

# The Elks Horn

## Livermore/Pleasanton Elks Lodge#2117

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### Upcoming Events

- September 3rd:** Dinner & Meeting Night
- September 10th:** Board/Trustee Meeting
- September 17th:** Dinner/Member Initiation Night
- September 18th:** Wine Tasting Fun Night
- September 24th:** Chili Challenge Fun Night
- September 27th:** Member Birthday Recognition Night
- September 28th:** Tom Rigney Concert

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Great news! OUR lodge is growing, and members are excited. Just like July, August has been a very busy month with activities, initiations and dinners! Now that we have moved past our "Dark Months" for the summer, we are in full September swing here. Before we dig into September, I'd like to highlight just a few moments that occurred in July that resonate ELKDOM.

In the first meeting of August We presented an ENF (ELKS National Foundation) Honorary Founder Level Certificate and Pin to Brenda Harris for her support to that program, we also congratulated and presented a 75th commemorative anniversary CHEA Challenge Coin to both Linda Valenty, PDDGER and Philip Fleschler for being a recurring donor to CHEMPI "aka: Purple Pig". Speaking of growth, this same night we initiated 4 members into our family, Brian Ross and Teresa Ross, proposed by Leslie Lippert, plus Steven Bosch and Dannette Bosch, proposed by Jim Kovarik...again "WELCOME"!!

Moving onwards to activities, well this is the epicenter of Lodge 2117! Our Friday Nights have been generating more interest and we are seeing members encouraging their friends and families to join them. We are getting to the point where we may be moving into the larger room (Event Center) to allow some additional elbow room for pool and music in the members lounge while others can still enjoy a comfortable conversation and catch-up travel adventures in the large room.

Our annual Hawaiian Luau on Saturday the 10th was a success and had good attendance. We want to THANK Patty Pollett, Sherry White, Mike Amato, Linda Vigil, Al Vigil and Kevin Berg for taking this event well past the finish line!

When Pigs Come Home Event was another incredible show of support for the programs that bring ELKDOM to life. This was held on Thursday the 15th and talk about a loud and energetic members lounge...from counting coins, weighing in pigs to appreciation gifts being given out, this was a member's night that will not be forgotten. We collected over \$750.00 this night, 5 members joined the 52 CLUB, 1 member joined the \$100 Century Club, and 3 members joined the recurring donor program.

As we approached the last 10 days of August We all enjoyed the Baked Potato Bar Night on Tuesday the 20th. Imagine a potato that weighs 5 lbs., well...I think it existed this night! Toppings ranged from broccoli, bacon, cheese, salsa to chili. If you wanted it, we had it! Last but not least, BINGO was in the house, and we hosted a packed members lounge of 41 people, which included members, friends and family. This was our 1st time in over a year and members want BINGO!

Now that September is in front, we are focusing on membership growth as we are back to 2 business meeting per month. September is also the start of our DDGER (Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler) Mike Patterson Visitations. You can review the schedule of visits on page#5 and if you'd like to attend, I'd encourage you to do so. It really is a great opportunity to peel back a layer of membership and see what's under the hood. If you decide to go, let me know and we can work together on attending these visits. ENJOY THIS ISSUE and see YOU at YOUR Lodge.

Genuinely, *John Lozano* Exalted Ruler





We invite all members to come and celebrate ELKS birthdays! We will be celebrating YOUR birthday in a traditional "Family-Style" Celebration. We'll have some cake, singing and all-around fun. We encourage you to swing by and join in on the celebration!!

**SEPTEMBER:** Friday Night the 27th at 6:30 PM in the members lounge

**OCTOBER:** Friday Night the 25th at 6:30 PM in the members lounge



By making a Donation to California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. your gift today will help hundreds of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii to Walk, Talk, See and Play! Donations are welcomed in any amount or you may want to choose to join one of our exclusive clubs and receive a special thank you.

August 15th event **"WHEN PIGS COME HOME"** was well supported and we collocated over \$750.00 towards CHEMPI, plus many recognition levels were met.

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAJOR PROJECT!!!**



## Recycle at the Lodge

Bring your clean plastic bottles *and cans too* on your next visit to the Lodge. Drop them off as a donation. All donated plastic bottles will be collected on a weekly basis and turned in for cash. This cash will be deposited into the "Backyard Fund" project. Help us advance the backyard by simply donating your plastic to us! Please reach out to our 5 year trustee, Mark Belmessieri for additional questions.







