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LOUNGE HOURS		OFFICE HOURS	PAST EXALTED RULERS	
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Mon. - Thurs. 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
 Friday 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
 Saturday 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
 Sunday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 1st, & 3rd Wed. 8:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 2nd & 4th Wed. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

1967/68	Gayland Dillenbeck	1996/97	Jay Larkins, PDDGER
1968/69	Richard Snow	1997/98	Jay Larkins, PDDGER
1969/70	Jack Belding	1997/98	Jeffery L. Brown, PAVP <sup>1</sup>
1970/71	Robert Horstman	1998/99	Floyd "Skip" Henke, PSP, DL
1971/72	Eugene Kronnick	1999/00	Harry Pennington
1972/73	William Armstrong	2000/01	Larry Lousberg, PDDGER
1973/74	Robert Horstman	2000/01	Ray Broussard, DDDGER <sup>1</sup>
1974/75	Robert Wells	2001/02	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
1975/76	Donald Jennings	2002/03	David Amette, II
1976/77	Eugene Little	2003/04	Frank Webster
1977/78	Hugh Gregory	2004/05	Ken Song
1978/79	Sherman Lowe, PSVP	2005/06	Don Dewhurst
1979/80	James Dunn	2006/07	James Johnson
1980/81	Bud Riffer	2006/07	Sam Moore <sup>1</sup>
1981/82	Robert Wells	2007/08	Gail Dewhurst
1982/83	Gayland Dillenbeck	2008/09	Rick Dalton
1983/84	Art Rousseau, PDDGER	2009/10	George Aguilar Jr.
1984/85	Mike Feraud	2010/11	Cheryl Laymon
1985/86	Mel Ponton	2011/12	Tom Schmidt
1986/87	Bill Lomont	2012/13	Julie Whitman
1987/88	Grant Barnard	2013/14	Richard Casaubon
1988/89	Frank Lorelli	2014/15	Ted Olsen
1989/90	Jim Howton	2015/16	John Rivetti
1990/91	Paul Tyree	2016/17	Tina Jackson
1990/91	George Aguilar Sr. <sup>1</sup>	2017/18	Maurice Hamilton
1991/93	E.E. (Gil) Gilchrist	2018/19	Roger Lowe
1992/93	George Aguilar Sr. <sup>1</sup>	2019/20	Gary Keener
1993/94	Ronald Douglass	2020/21	Rick Veiga
1994/95	Charles Halterman		
1995/96	James Haggerty		
1996	Jim Delaney		

### MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS

Lodge Meeting August 4 & 18 @ 7:00 pm  
 Governing Body August 11 & 25 @ 7:00 pm  
 Knights Meeting August 22 @ 10:30 am in San Fernando  
 P.E.R. Meeting August 1 @ 10:30 am  
 Roving Elks Kamper Klub August 1 @ 12:00 pm  
 Elks Riders Club August TBD @ 8:00 pm  
 The Emblem Club August 2 & 16 @ 6:30 pm  
 Trustee Meeting August 11 before Governing Body Mtg

### LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Steve Graham	Lauren
Leading Knight	Mike Fisher	Jeannette
Loyal Knight	Greg McCormick	
Lecturing Knight	Diana Crovo	Robert
Secretary	Tina Jackson, PER	Guy
Treasurer	Debbie Hager	Steve
Esquire	Jeannette Fisher	Mike
Tiler	Scott Bickle	Clarita
Inner Guard	Glenn Daniel	Laura
Chaplain	Wesley Hester II	Erin
Organist	Charlie Handy	Missy
Alternate Delegate	Rick Veiga, PER	Lorrie
Presiding Justice	Skip Henke PSP, DL	Karen
Lodge Advisor	Skip Henke PSP, DL	Karen
Lodge Mediator	Jay Larkins, CHEA Pres. Elect, PDDGER	Ginger

### TRUSTEES

First Year, Chairman	Mike Brandriff	Cara
Second Year	John Rivetti, PER	Terri
Third Year	Clay Porlier	Jan
Fourth Year	Wayne Edwards	Linda
Fifth Year	Rick Shepard	Jill

### HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year	Craig Raub
Officer of the Year	Charlie Handy
Tall Elk of the Year	Jamie McKenna
Volunteer of the Year	Missy Handy
Citizen of the Year	Stacy McKenna



**ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE**



## Elks National Foundation

How ENF is helping California-Hawaii?

During the 2020-21 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated **\$740,934.19** to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

State Charities Grant:	\$701,730.00
Special Projects Grant:	\$606,560.00
Bonus Grant:	\$131,780.00
Most Valuable Student:	\$308,000.00
Legacy Award:	\$88,000.00
National Veterans Service Commission:	\$49,800.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$1,885,870.00</b>

That's a ratio of 2.54 for every dollar the Foundation received from CHEA last year. That doesn't include the money Lodges in California-Hawaii will get back through our Community Investments Program. For the 2020-21 fiscal year, ENF awarded a total of \$887,500 to 129 CHEA Lodges.

Our Lodge contributions this year to date are:	\$2,718.50
Our Lodge - 2021-2022 per capita donation year to date:	\$4.215
Our Lodge Goal per capita for 2021-2022 is:	\$15.000
Our Lodge - 2020-2021 per capita donation was:	\$7.949

GER Goal is \$4.80 per member. Our Lodge must contribute \$3,091.20 to be Grant eligible. Our "Per Capita" is based on 644 Lodge members for 2020-2021.

### Nugget Submission Standards & Copy Deadlines

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**A Message to the Members from  
Exalted Ruler Steve Graham**



Greetings, Elk Brothers and Sisters!

As we are fresh off the Elks National Convention in Tampa, where we experienced Hurricane Elsa and a Stanley Cup Championship, it was great to come back to our vibrant Lodge. As I type this letter to you, we will be initiating approximately 10 new

members this week, and have roughly 17 new applications to ballot on. We have also restarted Bingo on Thursdays and Sundays, as has the shuffleboard league returned to Thursday nights. We have also hired 3 new bartenders so we can cover our Lodge reopening for Mondays and Tuesdays. We will also be returning to our Lodge entertainment of Country Dancing and Karaoke on week-ends.

