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Upcoming Events

May 4th: Night At The Races

May 7th: Dinner & Meeting

Night

May 12th: Mother's Day Cele-

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May 14th: Officer/Trustee Meeting Night (open to all)

May 21st: Dinner & Meeting

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May 28th: Lodge 101 Learn-

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June 4th: AVP Visitation Din-

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June 14th: FLAG DAY Cere-

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Hello Members,

Welcome to May 1st, 2024. It seems as if it was just April 2nd, and we were about to commence the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year of ELKDOM and its Installation. Time sure has flown by and now that I have taken on the position of YOUR Exalted Ruler, I have learned many things that I want to share with you all. I would like to start off by saying to each of you, THANK YOU for your heart warming welcomes and tremendous support. In every conversation that I have had, its been nothing but excitement, enthusiasm and commitment towards this next year.

Our Corp of Officers participated in the "Ritual Competition" this past weekend (April 27th) at the Modesto ELKS lodge No. 1282 and did an outstanding job! This team had been practicing 2 to 3 times per week in the evening hours since April 3rd in preparation for showing up strong. We were guided by Linda Valenty, DDGER by her expertise and intense knowledge of protocol. During these evening sessions not only did we learn ritual, but this team bonded beyond what I could ever imagine. Livermore Pleasanton Lodge should be extremely proud and confident that you are being led by an exceptional team.

The results of this commitment showed strong in the awards ceremony. The entire team won best in show for (memorization/ reading), Mike Amato, our Lodge Chaplain won $1^{\rm st}$ place, JoAnn Acero (PER), our Inner Guard won $1^{\rm st}$ place and she also won $1^{\rm st}$ place in reading the Eleven O'clock Toast. Your ER, John Lozano won $3^{\rm rd}$ place.

Additionally, for last fraternal year 2022-2023 under the leadership of Marilyn Elwood (PER), she was awarded "Citation of Merit" for outstanding contribution to the growth of our order being among those lodges achieving a net growth of membership. She also was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the ELKS National

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Foundation (ENF) Livermore Pleasanton Lodge No. 2117's donations exceeding the GER's \$4.80 per-member-giving goal in 2022-2023.

As we look ahead into this year, we are planning many exciting functions, activities, membership engagement opportunities, recognition and much more... By now, all members should know that lodge dinners are back during Tuesday Meeting nights so please keep an eye open for reminders/emails with details as we get closer to those dates. We have had the lodge open on Thursday night for free dinner with donations kindly suggested. Our Friday Night Members' Lounge has been well received with great attendance. This past Tuesday, April 30th we hosted our 1st ever, Tuesday evening experience which consisted of an outdoor grown your own spring garden experience. We will have many more 4th Tuesday experiences for you to choose from and our next one is May 28th for the ELKS Lodge 101 Basics, where you get to ask questions!!

Thinking about next month, we will have our AVP Visitation from Jim Akers to our Lodge on Tuesday June 4, 2024, and I highly encourage you to attend, represent this great lodge and be seen. He will bring a message from our Association President that I think should greatly interest the members. Our invitation will be published shortly so you can RSVP.

Some additional... GREATS, that you should look forward to are Mother's Day in May, Flag Day in June, Elvis in July, Hawaiian Style Lūau in August, Tom Rigney Concert in September, ELK-TOBER Fest in October, ELKS Holiday Boutique in November and ELKS Memorial Service in December.

Let's not forget birthdays as those are special days, so we plan to celebrate members birthdays on the last Friday of each month during our Friday Night Social gatherings. WOW, that is going to be an amazing 2024!!

My message to you is...I want to hear from you! So, I have added a RED suggestion box that is mounted in the members lounge for your voice to be heard. Just drop off a note and I will read it and connect back with you, that's my promise! Please remember that this is YOUR lodge and only GREAT things can happen if YOU are involved.

If you want to be more involved, I would love to hear from you. We are still in need of 6 committee positions to be filled. Those committees include Accident Prevention, Drug Awareness, ELKS National Foundation, Fraternal Committee, Public Relations and Youth Activities. I personally ask that you consider getting involved and I will learn with you, so we can both be best in class!

We have 19 applicants in the que right now (at various stages) and we plan to initiate a few of them on Tuesday May 21st.

