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The Elkhorn



FEBRUARY 2024



Hope everyone has been recovering from the holidays and still heading to the gym for that new year's resolution. Elkdom is strong as ever, we are initiating more and more and this is wonderful to see. Please keep an eye on your mail, as annual dues statements are being sent. You will notice the dues have increased by \$5, which is not a local lodge increase, but a Grand Lodge per-capita increase. Due to the per-capita increase you will notice your dues are now \$152 a year. Still very reasonable for the good work we do. Please be prompt in paying your dues prior to April 1st and get that early bird sticker on your membership card. If you haven't signed up for our meals on the calendar, especially the shrimp feed, please do so before it is sold out. The shrimp feed is

another pre-paid event and look forward to seeing you all there.

Our meals have been very successful, let's keep them growing. We are looking at changing the name of "Member's Night" to something different, seeing that this event is no different than our "Family Night" dinners. It used to be just for the members many moons ago, but now we welcome all. Bring all the family and let's show them what we are about, the more members we get to be involved, the more we can do for our community, veterans, youth, and our Major Project.

I am happy to say as your Exalted Ruler-Elect for 2024-2025, I have all my officer seats filled. Thank you all and I look forward to our year together. I am excited for what's to come in this next season of Elkdom and into the future. While on the topic of officers, our very own Jim Akers, PER, has been nominated for our Central District Association Vice President. The affirmation of this nomination will be finalized this month. A better AVP could not have been chosen, CONGRATULATIONS brother Jim, well deserved.

I briefly mentioned our events and meals, a couple of our newer members Gustavo and Diane are starting a Tuesday night meal on the 13th and we hope to see you there. All you can eat tacos, beans and rice. Please sign up so we can have plenty. Thank you to Gustavo and Diane for wanting to see more great times at our lodge together. Any other new members that would like to bring great things to the lodge, come to our Activities meeting and lets discuss more fun events.

Thank you to my First Lady Lisa, for preparing the amazing lasagna and making our Purple Pig fundraiser a success. Not only is that my favorite meal she makes, but it was also wonderful spending our 21st wedding anniversary with you, yes, actually that day. Keep those generous donations coming in for our children to walk, talk, see, and play.

Once again, looking forward to 2024-2025, see you soon and God bless.

Faternally yours,
Steve McDonald



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| 5th Year | Jim Akers, PER | 209-607-7212 |

GOVERNING BODY OF THE CLUB

The operation, management, and control of the Home Club shall be supervised and conducted by the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight and the Trustees of the Lodge.

TRACY LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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| Youth Activities | Vaughn Gates, PER | 209-835-3602 |
| Presiding Justice | Susan Albertoni, PER | Merced |

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|---|-------------|
| Beginning Membership 4/1/23 | 376 |
| <u>IN</u> | |
| Initiated | 16 |
| Transfer Dimit | 1 |
| Affiliated | 3 |
| Reinstated | 2 |
| Total added to Roll | 20 |
| <u>OUT</u> | |
| Absolute Dimit | 1 |
| Transfer Dimit | 5 |
| Deceased | 6 |
| Dropped | 42 |
| Total dropped from Roll | 54 |
| Total Members as of 11/20/23 | 342 |
| Net Membership Gain | - 34 |
| Life Members | |
| Honorary Life Members | 0 |
| Total 1 year in arrears as of 11/20/23 | 0 |
| Waiting to read at next lodge meeting | |
| Waiting for Investigation | |
| Waiting for Balloting | 0 |
| Waiting for Orientation | 0 |
| Waiting for Initiation | |
| Total | 0 |

FEBRUARY 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|---|---|--|-----------------|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Family Night \$18 Tri tip | 8 PER Meeting / Officer Nominations Solar Vote | 9 | 10 rental |
| 11 | 12 Activity Mtg 6pm House Committee Mtg 7pm | 13 Taco Tuesday All you can eat \$20 | 14 Valentines Day  | 15 Member's Night New York Steak \$20 | 16 Bunco | 17 Rental |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Meeting Night Initiation / orientation | 23 | 24 Shrimp Feed Or A Steak \$45 Prepay RSVP ONLY Call 209-835-4413 for RSVP |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ER STEVE MCDONALD | 29 | | |

March 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Family Night Corned Beef Dinner \$18 | 7 | 8 | 9 Paint Party \$35 |
| 10 | 11 Activity Mtg 6pm Committee Mtg 7pm | 12 Hamburger Night \$18 | 13 | 14 Meeting Night | 15 Bunco | 16 |
| 17 Rental | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Member's Night Ribs \$20 | 22 | 23 Rental |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Meeting Night | 29 Karaoke | 30 Installation of Officers 2pm |
| 31 | | | | | | |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|----|-------------------|
| 01 | Tracy Freitas |
| 02 | Randal Goodman |
| 02 | Kathleen Nelson |
| 04 | Donald Rathjen |
| 06 | Micheal Clíne |
| 06 | Gerald Metivier |
| 09 | Victor Kottinger |
| 09 | Sharon Saunders |
| 10 | Cynthia Chandler |
| 10 | Larry Perea |
| 10 | Kalani Schreiner |
| 11 | Rick Noguera |
| 12 | Ronal Bower |
| 14 | Charles Marshall |
| 14 | Ruperto Ruiz |
| 16 | Terry Betts |
| 16 | Phillip Campos |
| 19 | Thomas Nicolaysen |
| 20 | Jeffrey Freeman |
| 22 | Steven Nelson |
| 22 | LaNell Ostrander |
| 25 | James Kimmons |
| 26 | Joe Vieira |
| 27 | Micheal Bruckner |
| 27 | Roy Patterson |
| 27 | Robert Sanford |
| 28 | Steve McDonald |

REMEMBER YOU GET A FREE MEAL ON
FAMILY NIGHT ONLY.