Where we have the biggest need currently are in 3 areas: Cooks for Sunday and Tuesday, additional Servers and Bingo. If you are looking for a way that you can have an impact immediately at the Lodge, our community and meet a few good people, volunteer occasionally. I get asked all the time where we need the help, so check in with an officer, chairperson or myself, and we would gladly point you in a good direction.

I want to thank Greg McCormick for getting the new locks installed, and the Trustees for getting a new security system installed. I also want to thank the office for working together to keep us organized. We continue to apply for ENF grants that will benefit our community. And a shout out to Tom Schmidt for staying on top of all the new applicants we are submitting for indoctrinations.

August is upon us, and we have a full calendar. We will be visited by our new DDGER, Dave Swogger, and his wife, Midge on August 4th for a dinner in his honor. Ray Broussard, who just completed his year and is a PDDGER, will host the evening. Dave will be sharing the message of our new Grand Exalted Ruler who was installed in Tampa, T. Keith Mills from Idaho. Please bring your spouse, as there will be a breakout with First Lady Lauren.

Keep a lookout on the calendar for the events in August and September. As we wind down into the fall, our Car and Bike show is coming up on 9/11, where we are going to have our annual member Chili Cook-off, entertainment from Catch 22, and a Boutique. We are also having a separate Chili Cook-off for our local First Responders as a way to commemorate them on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 for all that they do in our community to keep us safe.

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Accident Prevention	Clay Porlier
Americanism	John Rivetti, PER
Auditing & Accounting	Ray Broussard, DDGER
Backyard / RV Rental Area	Ray Paladini
Barbeque Team	Frank Webster, PER • Charlie Handy
Bequest and Living Trust	Jim Lentini
Bingo Committee	Jo Alpern • Dave Shearman
Car Show & Chili Cook Off	Shelly Tomson • Ed Flores
Charity Request Review	Mike Fisher
Children's Christmas Party	Ray Paladini
Contract Manager	Trustee Rick Shepard • Debbie Hager
Dictionary Project	Tom Schmidt, PER
Drug Awareness	John Silver
Elks National Foundation	John Rivetti, PER
ENF Silent Auction	Donna Schmidt
Elks Riders	Alan Ferdman
Flag Day	Mike Fisher
Get Well / Visitations	Tina Jackson, PER
Government Relations	James McKenna
Historical	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot	James McKenna
Housekeeping	Sandy Cramer
July 4th Parade	Jeannette Fisher
Kitchen Manager	Missy Handy
Kitchen Cleaning	Sandy Cramer
Lodge Activities	Roseanne Dalton
Lodge Treasure Chest	Missy Handy • Diana Crovo
Lounge Manager	Debbie Hager • Tina Jackson
Lounge Entertainment	Roger Lowe, PER
Major Project Purple Pig	Debbie Hager
Membership / Membership Retention	Tina Jackson, PER • Debbie Hager
Memorial Day - Eternal Valley	Frank Webster, PER
Monday Night Football	Shelly Tomson • George Figueroa
New Member Interviews / Orientation	Tom Schmidt, PER
PER Association	Roger Lowe, PER
Public Relations and Marketing	Ted Olsen, PER
Ritual Training	Roger Lowe, PER • Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
Scholarship	Ray Broussard, DDGER
Scouting	Tracey Lucas
Super Bowl	Cindy Ennis
Veterans	Rick Dalton, PER • Jeannette Fisher
Webmaster	Ted Olsen, PER
Youth Activities	Debbie Hager

*Fill your banks up & bring 'em in!*



*A Coin a Day so they can  
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

**California-Hawaii Elks Major Project  
'The Purple Pig'**

Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2021/2022:	\$1,719.50
A 2021/2022 per capita donation year to date is:	\$2.67
Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2019/2020:	\$20,013.19
2020/2021 total per capita donation for the year was:	\$28.108

(Per capita is based on 644 Lodge members for 2021-2022)

**California-Hawaii Elks Association Total Donations  
Received in 2021/2022, were \$2,723,948.95**

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## A Message from the Leading Knight Mike Fisher



Greetings Members of the Lodge,

We are having a great July at the Lodge as we work towards getting back open full time. Our annual 4th of July barbeque was amazing and once again the Lodge owes our incredible BBQ team praise and thanks for doing such a consistently fantastic

job. Way to go BBQ team!

Debbie (aka Princess) Hagar's Purple Pig Hawaiian Luau is going to be a big success and everyone attending will have a fantastic meal and a great time. Debbie is doing an amazing job as District Purple Pig Chair. Keep it up Debbie!

Our Casino Night on the 31st, thanks to Nanci Webster and her crew. The cards will turn and the dice will be rolled all night long and a bunch of members will walk away with great prizes. We hope to make this an annual event.

Our calendar is a little lite for August, but I do see that the Emblem Club will be having a Bunco tournament on Saturday August 14. If you have never participated in an Emblem Bunco tournament, you are missing out on one of the really fun times you can have at the Lodge. I encourage everyone to come down and play Bunco.

Our Friday night dinners are doing well and we are still asking for reservations so please call the Lodge and make a reservation for Friday night dinner. Our Sunday breakfasts are back more frequently and hopefully, we can get more cooks so we can get back to weekly breakfasts. Along those lines, we need to find members who are willing to volunteer in the kitchen. So, if you enjoy cooking and would be interested in doing some cooking at the Lodge on Friday nights or Sunday mornings, please contact the Lodge.

BINGO IS BACK, as of July 15th. Thank you to our returning Bingo players for be so patient with the Lodge as we tried to get Bingo back up and running. We are always looking for volunteers to help with Bingo, so please come on down to the Lodge on Thursday nights and/or Sunday afternoons and have some fun helping out with Bingo.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who is working so hard to get the Lodge back to our regular hours and functions. We are very close to be being back open at our pre-covid hours and with your help we will be there soon. Please come down and participate in your Lodge!



## A Message from your Loyal Knight Greg McCormick



Hello Members,

August is here and summer is in full swing. The heat is on, please remember to stay hydrated out there. Come on down to the Lodge and take a load off for some good company, good friends and to get out of the heat. Our Lodge is open and doing

well thanks to all the volunteers and officers and members our Friday night dinners are awesome as well.


