

The Elketin

April 2021 Edition

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Looking back a year to Russ's first article, it boggles the mind how unaware we were that this pandemic would so dominate our lives for so long. His words are just as applicable to the present as they were 12 months ago:

"Walnut Creek 1811 will reopen for business when local officials, and Lodge Officers determine it is prudent for members to gather again. There will be new procedures in place set by Lodge Officers and local officials for the safety of all... Life as we knew it, will change. But how much, who knows. We will reopen for business. One just needs to roll with the punches!"

I echo that statement with no qualifications. Nothing seems to have changed on that front. I guess we know more and have a better idea about what needs to happen to open up, but that's about it.

The pandemic, however, has not dampened my optimism for the year ahead! I can't wait to get started planning events for when we do finally come back to full – if slightly modified – operations. The optimism of the Roaring 20's is what I would like our Lodge to embody for the next 12 months as we bring ourselves out of the pandemic and back into actually having a society. We have big plans for the year – bringing back our beloved events and expanding our membership to include many more of our friends and neighbors.

March saw a couple of great events including the PER Association's "Drive-through Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner"

converted to an actual sit-down event at 25% capacity. Then we had a great steak dinner that Saturday with over 60 people signed up even though it had to be postponed from earlier in the month.

At the time of printing we were looking forward to another great event – the installation of myself and the rest of our 2021-2022 corps of officers. As you're reading this, hopefully you have memories of a 'roaring' good time! The theme of that event is 1920's and its apropos for this upcoming year.

Later this month we have begun planning a Mother's day tea and soon some more events. Thirsty Thursday will be back to its normal days and times as of April 8th and soon after Pasta and Taco Nights will be returning. Keep watching your email inbox.

I am very proud of the fact that you have entrusted me to lead us into these new 20's. There's lots to do. We have great volunteers doing the work now, but I hope that as we move forward existing and new members alike can experience the rewards and fun that comes with helping make our Lodge great. See you soon!
Fraternally Yours,
Travis Ervin, Exalted Ruler
916-764-0294
travis@ervin.com



LODGE OFFICERS

2021-2022

Exalted Ruler: Travis Ervin

Leading Knight: Vacant

Loyal Knight:

Maureen Miskell

Lecturing Knight:

Jacklynn Roenspie

Esquire: Cristina Candelori

Chaplain: Denise Silva

Lodge Inner Guard:

Jack Bean

Lodge Tiler: Vacant

Vocalist: John Schafgans

Lodge Secretary: Judy Hunter

Lodge Treasurer:

Mike Mathers

Trustees:

1st Year: Michael Angelo Silva, PDDGER

2nd Year: William Todd

3rd Year: Greg Okerman, PER

4th Year: Russ Kesler

5th Year: Eleanor Bolin-Chew

REOPEN RULES

The Lounge will reopen to our more normal schedule when the CCC guidelines allow for bars to serve without meals. **Current CCC guidelines:** Masks are required anytime you are not seated. A meal purchase is required by the current guidelines. We must follow these rules for all events. Please monitor your weekly emails for latest updates.

Our current tier at press time: Red

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Lounge Opens at 4:00pm Burger Nights and Taco Night			1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8 Burger Night Returns 5:30PM 	9	10
11	12	13 House Mtg: 7:00PM 	14 Lodge Mtg: 7pm 	15 Burger Night 5:30pm 	16	17
18 ER Thank You Brunch (Tentative: details to follow. Check emails)	19 	20 Lounge opens at 4:00pm Dinner at 6:30pm 	21	22 Earth Day Burger Night 5:30pm 	23	24
25	26	27 Trustee Mtg: 7pm 	28 Lodge Mtg: 7PM 	29 Burger Night 5:30pm 	30 Arbor Day 	



Newsletter- New Format: For a variety of reasons (mainly to do with issues of updated software) we have a new format. Please bear with us as we fine tune the changes. I review other Lodge's newsletters for ideas. One, difference, I have noticed is the calendar. Many only include the current month. We will try this out. If need be, we will add the 2nd month as more events become scheduled.

Congratulations to Travis Ervin, our new ER for 2021-2022. In the upcoming new year, you will see more information from a variety of sources. Please, please monitor your emails for the latest

information. Weekly News is emailed Sunday nights. It has the latest updates for the upcoming week. The newsletter is produced monthly on the first of the month. As mentioned in the last Elketin, costs are rising for producing and mailing the paper Elketin. We will continue to fine tune and work how to minimize these costs such as only sending one copy per address and encouraging the email option. We will keep you posted. Thank you for your patience.

Any ideas? Suggestions? Please send them to me.

