

#### **EXALTED RULER** (From the Station of the)



Bruce Troe

As we begin a new Elks year, I see a vision that is easily shared throughout Elkdom. It is to continue to become stronger and sustainable as a formidable

non-profit organization. This will further the key term in all of our Goals - GROWTH!

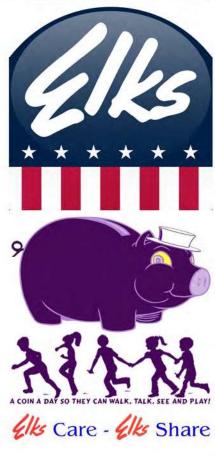
#1-In our knowledge of Elkdom by continuing to learn the basics by studying and putting into action the Statutes and By-laws of our Order and our Lodge.

#2-Continued strong support of the Purple Pig events to help the children throughout California and Hawaii and ENF-Elks National Foundation which gives so much more back to us in the forms of grants to enable us to further create a stronger community.

#3-Membership with specific addition of 30, 40, 50 and 60 year old men and women who will work together with our long-time members. We have a strong base with Gerald, Nicole, Angela, Anna, Ted, Loraine working with the knowledge of Mike and our dedicated and determined Dorothy.

#4-Continual involvement through new and old ideas for Social events like Otto's Karaoke and Gerald's Comedy Club but with an even

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#### **LODGE OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler
Leading Knight
Loyal Knight
Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Tiler
Esquire
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1st Year Trustee
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Elan Menkin
Tyler Montgomery
Anna Wilborn
Lorraine Salcedo
Cleve de Paralta
Meredith Thomas
Dean Kiel, PDDGER

#### PAST EXALTED RULERS

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#### BY AFFILIATION

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Jim Leister **Eddie Llano** Jim Meech Dick Stine\* Rod Fischer\* **Bob Porras** Diane Brennan Gert Litvinoff\* Nancy Kephart PAVP Kathy Rogers Michele Werbeck Tiffany Lace Bruce Troe, PDDGER Jill Lace Mike Gaglio Meredith Thomas

Dean Keil, PDDGER

#### **LODGE CHAIRPERSONS**

Accident Prevention Cleve de Peralta Americanism Bruce Troe, PDDGER Elan Menkin Auditing/Accounting Bar Manager Mike Gaglio, PER **Holiday Baskets** Meredith Thomas, PER Comm.Projects Angela Mickunas **Drug Awareness** Nicole Williams ENF Michele Werbeck, PER Bruce Troe, PDDGER Major Projects Flag Day Tyler Montgomery Hoop Shoot Jerrold Rhee Indoctronation Kathy Rogers, PER Bruce Troe, PDDGER Kitchen Manager Lapsation **PER Association** Lodge Activities Lorraine Salcedo Membership Jerrold Rhee Elks Mem/Mother's Day Tyler Montgomery PER Association Bruce Troe, PDDGER **JerroldRhee Picnic Public Relations** Mike Gaglio, PER Rentals Mike Gaglio, PER Ritual Kathy Rogers Rummage Sale Florie de Peralta **Scholarships** Bruce Troe. PDDGER Stray Elks Angela Mickunas **Veterans Service** Bruce Troe, PDDGER



#### **GRAND EXALTED RULER**



Randy Shook

May Calendar Has Events for Moms, Military, Youth May is a busy month for the Elks. There are several different

opportunities to show our communities that "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

The Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1–7. This is an excellent time to show our support for the many programs dedicated to our youth such as scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and the Dictionary Project, just to name a few. They demonstrate to our communities the dedication we have for the youth of today and our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.

The second Sunday in May is Mothler's Day, a time to honor mothers and grandmothers. Our mothers spent endless hours teaching and guiding us, shaping who we are. They inspired us, protected us, taught us about devotion to family, and loved us unconditionally. We give them gifts, take them to dinner, cook them a special dinner, or send them flowers— anything to make them feel as special as they are. To them, Mother's Day is a day to be surrounded by loving family. Happy Mother's Day.

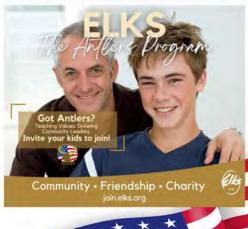
This is also the month we celebrate Armed Forces Day, on Saturday, May 18. This is the day to say thank you to all men and women in all branches of the military. These individuals protect and defend this great country of ours. Please show them that Elks Care and appreciate their service to our country.

Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to demonstrate patriotism for our great country, exhibit pride in our flag, and show our commitment and appreciation for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. There are many services that honor these deceased military men and women. Please take the time to hold a ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the heroes who served.