The Lodge is now open on Wednesdays for Lodge meetings or Governing Body meetings, Thursdays for Bingo and Shuffleboard, Friday's for dinner, Saturday for hanging out and Sunday's for Bingo. On several Sunday's a month, we also serve breakfast. Be sure to pay attention to the Lodge emails, for Lodge hours and times, as things may change on daily basis.

As I write this masks will now be required for sitting inside again at the Lodge. When will all of this end?

I would like to thank our ER Steve Graham and the Trustees Mike Brandriff, John Rivetti, PER Clay Porlier, Wayne Edwards, Rick Shepard, also our Secretary Tina Jackson, PER for dealing with the Lodge rekey. It was a lot to deal with and I thank all of you for helping me get it done.

We are slowly coming back to normal and it has been good to see so many people at the Lodge. We have been initiating new members every month. Our Elk family is growing. We need to keep up the good work and have lot's and lot's of fun.

So my fellow Elks, as I close this message may God keep us and protect us.

Always remember the motto of this station is Justice. 



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## A Message from the Lecturing Knight Diana Crovo



Elk Brothers and Sisters,

For the newest members of our Lodge, I thought I might use this article to explain some of the abbreviations and acronyms that are used by the Elks. I know that when I first became an Elk, many of them were confusing to me.

Let's begin with some simple ones.

**B.P.O.E.** - Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Check out website: <https://www.elks.org/>. To sign on to the site the first time, you will need your Lodge number and your membership number to register. You will find your number on your membership card.

**CHEA** - California-Hawaii Elks Association. This is the Association we belong to, which includes, California, Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam. Website: <https://chea-elks.org/>

**CHEMPI** - California Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc., which is the corporate name of the fundraising arm of CHEA. Website: <https://chea-elks.org/major-project/>.

**Purple Pig** - Is the name of the fundraising arm of CHEMPI. Since 1950, more than \$116 million had been raised to address the unmet needs of children with disabilities, by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to their families. You can find out more about this program and other ways to donate at <https://chea-elks.org/>. The CHEA website is not password protected, anyone can go on the website: [chea-elks.org](https://chea-elks.org/)

**ENF** - Elks National Foundation is the national fundraising arm of the Elks. To learn more, sign on to the [Elks.org](https://www.elks.org/) website and go to **Elks National Foundation**. The mission of the Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities.

The **Nugget** - Our Lodge's monthly newsletter, which includes articles from our Officers and highlight of coming and past events at our Lodge.

**Kamper Klub** - is a RV camping club in our Lodge. If you have a recreational vehicle and enjoy camping you want to check out the Kamper Klub.

**Elks Riders** is a group of Elks that enjoy riding motorcycles and raising funds for charitable causes. If this fits you, our club is just getting going after the pandemic and will meet monthly to plan events.

Next month I'll give you the meanings of the many position acronyms in the Elks, which certainly can be confusing as well. Until next month, stay safe!



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| 1 Albert Boone   | 14 Diana Crovo<br>Joan Daub<br>Craig Debban<br>Steven Rich<br>Jeffrey Watkins |
| 2 Patrick Corigan<br>Gary Godman<br>Jon Young<br>Stephanie Young             | 16 Robert Farkas<br>William Ludwig<br>Randall Smith                           |
| 3 Scott Bickle   | 17 Shirley Greenwell<br>Joseph Stephens<br>Rocky Woosley                      |
| 4 Steve Corn<br>Roseann Dalton<br>Susan Hand<br>Sandra Powe                  | 20 Rick Romans<br>Dan Werner  |
| 5 Susan Hand<br>Stacy McKenna<br>Sandra Owen<br>Richard Rice<br>Gary Robbins | 21 Scott Crawford<br>Keisha Taylor  |
| 6 Keith Glenn<br>Jeff Preach<br>John Rogers                                  | 23 Tanya Fisher   |
| 7 Eugene Schutz  | 24 William Parkinson<br>Emma Sayles   |
| 8 Ronald Gorman<br>Ken Petersen<br>Chris Villavicencio                       | 25 Jason Nuss   |
| 9 Dwight Harrelson<br>Theodore Prior   | 26 David Arnette II<br>Gregg Videgain   |
| 10 Norman Malin  | 27 David Colin<br>Richard Stillwell   |
| 12 Tim Ben Boydson<br>Robert West  | 28 Robert Kluszczynski<br>Ted Olsen<br>Richard Roelofs<br>James Wagner        |
| 13 Richard Cook<br>Kenneth Lukas<br>Bernice Mazuca                           | 29 George Figueroa<br>Allen Ginger  |
|  | 30 Marcelo Ruiz   |







## **David K. Swoger**

**2021-2022**

**District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
of the  
Great Metropolitan District**



Dave was born December 28, 1938, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the first of eight children to Harold and Marge Swoger. He graduated Crafton High School and attended Waynesburg College as well as the University of Pittsburgh. Dave was a deacon in the Rennerdale Presbyterian Church.

Dave was drafted into the Army and served from 1961 to 1963 as an Artillery Survey Officer. After his tour of duty in the Army, he worked at Harbison-Walker while going to night school. In 1965, after moving to California, Dave started with Douglas Aircraft Company working on the Apollo Space Program in Santa Monica. Dave moved on to RCA as a liaison engineer. The balance of his career was as a quality manager for various aerospace companies.

He married his wife Midge in 1959 and they celebrated 62 years of marriage in January. He and Midge had a son, Eric in 1964 and were blessed with a daughter, Teana, in 1967. Dave and Eric were active in YMCA Indian Guides, Junior Grey Y and Grey Y. Dave and Midge have 7 grandchildren, Teana has three and Eric has four, which include three adopted children.

He became active in off-roading and was elected President of California Off-Road Vehicle Association. As Association President, Dave went to Washington D.C. to present a petition, signed by thousands of off-road enthusiasts, to then President Jimmy Carter.



