



WC Lodge #1811 Elketin



2021

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We are right in the middle of the Holiday season now. Thanksgiving's food and family have come and gone with some still isolated by this seemingly unending pandemic. I

was blessed with a (mostly) healthy family and we were able to keep our traditions going.

Others of our order and community were not so lucky. As December starts and we head toward more celebrations of family, friends, joy and cheer, I can't help but stop and think of those less fortunate than us. We as Elks keep them in our hearts and should strive to increase our efforts to help.

While we probably can't coordinate it this year, I would really like to find a member that would be inspired to start a gift basket program or toy drive or one of the other holiday projects that the Elks have sponsored over the years. All of us want to give back, it only takes one person to spark the actions needed.

If you only have a moment, we are always accepting donations for the Veterans Welcome Home program and we now have a clothing and shoes donation bin out front near the entry sign.

As Scrooge learned, keeping the season's spirit in your heart for past, present and future is the key. This month presents several opportunities to do just that.

First, we visit the past and remember those who will come no more at our Elks Memorial Service. Sunday 12/5 11am come to the lodge to share memories of our departed members. While a somber event, we will celebrate their virtues in love and memory.

On the 11th we celebrate the present and our military in fine fashion while we watch the Army Navy game at the Lodge! We can also help in the present by signing up to donate blood on Thursday the 30th!

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- Elk Memorial Day
- Army/Navy Game
- Hoop Shoot
- See's Yum Raiser
- New Years Eve Mystery Masquerade Night
- Crab Feed
- Wreaths Across America

Finally, we celebrate the future while helping the young of our community participate in the Elks Hoop Shoot. I know Coach Ritt would love to see everyone out rebounding or just plain cheering on all of these talented youngsters on the 12th and 19th at De La Salle HS. Please reach out to him if you can help.

To really celebrate the future, though, we all need to party! Come out to the New Year's Murder Mystery Masquerade for our biggest bash of the year! Tickets are selling fast so don't wait.

From my entire family, we would like to wish you all a holiday season full of joy and peace. If I don't see you at the New Years Dinner, I wish you a happy and healthy new year!

Fraternally Yours,

916-764-0294 ER@elks1811.org



Jacklynn Roenspie and Travis Ervin, at MidTerm Convention- golf tournament

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NEW Office Hours:

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10am to 2pm

Lounge Open:

Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri: 4-7pm

Lodge Meeting Wed:

4pm-7pm

Sundays: 10am - 2pm*



From the Lodge Office: We have many events coming up. Please remember to check your emails and read the Elketin to keep up with the latest happenings here. Our Lodge's event information is now distributed through many channels: Elketin, emails, social media and flyers so that you don't miss out! We appreciate your continued

support as we move forward.

During this time of year when you are thinking of giving, please remember your Elks Lodge, Purple Pig and ENF need your support this season, too!

Regards,
Debbie Dew, Lodge Secretary
925-935-1811



Purple Pig Donations

Travis Ervin - Tips	\$ 3.40
Dave Larson	\$ 43.37
Robert Sluff	\$ 13.90
Steve Galcier	\$ 15.00
John Schafgans	\$ 23.00
Barton Perry	\$ 82.00
Bergers	\$150.00
PIG WEIGH IN	\$622.85
Jackie Oconnell	\$ 52.00



ENF Donations

Kevin Moran	\$15.00
Judith Russell	\$10.00
Larry Ribarich	\$10.00
Debbie Dew	\$10.00
Russ Kessler	\$100.00

Building Fund Donations

BBQ Raffle	\$175.00
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Memory Gardens Cemetery, Concord
Sat. December 18th, 2021 at 10am

Wreaths Across America

Final call to purchase a wreath for this year's Wreaths Across America event.

Your purchase of a wreath remembers and honors all those who have served in the US Armed Forces and helps provide assistance to those currently in need.

How you can help:

1. Sponsor a wreath that will be placed on a veteran's grave in your community
2. Volunteer to mark graves or place wreaths on a veteran's grave

Wreaths cost **\$15** and will be placed on the grave of a Veteran during the ceremony in December. You may designate a specific grave if you wish or purchase in honor of a family member or friend.

