

VISALIA ELKS

1298 BULLETIN | "The Herd"

Visalia, California - May 2021 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



Lodge Meetings

Wed May 12, 2021 – Business

Wed May 26, 2021 - Initiations

House Committee Meeting

Wed May 12, 2021

Trustee Meeting

Wed May 12, 2021

(You must call or e-mail in advance to be on the agenda)

P.E.R. Assn Meeting

Mon May 3, 2021 - 5:30pm

Poker Night

May 6th and 20th - Seat Cards handed out at 6pm - Cards are dealt at 6:30pm

Bunco Night

May 13th – To get info and/or sign up, visit the Information Booth at the Kentucky Derby Party Sat, May 1st

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Submissions must be received on the 20th of each month to be included in the next newsletter. **Send to:**

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"EXALTED RULER'S CORNER"

Well, my first month is officially in the books and if you're anything like me, you're excited to see what this summer holds in store for our Lodge as we start getting back together in person again. Our awesome cooking teams continue to amaze us each week with really great meals. Thank you, Becky Kennedy, Jane Shields, Lori Jackson and Tandi Turner. Your teams go above, and beyond month to month and are greatly appreciated by your fellow Elk's.

Our Lodge recently had the opportunity to assist a great local group called Autism Links. This group is a non-profit organization that helps families with autistic children in many ways. They have traditionally held outings for their families; however, due to Covid, they haven't been able to get together in a long time and were finally ready to try and meet up again. The only roadblock for them was because it was a last-minute decision, they were limited on locations willing to assist on short notice. So, as Elk's, we did what we always do. Our House Committee met quickly and without hesitation, offered them access to the Vagabond Park area for their event on Saturday April 24th. They were more than excited and appreciative of the Elk's for the help and support to their families and their children. They were able to host their families and children, and provide them with activities, music and great food.

Keep a look out for additional updates on our Facebook page and for the special bulletins as we will continue to do our best to keep everyone updated as quickly as we can on any new Events, Dinners or any other misc. announcements.

On a fun note: you might want to sneak into a meeting a two this year, I hear the closing act (Teddy & Janie) are making it fun for everyone in attendance.

Fraternally Yours,
Eli Ledesma
Exalted Ruler

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| Larry Paxton | 1978-79 |
| John Peters | 1989-90 |
| Jim Hay | 1991-92 |
| Robert Casey | 1992-93 |
| Al Hack | 1995-96 |
| Royce Gholson | 1997-98, |
| | 98-99, 07-08 |
| Rob Van Wagoner | 1999-2000 |
| Joe Alberti | 2004-05, |
| | 05-06, 15-16 |
| Ted Donald | 2006-07 |
| Dennis Oswalt | 2014-15 |
| Jan Lee | 2016-17, |
| | 17-18 |
| Ray Lewis | 2018-19, |
| | 19-20 |
| Ron Marshall | 2020-21 |

*Active in Good Standing

Past Exalted Rulers from other lodges:

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|-------------|---------------|
| Ken Bridges | Tulare # 1424 |
| Pat Dugan | Tulare #1424 |

Member News:

Upcoming meetings:

It's important that you RSVP with the office if you will be at one of the meetings in advance so that we can determine what room we will need to have the meeting in.

Orientation and Initiation.

Next Orientation is May 26, 2021 at 5:30pm. Ball Room #2

Orientation is MANDATORY for all candidates. Because of our current situation, only candidates and sponsors will be allowed to attend.

This is the beginning of the learning process of the BPOE and what we are all about.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and candidates will have dinner on us.

Only members and candidates are allowed in the lodge room. The members lounge will be closed during the initiation and lodge meeting. Expect about an hour. No beverages are allowed in the lodge room.

Note to Sponsors: Please make reservations for your candidates and notify them of the above listed times. Sponsors should escort their candidates to orientation, dinner and initiation. **Attire is business casual.**

***NO SHORTS, FLIP FLOPS,
"T-SHIRTS OR JEANS
DURING THE INITIATION...***

May Candidates for voting:

Josh Bryan by Jeff Dion

Ryan Cochran by Lonnie deAsis

Andrew Holdbrooks by Sarah Beutler

Robert Muldrow by Dale Burke

Jasmine Olmedo by Steve Ulloa

Monica Peterson by Iris East

Jakob Rodriguez by Jeff Turner

Rick West by Jeff Dion

Thomas Romero by John Threadgill

James Williams by John Threadgill

Leonard Mayer Jr. – transfer from Hanford



From the Secretary's Desk

As we continue to "get back to normal", we have many membership applications coming in.

If you're a sponsor (or reference), please note that you **MUST** be a member in good standing for the application to go through.

What is a member in good standing?

Dues must be paid current! Also, anyone sponsoring or referencing **MUST** have their portion filled out. "ON FILE" is not a correct response. Names and member numbers need to be complete or it will be returned. With as many as we are getting this may put someone you are sponsoring or reference to into the **NEXT** month's group if not done correctly the first time.

We had a lot of nonpayment drops last year. Please note they **MAY NOT** be brought in as guests. If they would like to reinstate, they may get a form and begin the process but until they have been re-voted on, they may not come in.

Sorry, these are the rules. I did not make them, just have to enforce them.

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www.visaliaelks.org and subscribing to the mailing list (on the home page on the right side). You can even do this from your phone. Once they enter their name/email into the subscription form, they'll get an email to confirm their subscription. After it's confirmed, they'll receive the monthly bulletin and the weekly **What's Happening This Week** email that is sent out on Mondays.