Dave joined the Canoga Park Elks Lodge in 1996. Proceeding through the chairs, serving as Esquire three times, Exalted Ruler in 2009 - 2010 and again in 2010 - 2011. He was Chaplain of the Metropolitan District Knights Association in 2009 - 2010, Sargent at Arms, 2010 - 2011, Americanism Chair 2012 - 2014, Indoctrination Chair 2014 - 2016, Drug Awareness Chair 2016 - 2018. Auditor for DDGER Bruce Troe in 2015 - 2016 and Auditor for DDGER Ray Brussard in 2020 - 2021. Dave was awarded Honorary Life Membership in the Elks in 2016. He was Tall Elk 2014 - 2015. He is also a member of Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Friends of Taxco, California Off-Road Vehicle Association and the Santa Clarita Elks Kamper Club. He became a member of E. Clampus Vitus in 2004, a Jolly Cork in 2010, and has been a member of the Elks Luncheon Club since 2010.

Dave and Midge are immensely proud that he has been appointed to the position of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Great Metropolitan District. Also proud to promote the Grand Lodge Programs of Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills, from the Caldwell Idaho Lodge 1448.





## **T. Keith Mills**

**2021-2022**

**Grand Exalted Ruler**

**of the**

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
of the United States of America**

Keith Mills was born on October 17, 1968 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Justin and Ruth Mills, the youngest of five children. Keith has three brothers, Randy, Butch, the late Devon, and his sister Cheryl. Keith grew up on the family farm outside Hollister, Idaho. The rural elementary school had about 50 students enrolled through sixth grade. High school was spent in the neighboring town of Filer where Keith participated in almost every sport; football, basketball, track and rodeo. In 1987, he graduated from Filer High School. Congressman Stallings was instrumental in Keith receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point for academics and football. Unfortunately, an injury meant Keith returned home in 1989 where he attended the College of Southern Idaho and met Amy Jane Rutherford, his best friend and true love. They both received their Associates Degree. They were married in 1990 and Keith transferred to University of Idaho where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

For over 31 years Amy has encouraged and supported his dreams. Keith and Amy have two children; Cassie has 2 boys, Clark and Karson, and is attending nursing school. Their son Justin, who is a senior at Boise State University and will be graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business.

Growing up on a farm, Keith developed a strong work ethic and as he grew older, the value of a hard day's work. His family farmed 350 acres and operated a Custom Farming business. They also raised prize winning Duroc hogs for breeding which Keith showed in 4-H and Future Farmers of America, as well as sold breeding stock across the United States.

After college his career began at Applied Materials where he worked for more than 10 years in the Semiconductor Industry with extensive travel in the United States, Asia and Europe.

Keith returned to Twin Falls to be with family where he owned and operated several construction and trucking companies. Keith currently works as the Director for a County Highway District.

In 1990, Keith was proposed for membership by his father and initiated as a Member of the Twin Falls, Idaho Elks Lodge 1183. He continued his membership there all through college. Upon graduation, they moved to Nampa, just down the street from his brother Devon. With Devon already an Elks Member, Keith transferred his membership to Caldwell Lodge 1448 where he is still involved today.

Keith began as Tiler for the Twin Falls Elks Lodge for two years before leaving for college, then upon his transfer to Caldwell in 1994, was appointed Inner Guard and installed in 1995 and progressed through every officer chair, serving as Exalted Ruler 2001-2002. He then served the next five years on the Board of Trustees, with the last as Chairman. Keith was a member of five



Idaho State Champion Ritual teams, each competing at Grand Lodge. He is excellent at performing the ritual and is a six-time State All-American. Keith has been recognized for his outstanding dedication to Caldwell Lodge multiple times. In 2008, he was voted Caldwell's "Elk of the Year," as well as Idaho State's "Elk of the Year." Keith has the distinguished honor of being the first ever to be elected to Honorary Life Membership to Caldwell Lodge 1448.

Keith was elected and served three years as Idaho Vice President South, subsequently being elected and serving as Idaho State President in 2006-2007. The next six years were on the Idaho state major project, the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital Board with the last two years as Chairman. In 2016, he was inducted in the "Idaho Elks Hall of Honor." He continues to serve the Idaho State Association and is on the Advisory Committee with the Past State Presidents.

Keith's service to the Grand Lodge has included two terms as District Deputy for Idaho South District and then served six years as a Special Representative for various Lodges in Idaho. During this time, Keith also served as Idaho State Hoop Shoot Chairman for 18 years and Northwest Regional Director from 2011 to 2016. The region included Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Keith and Amy truly enjoyed being with the children, watching them grow and getting to know the families. He was appointed Senior Special Representative for Idaho and Oregon in 2019 and continues to serve in both positions.

At the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention, Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, subsequently serving as Building Applications-West Member, Approving Member, Secretary, and most recently as Chairman. In 2020, he was appointed Oregon Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

The passion Keith has for our Fraternal Order is shown by his enthusiasm, commitment and devotion.



## President's Message



**Jay Larkins, President**  
California-Hawaii Elks Association



It is a Great Day to be an Elk! As our Lodge begins to really open up after the struggles of the last 18 months, it is so great to see the smiling faces of so many friends come through the door into our Lodge. Yes, there are many things to be grateful for these days! Ginger and I both count being members of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge, and the California-Hawaii Elks Association, high on our list.

I have had the pleasure to say hello to many New Members coming into our Lodge with P.E.R. Tom Schmidt conducting informative and fun Investigations and Orientations with our new members and their significant others. This is the first time these community members are finding out first hand what the Elks are all about AND do for our community. It is an introduction to becoming involved in this amazing organization. Please say hello to these new Elks and their families.

When all of us arrive at our Lodge, we are greeted by our Volunteers in so many ways. From the wonderful kitchen crews that are going above and beyond in the kitchen, the outstanding front office group that has Volunteered so many hours keeping everything running in our office, to our energetic and dedicated Bingo Committee that has just started up with a Bang on Thursdays and Sundays, to our Shuffleboard players returning to start another season soon, the blood drives that are so vital to the community, the Kamper Klub members that are always up for a great trip, the Emblem Club that has begun to meet in person again in the Lodge Room and has a Birthday Monday, August 16th, the many Volunteers who keep our Lodge grounds looking so great year round, the barbeque team who makes our mouths water, our Line Dancers that keep us moving on Friday nights, and our awesome bar stewards, who for many of us arriving at the Lodge, that greet us as we use our card keys to enter the Members Lounge. These are just the things I see every time I pull into our parking lot. These members give of their time and energy for a better Lodge and a better community.