I hope you see the subtle changes that will remain ongoing and continue to peak all your interest. I am looking forward to being by your side during the next 11 months!

Genuinely,

John Lozano, Exalted Ruler







James P. Kovarik

David Chesterman Kenneth W. Sturgill **Donald Cross** David George Elms Peggy Lamb Lizlynne R. Hannig Barbara Harrington-Selbach Judith C. Rinehimer Ronnie Lewis **Bob Hanna** Dave Frank Melvin J. Gregonis Terry Stillwell Paul Biery William T. Souza



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Catherine Sturgill
Randy C. Baker
Brett E. Burau
Terry J. Murray
Rhonda J. Berg
Darryl B. Worchester
Janet P. Eula
Sandee McNeil
William R. Diebner
Shara Kay Hart
Barry S. Camara
Joseph Hickman
Polly Stonich

MEETING NIGHT BUCKET DRAWING



11/07/23 Meeting— Dave Frank #3330 (not present)

11/21/23 Meeting—David Peterson #3345 (not present)

12/05/23 Meeting—Jimmy Burns #1466 (not present)

01/02/24 Meeting—Ruediger Roenick #3297 (not present)

01/16/24 Meeting—Donald Cross #3531 (not present)

02/06/24 Meeting—Timothy Brophy #3538 (not present)

02/20/24 Meeting— Kirk Weiss #3533 (not present)

03/05/24 Meeting—Jeremy Kennedy #3188 (not present)

03/19/24 Meeting—Tom Costa #3185 (not present)

05/07/24 Next Meeting - Jack Pot is now \$75

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN







The BLT Commitment Trust



TIME: CEREMONY AT 10:00 A.M. / BRUNCH AT 11:00 A.M.

PRICE: \$15.00 (sales tax included)

Reservations are required. (scan QR code below)

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Fresh Fruit plus Coffee, Tea and Assorted Juices

Free to Mothers, Grandmothers & Wives
Of ELKS

Plan accordingly to have enough food for all to enjoy.

Email: Secretary2117@comcast.net / Phone: (925)-455-8829





TUESDAY MAY 7th @ 6:00 PM

May 7th is Lodge Meeting Night and Taco Tuesday. Please join us for dinner.

We will enjoy authentic tacos served with bean and rice.

Cost for dinner is \$15.00 (Sales Tax Included)



RSVP as soon as possible with QR code above, email us or call us by noon May 3rd, so we can plan accordingly to have enough food for all to enjoy.

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Livermore-Pleasanton ELKS Lodge

Tuesday, May 28th

at 6:00 PM

Understanding the Basics



This event is only open to members

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

This is an interactive evening where YOU get to learn more...

There is no such thing as a silly question, you joined us and we want to make sure you get the most out of your membership!!

What are the words to the "Opening Ode"?

How do the Trustees play a part in ELKDOM?

I don't fully understand what all that gavel rapping means.

Alphabet Soup, what do all those internal buzzwords, phrases, acronyms stand for?

Can I be a Lodge monitor, volunteer bartender or help in the kitchen?

What do committees do?

Tell me about the Purple Pig.

What is "The 11 O'clock Toast"?

We have RV parking?

SCAN the QR code to make an online reservation



RSVP as soon as possible with QR code, email or call by noon May 24th, so we can plan accordingly to have enough material for all to enjoy. Email: Secretary2117@comcast.net / Phone: (925)-455-8829



Tuesday, June 25th

at 6:00 PM



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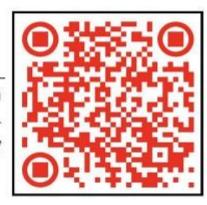
Our lodge has many members who RV on a regular basis so why not share some favorite vacation spots, tips and tricks with proven success, must-have RV camping Items. RVing is a great way to travel and explore the outdoors. However, knowing the basics is important to having a stress-free trip. Let's talk about common practices...who knows....you may learn something!

