



WC Lodge #1811 Elketin

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WALNUT CREEK ELKS LODGE NO. 1811

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT VISITATION

Honoring William Wims and His Wife, Nancy June 22, 2022

Social Hour: 5:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7pm

An Activity is planned during the Lodge Meeting for Non-Elk Members

Dinner Menu: Gazpacho, Chili Rellenos, Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Beans and Dessert

\$15.00/per person

3 Ways to RSVP

PrePay: BPOE1811.square.site Email: rsvp@elks1811.or Call: 925-935-1811

RSVP's Due June 15th

Your timely RSVP is greatly appreciated. It allows our volunteers to plan accordingly.

Elks: Business Attire Guests: Business Casual

Don't Forget! August is the **LAST** paper Edition that will be mailed out.... **UNLESS**, you have notified us that you wish to continue to receive the Elketin via US Mail. Due to the high cost of printing and mailing the Elketin, we will only **email** the Elketin to membership UNLESS you have requested otherwise. Please, update your email address if you are not receiving any emails currently. Contact the editor by email (cdat4gray@gmail.com) or call: 925-935-1811 by **August 1st** to notify us that you want the Elketin edition sent to you via US mail. The September Elketin print edition will only be mailed out to those who have requested it.



MESSAGE FROM ER: GREG OKERMAN

On May 18th through the 21st, I attended the California Hawaii Elks Association convention in Fresno, California. Joining me were Leading Knight Jacklynn Roenspie, Lecturing Knight Gerry Gouveia, Trustee Russ Kesler, PER, Treasurer Michael Angelo Silva, PER, Secretary Debbie Dew, Chaplin Denise Silva, Youth Activities Chairman Mike Rittenhouse and Grand Forum Justice Ed Johnson. What a great crowd to be associated with!

Brad Smith from the Modesto Lodge of the Central District was elected CHEA President for year 2022-2023. Central District Vice President William Wims and his wife Nancy are scheduled to attend our lodge on Wednesday, June 22. for dinner and our lodge meeting. This is a very important event, so please make every effort to attend. The Flyer on this page has the details.

On another note, over the past 2+ years due to the Covid pandemic, we have had to delay a large amount of general maintenance to our lodge building. We would like to move forward as life changes with these (continued on page 3)

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July, 2022 Elketin Deadline: June 22nd

LODGE OFFICERS 2022-2023

Exalted Ruler:

Greg Okerman

Leading Knight:

Jacklynn Roenspie

Loyal Knight:

• Steve Glazier, PER Lecturing Knight:

Open **Esquire**:

Cristina Candelori

Chaplain:

Denise Silva

Lodge Inner Guard:

Jack Bean

Lodge Tiler:

Open

Vocalist:

John Schafgans

Lodge Secretary:

Debbie Dew

Lodge Treasurer:

Michael A. Silva, PDDGER

TRUSTEES:

1st Year Trustee:

Dr. Joel Ross

2nd Year Trustee:

· Gerry Gouveia, PAVP

3rd Year Trustee:

Russ Kesler, PER

4th Year Trustee:

Elinor Bolin-Chew

5th Year Trustee:

Travis Ervin, PER

Elks Lodge Hours:

Lounge Open: Monday: 4pm - 7pm Thursday: 4pm - 7pm Friday: 4pm - 7pm

Office Hours: 10-2pm: M-W-F

925-935-1811

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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Elketin: cdat4gray@gmail.com

WC ELKS CHAIRPERSONS: 2022-2023

Appointed Statutory Officials:

Presiding Justice: Douglas Fountain Mediator: Gerry Gouveia, PER

Lodge Committee Chairpersons

2022 -2023

Audit Chair/Accounting: Terri Mathers Community Activities: Russ Kesler, PER Lodge Activities: Jacklynn Roenspie

Americanism: Open

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:

Bill Todd

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: Jacklynn Roesnpie
Hospitality Manager: Chris Marquez