~Cindy Gray, Editor, cdat4gray@yahoo.com



Appointed Statutory Officials:
Presiding Justice: Douglas Fountain
Mediator: Gerry Gouveia

**LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
 2019-2020**

AUDIT/ACCOUNTING: OPEN

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Russ Kesler, PER

LODGE ACTIVITIES:

Jacklynn Roenspie

Americanism: Mike Schaaf

Government Relations: Ed Johnson, PDDGER

National Veterans Service: Mark Steinberg

Public Relations: Sheri Schaaf

Grants Coordinator: Michael A. Silva

LODGE OPERATIONS:

Building and Grounds: Mike A. Silva, PDDGER

Elketin Editor: Cindy/Dan Gray

Safety/Accident Prevention: Eleanor

Bolin-Chew

Social Media: Christina Candelori

Cyber: Travis Ervin: 916-764-0294

Bequests/Living Trusts: Jacklynn Roenspie

Elks Nat'l Foundation: Michael A. Silva, PDDGER

Jamboree: Gerry Gouveia, PAVP

Major Project (Purple Pig): Russ Kesler, PER

Hospitality Manager: Kelly Barnett

Landscape: Gary Buffo/Kimberly Everett

Burger Nights: Dan Gray

Taco Night: Bill Todd: 925-413-1544

Pasta Night: Judy Hunter/Kelly Barnett

Membership:

Investigation/Indoctrination/Orientation

Michael A. Silva, PDDGER 707-558-9667

Ritual/Ritual Team Coaches:

Michael A. Silva, PDDGER

Gerry Gouveia, PAVP

Youth Activities:

Mike Rittenhouse

Drug Awareness: Sherri Schaaf

Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse

Scholarships: Denise Silva

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Kurt Cornell



This is one final P.S. I would be remiss not to thank all the volunteers who assisted during a COVID impaired year. Although 90% of my plans went with the way of the Dodo Bird, we did have a successful Burger Night program. Thanks to the Grays for all their efforts. Additional, thank-you's go to the Editor, Cindy Gray for getting the Elketin and all the constant contact emails out in a timely fashion.

The dinner we had to honor Elk of the Year, Doug Fountain was exceptional. The food was prepared to perfection and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Kimberly Everett and Grill Master Gary Buffo with Whitney Quinn. The assistance from Gary's close friend Scotty, and Whitney's able assistants Blake and Evan helped the evening success. Decorations and table set up were handled by Facility Manager Kelly Barnett and Kimberley Morris with assistance from Mike Rittenhouse. Since my wife Sue is no longer here to tell me who I forgot to mention, I will end with: Thank You for an interesting year.

Fraternally,
 Russ Kesler P.E.R.
 Exalted Ruler

From Judy's Desk:

Well, we have made it through a very long and trying year. Hopefully, soon we'll start seeing that light at the end of the tunnel we keep hearing about. It has really been nice to see people at the lodge again. I want to thank those of you who have sent in your dues and give a reminder to those who haven't. They are due as of April 1st. Please contact me at 925-935-1811 or email: BPOE1811@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Stay safe and be kind to one another!



CHEA 2021



Greetings California-Hawaii Elk Members,

I'm Tim Jaeger, President of the California Hawaii Elks Association. In conjunction with

PGERS Jim Grillo and Bob Duitsman and our First

Vice President Jay Larkins, we want to invite you to join us for our annual convention.

This year, we are Stepping Up to a New Age and preserving the convention as an online webinar.

All members are welcome to register and join us for this historic event.

Once registered, you will be able to watch and participate in:

Opening Ceremonies, Annual Memorial Service, The Business Sessions, Installation of Officers, Theme Child Presentation, Exalted Rulers March and Several Workshops.

We look forward to producing this virtual convention experience. We, also, very much look forward to a time in the future when we can once again gather in person.

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay hopeful. Thank you and see you online in May.

Sincerely,

Tim Jaeger, President

California Hawaii Elks Association

LODGE MEETINGS

Meetings at the Lodge will continue to use zoom. Please try to attend one of our two Lodge meetings each month.

Zoom Invite Login Info: These will remain in place until further notice. The active link will be sent through emails from the Lodge.