A HUGE shout out to our Lodge Officers! These Volunteers give the guidance and leadership to keep our Santa Clarita Lodge going in the right direction. They are attending meetings on Wednesdays, at our Lodge, and traveling throughout our district supporting the other local Lodges. Our Lodge Officers are ROCK!

Ginger and I have begun our visitations to the other 18 districts across California and Hawaii. We have seen many

of you along the way and Love seeing Santa Clarita members visiting in other districts. It makes us so proud to be representing 2379 across our Association. From Eureka, to Santa Cruz, to Fullerton, so far, we are helping create the tidal wave for Elkdom. I ask you to Jump In and be part of the Wave!

Jay Larkins

California-Hawaii Elks Association President, 2021 - 2022

**'THE FUTURE OF ELKDOM BEGINS WITH YOU'**

### Images from the Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa



**President Jay Larkins, carrying the California-Hawaii Elks Association Flag at the Opening Ceremony in Tampa, FL**



**First Lady Ginger Larkins signing membership card for CHEA Ritual Champion, Garden Grove ER Tony Lopez.**





**ELKS NATIONAL  
CONVENTION  
TAMPA, FL  
July 4 - 7**

**2021**

Resolution Number	Resolution Description	Yes Votes	No Votes	Result
2021-01	To return to the Laws of the Order the requirement that a Local Lodge conduct a long form Initiatory Ritual for the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler at the time of his/her official visit.	919	1,727	Failed
2021-02	To allow Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Associations to incorporate for the purpose of raising, receiving, and distributing funds for such charitable, educational, and scientific purposes that are supported by its Lodge, State Association, and/or Grand Lodge.	1,305	1,352	Failed
2021-03	To require incorporated Local Lodge Past Exalted rulers Associations to obtain Grand Lodge approval before taking certain actions.	1,272	1,329	Failed
2021-04	To allow Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association to incorporate for the purpose of charitable fundraising.	1,329	1,329	Failed*
2021-05	To clarify that the Grand Exalted Ruler shall have the authority to remove any officer of a corporation formed pursuant to the new Section 16.035 who neglects the duties of his office, or is guilty of contumacy or conduct injurious to the Order.	1,678	958	Failed <sup>A</sup>
2021-06	To allow a Lodge to provide for the waiver of dues and fees of any Applicant who is a current or former Elks scholarship recipient with a goal of encouraging membership.	2,053	606	Passed
2021-07	To allow the Grand Exalted Ruler to grant full membership in the Grand Lodge to Past Exalted Rulers, otherwise qualified, who are prevented from attending a Grand Lodge Convention by reason of the convention having been canceled or in the event a convention fails for lack of a quorum.	2,392	257	Passed
2021-08	To codify the policy of preventing the over service of alcohol and to require Local Lodges to establish a House Rule consistent therewith.	2,237	421	Passed
2021-09	To clarify the burden of proof and standard of review in the case of an appeal from an Executive Order.	2,392	263	Passed
2021-10	To codify fair process practices that are currently being followed in those circumstances where the rights of Members, Lodges, State Associations, or officers of any entity formed under the Laws of the Order may be impacted.	2,389	266	Passed
2021-11	To delete the requirement that the Lodge Secretary prepare the November membership report on forms provided by the Grand Secretary since the November membership report is now automatically generated and submitted through CLMS; and to eliminate the requirement that the Lodge Secretary give bond if the Grand Lodge Insurance Program provides such coverage.	2,524	126	Passed
2021-12	To eliminate the requirement that the Lodge Treasurer give bond if the Grand Lodge Insurance Program provides such coverage.	2,454	203	Passed
2021-13	To clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee and the duties and responsibilities of the Local Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee as a result of the use of the new Grand Lodge online Financial Reporting System (FRS).	2,413	246	Passed
2021-14	To allow District Deputies to be appointed to District other than their home District.	1,042	1,594	Failed
2021-15	To increase the amount subject to immediate distribution by the Trustees in the event of the liquidation of a Lodge in order to avoid administrative expense associated with the maintenance of nominal trust funds.	2,314	314	Passed

\* Constitution Article III Section 14 requires a majority vote for passage.