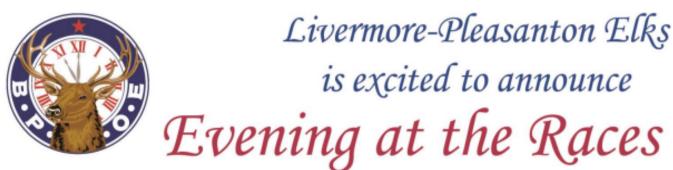
- Did you know that you can find an RV Facility on ELKS.org online or order a hard copy of the Carmichael, California Lodge?
- Relax...RV'ing will become second nature in no time at all once you've learned beginners tips.
- Have you recorded your walk-through on a smartphone?
- · What about joining RV groups and listening to podcasts
- Importantly, don't be afraid to ask for help at the campground!

RSVP as soon as possible with QR code, email or call by noon June 21st, so we can plan accordingly to have enough material for all to enjoy. Email: Secretary2117@comcast.net /

Phone: (925)-455-8829

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Saturday, May 4, 2024

Elks Lodge #2117, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore, CA 94551

5:30 pm doors open | 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 - 9:30 pm horse racing

\$35.00 per person (Event proceeds will support Elks' charities)

Please RSVP to Sherry White via email (secretary2117@comcast.net) or by calling the office at 925-455-8829.

All reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2024

When you arrive; you'll receive a Racing Program with a plastic pocket containing \$2,000 in script money. You'll be able to use your script money to bet on any combination of six horses in six heats. Additional script money will be available for purchase for \$20 in real money for \$2,000 in script money. Since everything is script money; it means you can bet tens of thousands of dollars and never lose a cent.

A grid pattern will be taped off on the lodge floor. Volunteers will stand in this grid pattern. These volunteer horses will progress along the grid through a process of rolling large foam rubber dice to determine which horse will cross the finish line first.

Of course, you won't be able to win any actual money but you can win bragging rights! We'll even give prizes and winners certificates to every winning horse and the top three winners of script money to cement those bragging rights. Since all proceeds will support Elks' charities; everyone will end the evening a winner.

ENJOY some new happenings at the lodge. Join us on the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 PM for some FUN!

May 28 - Tuesday — Lodge 101: Introduction and refresher about YOUR ELKS Lodge. Interact and ask questions while we talk to professionals from a few key areas. Learn about the Kitchen, what does a Trustee do, Explore Committees and Volunteering, Sneak peek into being a Lodge monitor.

June 25 - Tuesday — RV Experience and Tips: Our lodge has many members who RV on a regular basis so why not share some favorite vacation spots, tips and tricks with proven success, must-have RV camping Items. RVing is a great way to travel and explore the outdoors. However, knowing the basics is important to having a stress-free trip. Let's talk about common practices...who knows....you may learn something!

July 23 – Tuesday – BINGO Night: Bingo night is more than just a game night. It's a social gathering and a space to meet new people in every age group! Bring your competitive spirit to the Lodge, have a snack and a beverage while having good old fun!

August 27 – Tuesday – Ice Cream Social: Join us for an old-fashioned ice cream social where the main focus is to have ice cream. This summer gathering allows us to cool off by eating ice cream while socializing with other members. Enjoy toppings like chocolate syrup, sprinkles and peanuts, some bananas, maraschino cherries, whipped cream topping.

September 24 – Tuesday – Digital Photo Workshop: Learn the basics of how to create a digital album using Google or 3rd party web-based applications. On-line photo storage is big now and sharing pictures in a digital world can be overwhelming... Learn a few ideas and make those precious memories into lasting keepsakes.

October – 22 – Tuesday -Pumpkin Carving: Create an amazing Jack-O-Lantern this year, just in time for Halloween!! This is a family style workshop, meaning an adult and child pair can come together. Carving up designs on your pumpkins and gourds is easier than you might think!

November 26 – Tuesday – White Elephant: Donate something someone would want or use and in good condition but also snag that one-of-a-kind item you can't find anywhere else. Find that one-of-a-kind treasure just in time for the holidays!!



Ritual Weekend 4/27/2024



Livermore Pleasanton Lodge Team, Moments After Ritual



Livermore Pleasanton Lodge Team Wins Best in Class for Reading/Memorization!!!



John Lozano (ER) wins 3rd Place For Exalted Ruler



Marilyn Elwood (PER) Receives Awards for her 2022-2023 YEAR!!!