Crab Feed



Leading Knights Corner

Hello all,

Here we are in the LOVELY  month of February.

Last month was our \$1 Membership Drive and I am happy to report that we received 16 new membership applications. We just initiated 5 new members at our last meeting, and we have 14 who are awaiting initiation. That is great news!! Please continue to ask your friends and family to join this wonderful organization so that we can do the work that we're so proud of.

Our Crab Feed was also a huge success. The VIP tables worked well so we auctioned two more for next year's Crab Feed. We presented a Dessert Auction for the first time, and it was also a huge success, so we will be bringing it back again next year. Thank you to all who volunteered and donated the beautiful raffle prizes. It was so great to see the Lodge room filled to the brim with raffle prizes and desserts.

We also held a very successful Purple Pig Fundraiser in January. Please continue filling your pigs and watch for another fundraiser in the months to come. Thank you to all who brought in their purple pigs. Please remember, you can bring them in anytime throughout the year.

We had our District Hoop Shoot this past weekend and I am happy to announce that our District has advanced 6 players to the State Competition which will be held February 3 rd. If you'd like to come and watch or volunteer, please let me know.

This month, we are offering a Taco Tuesday. All you can eat tacos, rice, beans and CHURROS!!! I hope to see you all there. This will also be a fundraiser so please invite your friends and family to join you.

If you have ideas for upcoming events, please bring them to our Activities Meeting on the 12 th. I've heard some great ideas that are coming this month and I'm excited to get them added to our calendars.

If you're interested in volunteering in the kitchen, at the front door, or with setup or cleanup, we could use your help. Please see me. Also, if you're interested in bartending, please let us know. We are always in need of more help. Volunteers are MUCH APPRECIATED. This is YOUR Lodge, please come and enjoy all the fun activities and meals.

Lastly, our Member's Night Dinner each month is not only for Member's. Please know that you can invite your friends and family to ALL of our activities at the Lodge. If you have an idea for a new name for MEMBER'S NIGHT that would let people know everyone is welcome, please let me know. Be creative! I've heard 3 rd Thursday Dinner.....Steak Night.....Let me know what you come up with. See you all at the Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
Lisa McDonald
Esteemed Leading Knight, PER
Membership Chair
Hoop Shoot Chair

From the Desk of the Secretary

You will be receiving your Dues Statement soon. Reminder the dues will be \$152.00 the Grand Lodge raised it \$5.00 due to the high cost of the Insurance. You can come into the office and pay them; I would love to meet you. You can mail them to PO Box 461, Tracy, CA 95378 or you can use a Credit Card. The Credit Card will have a surcharge of \$6.10.

The Crab Feed was a Huge Success! Thank you to all of you who helped out and of course those of you who attended it was nice to see all you having fun and participating in the Raffle and Silent Auction for the Desserts! Check out all the new events, something for everyone including a Karaoke night, Taco Tuesday and a Hamburger Night. Be sure to make your reservations.

A special Thank you to Gustavo Covarrubias for sharing his homemade Tacos with us.

Our Tracy Elks Lodge is growing we welcomed five new Members last night and proposed Nine more future Members. Remember to invite your friends you would like to have dinner with to join us.

If you ever have any questions that I can help you with, please let me contact me.

Still happy to be your Secretary,

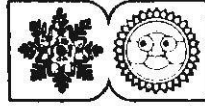
Barbara Adams

Tracy Elkhorn Travelers RV.

We are planning more outings. If you are an RV'er and would like to attend one of our outings with a wonderful group of fellow Tracy Elks members, feel free to contact me. Your Tracy Elkhorn Travelers Wagon Master.

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Death of A Member:

Keep Delores Gomes' Family in your prayers . 7/6/31-12/29/23

Sickness & Distress: Keep Nancy Milani in your prayers for better health.

UPCOMING EVENTS: COME JOIN US !!

New Hours: Doors open @ 5:30 Dinner @ 6:30 pm

New prices: Family Night \$18

Member's Night: \$20

2/7 Family Night \$18 Tri Tip

2/8 Meeting Night

2/12 Activity Mtg 6pm/House Committee Mtg 7pm

2/13 Taco Tuesday all you can eat \$20

2/15 Member's Night \$20 Steak Dinner

2/26 Bunco

2/22 Meeting Night

2/24 Annual Shrimp Feed/ Steak \$45 RVSP ONLY

3/6 Family Night Corned Beef Dinner \$18

3/9 Paint Party \$35

3/11 Activity Mtg 6pm House Committee Mtg 7pm

3/12 All you can eat Hamburgers and Fries \$18

3/14 Meeting Night

3/15 Bunco

3/21 Member's Night Ribs \$20

3/28 Meeting Night

3/29 Karaoke Night \$10

3/30 Installation of Officers 2 pm

Purple Pig Donations: A HUGE Thank you to all of you who donated to the Purple Pig Fundraiser it was a great success.

Bunco Winners:

Alyssa, Vicki, Bonnie, Tammy, Silvia, Carol



Getting ready for Hoop Shoot



Welcome New Members

Diane, Micheal, Thomas, Steven, & James



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