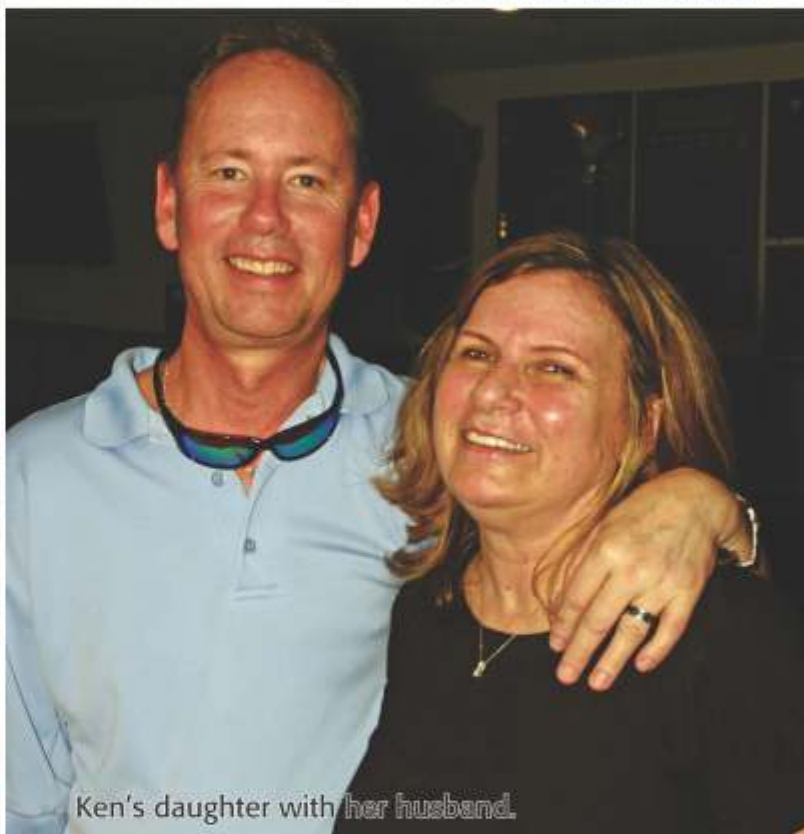
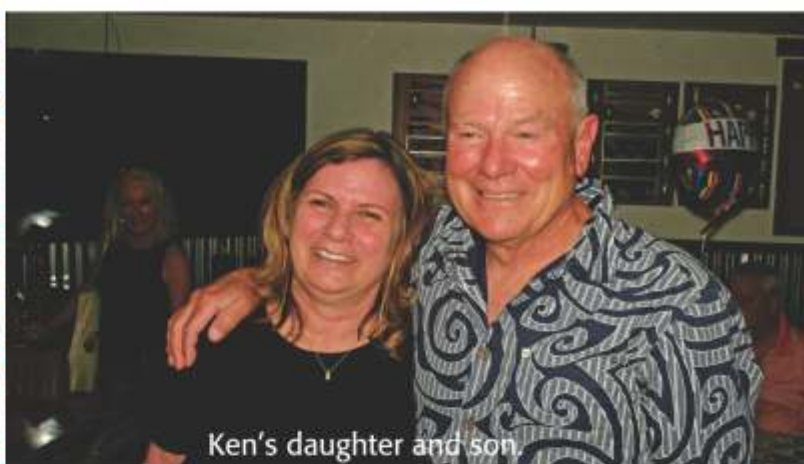
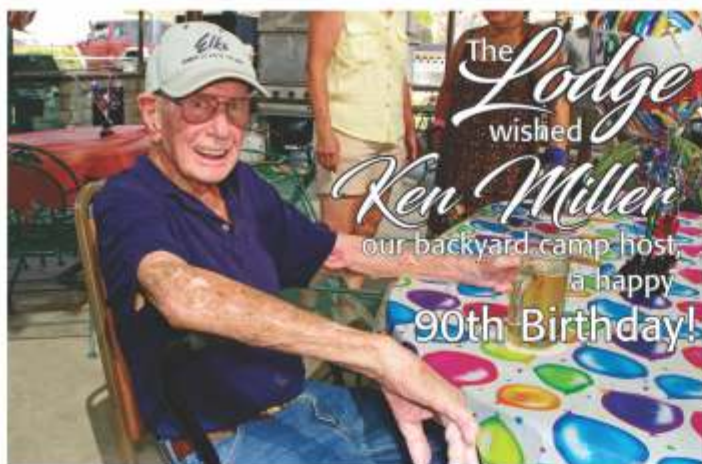
<sup>A</sup> Resolutions 21-03, 21-04, and 21-05 are all co-dependent Resolutions.



10 August 2021









12 August 2021

# Roving Elks Kamper Klub

Lompoc, California

July 2021 - Jim & Pam Hogan, Wagon Masters  
and of course Hoosier too!

The Kamper Klub may visit, over eat, and consuming beverages, members do other activities on our Kampouts! During our trip to Lompoc, Friday night was dinner at Lompoc Elks Lodge, they do an amazing job. The group went to Jalama Beach to try out their famous burgers. Many of us went to Solvang, Dwanna had ice cream for lunch and we all went shopping at the local Ace hardware store, a Solvang stop not to be missed. Most of us finished off with Lompoc Elks Sunday Brunch, another deal not to be missed. Can we say, chicken fried steak and eggs, including Mimosas or Bloody Mary's ... it was all so good!

In attendance were the Hogans, the Bertoldo's, the Haas's, the Drummond's, the Lousberg's and the Swoger's. A fun memorable trip!



## Kamper Klub Trips Planned



August 2021 - Oceano  
October - Kernville, Camp James

February 2022 - Orange Grove, Bakersfield

If you are attending any of these outings and a deposit is due to attend, please get those checks to the persons in charge to secure your spot.



*Thank you Kamper Klub Members!*

The Veterans Committee, would like to express its sincere thanks to the Kamper Klub for donating to our new project, the Veterans Memorial Wall Inscription Fund. The Kamper klub has graciously donated \$500! This will help insure that our veterans who have passed, will have their names inscribed on the Veterans Memorial Wall at Eternal Valley Memorial Park. This donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you Kamper Klub!



## Emblem Club 459

Respectfully submitted, Lee Urquhart, Press Correspondent

Hello Emblem enthusiasts! After a 2 month hiatus, I'm back to impress you with the goings on involving our SCV Emblem Club 459. Plenty of planning, discussions and change of plans have been taking place behind the scenes.

It is wonderful to be back in the Lodge. The general membership meeting of July 12th was informal and was more of a round table discussion. Emblem does what Emblem does ... plan and above all, succeed!

Get ready to update your calendars:

**August 14:** "Fashion Through the Decades" Fashion Show". Each table will host a theme highlighting a certain decade. The 'Roaring 20's, 40's, 50's—you get the picture. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Won't it be fun to dress the part of that decade and enjoy music from that era? Don't just imagine it, come, be part of it. President Pam Hogan is busily planning her menu that I'm told will include her specialty: Champagne Poached Chicken. Invite friends and family for a roaring good time.

**August 16:** We will be celebrating our Emblem Club's 50th Birthday. This year's celebration will be a "Luau" theme. President Pam suggests breaking out your Mumu's. (After devouring Pam's favorite menu items from her very own culinary repertoire, there might not be room to loosen your belts) Tickets for this event are \$15.00 per person.

**August 28:** Bunco???? There has been a lot of interest by many in having fun Bunco events. Everyone who attends enjoys themselves to the fullest. HOWEVER, due to other unforeseen commitments, our regular pool of chairpersons and helpers are unavailable for this date. We are reaching out for someone to chair and assist. If you are able to help, please let Pam Hogan know.

**September 11:** Elks Car & Bike show. Once again, Emblem has been asked to host a Bake Sale during this event. Dust off your best recipe for a sumptuous baked goods to be sold at a fair price and make 'em come back wanting more. More information will be forthcoming as the date draws closer.