Elks Lodge 2790 members handed out over 150 Subway sandwiches with chips, cookies and water to Veterans on Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day 3/28/2024 at the Sepulveda VA Ambulatory Care Center. With Cleve Piralta, Fred, Bruce Troe, Meredith Thomas, Salcedo Lorraine, Travis Miller, Mike Gaglio and Dorothy Mutaw!





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#### **ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT**



Jerrold Rhee

Celebrating Student Achie- By RICK GATHEN vement Validates Work By LANCE C. KNIGHT

Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers! You we announce the Order's remarkable should be proud that the Members of achievement: three consecutive years of your Lodge selected you to serve in a membership growth. leadership role for the 2024-2025 Lodge This milestone, reached for the first time year. All of you possess attributes, which in 45 years, stands as a testament to the when combined, will help you to work as dedication, hard work, and collective a team for the coming year in making a spirit of everyone involved in the BPOE.

right time to contact the schools in your scape of shifting priorities, evolving interarea to review or start a youth recogni- ests, and competing commitments, the tion program such as the Student of the sustained growth of our member⊠ ship Month/Year and/or Teenager of the speaks volumes about the enduring Month/Year. The Lodge Activities Com- relevance and appeal of the Order's miss mittee would work with your local school sion and values. It reflects the trust and officials to administer the youth recogni- confidence placed in us by our Members tion program so it's ready to begin the and the wider community alike. new school year.

The focus of this program is to acknowl- Elkdom celebrates edge outstanding young men and expansion of our Elks family, community life — fine arts, hobbies, widening of our impact. It is a validation accomplishments praised. Working in conjunction with find meaning, purpose, and belonging. school administrators, a student nomi- Behind this success lies the dedication nating committee may be named. This and hard work of countless individuals committee would be responsible for from our tireless volunteers and dedicatschools, selecting outstanding boy and girl each month, in the transformative power of communipublicizing their accomplishments.

Fillable certificates, signed by the Local Continued on Page 8 Lodge Exalted Ruler and Youth Activities Chairman, may be downloaded in the Continued on Page 8

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#### ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT

Ted Mayer

Elkdom Celebrates Major Milestone Hard Membership Marketing Manager



In an era where organizations often struggle to maintain their memberships, Congratulations to all recently installed it is with great pride and excitement that

difference in your community and Lodge. The significance of this accomplish ment As the school year is ending, now is the cannot be overstated. Amidst a land-

Each year of growth signifies the maior milestone women for achievements in school and strengthening of our bonds, and the athletics, classwork, church, community of the efforts invested in fostering a service, industry, farming, and moré. welcoming and inclusive environment should be where individuals from all walks of life

screening Teenager and/or Student of ed staff to our passionate and engaged the Month nominees in both junior and Members. It is their commitment to our an shared vision and their unwavering belief and then yearly, giving them awards and ty that has propelled us forward, year after year.

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#### TRUSTEE



#### Cleve de Peralta

**Dear Beautiful Mothers** and Families.

Today we come together to celebrate the incredible and

selfless role that mothers play in our lives. From the moment we are born, our mothers are there to nurture us, guide us, and love us unconditionally. Their sacrifices, their hard work, and their unwavering support form the foundation of our lives, and we are forever grateful for everything they do.

To all the mothers out there, whether you are a new mother or a seasoned one, whether you have one child or many, we honor and celebrate you today. Your tireless efforts to care for your children and families, to ensure that they are safe, healthy, and happy, deserve recognition and appreciation every day. But today, on this special occasion, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and admiration for all that you do. Your love and devotion have shaped us into the people we are today, and we are forever grateful for your unwavering support and guidance.

To the families of beautiful mothers, we also extend our gratitude to you. We recognize that behind every great mother is a supportive and loving family, who stand by her side through thick and thin, who lend a hand whenever needed and who never take her for granted.

So, let us all take a moment today to honor and celebrate the beautiful mothers in our lives. Let us express our appreciation and love for all that they do and let us yow to continue to support and uplift them every day.

To all the beautiful mothers out there, we say thank you. Thank you for your love, your strength, and your unwavering dedication to your family. You are an inspiration to us all, and we are forever grateful for your presence in our

lives!









