

VISALIA ELKS

1298 BULLETIN | "The Herd"

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



Lodge Meetings

Wed November 10, 2021 – Business

Wed November 17, 2021 - Initiations

House Committee Meeting

Wed November 10, 2021

Trustee Meeting

Wed November 10, 2021

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

P.E.R. Assn Meeting

Mon November 1, 2021 - 5:30pm

Bunco Night

November 9th – Sign-up sheet is in the Members Lounge

Poker Night

November 4th and 18th - Seat Cards handed out at 6pm - Cards are dealt at 6:30pm

Veteran's Breakfast

November 14th – 8:30-11am

Taco Tuesday

November 9th and 23rd – 5:30pm

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News Submission Deadline

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"

Hope everyone has been staying in good health. I know that during this time of year, with the constant temperature and weather changes, it can be sunny one day then cold and rainy the next. This can cause a lot of health issues for some. I truly hope yourselves, your friends and family remain in good health during this coming Holiday season.

We had a very busy month of October at the lodge starting off with the Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic, a 3-day visit from CHEA President Jay Larkins, First Lady Ginger Larkins and all the visiting State VP's and various other District Dignitaries. We even had a surprise visit from California State Treasurer, Fiona Ma.

Then we wrapped the month up with the Vagabond's Kids Halloween Trick or Treat event - great food and a fun time for the kids trick-or-treating in our RV park. Then later that evening a costume party for our members and guests was a blast and it was awesome seeing so many of you dressed up for the occasion.

I want to thank all the volunteers that stepped in to lend a hand this past month. Whether you were a part of our awesome cooking teams or helped with one of the events this past month, it is because of you, that our Lodge was and continues to be successful. Thank you.

Finally, as the Holidays start crashing in on us, I know we will all feel the stress of prepping for Thanksgiving and before we know it Christmas. So, please don't forget to carve a little time out for yourselves during the Holiday months. Come down to the Lodge to enjoy some stress-free activities with your fellow Elks.

Fraternally Yours,
Eli Ledesma
Exalted Ruler

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Exalted Ruler	Eli Ledesma
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Lecturing Knight	Kevin Colopy
Esquire	Russell McKinney
Chaplain	Ron Marshall PER
Inner Guard	Jane Donald
Tiler	Ted Donald PER
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Treasurer	Dorothy Van Wagoner

Trustees:

1-Year	John Peters PER
2-Year	Jorge Montano
3-Year	Brenda Costa
4-Year	Victor Perez
5-Year	Tom O'Conner

Past Exalted Rulers *

Ronald Mathis	1976-77
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:

Ken Bridges	Tulare # 1424
Pat Dugan	Tulare #1424

Member News:

Orientation and Initiation. Next Orientation is November 17, 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...***

Candidates for voting in November

Oscar Acevedo – by Jeremiah Gilson
Eddie Aushman – by Bob Aushman Sr.

Eric Dias – by Chuck Fishel

Gary Fonseca – by Bob Aushman

Anthony George – by John Kennedy

William Holvik – by Brock Robertson

Jason Kennedy – by Nanette Lochridge

Mark Manro – by Terry Dodson

Catherine Milburn – by Karen Schneider

Casey Milburn – by Jeff Schneider

Ernest Mundy – by Richard Grissom

Eva Rasmussen – by Scott Manley

Kerry Ribeiro – by Reuel Stevens

Lori Urias – by Pedro Ferreria

Anita Underwood – by Jennifer Cawley

Marco Vaca – by Mercedes Leos

Michael Velasquez – by Chris Calhoun

John Zotti – by Reuel Stevens



From the Secretary's Desk

WEDNESDAY DINNER INFO

Wednesday night dinners are back for indoor dining. We will still try to do the "to-go" containers but they will be available AFTER dinner is served in the ballroom. Please do not go into the kitchen looking for your food. You need to check-in with Laurel and then go to the pick-up table where your dinner will be labeled. The cooks have enough to do with getting dinners out to those dining, they can't stop and get your to-go before service is completed.

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VISALIA ELKS COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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

PURPLE PIG THANKS YOU ALL

Kevin Cooksey

Century Club: Claude Phillips

A big thank you for the \$40 donated from the Poker group from their October poker night. A big thank you to Kim and Mike Burchett who made burritos and sold them. We appreciate all that played and made a purchase supporting our state major project (Purple Pig).

