LODGE OFFICERS
2019-2020

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Reservation deadline: March 20, 2020

All Lodge Members are invited to attend.

(Watch for more details in the weekly emails.)

Dues notices have been sent out.
Have you paid your Dues?
Please pay them soon!
Exalted Ruler’s Message

Well, the 2019-2021 Elk Year is winding down. Thank you to all who have supported me during the year. I truly appreciate it. Kudos to Mary Gouveia for editing the Elketin for the past 12 years! Please support the new Lodge Officers who will be representing you and the Lodge for the 2020-2021 Elk Year.

Although too many to mention, I would like to personally thank everyone for your Purple Pig/CHEMPI contributions during the year. Last month, several folks made some generous donations to the CHEMPI/Purple Pig funds. I also would like to sincerely thank all who have recently given their time, support and assistance to our various events such as the Leading Knight’s Challenge - all would not be a success if it were not for your help!

This year’s Crab Feed was a resounding success. Thanks to PAVP Gerry Gouveia for running it again this year. We had over 200 people in attendance. PER Garrick Gouveia did an excellent job on the pasta and the steaks and chickens, ably assisted by PER Alush Nu-shi. We had the US Naval Sea Cadets once again to help serve the dinner, looking shipshape in their Navy uniforms. Our attendees were generous, sending the kids off with nearly $1000 in tips. The Bake Sale and the Raffle took in a combined total of nearly $1900, all of which goes to the Purple Pig.

We had a great time at the recent Valentine’s Dinner Dance hosted by the Lodge. We had approximately 56 people in attendance. The dinner was outstanding, and the dance afterwards was tremendous fun. Thank you to all who not only attended this event, but also prepped for it, provided the decorations, cleaned up afterwards and provided the food/wait service. Of note, the King and Queen of the event were Stu and Jane Berger!

We still have several open dates in March 2020 for our cooking, hosting, or kitchen cleaning. We truly need help in regards to the Margarita Mondays (first Monday of the month) on a regular basis, as well as Pasta Night (last Monday of each month) and at our initiation Lodge meetings (the last meeting of the month, on the 4th Wednesday of the month) as well as our posted Friday Night Dinners/Events. We can still use folks to help with not only with the cooking and prepping/arrangements, but also with the clean-up afterwards! Please give me or the Office a call, or you can always email me if you can help in any way. Special thanks to all who help to put on and BBQ the Thirsty Thursdays, rain or shine.

Let us also always remember and continue to support those who gave their all for our freedom and country.

Upcoming events scheduled to be held in February at our Lodge are listed on page 9. Details on all events are given throughout this Elketin.

In closing, the Trustee and House Committee meetings are open for any Elk Members of the Lodge to attend and is greatly encouraged! The House meetings are held on the Tuesday prior to the first Lodge meeting of the month and the Trustee meetings are held on Tuesdays prior to the last meeting of the month. I also strongly encourage all members to attend our scheduled Lodge meetings which are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

Remember that if we are to remain a vital and thriving organization, we need to grow. Your attendance at our various scheduled events, House and/or Trustee meetings, Lodge meetings and functions shows tremendous support and is greatly appreciated. New members and activity help is always needed and greatly appreciated, so please invite your family and friends to join us!

Fraternally,

Mike Schaaf, Exalted Ruler
Walnut Creek Elks No. 1811

MAKE LODGE NIGHTS A HABIT!
March 11 and 25, 2020
April 8 and 22, 2020
Meeting at 7:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; call for reservations

APPOINTED STATUTORY OFFICIALS
Mediator
Gerry Gouveia, PAVP
822-3288

Presiding Justice
Ed Johnson, PDDGER
947-0451

LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 2019-2020

AUDIT/ACCOUNTING
Travis Ervin
831-601-3678

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Mary Gouveia, PER
822-3288

Lodge Activities
Judy Hunter, PER
798-5151

Americanism
Kevin Finn
947-5992

Government Relations
Ed Johnson, PDDGER
947-0451

National Veterans Service
Mark Steinberg
389-0057

Public Relations
Sheri Schauf
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Grants Coordinator
Diane Wrobel
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Building and Grounds
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707-558-9667

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Elks Nat’l Foundation
Michael A. Silva, PDDGER
707-558-9667

Jamboree
Gerry Gouveia, PAVP
822-3288

Major Project (Purple Pig)
Mary Gouveia, PER
822-3288

Pasta Nights
Judy Hunter, PER
798-5151

Margarita Mondays
Vacant

Volunteer Hospitality Manager
Kelly Barnett
285-3260

Landscape
Gary Buffo/Kimberly Everett
944-6939

Hamburger BBQs
Dan Gray
938-4739

MEMBERSHIP
Investigation/Indoctrination/Orientation
Michael A. Silva, PDDGER
707-558-9667

