



Lake Almanor Elks 2626

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

April	3rd	Orientation
April	4th	Mtg. Initiation
April	14th	Taco Night
April	18th	Regular Meeting
April	25th	Family Night
April	28th	Fish Fry

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Exalted Ruler's Message

To all our loyal members:

Hello Elks Family!

This is my first newsletter for the start of a fantastic and fun new Elk year! If you haven't met me yet come on down for a meeting, I will be there!

Thank you all for taking the time to attend, volunteer, or just to eat and show support for the events we had over this past month. The St. Patrick's dinner was a full house! We also just had our first family game night this past Tuesday, which was a blast and well attended (with 27 attendees & family members) even with the snowpack we received. The "changing of the guards" occurred this month which is both exciting and motivating. I would love for everyone to attend our regularly scheduled meetings in order to get to know your new officers and show your support.

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James Steffen

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Next month is going to be an enlivening month. On the 3rd, new members will be orienting and will be installed on the 4th. Please meet these awesome people who will be joining our Elks family and show them how great it is to be an Elk at our lodge. Taco night and fish fry for this month are a go and just a friendly reminder that our regular meeting nights are the first and third Tuesday of the month.

We will be having family night again on the last Tuesday of this month. Let's keep making this event special! This month we will be inviting and meeting our hoop shoot winners and their families.

I genuinely hope to see all of you at our wonderful meetings and activities.

Sincerely, James Steffen-Exalted Ruler
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following members have birthdays in April. If you get a chance take a moment and reach out to them and wish them a Happy Birthday!

Jamie Stocks	Norm Palmer
David Nissim	Ron Young
Dick Butterworth	Phil Culcasi
Juanita Wilson	Dennis Hayes
Melissa Logan	Gina Gosney
Calvin Bates	Bob Simpson
David Price	Tom McGowan
Ray Giordano	Tom Fisher
Chris Cartwright	Shawn Spencer
Bud Wasson	Mark Murray

Elks

2022-2023 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	James Steffen
Leading Knight	Linda Rouland
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Lecturing Knight	Kelly Temple
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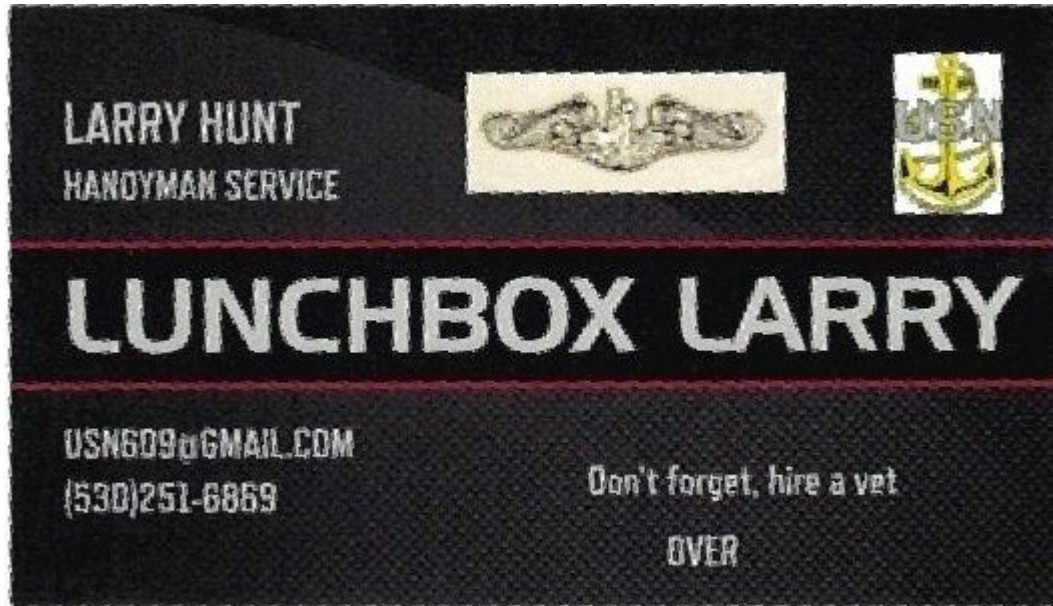


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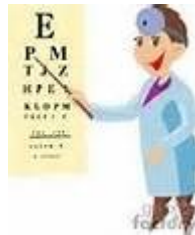


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16	17	18 Regular Meeting 5:00pm	19	20	21	22
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EVENTS!

Orientation: Monday April 3rd
Meeting night: April 4th. With initiation

Taco Night: April 14th. Social hour begins at 5:00, dinner service starts at 5:30. Dinner is your choice of taco dinner which includes 2 tacos, beans and rice for \$10 or taco salad for \$12. Chips and homemade salsa also available for an additional charge.

