



Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811



# WC Lodge #1811 Elketin

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I hope your June was as fun as mine was! While we didn't have nearly as many events as we did in May at our Lodge, I spent much of the month travelling to other Lodges for their visitations. This

gave me the chance to really see what the rest of our district has been up to and how they've survived the Pandemic. We all seem to have plodded through and there is an undercurrent of excitement for opening up that runs under every conversation and event. Here at home, we hosted great events! Taco night was a success thanks to Whitney Quin filling in for Bill Todd. Bill will return for Taco Tuesday on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Burger Night continues to grow. New to Thursdays, we have Steve Snyder Big Band rehearsing every week, so come out and have a burger and stay for some dancing!

Our big event in June was the Visitation by our Central District Association Vice President, Linda Valenty. The night went off great as we hosted Elks dignitaries from around the District and State. The meal was delicious (no surprise with Whitney in the kitchen). The decor was great, thanks to Jacklynn Roenspie's efforts. The non-member visitors had a great time in the lounge working on a custom puzzle and chatting with Laura Ervin. The puzzle, by the way, is still there and everyone is welcome to pitch in on it!

Our flag day ceremony last month really kicked off a time for me to recognize the larger communities we are all a part of. We have all been so isolated during the pandemic, it's important to renew those connections to the larger world. Whether we are honoring those who have fought for our country (Welcome Home Program) or attending the upcoming Eagle Court of Honor on July 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the next generation of exemplary citizens, please keep Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity in your hearts and especially your actions this month.

Keeping with a theme of larger communities, my July begins with a trip to Tampa, Florida for the Elks National Convention. I look forward to representing our Lodge there and learning more about all of the ways Elksdom supports our communities.

Returning your attention to our local community, we have had some changes. Our beloved Secretary, Judy Hunter, PER,

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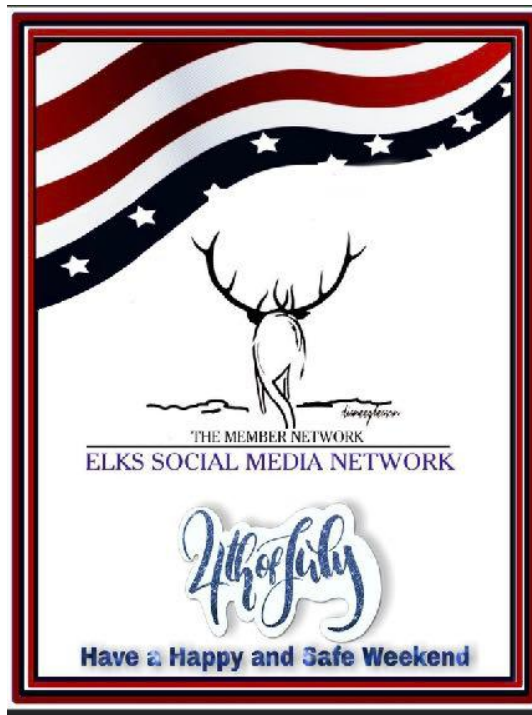
- Burger Night - Listen to Big Band Music!
- Taco Night
- Rummage Sale
- Blood Drive
- Flag Day/AVP photos

has stepped back from her position. Please welcome Debbie Dew who has stepped in as our new Lodge Secretary. Please take a moment to thank both of them for their service as they work an essential job for our Lodge.

Also new to our Lodge is Chris Marquez. Many of you have already met him as he trains with Kelly to take on the role of Facility Manager and Events Coordinator. He will be working hard this month to get us opened up to pre-pandemic hours. Please welcome him.

Fraternally Yours,

Travis Ervin,  
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## LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

### Exalted Ruler:

Travis Ervin

### Leading Knight:

Gerry Gouveia. PAVP

### Loyal Knight:

Maureen Miskell

### Lecturing Knight:

Jacklynn Roenspie

### Esquire:

Cristina Candelori

### Chaplain:

Denise Silva

### Lodge Inner Guard:

Jack Bean

### Lodge Tiler:

Open

### Vocalist:

John Schafgans

### Lodge Secretary:

Debbie Dew

### Lodge Treasurer:

Open

### Trustees:

1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee:

Michael A. Silva, PDDGER

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee:

William Todd

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee:

Greg Okerman, PER

4<sup>th</sup> Year Trustee:

Russ Kesler, PER

5<sup>th</sup> Year Trustee:

Eleanor Bolin-Chew

## WC Elks Lodge

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BPOE1811@gmail.com

### Office Hours:

- Mon/Friday: 10am-2pm
- Tues/Thursday: 3pm-7pm
- First and Last Wednesdays of Month: 10-2pm

### Lounge Open:

(at Press Time)

Burger Night. Taco Night and special events only:

## From the Editor

As we return to "normal", there have been many changes. Some will be ongoing as we adjust to all that has happened. One huge change is at our Lodge Secretary position. Judy Hunter, PER, has resigned as of the end of May.

