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"KEEP THE FIRE BURNING FOR ELKDOM"

Exalted Ruler's Message

As I write this on August 15th, our next special event is in the future when the CHEA State President, Lynn Glick and her entourage, will have brief lunch stop at our Lodge between touring Columbia and Railtown with our District Vice-president John Cale leading the group. At this point we are expecting 30-35 people in their group and an unknown number from Sonora. I will report on her visit next month.

We will also be having a Visitation Lodge meeting on October 14th when our DDGER Jim Akers, will visit us and audits and reports will be done. There will be a meal that evening as visitors from other Lodges will also attend More details will be forthcoming.

Hopefully we have had our share of fires for a while with the Dove Fire affecting Sonora, then the Gann fire about a week later affecting Calaveras County. Both fires were apparently caused by idiot humans and those people will be dealt with. Deanna and Myself got to camp out at the Lodge for 2 1/2 days before returning home and

Elk of the Month

My pick for Elk of the Month for June goes to our **Leading Knight Nick Njirich** . He stepped up for our July Lodge meeting in my absence due to representing our Lodge at Grand Lodge in Chicago. I heard reports from some members that he did a better job than me which I have duly noted for future reference. In his spare time, he also runs Njirich Construction where he is busy co-ordinating truck transport of various materials mainly for construction purposes. He is also a father of young children and coaches for their sports activities. Thank you Nick for all you do!
Skip Hoy P.E.R.
Exalted Ruler

Elks Family Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 13, 2026, our Lodge will be hosting a family Christmas Party.

Santa Clause will be there with some helpers. This is a new event for our Lodge, and we hope to see lots of kids of all ages. Parents, Grandparents, uncles, aunts, and anyone else who have kids, save this date for a holiday treat. More information will be forthcoming with the next few bulletins.



MAJOR PROJECT



Members & Guests,

This month's article will be short & sweet as I have only one donor to report. Our new member, Cynthia Doyle took possession of a Purple Pig at her Orientation and brought it back with coin at her Initiation. i know this because I saw, her yet uncounted, pig sitting on the Secretary's desk while signing vouchers. I'm also assuming that Linda Maddox delivered her usual monthly donation to the Purple Pig. Thank you both and I'll try to have a report next month.

The Pig Races which were to have taken place at our Friday "Cook Your Own Steak" meal were cancelled due to our Pigmaster Doug falling over backward in a chair and hitting his head the day before. He has now healed as he was at the Lodge doing his Esquire duties. He related that the pigs were so wound up waiting to race that they got loose and were creating some mayhem. A couple ended up near the Casino getting into mischief and others were misbehaving with other animals. Doug has vowed to round them up and install some dis-

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thankfully everything was miles away and unaffected. Autumn starts this month and most of us are looking forward to Fall again.

Thanks to all of you for your continued participation and support. See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally, Skip Hoy P.E.R./ E.R.

PASADENA ROSE PARADE FLOAT PINS 2026

I was handed some Pasadena Rose Parade float pins that are sold to help pay for the Elks annual float entry for 2027. The pins are $5.00 apiece. I will have these pins in my possession most times when I am at the Lodge. If you would like to purchase one of these pins, please contact me. I will have these pins till the end of November or until I run out. At that time I will be sending a final Lodge check and the remaining pins to the District Chair.

Fraternally, Skip Hoy P.E.R.,

Our Membership Box Score

Current Members 367
Life Members... 24
Candidates 1
Lodge Phone: 533-1587

SonoraElks1587@mlode.com
Hours: Monday-Thursday
10:00-2:00 pm

Christmas Tree

"Elks "will be entering the competition for non profits," CHRISTMAS TREES in COURT HOUSE park.."
And with the help of your vote ,we could win this year.....More information to come.