Use your phone to scan the QR code provided or go to the Post VFW website <https://vfwpost1525.org/> to order now! Many thanks!

Note: Purchases made after Nov 30 will be applied to the 2022 event.

Any questions, please contact Mark Steinberg at 925-389-6057

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Mediator: Gerry Gouveia, PER

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2021-2022

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

LODGE OPERATIONS

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Taco Night: Bill Todd
Pasta Night: OPEN
Membership: OPEN
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Michael A Silva, PDDGER
Ritual/Ritual Team Coaches:
Michael A Silva, PDDGER
Gerry Gouveia, PAVP
Youth Activities: Mike Rittenhouse
Drug Awareness: Open
Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse
Scholarships: Denise Silva



Honoring our newest Eagle Scouts from Troop #1811

On November 21st, Boy Scout Troop 1811 held an Eagle Court of Honor at Elks Lodge 1811. Scouts Grayson Cole Peters, Zachariah Lazzarini, Clement Nabeta Osouf and Adam Nold were recognized for their attainment of the highest award in Scouting.

This was a very special celebration, with many individuals offering tributes to the Scouts. These included; Troop 1811 Scoutmaster Amy Cole formally awarding each Scout with their Eagle Rank, Walnut Creek Mayor Kevin Wilk presenting each Scout with commendations from the California State Senate and from the City of Walnut Creek, and Elk's Lodge 1811

Exalted Ruler Travis Ervin presenting each Scout with a United States flag which had flown over the United States Capital building. Fewer than 3% of Scouts attain the Rank of Eagle, and Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies are always very inspiring. Elks Lodge 1811 is proud of the support we provide to Scouting Troop 1811, and in the small role we have had in helping these Scouts along their journey in Scouting. In addition to ER Ervin, other members of the Elks Lodge who attended this event included; Laura Ervin, Mike Rittenhouse, Mike and Teri Mathers and Kurt Cornell.



Don't Miss the Hoop Shoot! Dec. 12th!

The 50th Annual Walnut Creek Elks local Free Throw Contest is Sunday, December 12th from 8:30am to 10:45am. It will be at De La Salle High School in Concord. Boys and Girls, ages 8 to 13 are invited to participate. Age groups are determined by their age as of April 1, 2022.

Certificates and prizes will be awarded. Age group champions will have the right to represent our lodge in the Elks District, State, Regional, and National championship events starting January, 2022.

We have had 11 California State Champions during the past eight years!

Free to Public! Register at the gym between 8:30 - 10:45am for chance to shoot 25 free throws! You may participate as an individual or as a team.

Check our website for more information: Elks.org/HoopShoot. For further Information, contact:

- Mike Rittenhouse, Director: 925-360-2900



Jackson Ramirez, 2020 Elks Free Throw National Champion. His name will be inscribed on a plaque in the Naismith National Basketball Hall of Fame. He is WC Elks first National Champion.

Veteran's Day Dinner

On November 14th, our Lodge was hosted a dinner honoring our Veteran's. Vanessa Silva chaired the event with assistance from many Elk volunteers. A wonderful meal was prepared by Bill Todd, Kevin Wrobel and Gary Buffo. Between check-in to

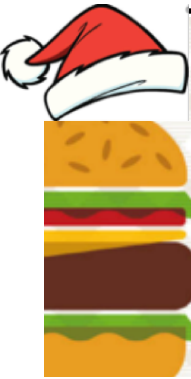


decorating and setup, it takes a team, too many to list. Thank you to all. It was very much appreciated by the veterans and their families and the members who did attend.

If you missed it this year, plan on attending next year! It is a wonderful way to honor those who have served and continue to serve.



vanessa Silva, Chair and Mike Rittenhouse


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We appreciate the support of members who contribute side dishes to share.

You may notice the change in pricing. This is due to increased costs of food. We do our best to keep the price constant but we must adjust prices to cover our costs.

Come on down...enjoy great conversation, time with friends..perhaps a card game and great food!



Join Us for
Monday Night Football
 in the Lounge!

Now is the time the games are really interesting and exciting!