Landscape: Gary Buffo Burger Nights: Dan Gray

Investigation/Indoctrination/Orientation:

Michael A Silva, PDDGER, Cristina Candelori, Mike Rittenhouse

Ritual/Ritual Team Coaches: Michael A Silva, PDDGER Gerry Gouveia, PAVVP

Youth Activities: Mike Rittenhouse

Drug Awareness: Open

Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse Scholarships: Denise Silva

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Kurt Cornell

Car Show: Cristina Candelori







GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

2022 " [ks Care - [ks Share" 2023

Last issue we mentioned that we wanted to highlight members who support the lodge in unsung ways. So to start off this column, I would like to acknowledge these members who frequently support Burger Nights by bringing a dish to share.

They do it discreetly while enjoying the evening at Burger Night. Joe Caruso, Diane Larsen, Jayne Berger are some of these generous members who frequently make the effort to bring a salad or something to share. It really helps our Burger team of volunteers on this evening. There is a lot of prep that goes into each Thursday evening, from making the chili, to prepping the tomatoes, onion, and lettuce, and shopping for the supplies that each burger team does, including the set up of the buffet, etc. So these dishes are greatly appreciated by our teams.

accomplished



ER MESSAGE: (Continued from pg 1)

items of concern. There are small projects that you and I can do without any major expertise. However, there are many larger projects that will require people that have much more technical background and experience. Please, contact me, so that I can discuss with you what needs to be done. We need to address these items and your assistance would be greatly appreciated. My telephone number is at the end of this message and on page 2 of the "Information Page".

On another note, Gary Buffo stepped forward to clean up the area behind the lodge. When you visit the lounge next time, take a look. It looks great!

Thank you, Gary, for all your effort and time.

I want to leave you this month with what JFK said at his 1961 inaugural address. I have made changes to a few of the words.

"...So my fellow Lodge members ask not what your Lodge can do for you, ask what you can do for your lodge."

Fraternally Yours Greg Okerman **Exalted Ruler** 209-988-0126



Thank you!

Stop by the awards. Be sure to attend the Lodge to show your appreciation for everything lodae. This is the time to bring in many members have

this past year. Congratulations to Brian Criss, Elk of the Year, Cristina Candelori, Officer of the Year and Cindy Gray, Citizen of the Year. They were well deserved AVP Dinner honoring our AVP, William Wims. It is important to show our support from the

new members. Spread the word with your friends and neighbors! Our goal is to grow our Lodge! Get involved. We have many opportunities for you to help.

Debbie Dew. Lodge Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEARS ELK AWARD RECIPIENTS!

DONATIONS FOR MAY, 2022

Building Fund

Dan Gray-Capsule winner - \$100.00 Thursday BBQ Raffle: \$70.00



Wednesday, June 8th

New Member Initiation Pasta Dinner

Join Us on June 8th as we Welcome our Newest Members the Elks Lodge

Lounge Open: 4pm **Dinner: 6PM** Meeting: 7pm

\$12.00/per person

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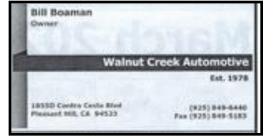


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The WC Lodge will be celebrating Flag Day on Sunday, June 12th.

Noon

Come on down, enjoy complimentary Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda while learning about the history of our United States of America's Flag.

Please dress accordingly for the weather as we will be outside.





SEPTEMBER 24th-8:00am-2PM

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

Please no books, clothing, large furniture or old sporting goods ~ all items must be clean!

Bring all your items to the lodge 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek

Drop Off Dates: September- 19th - 23rd Between Noon - 6:00 pm

Sale to benefit: Elks General Fund



Jacklynn Roenspie with any questions: 925.628.1827 or roenspie.jr@gmail.com











THESE ARE SOME OF THE LATEST EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN MAY WITH THE ELKS! DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN! PLEASE JOIN US FOR FLAG DAY AND THE AVP DINNER!



Above:

Convention Photos. **Right**: Spring Fling Fun!