*Ladies, invite a friend to become  
an Emblem Member!*

## FASHIONS OVER THE DECADES

*Santa Clarita Emblem Club 459*

*Invites you to a  
Fashion Show & Luncheon*

**Please note:**

**With your RSVP,  
be prepared to give  
what table you would like —  
20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, or 60's.  
Please come dressed in  
the fashion from that decade  
to support the show.**



**August 14th • 12pm Social  
1:00 pm Champagne Chicken Lunch  
RSVP by Monday August 2nd  
Stacey McKenna • 661 373-5964**

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Mario Burman



Albert Duncan



Jana Peters



Noah Peters

### Current Membership Information

Number of Members on April 1, 2021: 644

#### Increases

New Initiated Members:	22
New Affiliated Members: (Transferred In)	0
Reinstated Members:	1
Subtotal:	23

#### Decreases

Dropped	0
Transferred Out:	2
Absolute Dimit:	1
Deaths: (Since April 1st)	5
Subtotal:	8

#### Membership Total

<b>Current Calculated Membership Total:</b>	<b>660</b>
Average Age:	67.31
Gain/Loss	16

#### Delinquency

Members Delinquent in Registration:	75
Lapsation Rate:	11.63%

#### Applications on Hand

Total Applications in Process	18
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#### Life Members

Life Members	24
Honorary Life Members	3
Total:	27
Life Percentage	4.19%

### Proposed For Membership

Richard Freeny • General Contractor

Mike Brandriff

Mark Meyer • Retired

Ray Broussard

David Casey •

David Hernandez

CLMS Active Members:



### Santa Clarita Elks Deliver Fans To Senior Center

Using a portion of the funds from the Spotlight Grant, the Lodge received from the Elks National Foundation designated for senior needs. Six tower fans were purchased for distribution by Bella Vida, Santa Clarita's Senior Center.

Pictured above is Natalie Socal, a Senior Center employee, Exalted Ruler Steve Graham, PER Tom Schmidt and his wife Donna.





**A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler**  
**T. Keith Mills, GER • Caldwell, Idaho Lodge 1448**



**Elks Keep Moving Forward  
and Meeting the Challenge**

Wow, what a fantastic opportunity to serve our great Order. I would like to first thank my wonderful wife, Amy. Without her love, support, and commitment this experience would not be possible. We both are very grateful to have been chosen to take this incredible journey. I would also like to thank my other family members. Knowing they are helping take care of our personal obligations at home during this time is a huge help to both of us.

My theme this year is *"Meeting the Challenge."* This past year was like no other in the history of our Order. With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, I want to congratulate local Boards of Directors and members for their efforts in continuing Lodge operations and remaining active in their community. Thank you for taking and showing pride in our Order. Not only could we not meet regularly, but we all experienced a crash course in virtual meetings.

Summer is still upon us, but fall is closing in. Now is the time to begin planning Lodge fall activities. For example, begin working on a school supply program, or start one if one is not available in your community. This is an opportunity to engage with your schools, help children who need it by providing critical school supplies, and lay the groundwork for other Elks youth programs (e.g., Hoop Shoot, scholarships, drug awareness).

This year, my goal for Elks National Foundation will remain at \$4.80 per Member. I know this goal is easily obtainable since we have more than doubled this number for many years now. The stronger your Lodge, the greater benefit to your community. With the various grants from the Elks National Foundation, we can readily add to existing Community Service Projects. Today, our communities need us more than ever. There are always projects that could use our help to strengthen the charitable works we do. For some ENF Grants, your Lodge just needs to apply. Others are competitive. However, ENF personnel are there to assist you with these proposals.

The Elks Most Valuable Student applications are now open and online. Create a little explanation sheet or download one from [elks.org](http://elks.org). Then call your high school counselors to inform them of our program and where they can direct their seniors for the eligibility requirements and application. Follow up that call with a small letter. Remember we also

have the Student/Teenager Month and Year Program. This is one way for your Lodge to recognize high school students for their work and volunteerism. Look into this program within the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Program Manual.

Finally, this week, visit [Elks.org](http://Elks.org). Under the Fraternal Committee, print off the **"Patriotism Week Proclamation."** Have your city mayor sign it to proclaim September 6-12, 2021 as National Patriotism Week in your town. Then, use this opportunity to encourage new Members to join our great Order.



**A Message to the Members from  
Exalted Ruler Steve Graham**

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This is a great opportunity to reach out to our community partners.

Finally, please wash your hands often when visiting the Lodge. Your safety is paramount to all. God Bless and see you soon.



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# Lodge Lounge happenings!

I want to thank our house stewards, the bartenders; Shelly, Kim, Jeannie, Diana, and the old faithful Tom Schmidt. They have done a tremendous job during this very trying time of reopening. Each has shown their commitment to the Lounge, and the members by being a part of the decision making team during our reopening. They have remained flexible and have not wavered in that commitment. Each of them have shown a great sense of teamwork by filling in, volunteering time to clean and sanitize for your protection and creating an environment that we should all be proud of. Each of you have my undying loyalty.

We will be opening more and more often for Sunday Breakfast. So watch the email blasts for those dates and times. I am hoping that Thursdays we will also begin to open for the Shuffleboard crowd and our Bingo Players. I've seen how much members have missed their interactions with friends and other members at the Lodge.

We have several Blood Drives coming up; August 25th, October 20th and December 15th. If you have gotten used to the every eight week cycle of donation, then your next drive to sign up for will be August 25th. I was unable to secure a drive in late June that would have been eight weeks from the May 5th drive, so you would have to skip one donation or find another location on June 30th to stay on that schedule. Very confusing! To date, this Lodge has run six drives, and donated 213 units of blood. That was accomplished because of each of you who donated and that is a tremendous impact on the many lives you've saved!

Finally, I need to tell you that this will be my last article for the Nugget Newsletter. Although I resigned from the volunteer lounge manager position back in June, I intend to continue to support our Lodge. I am positive that the member that has taken on this position is doing an amazing job!

I could not leave this position without thanking every member of "The Crew." You were there every step of the way. I also want to acknowledge and thank the following for their hard work and dedication to this Lodge, as well as me personally; Rick Viera, the Schmidt's, Debbie Hager, Ana Aguilar and P.E.R. Tina Jackson. There are so many others who helped me, and to all of you I say thank you.

