the incoming officers need to be included in the goal setting. Working together to achieve these goals helps us define what we can be in Elksdom.

We have determined that, on average, most Lodges have only been reporting a fraction of their charitable data. Using the calendar from your monthly newsletter should always be the guide to completing your report. We established a new monthly Government Relations report that asks specific questions reminding Lodge Chairs there is more work that needs to be done, like improving your relationship with your local government.

It's a lot of work—this Lodge Committee cannot be run by one person. Every Lodge Chairperson should enter your monthly contributions into CLMS themselves; your Lodge Secretary has the discretion to make this available to you. This will save your Lodge Secretary valuable time and energy and the Chairperson will have a better idea of his or her job. Every Lodge Chairperson should be sending the last three-year totals (easily found on elks.org) to their local government. Every mayor, council member, and county supervisor needs to know how much your Lodge has contributed. Your report should include all the grant and scholarship opportunities that ENF has to offer.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Washington Lodge makes Impact in childhood literacy

By ABBEY KNUPP

ENF Communications Coordinator

The Community Investments Program offers Elks an opportunity to address the most pressing needs in their community. Last year, more than 80% of Elks Lodges used at least one CIP grant as the ENF awarded more than \$11 million.

But CIP grants are worth more than their dollar value. These grants can turn Lodges into a community force. Every \$1,000 granted last year put nearly five Elks in the field, volunteering more than 26 hours on community service projects.

"When we pair our resources with passionate and dedicated volunteers," said ENF Assistant Director Debbie Doles at the 2022 Elks National Convention Opening Ceremony, "the result is powerful."

The ENF reignited its Impact Grant program after a brief COVID-induced hiatus, and 56 Lodges were given up to \$10,000 to implement large charitable projects in their communities. Bremerton, WA Lodge No. 1181 used its Impact Grant to be a force in its community.

Bremerton Lodge's Impact Grant project, Reading for Readiness, helps kids develop reading comprehension, disaster preparedness, and social-emotional skills like anger management, making friends, and handling worries. So far, they have already given 4,000 books to kids living in households below the poverty line.

Bremerton Lodge's Grants Coordinator and Exalted Ruler, Heather Beal, and another Lodge Member, Gus Holstein, sat down with the ENF to talk about the grant project in a video that premiered at the convention's Opening Ceremony.

"We're so proud of the work the Lodges are doing with our grants, and there are a lot," Doles said in her speech. "For those who aren't taking advantage of all the available grants, I urge you to take heed of what Gus and Heather said at the end of that video: Find a need in your community that's not already being met and use our grants to do something about it."

To view the film and hear all that Heather and Gus have to say, visit enf.elks.org/BremWA.

The Elks National Foundation allocated nearly \$16 million this year to fund the Community Investments Program. Lodges meet local needs through grants that offer Elks opportunities to serve their community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things. To learn more about the Community Investments Program, please visit elks.org/CIP.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available 5-7 PER Mtg. 7:00 Lounge Open	2	3 DINE & DANCE DJ Cesar	4 Birthday Bash Night Grooves Call for Dinner
5	6 No Frills Meal \$8.00 INVESTIGATIONS Lounge Open	7 Lodge Meeting 7:30P Officers 1st Nominations Lounge Open	8 Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available 5-7 BOD Mtg. 6:30 Lounge Open	9	10 DINE & DANCE Presidents Visit Bobby Z	11 Valentines Dance w/ACE
12 SUPERBOWL Sunday Doors Open 11:30 A Adults \$15	13 No Frills Meal \$8.00 Lounge Open Emblem Club Mtg 7:00PM	14 Lodge Meeting 7:30 P Officers 2nd Nominations BALLOTING Lounge Open	15 Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available 5-7 Lounge Open	16	17 DINE & DANCE British Invasion 	18
19	20 No Frills Meal \$8.00 INDOCTRINATION Lounge Open	21 Lodge Meeting 7:30 P Officers Elections Lounge Open	22 Karaoke 6-10 Dinner Available 5-7 Lounge Open	23	24 DINE & DANCE Bobby Z	25 RYHTYM JUKEBOXX Call for Dinner
26	27 No Frills Meal \$8.00 Emblem Social 7:00PM Lounge Open	28 Lodge Meeting 7:30 P INITIATION Lounge Open				