Left: Youth Awards Dinner





















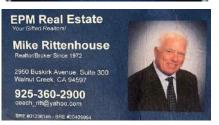




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5	6 Lounge Open 4-7pm	7	Initiation Meeting: 7pm Pasta Night:6pm Lounge Open: 4pm	Burger Night 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	10 Lounge Open 4-7pm	spring cleanup 8 am start
Flag Day Celebration Noon	13 Lounge Open 4-7pm	14 FLAG	15	Burger Night 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	17 Lounge Open 4-7pm	18
Juneteenth Day Happy Father's Day!	20 Lounge Open 4-7pm	21	AVP Dinner Social: 5pm Dinner: 6pm Meeting: 7pm	Burger Night 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	24 Lounge Open 4-7pm	25
26	27 Lounge Open 4-7pm	28	29	Burger Night 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	100	UNTEER









At the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge
For your next event,

Look No Further!

We have rooms, kitchens, and parking
available for your party.

Contact us for more details: 925-285-3260 or email your request to: rentals@elks1811.org

> Facilities Manager: Chris Marquez

Our Gang Cattle Company



Do you like to talk about cars?

The Elks Annual Car Show returns August 6th. We could use help with distributing flyers at

the other various car shows. See your favorites and ask if they'd like to attend our show!

Contact Cristina Candelori for more information: ccandelori@comcast.net

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ELKS RAISE FUNDS TO HELP DISABLED KIDS

A grand total of \$4,497,105.63 has been contributed this year by members of Elks Lodges throughout California and Hawaii to be used in treating children with

disabilities. ER Greg Okerman contributed for our lodge, \$10,024.92. This was raised by our members and is included in the \$104, 676.14 contribution of the Central District.

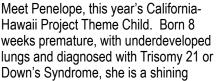
"We are pleased and proud that members of our lodge were so generous with their dollars and time in this important undertaking." Greg Okerman said.

Since 1950, the 85,000 members throughout California and Hawaii have turned over more than \$131,000,000 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. which administers the non-profit charitable corporation.

All of the funds are devoted solely to providing vision screening and therapy treatment to children with a broad range of disabilities. Without the Elks supported donations, many of these children would not receive such treatment.

The raising of funds to aid children with disabilities is just one of the many philanthropic projects, which mark the Elks contribution to our community.







example of what we hope to accomplish through our program to help families. Many people offer their skills and expertise to help children like Penelope, develop skills, obtain equipment, and learn strategies so that they can walk, talk, see and play!

Youth Awards Dinner



A wonderful, inspirational evening was experienced by all in attendance for this year's celebration of our community's young citizens! The Youth Activities supported by our Lodge include Drug Awareness, Americanism Essay Contest (Mike Rittenhouse, Chairman), Scouting (Kurt Cornell, Chairman), Hoop Shoot (Mike Rittenhouse, Chairman) and Scholarships (Denise Silva, Chairman). A wonderful chicken parmesan dinner was prepared by Whitney and served by her crack volunteer staff that included, Russ Kesler, Liston Bevard, Virginia Hale and Kevin Finn.

Jacklyn Roenspie and Elaine Thompson were our hosts at the door for those arriving, and they were smiling mightily! Cindy Gray was a key volunteer contributor by handling the guest reservation arrangements and creating and printing the evening's Program of Events. Table arrangements were done very fashionably on the morning of the event by our volunteers: Denise Silva, Jacklyn Roenspie, Virginia Hale and ER Greg Okerman. Photos were taken by First Lady Kimberly Morris and Jr. PER, Travis Ervin to capture the memories of the evening.

A real team effort was on display for all to see as lodge members helped clear each table of the empty plates and utensils. Our young families and many of the school teachers present were duly impressed by what we do as a lodge. Elks Volunteers ROCK!

Thank you all for a job well done!

Fraternally yours,

Mike Rittenhouse, Chairman Youth Activities Program