The Zoom website: <https://zoom.us/join>

At the top of the website, select "Join a Meeting"....follow the prompts

Meeting ID: 925-935-1811

Passcode: 1811

**ENF**

Kimberly Everett/	
Succulent Sales	\$245.00
Sees Candies Sales	\$359.08
Sees Candies Sales	\$66.90
Fines At Meeting	\$ 10.00
Kent Jones	\$100.00
Robbee Royce	\$100.00
Guy Sachs	\$ 15.00
Joan Beck	\$ 25.00
Robert Schneider	\$ 10.00
LM Wilson	\$ 10.00
Robert L Wilson	\$ 10.00
Russ Kesler	\$ 100.00
Bear Tracks Holdings LLC	\$ 29.60
Russ Kesler	\$100.00
Michael Sils	\$ 144.50
John Schafgans	\$ 50.00
Ribarich Appraisals	\$ 10.00
Denise Silva	\$ 60.00
Benjamin Hill	\$ 10.00
Scott Achelis	\$ 23.50
Robert Cluff	\$ 28.50
Melvin Copland	\$ 10.00
Stephen and Kristine Palsa	\$ 10.00
Martin and Lisa Goldberg	\$ 5.00
Thomas Claey's	\$ 10.00
Robert Carter	\$ 10.00
Floyd McBeth	\$ 10.00
Robert Brown	\$ 10.00
Doug Hudson	\$ 10.00
Kenneth Whitman	\$ 10.00
Richard and Nancy Kreiser	\$ 10.00
Robert Day	\$ 10.00
Eugene Schulting	\$ 15.00
Raymond Jochner	\$ 10.00
Mike Rittenhouse	\$ 10.00
Dave and Diane Lawson	\$ 10.00
Edward Kucera	\$ 10.00
Mark Linden	\$ 20.00
Fromm	\$ 10.00
Thomas and Vicki Roberts	\$ 10.00
Suzanne and Robert Knoll	\$ 20.00
Edward and Denise Beccaro	\$ 10.00
Jeffrey and Stacy Rowan	\$ 20.00
William and Carol Wiebalk	\$ 10.00
William and Helga Boaman	\$ 10.00
Jm Transchel	\$ 10.00
Reeves	\$ 25.00
Ray and Jacklynn Olmscheid	\$ 10.00
Allan Hoskins	\$ 20.00
Dr Wayne and Linda Towson	\$ 20.00
James and Kathleen Strinz	\$ 20.00
Kuhnhoff	\$ 10.00
Stacey Nigro	\$ 20.00
Kleeman	\$ 20.00
W. Lee and Ann Vogan	\$ 20.00
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Athur Disbrow	\$ 10.00
Charles Buckingham	\$ 10.00
Alan Schlenker	\$ 10.00
Aaron Sims	\$ 10.00
William and Frances Leone	\$ 20.00
John Story	\$ 100.00
Schwantz	\$ 10.00
General Wholesale Elec Supply	\$ 10.00
Raymond Thierry	\$ 20.00
Proactive Real Estate Solutions	\$ 20.00
Wm. Michael Curtis	\$ 10.00
Doug Fountain	\$ 65.00
Lupe and Judy Vallejo	\$ 100.00
Brad and Rhonda Holsworth	\$ 10.00
Mike Mathers	\$ 30.00
Norman Shier	\$ 10.00
Demartini	\$ 10.00
Robert and Carolyn Regan	\$ 45.00

Donations- Thank

Anne and Richard Jarvis	\$ 10.00
Richard and Laura Jacobson	\$ 10.00
Richard and Laura Jacobson	\$ 10.00
Virgil and Sheila Bolin	\$ 100.00
David and Patricia Stenger	\$ 50.00
Synergy Construction	
Company	\$10.00
Cristina Candelori	\$10.00
Bonnie and Kurt Cornell	\$10.00
William Delevti	\$10.00
Sarah Andrews	\$10.00
Dan And Cynthia Gray	\$10.00

Purple Pig

Sara Harris	\$100.00
Robert Schneider	\$10.00
LM Wilson	\$10.00
Robert Wilson	\$10.00
Judith Russell	\$10.00
Russ Kesler	\$100.00
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Ribarich Appraisals	\$ 20.00
Denise Silva	\$ 20.00
Benjamin Hill	\$ 20.00
Kevin Wrobel	\$ 25.00
Diane Wrobel	\$ 25.00
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Reeves	\$50.00
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Dr Wayne and Linda Towson	\$20.00
James and Kathleen Strinz	\$20.00
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Kleeman	\$20.00
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Athur Disbrow	\$10.00
Charles Buckingham	\$20.00
Alan Schlenker	\$20.00
Aaron Sims	\$10.00
William and Frances Leone	\$10.00
John Story	\$100.00
General Wholesale	
Elec Supply	\$20.00
Proactive Real Estate	
Solutions	\$20.00
Wm. Michael Curtis	\$10.00
Lupe and Judy Vallejo	\$200.00
Brad and Rhonda Holsworth	\$ 20.00
Mike Mathers	\$ 60.00
Demartini	\$ 10.00
Norman Shier	\$ 20.00

**EOY Steak Dinner:****March 19th**

Congratulations to Elk of the Year: Doug Fountain. Photographed here with the crew that enabled the dinner to be a great and delicious success! Doug is in the front with the beard. Joining him are: l to r: Dave Larsen, Lisa Fisher, Gary Buffo, EOY: Doug Fountain, Ed Kucera, Mike Rittenhouse, Denise Silva, Michael Angelo Silva, PER, Larry Ribarich, and Russ Kesler, ER.