Nyoka Marie Corley

Robert M. Rochin

Jo Ann G. Acero

Theodore F. Graver

Phillip Fleschler

Brenda Harris

Don L. Patters

Maria Dolores Sanchez

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Michael Gordon

Norma Marks

Carolyn Woodson

Marilyn R. Elwood

Michael Paul Berg

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James Kester

Malcom McNeil

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Troy Lewis

Deryl L. Word

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Richard F. Palmer



Danielle McConohy

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Steve Grimes

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Jimmy D. Burns

Tim Marks

Genevieve L. McCauley

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Katherine Holloway



**Larkspur Event Center**

*Tri Valley's Hidden Gem*

*At the  
Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge*

Consider us for your next event. Call us at 925-495-0401 to find out more information on rates, facility information and availability.

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All material is due no later than the 15th of the month. Send all articles to

John Lozano. Editor email address: [livermore2117elks@gmail.com](mailto:livermore2117elks@gmail.com)

Cell: 510-506-3594



**Sunday October 20th**

We are looking for members to join the committee and help us create an afternoon of great food and fun memories, in a German style way. Contact John Lozano or Patty Pollett if you are interested (as soon as possible).

*Elks Care - Elks Share*



# ELKS

*Join us at the Lodge!*

**Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:00 PM**  
**Dinner at the Lodge**



**Community • Friendship • Charity**  
join.elks.org

*Summer is here, and grilled burgers always hit the spot!*

**Social Hour Begins at: 5:00 PM**

**Dinner Time: 6:00 PM**

**Lodge Meeting at: 7:00 PM**

**Cost is \$15.00 P/P (applicable sales tax included)**

**Create Your Burger Night, Includes Chips and Side Salad**

**Support Your Lodge Activities**

Call the lodge for reservations no later than Monday the 2nd. This helps us plan accordingly to make the evening enjoyable for all.

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**Livermore Pleasanton Lodge No 2117**  
**Proudly Presents a Night of Music and Dancing to**  
**Cajun and Blues music by**

## Tom Rigney & Flambeau



**Saturday, September 28th, 2024**

**Tickets: \$40.00 pre-paid or \$45.00 at the door**

**6:00 PM—Doors Open for Pre-Concert Cocktails**

**7:00 PM—Concert and Dancing**

(sales tax included)

**Louisiana Cuisine will be available for purchase:**

**Gumbo \$14.00 or Red Beans and Rice \$10.00**



**Lodge Address: 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA. 94551**

**Tickets & Information please call the Lodge Office at 925-455-8829 or**

**email at: [secretary2117@comcast.net](mailto:secretary2117@comcast.net)**



**Elks 2117**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24th**  
**Starts at 6:00 PM**

**"Bring Your Own"**



# CHILI NIGHT

*Challenge*

**As we prepare for our Central District Jamboree Weekend in October, why not have some fun & practice your Chili skills before we enter a few into the competition?!**

**The Lodge will supply Bread and a Salad to accompany your chili entry**

**Cost: \$15.00 (tax included) for dinner. Free to those members that bring a Chili. All net proceeds for the night will go to supporting our Jamboree.**



RSVP by scanning the QR code  
no later than noon September

20th, so we can

plan accordingly to have enough  
food for all to enjoy.



LIVERMORE/PLEASANTON ELKS Lodge No 2117 (925)-455-8829  
940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA. 94551, in Springtown

**LIVERMORE PLEASANTON ELKS LODGE NO 2117**  
**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**

*Cordially invites you to the official visitation of*  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER**

**Mike Patterson**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

Livermore Pleasanton Elks Lodge  
940 Larkspur Drive  
Livermore, CA 94550

Welcome and Arrival: 5:00 p.m.

Social Gathering: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Lodge Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

### Menu

St. Louis Style Ribs, Boneless Skinless Chicken Thighs All Perfectly  
Slow Smoked.

Seasonal Salads, Dinner Rolls and Dessert.