Mike Amato Receives 1st pace for Chaplain



JoAnn Acero (PER), wins 1st Place For Inner Guard & Eleven O'Clock Toast





WHATS AHEAD at YOUR LODGE

Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
May	Friday	3-May	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
May	Saturday	4-May	Evening at the Races	5:30PM
May	Tuesday	7-May	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
May	Thursday	9-May	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
May	Friday	10-May	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
May	Sunday	12-May	Mothers Day Brunch	10AM
May	Tuesday	14-May	Board/Officer Meeting	5PM
May	Tuesday	14-May	Trustee Meeting	6PM
May	Friday	17-May	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
May	Tuesday	21-May	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
May	Wednesday	22-May	Brunch for Vets @ Lodge	9AM
May	Friday	24-May	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
May	Tuesday	28-May	Lodge 101 Workshop	6PM
May	Friday	31-May	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM

Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
June	Tuesday	4-Jun	Dinner and Lodge Meeting with AVP Visit	5-7PM
June	Friday	7-Jun	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
June	Saturday	8-Jun	Livermore Rodeo Volunteer	Varies
June	Sunday	9-Jun	Livermore Rodeo Volunteer	Varies
June	Tuesday	11-Jun	Board/Officer Meeting	5PM
June	Tuesday	11-Jun	Trustee Meeting	6PM
June	Thursday	13-Jun	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
June	Friday	14-Jun	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
June	Friday	14-Jun	Flag Ceremony	6PM
June	Tuesday	18-Jun	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
June	Friday	21-Jun	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
June	Tuesday	25-Jun	RV Tips Workshop	5PM
June	Wednesday	26-Jun	Brunch for Vets @ Lodge	9AM
June	Friday	28-Jun	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM

Mark your Calendars & Support Lodge No. 2117



Make a Difference... Join a Committee!



As we enter a new Fraternal Year, we are looking for some members to step up and join a committee. Get to know the inner workings of your lodge, meet other members, participate in change and have fun while doing it.

If you are curious or just want to talk about it, please call John Lozano, ER at 510-506-3594...and let us know what you would like to do.

Committees OPEN at time of print

Accident Prevention, Business Practices, Drug Awareness, Elks National Foundation, Fraternal Committee, Memorial Day, Public Relations, Youth Activities

On Saturday April 20th, the Livermore Pleasanton ELKS Lodge was present at the gifting of a brand new home to Veteran Sgt. Klye Garcia, in Bryon.

























Spring Garden Preparation was

held on April 30th. This was our 1st installment of new experience at the Lodge. We had a great turn-out and everyone took home some seeds and creative ideas to keep gardening going!!



Larkspur Event Center Tri Valley's Hidden Gem

At the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge

Consider us for your next event. Call us at 925-455-8829 to find out more information on rates, facility information and availability.



Help us support our Veterans here in Livermore!!

Join us and make a difference

We have 2 opportunities per month

ELKS play BINGO at the Veterans Affair Building in Livermore

4951 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550 2nd Thursday of every month from 1PM to 3PM





ELKS host Brunch at the Lodge

940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 4th Wednesday of every month from 9AM to 1PM