Lounge Open: 4pm

PURPLE PIG WEIGH-IN

We held the Purple Pig Weight in and had a successful event. We raised \$ 776.00 for the program which is outstanding. The heaviest pig weighed in over 10 lbs. and the winner was Bill Todd. The pig with the most money in it was from

Doug Fountain with a whopping \$ 176. Well, done Doug, but we still need your donations. I will offer another prize for the pig with the most money in it that is turned into the office prior to December 15th. So, bring in your pigs to Debbie have your name on them and we will let you know the winner on the 16th. Stuff those little guys as full as you can this time is total donation in the pig the weight does not matter just stuff it as full as you can. Thanks you to all who donated their pigs for entry, your support is greatly appreciated.

On another note: We still need raffle donations for the Crab Feed. Anything new that will go towards the raffle and the feed. All proceeds of the raffle will go to the Purple Pig. Let' s get those donations into the office soon as the Crab Feed is January 29, 2022.

-Gerry Gouveia, PER


Join Us For the Army Navy Game

Watch the Army Black Knights
 as they battle the Navy Midshipmen!

Saturday December 11th
Game Time: Noon
Lounge Opens at 11am

Chili Dogs will be available.

Please bring side dishes to share. It will be lots of fun!

There will be a surprise offered..

must be there by 1st quarter!

Please Note: As per CCC Health Orders, we must ask for proof of vaccination when dining indoors. You need only do so once. We will try to keep track with our members as you visit our lodge.



December

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2 Burger Night: 5:30pm	3	4
5 Elks Memorial 11am	6 MNF 4pm	7 House Meeting! 7pm	8 Lodge Meeting! 7pm	9 Burger Night: 5:30pm	10	ARMY NAVY HET LIFE STADIUM DECEMBER 11, 2021
12 THE NATIONAL WOOF SHOOT 11am	13 MNF 4pm	14	15	16 Burger Night: 5:30pm	17	18 Wreaths Across America 11am
19	20 MNF 4pm	21 Trustee Meeting! 7pm	22	23 No Burger Night	24 Christmas Eve	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
26	27 MNF 4pm	28	29	30 AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9am - 3pm	31 New Year's Eve Hollywood Mystery	

Elk December Birthdays

Dec. 1st: Elaine Thompson
 Dec. 2nd: Kerri Chrysty
 Dec 3rd: Deborah Dew
 Dec. 4th: Andrew Coffin
 Dec. 5th: Raymond Davis
 Suzanne Knoll
 Dec. 6th: Kevin Finn
 Daniel Ove
 Dec 9th: Gary Arthur
 Stephanie Malone
 Todd Sekulich
 Dec. 11th: John Labak
 Dec. 12th: Bruce Bettis
 Joseph Farley

Dec 13th: Loren Piper
 Dec. 20th: Frank Vigna
 Dec 21st: Mike Transchel
 Dec. 22nd: Sidney Crusier
 Dec. 24th: Dana Michaels
 Dec. 26th: Peter Luger
 Dec. 27th: Dean Clevenger
 Dec. 28th: John Anderson
 Roger Freeman
 Mike Rittenhouse
 Tim Warden
 Dec. 29th: Heidi Baumeister
 Dec. 30th: Donald Lynch
 Dec. 31st: Diane Yribarren



Upcoming Events:

- January 29th:
Crab Feed
- February:
Valentine's Day
event: TBD



December 2021



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Raffle Prizes

Needed! This is part of the fun of the Crab Feed! Please leave donations in Office, labeled for the Crab Feed. Contact Gerry Gouveia if you have questions: 925-935-1811

We have many events that could use your support. Please contact the members below to help.

Hearts at Home program:

Denise Silva:

denise_silva@comcast.net

or 925-787-2478

Taco Night: Bill Todd:

925-413-1544 (once a month)

Burger Night: Dan/Cindy

Gray:

cdata4gray@gmail.com

(each Thursday night)

Lounge/Bartender: Chris

Marquez, Facilities

Manager: 925-385-3260

Elketin: Cindy Gray:

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(once a month)

Special Events: Travis

Ervin, ER:

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All You Can Eat



Crab Feed

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Cocktails - 5:30 p.m. Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

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