**\$25.00/per person** (sales tax included)

**Q** Dinner Catered By-  
Que Squared Barbecue

A planned activity will be held in the members bar  
for those not attending the Lodge Meeting

Please RSVP by Tuesday October 8th, 2024 to  
(925) 455-8829 or [secretary2117@comcast.net](mailto:secretary2117@comcast.net)

Dress: (Elks: Business Attire) / (Guests: Business Casual)





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

**September 24 – Tuesday – Chili Night Challenge:** As we prepare for our Central District Jamboree Weekend in October, why not have some fun & practice your Chili skills before we enter a few into the competition?! The Lodge will supply Bread and a Salad to accompany your chili entry.

**October – 22 – Tuesday -Pumpkin/Gourd Succulent Making Party:** Create an amazing pumpkin & succulent center piece this year, just in time for the Fall Season!! This is a family style workshop, meaning an adult and child pair can come together. Creating your 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!!



## 4th Tuesday Night Events



**October 4, 5, & 6, 2024**

**Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811**

1475 Creekside Dr  
Walnut Creek CA 94596  
925-935-1811



Register for Meals



Register for Competitions



Buy Fundraiser Tickets

### Agenda

**Friday October 4th, 2024**

2pm	Golf Outing TBD
2pm	Lodge Open
6pm	Seafood Boil

**Saturday October 5th, 2024**

7:00am	Lodge Opens
7:00-9:00am	Breakfast served
7:30 am	Chili and Rib Cook-Off Area Setup can Begin
8:30 am	Rib Cook-Off Lead Chef Meeting, ingredient prep can begin
9:00 am	Chili Cook-Off Lead Chef Meeting, ingredient prep begins
9:30 am	Rib Cook-Off Cooking Period begins
10:00am	Chili Cook-Offs Cooking Period begins
1:00pm	Chili, Rib, and Cupcake collecting and Judging Begins
1:00-2:30pm	Lunch with Chili & Rib tasting
2:00-4:00pm	Games Competition - \$5 per participant for all games
2:30pm	Cupcakes and Coffee
7:00pm	Jamboree Awards Dance Party

**Sunday October 6th, 2024**

9am	Continental Breakfast
10 am	Jamboree Board Meeting



## WHATS AHEAD at YOUR LODGE

Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
September	Tuesday	3-Sep	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
September	Friday	6-Sep	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
September	Tuesday	10-Sep	Board/Officer Meeting	5PM
September	Tuesday	10-Sep	Trustee Meeting	6PM
September	Thursday	12-Sep	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
September	Friday	13-Sep	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
September	Tuesday	17-Sep	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
September	Wednesday	18-Sep	Wine Tasting Night	6PM
September	Friday	20-Sep	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
September	Tuesday	24-Sep	Chili Night Challenge	6PM
September	Wednesday	25-Sep	Brunch for Vets @ Lodge	9AM
September	Friday	27-Sep	September Birthday Recognition Eve	5PM
September	Saturday	28-Sep	Tom Rigney Concert	6PM

Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
October	Tuesday	1-Oct	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
October	Friday	7-Oct	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
October	Tuesday	8-Oct	Board/Officer Meeting	5PM
October	Tuesday	8-Oct	Trustee Meeting	6PM
October	Thursday	10-Oct	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
October	Friday	11-Oct	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
October	Saturday	12-Oct	ELKS Car Show	10AM
October	Tuesday	15-Oct	Dinner and DDGER Meeting	6-7PM
October	Friday	18-Oct	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
October	Sunday	20-Oct	ELK-TOBER Fest	2PM
October	Tuesday	22-Oct	Pumpkin & Succulent Night	5PM
October	Friday	25-Oct	October Birthday Recognition Eve	5PM
October	Tuesday	29-Oct	Food Fun Challenge#2	6PM

**Mark your Calendars & Support Lodge No 2117**





## Livermore/Pleasanton - ELKS LODGE 2117 Veterans

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



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 05/12/2024)

## “2024” Lodge 2117 Cookbook

Memories are forever with family cookbooks! So why not make a Lodge cookbook centered around your best memories of the recipe you would like to share.