Continue to turn in you purple pig donations any day 8 to 11 at the Elks office. Thank you for your continued support of our children we help with all the donations to our state major project Purple Pig. All monies donated are much needed to continue to provide for our children in California and Hawaii that need help from our CHEA therapists. Have a wonderful November. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Thought of the month: WELCOME NOVEMBER: New month, New chapter, New page and New wishes. May the month give you courage, strength, Confidence, patience, love and inner peace. May every day in November fill your days with Hope, Love, Sunshine and Energy. Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter. Have a fantastic month.

LaRuth Chance

Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks

10-6-21 Wednesday Night dinner

Team Leader: Ruckin Fidiculous (Scott & Joe)

Crew: Rod & Stacy Jared, Michelle Nelson, Mike Saulque, Russ McKinney, Anna Paddock

10-26-21 Taco Tuesday

Team Leader: Diana Martinez

Crew: Floyd Martinez, Mike Wiebe, Jamie Duncan, Laurel Flores

10-10-21 Veteran's Breakfast – 330 Guests

Team Leader: Tom Hansen

Saturday Prep Crew: Ed & Jean Shields, Ron Vasquez, Scott Reeder, Reule Stevens

Sunday Breakfast:

Hostesses: Judy Staley & LaRuth Chance

Front Lounge: Chuck and Eric Fishel

Omelet Cooks: Scott Reeder, Lori Jackson, Scott Nelson, Ron Marshall, Mike Saulque and Janie Donald

Kitchen Cooks:

Sausage and Potatoes: Brian Fishel

Bacon: Phil Fortney

Gravy: Brian Kliekpoff

Servers:

Susie Mooney (Bacon and Sausage)

Justin Kinderknecht (Potatoes)

James Silva (Pancakes & French Toast)

Rae Crawford (Biscuits and Gravy)

Dishwashers: Craig Williams, Eric Bush, Ted Donald

Back up Cooks: Jorge Montano, Steve Chance

Bussers: Girl Scouts

Please note: If you'd like your cooking team to get credit in the bulletin, please be sure to fill out the form and turn it into the office. We only publish what we get submitted.



Upcoming events:



Turkey Shoot and Chili Cook-Off November 6th

Purchase your targets in the Member's Lounge for \$20. To enter your team in the cook-off, please call the office.

Upcoming events – cont.



Veteran's Breakfast – November 14th

Eggs/Omelet bar, Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage, French toast, Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy
8:30 to 11:00am

Adults - \$12.00 | Kids under 12yrs - \$10 |
Veterans - \$8.00



November 9th - Bunco Night

Sign-up sheet is in the Members Lounge



Toys for Tots Christmas Toy Drive starts – November 14th at Veteran's breakfast



1298 Cigar Club – November 11th at 6:30pm

If you enjoy a good cigar or you're just curious about cigars, this will give members an opportunity to meet at least once a month. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.



November 19th – Cook Your Own Steak Night Returns

6:00 – 8:00 pm
Steak \$20 | Chicken \$19 | Salmon \$18

Baked potato, salad, green beans, roll and dessert.

MUST RSVP by Thursday Nov. 18th at 12pm

NEW SIGN FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

There was about \$4600 in sales and about \$3,930 in profit towards the new sign project. Aaron Swain was the winner and you can check out the FB Live video of the ticket being pulled on Sunday. Here's a photo of Aaron after the Traeger was loaded up. Congratulations Aaron and thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.



Elks National Foundation Estate Planning

There is never a great time to discuss estate planning. It's not an easy topic to broach, but it is an important one that shouldn't be ignored since almost 70% of Americans do not have a valid will.

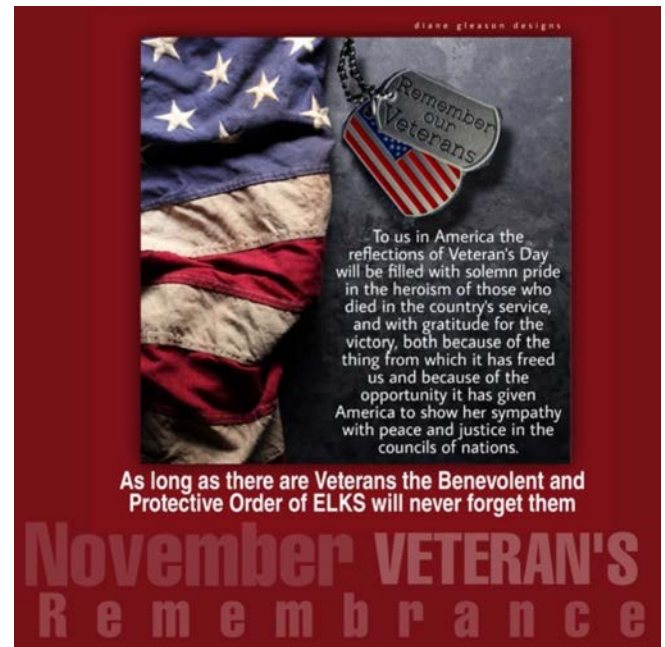
Do you have plans to ensure that the people and programs you care about are taken care of after you're gone? The ENF has resources to help you make arrangements for your estate. Just visit the ENF's Planned Giving website to get started. Including the ENF in your estate plans is an excellent way to leave a legacy through support of your favorite Elks programs—and you may be eligible for recognition benefits during your lifetime as well.