September 11, 2001

On this infamous date, 25 years ago, New York City's Twin Towers was destroyed, and about 5000 people died, including dozens of policemen and fire fighters. We would like to dedicate this prayer to all those brave souls who put their lives on the line to save others.
God of comfort and peace,
On this day of remembrance, we pause to honor the lives lost, the courage shown, and the love that endured in the face of tragedy.
Hold close the families who still feel the ache of absence. Strengthen the hearts of those who carry memories of that day. Bless the first responders, past and present, whose bravery reminds us of the best within humanity. Guide us toward unity when division tempts us, toward kindness when anger rises,and toward hope when fear tries to take root.
May we live in a way that honors the light of those we lost, choosing compassion over hatred,and peace over violence.
Amen.

House Committee:
Chairman: TBA,
Rudy White, Rod Ditler,
Benny Carrillo, Lisa Hedges,
Mark Leonard, Slim Markley,
Jake Jacobs, Jonnie Kellog

New Members

Our Lodge has two new members. Cynthia Doyle was initiated on August 12. Earl Kelly is a transfer from the Montery Lodge. Please welcome them to our Lodge when you see them.



cipline back into their routine and a future race will be implemented when their training is finalized. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, you can bring your Pigs in anytime and give it to a bartender, the office or myself. ALWAYS, ALWAYS put your name in or on it so we can properly acknowledge your donation. and pick up an empty one and give it a new home with you. There is a supply of fresh, hungry Pigs available in the Lobby or the East Lounge. A receipt will usually be mailed to you.

Remember, a coin a day & they'll walk, talk, see, & play!
Fraternally, Skip Hoy PER, E.R. & Purple Pig Chair

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PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION SONORA LODGE

I have scheduled a Past Exalted Rulers Association meeting for September 3, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Lodge Room to comply with our Constitution. I will send out a reminder unless I forget. Membership includes all P.E.R.'s and Past Head Trustee's. Only Members in good standing of the P,E.R. Association are invited to attend. An agenda will be sent separately and available at the meeting. The prime agenda items will be 2027-28 Officers. So start recruiting. Any items you wish to discuss, please contact me and I will list them.

Fraternally, Skip Hoy P.E.R. Association President/ Secretary

Sickness and Distress

1. **Member Jay Luchsinger** suffered a fall at this home recently and severely injured his back. He is currently mending at home.
2. **Member Don Parr** is home recovering from intestinal problems He was in the hospital for 4 days.
3. **Member Tom Newell P.E.R.** was in an accident while riding his motorcycle resulting in some broken ribs, and brusies and scratches. He was hospitalized after the accident.

IN MEMORIAM

Member and Mother Lode Camper Jim McCracken died suddenly at home in MiWuk on 7/22/26. He was 84 years old. Per his request, there will be no public Services.

September Birthdays

1. Brendt Noon
2. Wayne Callen, Jim Costello, Rob Edwards, Mike Freeman
3 - Eddie Conrado, Terry Parker, DaNell Gutierrez, Ronald Scott
4 - Richard Champlin
5- Patrick Ryan,
6 - Charles Morgan
8- Delbert Rotelli, Toni Richardson,
11- Robert Bettger, Daniel Everhart
13- Tom Curia, Marjorie Nath
14- Joseph Francis, Sharon Veuve
15- Mike Kinsley, Robert Mayben, Michelle Cobb
17- Jerry Usrey, Jim Brosnan
18- Mark Webb
19- Greg Gran, Dan Roberts
21- David Ballard, Barbara Bray
22- Eric Nelson
23- George Zoffman
24- Scot Harden, Albert Abreo
25- Joe Fulkerson, Robert Berg,
27- Andre McLoskey, Gary Johnson
28- Richard Aberle
29- George Oeh
30- William Morales , George Cocores



TACO THURSDAY



Build your Own- Taco Thursdays for August will be Thursday September 17, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost is $12 per person . The menu is ground round hamburger tacos, rice, beans.

Have a great margarita with your tacos. All profits will be donated to the Lodge for improvements. We need helpers, servers,and clean up. Contact Marg Nath if you would like to help.

BINGO AT THE SONORA ELKS LODGE !!!!