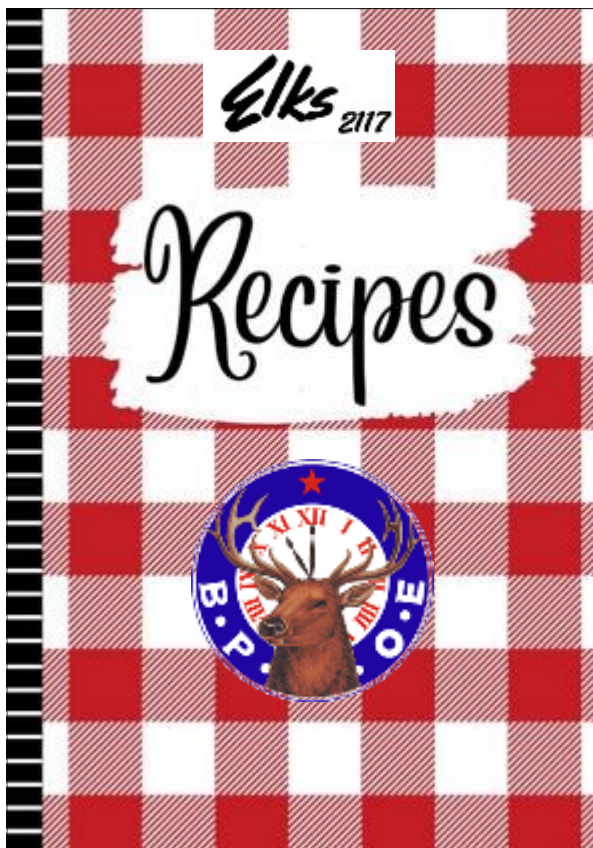
Send in your favorite family recipes and share with your fellow Elks in this years **First Lodge Cookbook**.

Send recipes to: [cookbook2117@gmail.com](mailto:cookbook2117@gmail.com)

From apps to deserts and everything in between

We can make it a personalized keepsake that will be passed down from generation to generation.

This is a fundraising opportunity while having fun doing it. If you are interested in being part of this, please let us know, get in contact with Michael Berg, our head Trustee who is leading this charge or email us at the address above.



**2024 - 2025 Fraternal Year****LODGE OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler	John Lozano	510-506-3594
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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

**OFFICE & FACILITIES**

Bookkeeper	External Company	<b>N/A</b>
Bar Steward	Marci Hernandez	253-261-4910
Kitchen Stewards	Marvin Bryant Albert Vigil	925-321-3004 925-676-3485
Janitor	Robert Redmond	925-449-4505
Secretary Office	Main Number	925-455-8829
Lodge E-mail	<a href="mailto:Secretary2117@comcast.net">Secretary2117@comcast.net</a>	

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

<b>Beginning April 01, 2024</b>	209
Initiated	15
Affiliated	0
Transfer Demit (Transfer In)	0
Reinstated	0
Dropped (Cancelled Delinquent Membership)	2
Transfer Demit (Transfer Out)	2
Absolute Demit (Cancelled Current Membership)	0
Deceased	2
Membership Total (As of print date)	218
<b>Gain/Loss</b>	5
Waiting to Be Read at Next Meeting	4
In Hands of Investigating Committee	3
Ready for Balloting	5
Ready for Orientation	1
Ready for Initiation	0
<b>Delinquency (6 Months)</b>	13
<b>Delinquency (+1 Year)</b>	0
<b>Lapsation Rate</b>	6.22%
Average Age of Member	69.89
Life Members	13

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Accident Prevention	Michael Berg	209-609-4856
Activities Committee	Patty Pollett	925-367-7743
Community Projects & Activities	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096
Drug Awareness	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594
Hoop Shoot	Barbara Harrington-Selbach	925-371-6342
Mother's Day	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594
Public Relations	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594
Youth Activities	Terry Stillwell	925-640-9113
Fraternal Committee	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594
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Elks National Foundation	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594
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Business Practices	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594
Elks Training	Albert Vigil	925-676-3485
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Historian	Albert Vigil	925-676-3485
Jamboree Representative	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-337-6482
Lapsation	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875
PER Association President	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096
Ritualistic	Jo Ann Acero, PER	408-431-3559
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Standing Relief	Michael Amato	925-580-9382
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**Office Hours**

Monday thru Wednesday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM & Friday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Tuesday Meeting Nights 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Lodge Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM  
(3rd Tuesday is New Member Initiation Night)

Tuesday Meeting Nights: 5:00 PM Members Lounge Opens and Dinner is served at: 6:00 PM, Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM

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