Judy is greatly missed. Her grace and kind smile dealing with members, vendors and the general public was amazing. During covid, she continued to work and help keep the Lodge operating. With Greg, her husband, they started Burger Nights, which have been a huge success.



Judy, as secretary, worked hard to ensure our Elks Lodge worked smoothly. She was the one I went to for questions and other things needed to produce the Elketin or any other support I needed. It has been such an honor to work with someone who was so dedicated to the Lodge's success and the success of others in the true sense of the Elk tradition.

—Cindy Gray

## House, Trustee and Lodge Meetings

*Zoom will no longer be available at these meetings until further notice.*

### New Members

Welcome to our newest member:

Mel Copeland



### Invite New Members with New Online Form

Any current paid up Member of the Order can now use the Elks website to forward a membership invitation to family and friends. Invitees can complete and submit the application online. The application will be forwarded to the Lodge Secretary for further action. What better way to gain a member than by using technology to its fullest.



## CHEMPI

(California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.)

- Physical Therapy • Occupational Therapy
- Speech • Language Therapy • Preschool Vision Screening
- Disabled Student Scholarships • The Eye Care Fund
- Bequests and Living Trusts • The Piggy Bank Program

**Please give generously to your Major Project!**

"A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play."

***DON'T FORGET:  
PAY YOUR DUES.***

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL PAY OUR ANNUAL DUES ON TIME

## WC ELKS CHAIRPERSONS: 2021-2022

### Appointed Statutory Officials:

Presiding Justice: Douglas Fountain  
Mediator: Gerry Gouveia

### Lodge Committee Chairpersons

2021-2022

Audit Chair/Accounting: Mike Mathers  
Community Activities: Russ Kesler, PER  
Lodge Activities: Jacklynn Roenspie  
Americanism: Mike Schaaf  
Government Relations: Ed Johnson, PDDGER  
National Veterans Service: Vanessa Silva  
Public Relations: Cristina M. Candelori  
Grants Co-ordinator: Michael A Silva

### LODGE OPERATIONS

Building and Grounds:  
Michael A. Silva, PDDGER  
Elketin: Cindy/Dan Gray  
Safety/Accident Prevention:  
Eleanor Bolin-Chew  
Social Media: Cristina 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 Pig Project: Gerry Gouveia, PAVP  
Hospitality Manager: OPEN  
Landscape: Gary Buffo/Kimberly Everett

Burger Nights: Dan Gray  
Taco Night: Bill Todd  
Pasta Night: OPEN  
Membership: OPEN  
Investigation/Indoctrination/Orientation:  
Michael A Silva, PDDGER  
Ritual/Ritual Team Coaches:  
Michael A Silva, PDDGER  
Gerry Gouveia, PAVVP  
Youth Activities: Mike Rittenhouse  
Drug Awareness: Sheri Schaaf  
Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse  
Scholarships: Denise Silva  
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Kurt Cornell



## AVP Dinner : June 23rd, 2021



**Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811**  
cordially invites you to the official visitation of  
**Linda Valenty**  
**Central District Association Vice President**  
and her Traveling Companion, Linda Vigil, PER

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge  
1475 Creekside Dr  
Walnut Creek CA 94596

**Social Hour 5:00 PM**

**Dinner 6:00 PM**

*Chicken Marsala, Salad, Potatoes, Vegetables & Dessert*

**\$15.00 per person**

**Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM**

*Elks: Business Attire Spouses and Guests: Business Casual*

*There will be a planned activity for those not attending the Lodge Meeting.*




## Flag Day Celebration at the WC Elks- June 13th



### Celebrating Flag Day:

Joining with Elks all over the nation, our lodge celebrated Flag Day on Sunday, June 13th. Along with Boy Scout Troop 1811, members and guests were present for the ceremony honoring our flag and enjoyed a truly traditional meal of hot dogs and chips afterwards!





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**Spotlight: Veteran's Programs:** Each month, we will focus on a different group that is looking for volunteers to give you more information on their mission and allow you to make a choice that aligns with your interest. Below is an excerpt from [elks.org](http://elks.org) about the Freedom Grants and how they benefit Veteran's.

"Elks pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further, and promises service to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need. Thousands of Elks volunteers give generously of their time, energy and resources to serve veterans and military

members each day, to ensure that pledge is not an idle one.