Doug has worked tirelessly this year helping with Burger events and other happenings. during such a difficult, awkward year. Thank you!!

Dinner was prepared and organized by Kimberly Everett, Gary Buffo, and Whitney Quinn.

Tip of the Antler

Tip of the antler goes out to everyone that has helped to keep the world functioning! Our police officers and first responders, our medical teams, teachers and direct care staff and many others! **THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!**



Robert and Carolyn Regan	\$ 45.00
Richard and Laura Jacobson	\$ 10.00
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Virgil and Sheila Bolin	\$ 20.00
David and Patricia Stenger	\$ 50.00
Synergy Construction	
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William Delevti	\$ 10.00
Sarah Andrews	\$ 10.00
Dan And Cynthia Gray	\$ 10.00



Thirsty Thursdays Return starting April 8th

Lounge opens: 4:00pm
Orders accepted at 5:30pm

Burgers, Cheeseburgers,
Hot Links: \$6.00
Hot Dogs: \$5.00

Sides include: condiments, chili,
and any other dishes that are
donated for that night.

Please Join Us!

We are looking for Volunteers to
assist us on Burger Nights. If
you are interested, please let us
know.

Youth Activities Awards Night

After a one-year hiatus, our Lodge will celebrate the youth of our community with a memorable dinner and awards presentation ceremony. The most inspirational Walnut Creek Lodge No. 1811 youth activity will take place on Saturday, May 15th beginning at 6:00pm with dinner to follow social hour, and introductions. Honored will be the 2020-2021 American Essay Contest winners, the 2020-2021 Scholarship winners and the 2019-2020 Hoop Shoot free throw contest champions.

These recipients will be received by our Lodge officers, committee chairpersons and our Lodge members. The cost is only \$12.00 per adult; \$8.00 per child 12 and under for a scrumptious Italian feast by Chef Whitney Rittenhouse. Please contact the office to reserve your seating. PLEASE JOIN US! We need you to support our youth programs during these trying times. The presentation will be awesome.

Fraternally yours,
Mike Rittenhouse, Chairman

Mark Your Calendars!



Taco Night Returns! April 20th

Lounge opens at 4:00pm
6:30pm - Dinner

\$10.00/per person
RSVP:
APRIL 15TH
925-935-1811
Masks Required



Please continue your support of the Purple Pig. There are Purple Pigs in the office if you need to pick up one. Your generosity helps in so many ways!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As we return, more help is needed to assist with these events. We are looking for help with our Burger, Pasta and Taco Nights and as always, our Vet Programs need folks. Please contact us at 925-935-1811 or email: BPOE1811 for more information.

01- James Lorenzi
02- Jody Lynn Ferrara
-Dorothy Henson
-John Parker
03- William D. Kleeman
07- Allan Hoskins
09- Shannon Marie
Erickson
-Billy M Hayes

09- Fidel Martinez
10- Lynette Lievens
13- James A Bliss
14- Kathleen A Boswell
16- Virginia Hale
17- Robert Hutton
-David Stewart
19- Linda Tsai
20- Norman Nelson

21- Michael Bleecker
23- Chester K Farrow
-Thomas J Kieny
-Michael S Turrini
24- Vanessa Silva
25- Nick B Bothe
26- Kari Miller
-David Cord Ozment
27- Victor A. Alemania

29- Richard Kreiser
30- Stan Janczura



Installation Dinner March 27, 2021



Upper Left: ER Travis and Laura Ervin,
Above, ceremony, Upper Right: Travis
Ervin, ER, Ed Johnson, PER,
Michaelangelo Silva, Trustee, Cristina
Candelori, Esquire.

Left: Michaelangelo, Trustee, Denise Silva,
Chaplin. Right: Doug Fountain, Elk of the
Year with Norma.



Our New Slate of Officers for 2021-2022:

L to R: Michaelangelo Silva, Judy Hunter, John Schafgens, Maureen Mishkell, Jack Bean, Bill Todd, Cristina Candelori, Travis Ervin, ER, Denise Silva, Eleanor Bolin-Chew, Jacklynn Roenspie, Russ Kesler



A fun evening for all:

Menu of Chicken Cordon Blue to the ER Travis and Laura's Pineapple Upside Down Cake..food was wonderful thanks to the efforts of Whitney Quin, Mike Rittenhouse and crew, Blake and Evan.



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