# May 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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5Happy Birthday Debi Hudgins & Dawn Grabowski MAY 12	6 Door Opens 5:00 Dinner: 6:30 Meeting 7:30	7 Happy Birthday Bruce Troe	8
12 mother's	Closed for Rental May 12-May 31 Meeting 7:30	14 Happy Birthday Delmar Phoenix May 13	15 STATE
19	20 Door Opens 5:00 Dinner: 6:30 Meeting 7:30	21Happy Birthday Tim Mott	22
26 Knights Meeting Canoga Park 10:30	memoria	28Happy Birthday Edward Van Wyke	29

## 2024



	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2Happy Birthday Tru Gianelli and Jon Schuller	3 Friday Night Lights Doors Open 5:30 Dinner: 6:30	4 Metro Ritual Contest at Van Nuys-Reseda 7:00 AM-7:00 PM
	9	10 Otto's Special Salute to Mothers Day 6:30	11 Happy Birthday Frank Goldberg May 4 & Herbert Craig May 10
_	16 CONTEST	17 FRESNO	18 Happy Birthday Edward LLanos & Ginger Pauley
	23	24Friday Night Lights Doors Open 5:30 Dinner: 6:30	25Happy Birth- day Jessica Luhrssen & Richard Hacia
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1. Youth programs

a) Our Girl Scout program with their dedicated parents

- needs that contribute to our varied programs
- Americanism programs throughout Elkdom
- Community outreach and involvement
- 3. Interaction and support between All Elk way to let our communities know "We Are THE Lodges and members in our Metropolitan Elks!" District. Whether working together with Ritual Your GL Activities Committee looks forward to events.

never planned on becoming an ER again, but our youth recognition programs. with the strong team that has joined our Lodge and the dedication that they have already shown and the elders in our Lodge to work with Continued From Elkdom Page 4 them, I see nothing but a growth of Elkdom. As Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge #2790.



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Grand Lodge Activities Committee secution of elks.org. If you have this program in place, honor those award winners in all categories with a special recognition activity at the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee page on elks.org has all the materials needed to b) young and growing adults with special implement a successful Youth Recognition Program in all areas. All the certificates, guidec) Students and adults that are involved in the lines, nomination forms, posters, news releases and multimedia videos are available to all Local Lodges, districts, and state Youth Activities Chairs to download. It includes the contact a) Our continued strong support of our Veter- information for all Grand Lodge Activities ans through toiletries, clothing, books, maga- Committee members and their areas of responzines, DVDs, cards and letters and visitations. sibility, plus those states they are assisting during the fraternal year. This is an excellent

training and coaching, helping with Veterans assisting you and your Lodge to promote all the needs, or attending and participating in Lodge programs in your community. Be sure to visit the Activities Committee booth at the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin. "Elks Care I was the ER in our Lodge in 2012 and had — Elks Share" exemplifies the committment to

Moreover, our achievement of three consecuwas said at the Installation of Officers-"...as tive years of growth serves as an inspiration captain of this vessel, it will not always be and a source of encouragement for the future. It smooth sailing" but I believe that together with demonstrates that even in the face of challengthis team we will build a strong and sustainable es and uncertainties, progress is not only positive sible but achievable through perseverance innovation, and collaboration.

> As we celebrate this milestone, let us also reflect on the journey that brought us here and the lessons we have learned along the way. Let us acknowledge the importance of adaptability, resilience, and a willingness to embrace change. And let us renew our commitment to serving our Members and our community with passion and integrity, and empathy.





June 7th, 2024

State President Visit Elks Lodge #2790 Comedy Club Performs

June 10th, 2024

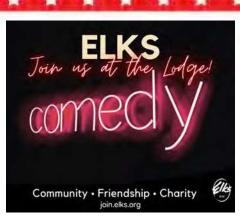
State AVP Visit

June 13th, 2024

Day @ Sepulveda Vets Facility / North Hills

June 23rd, 2024 Knights Meeting Burbank

June 30th, 2024 Grand Lodge Elks Convention Austin, TX















The Elks Luncheon Club meets every Friday at the Glendale Elks Lodge #1289 located on Colorado Street just East of Brand Blvd.

Chairman, Bob Medellin, San Fernando Lodge #1539
Vice Chairman, Ben Ortega, West Covina Lodge #1996
Treasurer, Kathy Rogers, Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge #2790
Sergeant of Arms, Larry Lawrence, Burbank Lodge #1497
Chaplain, Dorothy Mutaw, Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge #2790



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### LODGE MEETINGS Mondays at 7:30pm



Doors Open at 5:00pm Dinner Served (\$6) at 6:30pm WHERE: The Van Nuys Reseda Elks Lodge 2790 14440 Friar St, Van Nuys, CA 91401 (free parking in back)



### Mother's Day Soiree

Elks Mother's Day Celebration Friday May 10 from 6:30-9:30pm

Dads and others welcome

Semi formal attire suggested

- Dinner 6:30 7:30pm
- Mother's Day Ritual conducted by the Elks at 7:30pm
- Dance Party 8 9:30pm

Featuring Music by DJ OTTO-MATIC



\$10 donation

Cash bar available for soda, beer, wine & spirits