Today, our volunteers provide direct service to veterans in more than 330 facilities each month. Through our grants to Elks Lodges, we connect with veterans and military members in their communities, providing them with services where they live. We help veterans rehabilitate and thrive through adaptive sports programs and therapy kits. Our Welcome Home initiative is

reaching out to some of our most vulnerable veterans: those who are experiencing homelessness.

Please contact Denise Silva if you are interested in volunteering for more information.

Denise Silva  
Hearts at Home Vets Program Chair  
[denise\\_silva@comcast.net](mailto:denise_silva@comcast.net)

**PURPLE PIG:** The Purple Pig is the fundraising arm of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). The California-Hawaii Elks have raised over \$116.2 MILLION since 1950 to address the unmet needs of children with disabilities by developing a program of supporting services to aid these

children at no cost to their families. Please continue to drop off your Purple Pigs or consider becoming a recurring monthly donor. Go to [elks.org](http://elks.org) for more information.



## Purple Pig Donations

Robert Cluff	\$ 21.92
Mike Casey	\$ 44.16
Jackie O'Connell	
in memory of Ed	\$ 52.00
Wayne Towsen	\$ 125.76
William Leone	\$ 58.15
Unknown	\$ 0.91
Michael Veramo	\$ 20.00
James Peterson	\$ 23.50
Doug Fountain	\$ 101.32
Debbie Dew	\$ 20.00


## Elk July Birthdays

- July 2nd - Michael Weston
- Kenneth Whitman
- July 4th- John Schafgans
- Michael Weber
- July 7th - Dwight Harford
- Luis Ramos
- July 8th- Dennis Angel
- Roger Pell
- July 9th- Werner L Gumpert
- July 11th- Ernest E Muse
- George E Walker
- July 13th- Stanley J
- July 17th- Thomas Duffy
- July 18th- Michael L Casey
- July 20th- Norman Aaro


Happy Birthday



- July 20th: Bryan Girard
- Richard Jarvis
- William A. Mathers
- July 21st- Tim Gray
- Al Accurso, Jr
- July 23rd - Barry Bamford
- July 24th - Rick a. Medeiros
- July 26th- Mel Copland
- Reginald Fromm
- Steve Glazier
- July 27th - George R Young
- July 29th - Kristine Palsa
- July 30th- Albert DeMartini
- July 31st - Gregory Hunter
- Judith Russell



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## Join us for Thursday Night Burgers at the Lodge!

Enjoy great food while visiting with your friends every Thursday Night! **New: Live Music at 7:30pm.** Enjoy a burger, then dance away!



Side Dishes brought by members, make the evening even better. Don't miss out!

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

Includes: Chili, Chips, Dessert

Lounge Opens: 4PM  
BBQ: 5:30PM

**NEW: Big Band Live Music**  
courtesy of **Steve Snyder Band Open Rehearsals**  
*You are welcome to stay and listen!*

7:30 - 9:30 in the Lodge Room



**AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>-8:00am- 2PM**

Have you been trying to "declutter"? Consider donating your items to our upcoming rummage sale!

*Please no books ~ all items must be clean!*

Bring all your items to the lodge.

Drop Off Dates: August 16 - 19<sup>th</sup>

Noon - 6:00 pm

**Sale to benefit: Elks General Fund** 

We, also, need volunteers to assist with this sale.

Please contact Jacklynn Roenspie with any questions:  
925-628-1827 or at [roenspie.jr@gmail.com](mailto:roenspie.jr@gmail.com)



## WC Elks 1811 Blood Drive

Thursday, July 22nd  
9am to 3pm

WC Elks Lodge Dining Room  
1475 Creekside Dr, Walnut Creek, CA

Please join our lifesaving mission...  
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## Join us for Taco Night July 20th

Lounge Open at 4pm  
Dinner at 6PM  
\$10.00/per person

RSVP: [RSVP@elks1811.org](mailto:RSVP@elks1811.org)





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**July 2021**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 Elks National Convention Starts Today 	5 Elks National Convention Tampa, Florida	6 Elks National Convention Tampa, Florida	7 Elks National Convention Ends Today	8 Thirsty Thursday: 5PM	9	10
11	12	13 House Meeting: 6:30pm	14 Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm	15 Thirsty Thursday: 5PM	16	17
18	19	20 Taco Tuesday: 6PM	21	22 Thirsty Thursday: 5PM Blood Drive: 9am - 3pm	23	24
25	26	27 Trustee Meeting: 6:30 pm	28 Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm	29 Thirsty Thursday: 5PM	30	31

**Events**

July 4th - Holiday  
July 20th: Taco Tuesday  
July 22nd: Elks Blood Drive