RITUAL/RITUAL TEAM COACHES
Michael A. Silva, PDDGER
707-558-9667
Gerry Gouveia, PAVP
822-3288

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
Mike Rittenhouse
360-2900

Drug Awareness
Sheri Schauf
548-0895

Hoop Shoot
Mike Rittenhouse
360-2900

Scholarships
Denise Silva
787-2478

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
Kurt Cornell
650-504-4978

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Making Lodge Nights a Habit

Year round...
ST. PATRICK’S DAY
PERs’ CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
5:00 p.m. - Cocktails
6:30 p.m. - Dinner
$18.00 per person

Reservations needed by noon, March 16, 2020
(925) 935-1811

MARGARITA MONDAY

March 2, 2020
$10.00 per person

Same Great Mexican Food.
Margarita Specials.
Starts at 6:30 p.m.
Come join us!

RESERVATIONS ARE NOW REQUIRED!
Call (925) 935-1811

Pasta Night!

Monday, March 30, 2020

New Price: $10.00 per person

Dinner will include one or more pasta dishes, green salad, garlic bread, and dessert.

Starts at 6:30 p.m. Come join us!

RESERVATIONS ARE NOW REQUESTED!
Call (925) 935-1811
Bill Garcia

Delinquent Members

As of February 21, 2020, the following members are shown to be delinquent on their dues for 2019-2020:

Paul Brinley  Mark Marlatte
Larry Delgado  Sean McDonald
Antonio Garcia  John Stabli

These members will be dropped from Lodge membership on April 1, 2020, if their dues remain unpaid. If you find your name on the list, and you believe it to be there in error, please contact the Lodge office at (925) 935-1811.

Please note that while your dues are delinquent, you are not allowed to use the Lodge facilities, including the Lounge, or to attend and participate in Lodge events.

Our Newest Member

Bill Garcia
Init. 2-26-2020
Our four Walnut Creek Lodge and Central District Free Throw champions travelled to Modesto on February 8th to compete in the Northern California Semi State Hoop Shoot Finals. The atmosphere was intense, and the competition was fierce. The winners of the 8/9, 10/11, and 12/13-year-old boys’ and girls’ categories would each have their winning scores compared to the winning scores of the Southern California contest and the Hawaii contest which was conducted one week earlier.

ELIZABETH QUINTEROS of Dublin, age 11 and a three-time Walnut Creek Lodge champion, scored 15 made shots out of 25 free throw attempts. She finished in 2nd place by one shot in the Nor Cal contest. The State Champion from Kona, Hawaii made 20x25.

GRIFFEY WILLIAMS of San Ramon, also 11 years old, shot a solid 21x25 to finish behind the Nor Cal winner from Redwood City who shot a terrific 24x25 to tie for first place with the Hawaiian champion. After a five shot tie breaker, the Hawaiian champ made each of his five shots to win by one shot.

HASINI MENTA from Mountain House, age 13, shot a solid 18x25 free throws to finish one shot out of first place for the Nor Cal finals. However, the Hawaiian girl posted a perfect 25x25 to win the contest.

JACKSON RAMIREZ of Oakley, 9 years old, posted a terrific 24x25 score to beat the Southern California champion by two shots. Jackson missed his very first shot attempt after burying his three practice free throws. From there on out, it was spin/bounce, bounce and swish... 24 times in a row! Jackson received a huge ovation from the more than 300 spectators in the stands when he received his beautiful first place trophy!

Jackson will now practice every day until Saturday, March 14th when he will compete in the West Region 7 Finals in Las Vegas against the state champions of Arizona, Nevada and Utah. The winning shooters from the Las Vegas contest will then fly to the Elks National Hoop Shoot Finals taking place April 14-16 in Chicago, Illinois.

Congratulations to all four of our superb free throw champs who displayed their skills and competitive abilities while representing the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge in the 48th Annual Elks National Free Throw Contest!

Fraternally,
Mike Rittenhouse,
Hoop Shoot Chairman

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**March is “Purple Pig” Month**

Let's finish our year strong, so all of our CHEA Kids can Walk, Talk, See & Play!