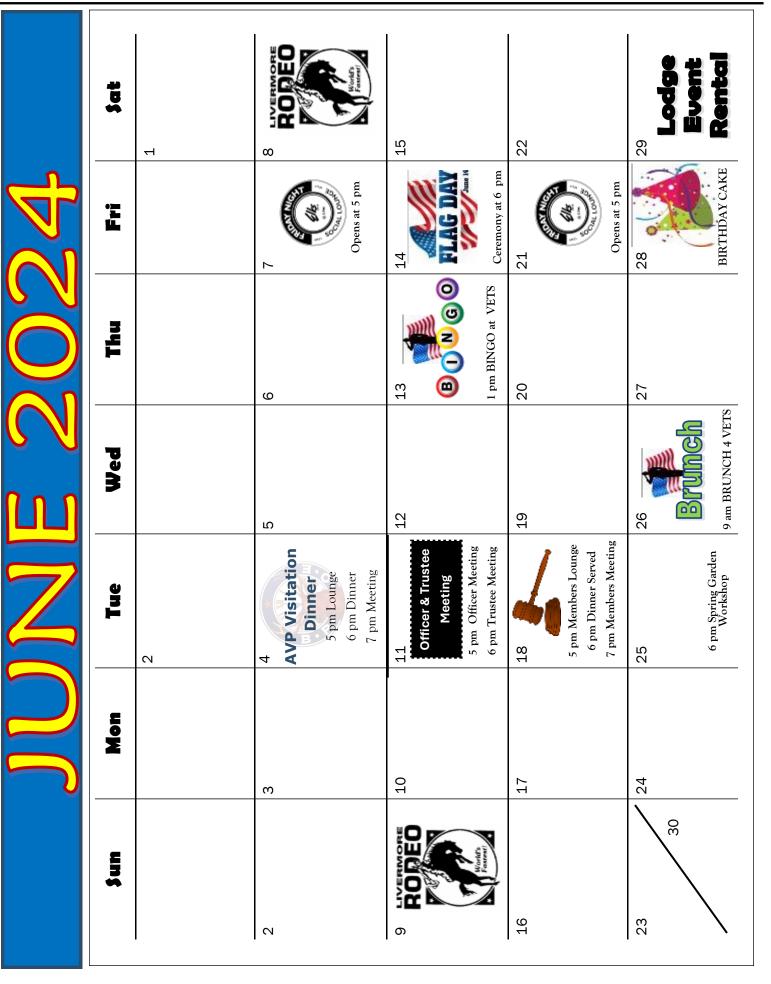
Volunteers Are Needed!! If you are interested, please contact Earl Woodson by cell (925) 580-2194. We will be happy to get you involved.







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1	Opens at 5 pm	Opens at 5 pm	8sh Opens at 5 pm	Opens at 5 pm	31 BIRTHDAY CAKE
4	7	9 BINGO at VETS	CHEA CONVENTION @ FRESNO 15th thru 18th	23	30
Wed	П	8	CHEA CONVENTIO	22 Brunch 4 Vets	29
Tre		7 5 pm Members Lounge 6 pm Dinner Served 7 pm Members Meeting	14 Officer & Trustee Meeting 5 pm Officer Meeting 6 pm Trustee Meeting	5 pm Members Lounge 6 pm Dinner Served 7 pm Members Meeting	28 Lodge 101 Workshop
Mon		9	13	20	Memorial Day
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Livermore/Pleasanton - ELKS LODGE 2117 Veterans

Elden Ables	Lou Cobb	Robert F. Harrower	Richard D. Powell
William S. Anderson	Patrick Coleman	Alfonso E. Hernandez	Floyd L. Richards
Alan L. Bell	David L. Cowin	James C. Johnstone	Robert M. Rochin
Charles D. Bell	Royce D. Eckard	Patrick J. Judge	Ruediger Roenick
Michael Paul Berg	George R. Ellenberger	Byron L. Kitt	James A. Taylor
William E. Biehl	David George Elms	William H. Kleist	Roy D. Warner
Paul Biery	Phillip Fleschler	Malcom McNeil	Darryl B. Worcester
Riley D. Carver	Steve D. Greene	Steven H. Paulson	
Lonnie J. Chase	Peter L. Halver	Don Perry	



Please call the lodge at 925-455-8829 if you are a Veteran to have your name added to our list. Thanks for Serving! (Updated (01/31/2024)

We are growing and we need your support. The Lodge is looking for volunteer bartenders. You would need to be trained for those times you bartend. Below are a few guidelines that can help you get involved. If you are seriously interested, please contact our Bar Steward Marci Hernandez at (253)-261-4910.

RBS Training/Certification Process

RBS training and certification has been available online since 2021. Each server will need to register individually and create their account. RBS training and certification is a 3 step process.

The first step is Registering with ABC as an alcohol server.

To begin, please visit the <u>RBS Portal</u> link to complete your server registration. You will need to use the training provider search function to see a list of approved RBS training providers and select one to take training.

You may also watch <u>Server tutorial</u> on our YouTube channel.

The second step is taking training from an authorized training provider.

The length of time could be between 2-4 hours, and some courses can be at your convenience and the preferred format of your choice (online or in-person). The cost may vary depending on the training provider.

To register for a training course, you will need to go to the training provider's website and follow their instructions for registering for a course. The training provider has up to 24 hours to report you have completed training and grant access to the exam.