Thank you all for an amazing three plus years of serving in this position. As always, stay safe,

Larry Gregg, Retired Lounge Manager 

## Our Absent Members

"We carve their worth on the rock of the earth,  
and write their faults in the sand"



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David Weber • Life Member • November 1943 - January 2020  
Gale Hilereth • Life Member • March 1937 - 2020  
Buster Sparkman • May 1924 - 2020  
Charles Richardson • June 1940 - April 2020  
Florence Barclay • September 1933 - August 2020  
Sam Moore, PER • November 1938 - December 2020  
Pat Allen • March 1932 - January 2021  
William "Bill" Reynolds • August 1946 - January 2021  
Mary White • October 1930 - January 2021  
Joe Romero • October 1947 - March 2021  
Rene Valuzat • December 1940 - March 2021  
Don Andrews • April 1929 - April 2021  
Gordon "Buz" Tripp • Charter Member • June 1931 - March 2021  
Gundy Tollefson • February 1944 - March 2021

## Sickness and Distress

If you become aware of someone suffering from an illness, hospitalization, please inform the Lodge



Trustee Wayne Edwards, had knee replacement surgery and is progressing well.

Inner Guard Scott Bickle's wife Clarita is dealing with Covid.

Simone Swanson recently dealt with vertigo issues which included a trip to Henry Mayo. Recently she is doing much better.



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# August 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>1</b> 9 AM Breakfast 10:30 AM PER Mtg 12:00 PM - KK Mtg 12:30 PM - Bingo	 <b>2</b> <i>Emblem Club</i> 6:30 Business Mtg	<b>3</b>	 <b>4</b> Lodge Balloting Mtg Lounge Hours: 5 until closing - Closed during Lodge Meeting	 <b>5</b> 6 PM BINGO  <b>Hot Dogs Available</b> <b>Shuffleboard</b>	 <b>6</b> Lounge Open: 5 pm until closing Friday Night Dinner Kamper Klub Team	Lodge Clean-up <b>Red Shirt Saturday</b>  <b>Kamper Klub</b> <b>OCEANO</b> DO: Mike Fisher
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>8</b> 9-11am Breakfast 12:30 Bingo	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	 <b>11</b> Governing Body Mtg 6 pm - Trustee Mtg Lounge Hours: 5 until closing	 <b>12</b> 6 PM BINGO  We've got GREAT Hot Dogs! <b>Shuffleboard</b>	 <b>13</b> Lounge Open: 5 pm until closing Friday Night Dinner Larry Greg's Gang	<b>Emblem Fashions Over The Decades</b> 12pm Social <b>DD Clinic • Canoga Park</b> DO: Glenn Daniel
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>15</b> 12:30 Bingo	<b>Emblem 16</b> Luau Birthday Party  6pm - Social 7pm - Dinner	<b>17</b>	 <b>18</b> Lodge Initiation Mtg Lounge Hours: 5 until closing - Closed during Lodge Meeting	 <b>19</b> 6 PM BINGO  We've got GREAT Hot Dogs! <b>Shuffleboard</b>	 <b>20</b> <b>COUNTRY DANCING</b> with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Graham Team	 <b>21</b> <b>Saturday Hot Dog &amp; Beer Specials</b> DO: Steve Graham
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>22</b> 9-11am Breakfast 12:30 Bingo  Knights Meeting 10 am - San Fernando	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	 <b>25</b> <b>+ BLOOD DRIVE</b> Governing Body Mtg Lounge Hours: 5 until closing	 <b>26</b> 6 PM BINGO  We've got GREAT Hot Dogs! <b>Shuffleboard</b>	 <b>27</b> Lounge Open: 5 pm until closing Friday Night Dinner Fisher/Crovo Team	 <b>28</b> <b>We've got great Hot Dog's</b> 8 AM Lodge Clean-up DO: Jeanette Fisher
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY				
 <b>29</b> 12:30 Bingo	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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# September 2021

## LABOR Day

Barbeque & Potluck *Join us!*

Monday, September 6th at 1:00 pm

Bring a dish for the potluck, bring some friends, then spend the day with friends & family.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> 1 pm Potluck BBQ	7	8 Lodge Balloting Mtg Lounge Hours: 5 until closing - Closed during Lodge Meeting	9 6 PM BINGO We've got great Hot Dog's Shuffleboard	10 Karaoke 7:00pm with Sunny Friday Night Dinner Kamper Klub Team	11 Lodge Clean-up Red Shirt Saturday We've got GREAT Hot Dogs! DO: Chuck Handy
12 9 AM Breakfast 10:30 AM PER Mtg 12:00 PM - KK Mtg 12:30 PM - Bingo	13 <b>NFL</b> Monday Night Football Ravens at Raiders	14	15 Lodge Initiation Mtg Lounge Hours: 5 until closing - Closed during Lodge Meeting	16 6 PM BINGO We've got GREAT Hot Dog's! Shuffleboard	17 Friday Night Dinner C Team	18 Saturday Hot Dog & Beer Specials DO: Greg McCormick
19 12:30 Bingo	20 <b>NFL</b> Monday Night Football Lions at Packers	21	22 Governing Body Mtg Lounge Hours: 5 until closing	23 6 PM BINGO We've got GREAT Hot Dog's! Shuffleboard	24 COUNTRY DANCING with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Fisher/Crovo Team	25 We've got great Hot Dog's DO: Jeanette Fisher
26 12:30 Bingo Knights Meeting 10 am - Glendale	27 <b>NFL</b> Monday Night Football Eagles at Cowboys	28	29 Governing Body Mtg Lounge Hours: 5 until closing	30 6 PM BINGO Hot Dogs Available Shuffleboard	Karaoke with Sunny is back the first Friday of each month!	

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL IS BACK • SIGN UP SHEET AT THE BAR FOR COOK TEAMS

Sept. 13 • Ravens at Raiders  
Sept. 20 • Lions at Packers  
Sept. 27 • Eagles at Cowboys  
Oct. 4 • Raiders at Chargers  
Oct. 11 • Colts at Ravens  
Oct. 18 • Bills at Titans

Oct. 25 • Saints at Seahawks  
Nov. 1 • Giants at Chiefs  
Nov. 8 • Bears at Steelers  
Nov. 15 • Rams at 49ers  
Nov. 22 • Giants at Buccaneers  
Nov. 29 • Seahawks at Washington

Dec. 6 • Patriots at Bills  
Dec. 13 • Rams at Cardinals  
Dec. 20 • Vikings at Bears  
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