We're just a phone call (773/755-4866) or email (enf@elks.org) away

HALLOWEEN PARTY RECAP

The Party Crew (BPC) would like to send a BIG thank you out to our members that volunteered with set up and the attendees that came to our annual Halloween Costume Party this past Saturday. We sold over 200 tickets to this year's event and thoroughly enjoyed all the creativity that went into the costumes. If you haven't seen some of the photos posted in our Visalia Elks Lodge Member's group on FB, be sure to go take a look. Our Member's certainly know how to dress to impress ... even when it comes to a Halloween Costume!!

In October, we welcomed 18 new members ... if you see one of them in the bar, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them.



(from Elks Social Network FB Page)

November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life.



VAGABONDS TRAVELS

With the past 2 years activities directed by Covid-19 restrictions, the idea of Thanksgiving and Christmas coming just weeks away seems unreal. I am having a hard time wrapping my mind around the fact only 3-1/2 weeks until Thanksgiving and 8-1/2 weeks until Christmas, but I am not having a hard time looking forward to being able to attend more regular Vagabond Rallies.

Vagabond activities are revving up a little with the Annual Rig Decorating and Kids Trick-or-Treating event October 28 to 31 at the lodge RV area. Susan Garvin was trailboss. Due to scheduling conflicts, there were not as many rigs participating this year, but that is not to say Susan didn't spear-head a fun-filled time for all with hot dogs and chili beans Thursday eve, pot luck Friday eve and Saturday her famous "hobo" stew and then the fun with the kiddos enjoying decorated rigs and, of course, the treats being shared as well. Thank you, Susan, and your helpers for another event in our Vagabond Memory Book. Looking forward to next year and many rigs joining the festivities.

There will be 20 rigs heading to Orange Grove, Bakersfield from November 11 to 14 for a long-awaited rally. Trail bosses are Eddie and Danette Renteria. We are all looking forward to fun, laughter and good food. Eddie and Danette are always so warm and gracious, and I am sure their hospitality will be evident all weekend long at the rally. I feel like a little kid waiting for the candy store to open so I can find out what is in store for the weekend.

The Vagabonds send a warm welcome to new members Chris and Jennifer Calhoun. Fun times are around the corner for you.

On a sad note, Vagabond Joyce O'Rafferty passed away October 15 after fighting a long, courageous battle with cancer. She will truly be missed and never forgotten for her beautiful smile and fun loving spirit. Our sincere sympathy to Mike and the family.

One more time I am saddened to pass along former Vagabond member, Arlen Lynn, passed away mid-November. Jane and Arlen Lynn were active Vagabond members until health issues and RV traveling weren't a good mix. Even though they were not with us physically, they were always in our hearts. We have many warm thoughts and memories of fun times together. The Vagabonds extend our sincere sympathy to Jane and her family in their loss.

Vagabonds, **mark your calendar** now for the Annual Christmas Party here at the lodge Saturday night, December 11. Ladean Pearce has her thinking cap on and will share more details at the November 17 RV meeting.

In closing, here is a thought to ponder - Thanksgiving comes once in a year, but may the feeling of gratitude live in our hearts all year round. Frank and I wish all a Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

See you November 17 RV meeting, Frank and Kathy Kelly

SOME PHOTOS FROM THE TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT



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NOVEMBER 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.

1 Matthew Carter
John Karbo
Scott Taves
2 Randall G Hall
Ricky E Johnson
Russell L McKinney
Jesse Benjamin Vidito
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Carol Robles
4 Greg Feaver
Kenneth Harback
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Monica Peterson
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9 James W Tunnell
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11 Gareth A Jones
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15 Robert Hoskins
Brian Kennemer
Roger Tyler
Frank Weekly
Ken Williams
16 Eric Bush
Rusty Lantsberger
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John D Tashjian
17 Christopher Allen
Robert DeMichellie
Thomas Friedberg
Marshall Lapp
Jeff Morris
Brian Thoburn
18 Leroy A Bremer
Justin Carrillo
Jarold H Feldstein
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