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*A Coin a Day so they can
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

PURPLE PIG THANKS YOU ALL

Michael Albaugh, Michael Davidson, Melissa Florez & son,
Michael Good, Roger Hartman, Darrell Noel, Jerry McPhetridge

52 Club: _Jennifer Cawley

Century Club: _Ralph Kaelble and John Skaggs

We thank you all for your donations to our state major project Purple Pig. Remember the office is open from 8 to 11 if you wish to turn in your pig.

“Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it.”

Thank you all for sharing your happiness with our children of CHEA.

LaRuth Chance

Please keep an eye on our Members Group FB page and the **What's Happening at Elks** email. If you are not signed up to receive emails yet, follow this link and put your info in the right column of our home page to subscribe: <http://visaliaelks.org/>

Visalia Elks Lodge Announcements: From the House Committee:

Due to the rising costs of liquor and beer, prices will be going up .25 cents on beer and .50 cents on alcohol effective May 1st.

House committee has also decided the current chip system will be discontinued Dec 31st. Please use your chips prior to that as they will no longer be honored after that date.

We are looking at a new more efficient chip system that will work better for the new items we have brought in.

Thank you
House Committee

Upcoming events:

VISALIA ELKS LODGE #1298 PRESENTS

MEMBERS & MEMBER'S GUEST EVENT



Saturday, May 1st 3rd Annual Kentucky Derby

Music, raffles, food booths by some of your favorite committees, games, specialty drinks, a photo area, stick horse races and of course the Derby Hat and Bow Tie / Snazzy Sock Contest with Prizes.

There is also be a Shuffleboard tournament! Sign up is in the Members Lounge.



Thursday, May 13th - Bunco Night

Sign-up sheet will be at the Information Booth this Saturday at Kentucky Derby Party



Photographer: Bob Smith, 1962-1963
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VAGABONDS TRAVELS

Spring is here and so is the probability of a Vagabond Meeting the third Wednesday in May. Watch for the email announcing that this will happen.

Some Vagabonds had a taste of being together at River Run RV Park in Bakersfield April 22 to 25. In March, our Wagon Master Neville requested an email be sent to see if there was any interest in a rally if he could find a spot. He received 19 "yes" responses, so set out finding a location. River Run had 15 spots available Thursday to Sunday. So, the first 15 registrations with checks received got the spots and what a great rally that turned out to be!

Of course, due to Covid restrictions, the clubhouse was not available, but being outside on the lawn worked perfect with everyone mingling and getting to know a little more about our members. We had time together watching corn hole competition and even saw the squirrels decide the corn hole sacs made for a good meal. One brave squirrel poked his head through the corn hole and then back down for us to find when we moved the board that he had a good meal nibbling away on the contents of the sac! Thursday evening the usual hot dogs were served with members adding if they chose, Friday evening pot luck and Saturday morning biscuits and gravy breakfast and Saturday evening delicious tri-tip with sides provided by members topped off with Robert Bane's homemade ice cream! We welcomed new members Kim and Ernie Harmon to their first Vagabond activity.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Neville, Meme, Lucille, Robert, Eric, Karla, Dan, Eddie, Danette, Cruz and Rosie for setting up, helping cook, arranging corn hole, etc. The weather was absolutely perfect for the days we were there and just added to a fun-filled time together. All are looking forward to getting back to regular rallies.

On that note, **your help is needed.** It is time to put your thinking cap on and offer some ideas of locations for a rally – being together lifts everyone's spirits.

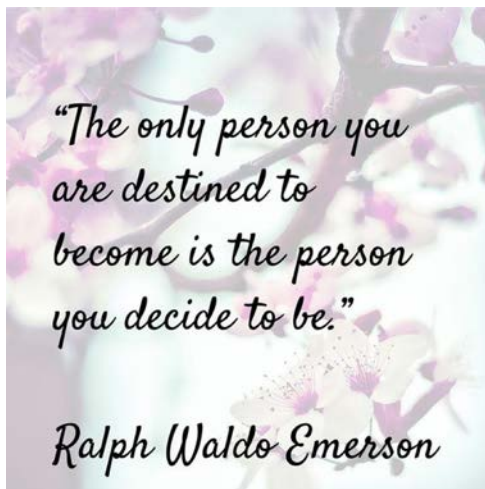
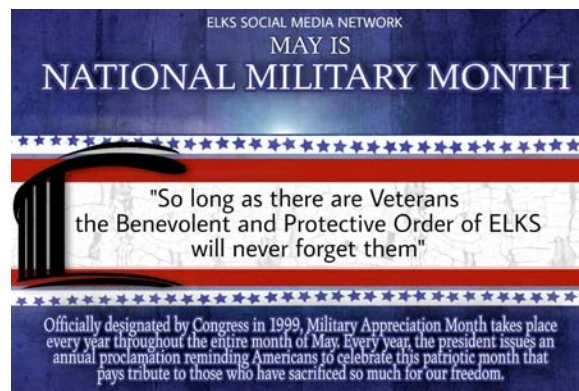
Thinking of our members, prayers are still needed for Vagabonds facing health issues.

Here's an Irish Toast to all – *There are good ships, wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships and may they always be!* (Author unknown)

Safe travels for those on the road. Watch for the email announcement confirming we will be having a Vagabond meeting May 19.

Kathy and Frank Kelly

A big welcome to our newest members! It was a fun initiation night and an amazing dinner! That's one in the books for our new officer crew! 😎 If you haven't experienced the new Ted and Jane show, you should come to the next meeting. 🎵🎤



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Members with a birthday this month get a FREE dinner on any dinner of the month, including Friday Steak Night. (Excludes Prime Rib, Rib Nights, Fireside Dinners, Crab and Shrimp Feeds. Get A Free Beverage on your birthday in the lounge.

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