The third step is to take our alcohol server certification exam on the RBS Portal.

You will receive an email from ABC/RBS Portal notifying you that your exam is ready. The alcohol server certification exam must be completed within 30 days of the date training was taken.

To learn more about the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program, click the link to subscribe: https://www.abc.ca.gov/contact/subscribe/



2024 - 2025 Fraternal Year				
LODGE OFFICERS				
Exalted Ruler	John Lozano	510-506-3594		
Leading Knight	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096		
Loyal Knight	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875		
Lecturing Knight	Marvin Bryant	925-321-3004		
Secretary	Sherry White	510-928-6051		
Treasurer	Carolyn Woodson	925-200-9056		
Esquire	Fred Camuñez, PER	925-980-7153		
Chaplain	Michael Amato	925-580-9382		
Inner Guard	Jo Ann Acero, PER	408-431-3559		
Tiler	Earl Woodson	925-580-2194		
	TRUSTEES			
1 Year	Mark Belmessieri	925-788-9473		
2 Year	Barbara Harrington-Selbach	925-371-6342		
3 Year	Alfonso Hernandez	925-292-5299		
4 Year	Michael Berg	209-609-4856		
5 Year	Jeremy Kennedy	925-321-4700		
C	OFFICE & FACILITES			
Bookkeeper	External Company	N/A		
Bar Steward	Marci Hernandez	253-261-4910		
Kitchen Stewards	Marvin Bryant	925-321-3004		
Michen Stewards	Al Vigil	925-676-3485		
Janitor	Robert Redmond	925-449-4505		
Secretary Office	Main Number	925-455-8829		
Lodge E-mail	Secretary2117@comcast.ne	<u>et</u>		

MEMBERSHIP REPORT				
Beginning April 01, 2024	209			
Initiated	0			
Affiliated	0			
Transfer Demit (Transfer In)	0			
Reinstated	0			
Dropped (Cancelled Delinquent Membership)	1			
Transfer Demit (Transfer Out)	2			
Absolute Demit (Cancelled Current Membership)	0			
Deceased	0			
Membership Total (As of print date)	206			
Gain/Loss	-3			
Waiting to Be Read at Next Meeting	5			
In Hands of Investigating Committee	4			
Ready for Balloting	4			
Ready for Orientation	4			
Ready for Initiation	2			
Delinquency (6 Months)	39			
Delinquency (+1 Year)	0			
Lapsation Rate	18.66%			
Average Age of Member	70.26			
Life Members	15			

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS			
Accident Prevention	VACANT	N/A	
Activities	Patty Pollett	925-367-7743	
Americanism	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875	
Auditing & Accounting	Phillip Fleschler	510-377-7377	
Bequest & Living Trust	Dave Frank	925-667-6170	
Business Practices	VACANT	N/A	
Community Projects & Activities	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096	
Drug Awareness	VACANT	N/A	
Elks National Foundation	VACANT	N/A	
Elks Training	Al Vigil	925-676-3485	
Flag Day	Linda Valenty, DDGER	925-785-3288	
Fraternal Committee	VACANT	N/A	
Government Relations	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096	
Historian	Al Vigil	925-676-3485	
Hoop Shoot	Barbara Harrington- Selbach	925-371-6342	
Investigations	Jo Ann Acero, PER	408-431-3559	
Jamboree Representative	Andy McCarthy, PER	925-337-6482	
Lapsation	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875	
Lodge Activities	Patty Pollett	925-367-7743	
Membership	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875	
Memorial Day	Linda Valenty, DDGER	925-785-3288	
Mother's Day	Linda Valenty, DDGER	925-785-3288	
Orientation	Al Vigil	925-676-3485	
PER Association President	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096	
Public Relations	VACANT	N/A	
Ritualistic	Jo Ann Acero, PER	408-431-3559	
Scholarship	Andy McCarthy, PER	925-337-6482	
Standing Relief	Michael Amato	925-580-9382	
State Major Project	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096	
Veterans Service	Earl Woodson	925-580-2194	
Youth Activities	VACANT	N/A	
NE	WSLETTER		
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Lodge Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM

Tuesday Meeting Nights: 5:00 PM Members Lounge Opens and Dinner is served at: 6:00 PM