Meeting: April 18th. Traditional corned beef dinner, Kitty's soda bread, ice cream with creme de menthol. \$20. Tickets available Rouland insurance, Edward Jones, I

Family Night: April 25th

Fish fry is on April 28th. Dinner is beer battered fish, French fries, Cole slaw and garlic bread. Dinner is \$12.



*Remember the Elks
is sponsoring a Fish
Fry at the Lodge on
Friday, April 28th!*

DO YOU ENJOY SHOPPING? We have a wonderful opportunity just for you! Each year, Lake Almanor Elks Christmas Angels raises money to provide warm winter clothing & gifts for Lake Almanor Basin families in need.

Once we identify our recipient families & receive their gift request list, we assign volunteer shoppers to fulfill these requests. Christmas Angels program provides \$175-\$200 per child, depending on our budget that year. We ask families to respond no later than mid November & assign shoppers shortly thereafter. We distribute gifts mid December so you should have 3-4 weeks to complete your shopping.

Many items are purchased online & some shoppers have been known to take a “girls overnight shopping excursion”...sounds like fun to me!

But wait, there's more...we hold a “wrap it up” party during distribution week where you can wrap to your hearts content with all the wrapping materials you need. We also take care of making sure families have their gifts in time for Christmas! How can you resist?

Interested?

Please contact Sherry Hunt @ huntmp35@gmail.com or 530-249-4733.



OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?

From the Secretary

Membership renewal is still in progress, so if you have not sent in your renewal, please do so. By the time you are reading this, the Early Bird sticker will no longer be available. If you want stickers on your membership card, donate to Purple Pig, ENF, Scholarship and Building Fund. There is not a sticker for the Veterans Fund, but who needs a sticker for supporting our Veterans. There is no late fee for sending in your dues after 4/1, but we have to pay your Per Capita fees to grand Lodge

The renewal sheet is attached. If you are unable to print the form, send in your check with your dues and I will take care of the rest. Please make sure you are looking at the correct form. The first one I sent out had an error, displaying \$125.00 as our annual dues. The current dues is \$130.00.

Just a reminder that if you do not have a new card by 4/1 you will not be allowed access to any Lodge.

Lodge Events RSVP

Some of our events in the future will be **RSVP** required. Not all, but some.

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From The Secretary Continued Lodge Events RSVP

Yes, we can set tables in the back room, but those people will have to move to the front room when the program starts. Please check your email and Facebook which is how the information will be disseminated. If you do not RSVP, you run the risk of not having a seat or food. There will be a specific email notifying you of where to send your response to. Thank you for your consideration.

Bud Wasson Lodge Secretary





Lake Almanor Lodge 2626 - Dues & Donations

Members have asked the question, what are my dues for and what are the various donations for? Here is an attempt at answering those questions.

Dues – These fees are in part what is used to keep our Lodge in the black. The other part of your dues goes to Grand Lodge for a per-capita fee, insurance, and publications. California Hawaii Elks also has a per-capita fee and finally our Northeast District has a per-capita fee. Our dues for the 2023-2024 Elk year will be \$130.00. Of that, \$37.50 gets paid to National, State and District, which means the Lodge only sees \$92.50 per member to keep the doors open.

Donations

ENF - Elks National Foundation. This is the part of the B.P.O.E. that contributes to things like Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness and Grants. Our goal is to achieve a \$10.00 per member donation rate. This year with a donation to ENF in the neighborhood of \$1100.00, we qualified for and received \$8500.00 in grants that helped support our 2 local Food Banks, Seneca Hospital Auxiliary, Almanor Foundation and our own Christmas Angels. Not a bad return on our investment.

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Purple Pig – This is the California Hawaii Elks Major Projects fund. By saving your loose change and feeding your PIG you are helping children of families in our communities get necessary assistance. This fund pays for medical professionals to diagnose and treat children with illnesses and disabilities. A PENNY A DAY HELPS CHILDREN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY. As of the end of January 2023 we have raised slightly over \$5000.00 from member donations. Our CHEA goal is \$4,500,000.00.

Veterans Fund – This is devoted to our Veterans. We use this fund to host our Veterans Dinner, purchase supplies for a Veteran in need and assist with medical needs. We will never forget our Veterans.

Scholarship – Your donations here go towards the Scholarships awarded to our local students for both College and Trade School educational expenses. The amount of the Scholarship award varies based on the quantity of applications and the funds available.

Building Fund – This fund is used for building maintenance and upkeep. It is also used to replace equipment and supplies necessary for the function of the Lodge. Things like kitchen appliances, flooring, chairs, tables and other equipment. This is not used to pay the utilities or other ongoing expenses.

I hope this helped. If you have any other questions, please contact any Officer of the Lodge.