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**Thirsty Thursdays**

**EVERY THURSDAY - 5:30 p.m.**

**BEER, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, AND HOT LINKS**

Burgers $6 - Hot Dogs $4

Hot Links $5

Draft Beer $2 (1st one only)

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**ER “Thank You” Luncheon**

Sunday March 15th 1PM

FREE BBQ Lunch to all !!

bbq'd tri-tip or chicken
salad & rolls
ranch beans
dessert
coffee / tea

Please RSVP by no later than Friday March 13th at noon
WC Elks No. 1811 1475 Creekside Drive Walnut Creek CA (925) 935-1811
Elks of the Year Dinner

On January 24, 2020, the Walnut Creek Lodge Elks of the Year held their annual Scholarship Awards Dinner. Three scholarships were presented to Therapy Students from Samuel Merritt University in Oakland. The winners this year were Juliana Lainez, Terence Ng, and Meghan Thompson.

On the same evening, ER Mike Schaaf presented his Elk of the Year award for Lodge Year 2019-2020 to member Gary Buffo, who has done a lot for the Lodge, particularly in keeping the gardening up to snuff (with assistance from Kimberly Everett, his wife) and also as our resident electrician. Congratulations to Gary, it was a well deserved award.

Also presented by ER Mike were the Citizen of the Year award, given to Whitney Quin Rittenhouse; and the Officer of the Year award, given to PER Judy Hunter.

Piggy Bank Donations: October 23, 2019 through January 31, 2020

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**BECOME A RECURRING DONOR!**

In 2009, the Recurring Donor Program was created with a total of seven donors. Today, we have 257 recurring donors for a total of $5,392 each month going to the Major Project, increasing the donors’ cumulative totals as well as the Lodges’ Exalted Rulers’ March total. That equates to a potential $68,304 for the Exalted Rulers’ March to be held in at the CHEA Convention in Palm Springs on May 13-16, 2020.

We’d really like to see more of you become Recurring Donors. It is very simple to do.

To become a recurring donor, go to https://chea-elks.org/recurring-donations/. You will find information on how to sign up there. Donations are taken out of your designated credit card on the 10th of every month, and can be as little as $5 per month.

Crabby Thank Yous

To all Lodge Members, thank you so much for helping out with the Annual Lodge Crab Feed on February 8th. Volunteers like you are an incredible asset to our Lodge. With your help, the Lodge Crab Feed fed over 200 people and raised about $5000 in profit. Between the raffle and the Bake Sale, we raised nearly $1900 for the Purple Pig, and the Lounge had a great night.

I want to thank Jane and Stu Berger, Mike and Sheri Schaar, Judy and Greg Hunter, Cindy Gray, Norma Shadoan, and Mary Gouveia for all their assistance with getting set up; Laura Ervin for taking charge of the Bake Sale; Mark Steinberg for running the raffle, and particularly PERs Garrick Gouveia and Alush Nushi for doing all the food prep and cooking. I hope I haven’t forgotten anyone, but if I have, it was not because you weren’t appreciated.

I also want to thank the Sea Cadets of Diablo Squadron (TS Lorraine Hughey) who were our servers that night. These young people did a marvelous job and we hope we will see more of them in the future.

Thanks again to all of you for making this a great event.

Gerry Gouveia, PAVP

Pay Your 2020-2021 Dues!

Due by April 1st! Pay early!

CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Mar. 2**: Margarita Monday
- **Mar. 3**: VOTING at the Lodge
- **Mar. 15**: ER's THANK YOU LUNCHEON
- **Mar. 17**: ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
- **Mar. 21**: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- **Mar. 30**: Pasta Night
- **Apr. 6**: Margarita Monday
- **Apr. 12**: EASTER
- **Apr. 24-26**: RITUAL CONTEST - CONCORD LODGE (Saturday Awards Dinner - Walnut Creek Lodge)
- **Apr. 27**: Pasta Night

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Joe Caruso - 1
- Rose Wilson - 1
- Mark Amaro - 2
- Martin Goldberg - 4
- James Malian - 4
- James Silva - 4
- Kerry Umber - 4
- Gary Bong - 5
- Brian Morton - 5
- William Wiebalk - 5
- Walter Vogan - 8
- Alan Brasesco - 9
- James McDaniel - 12
- Jason Kohr - 14
- Floyd McBeth - 15
- Kevin Moran - 15
- Glenn Walling - 15
- Ruth Gewing - 16
- James Radetich - 16
- Gregory Schulz - 19
- Tom Legault - 20
- Rosemary Simoncini - 20
- Edward DeBecaro - 21
- Larry Ribarich - 21
- Kimberly Morris - 22
- Donald Schoux - 22
- Richard Smith - 22
- Sarah Andrews - 24
- Mark Steinberg - 25
- Beverly Ross - 26
- Arthur Disbrow - 28
- Elaine Brown - 30
- John Story - 31
- Kevin Wrobel - 31