Bingo Night at the Lodge will be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

This month will be on September 1, 2026. Doors open at 5:00 pm & Bingo games will start at 6:00 pm.

Costs is a $12 buy in for lots of different games!

We will be serving Hot dogs, chili beans, chips & soda or water for $8.00.

Other goodies will be available.

The following members are late with paying their dues. You can pay your dues one of 3 ways:
Send a check to Sonora Elks Lodge #1587, PO Box 4376, Sonora, CA 95370 or bring a check or use a credit card at the Lodge, or you can pay by credit card over the phone by calling 209-533-1587 during business hours: Dues are $129.00

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Breuer, Albert
Callen, Wayne
Cribari, Edward K
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Gutierrez, DaNell
Harden, Scott
Herd, Allen
Hunter, Shirley
Legg, Ralph
Morgan Jr., Charles B
Oeh, George
Reich, Nathan Ryan
Silva, Anthony
Smith, James G
Smith, Kerry
Summitt, John D
Tassano, James A
Taylor, Thomas J
Thompson, Margaret
Wilson, David L

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Friday, September 25, 2024
By Holly and her Crew
BBQ PORK RIBS,
BEANS, CORN ON THE COB,
SALAD & ROLLS,
& A "SURPRISE" DESSERT
$25.00 PER PERSON
Doors open @ 5:00,
Dinner @ 6:30
R.S.V.P Please by 9/21/26
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2026-2027 OFFICERS

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Loyal Knight.....*Lisa Hedges*
Lecturing Knight .....*Mark Leonard*
Esquire .....*Doug Buck PER.*
Chaplain .....*Ruth Burke*
Inner Guard.....*Rod Ditler*
Tiler.....*Marg Nath*
Secretary.....*Mike Burke PER*
Treasurer .....*Marty Smith PER*
Vocalist .....Ruth Burke
Organist.....Madeline Young

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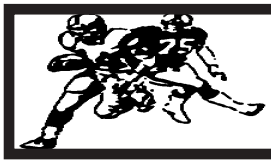
Club Managers:
Marty Smith Colleen Smalley

Book Keeper, Laura Franz

Lodge Auditor, Ron Copps,
Austin Davis, Jeff Wilson

Activities This Month

September 1 .....Bingo
September 8.....Trustees Meeting (6:00)
September 9 .....Lodge Meeting (no dinner) 7:00)
September 9..... House Committee (5:15)
September 17 .....Taco Night
September 25.....Friday Night Dinner



Monday Night Football

September 14 Denver @ Kansas City
September 21: New York @ LA Rams
September 28: Philadelphia @ Chicago
October 5: Atlanta @ New Orleans

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bingo	2	3 PER Meeting	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Lodge Closed	8 Trustees 6:00	9 Elks Meeting House Committee	10	11	12
13	14 Monday Night football	15	16	17 Taco Thursday	18	19
20	21 Monday Night football	22	23	24	25 Friday Night Dinner	26
27	28 Monday Night football	29	30	***East Lounge Open Monday Wednesday Thursday: 4 to 7 p.m.***		

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday- Sunday
October 2-4
Central District Jamboree
Lodi Loge
Tuesday October 6
Bingo Night
Monday, October 12
Columbus Day
Lodge Closed
Tuesday, October 13
Trustees Meeting
Wednesday October 14
Lodge Meeting
House Committe Meeting
Lodge Visitation
Thursday, October 15
Taco Night
Friday October 30
Friday Dinner TBA

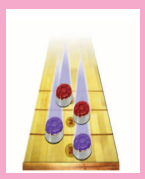
Dinners

Wednesday September 9
Meeting
No Dinner

Friday September 25
Dinner at 6:30

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		BINGO				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day Lodge Closed	Trustees 6:00	Lodge Meeting House Committee 5:15			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Monday Night Football			TACO NIGHT 6:30 pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Monday Night Football				Friday Dinner 6:00	
27	28	29	30			
	Monday Night Football					



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Closed on Tuesday, Friday



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