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**August 2026**

August is \$1 Initiation Month for our Lodge!



### August Events

|      |                                           |
|------|-------------------------------------------|
| 5th  | Family Night Dinner                       |
| 9th  | DD Clinic                                 |
| 10th | Cornhole                                  |
| 15th | Elvis Dinner & Show, Car Show, Craft Fair |
| 17th | Cornhole                                  |
| 20th | Members Night Dinner                      |
| 21th | Bunco                                     |
| 24th | Cornhole                                  |
| 26th | Line Dancing                              |

### Monthly Meetings

|        |                                                       |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Aug 6  | 6 pm Activities Meeting                               |
| Aug 12 | 6 pm Trustee Meeting                                  |
| Aug 13 | 7 pm Lodge Meeting                                    |
| Aug 27 | 6 pm House Meeting<br>7 pm Lodge Meeting & Initiation |
| Aug 28 | CHEA President Visit<br>Merced                        |



# Exalted Ruler Message

## Greetings and Salutations to All

We continue to make strides in cleaning up the Lodge. Please take a look at the office area. Major thanks to Rick Nogueria for the work there. Also many thanks to Mary Rocha, Robert and Sara Orneallas for helping in the other lodge areas. Still more to come. Many, many thanks to Zelig Nogueria for helping out in the office sorting through and organizing all that is there!

We initiated five new members this month, please welcome DanaLynn Galvin, Ron Bessette, Tom Corliss, Don Johnson, and Torrence Freeze. More new members are arriving. At the lodge meeting we voted on a new Lodge Secretary, Zelig Nogueria and a new Treasurer, Kathy Nelson.

I am still looking for Accounting and Audit people to fill a required Committee. I had a great time in Chicago at the National Convention. I saw Jim Akers take the Oath of Office to be our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and the Installation of Tim Yeager as this year's Grand Exalted Ruler. If you are ever in Chicago, make a stop of the Elks National Monument.

With sorrow in the telling, The lodge had a member pass this month. Steve Scherrer had been a member for the past 17 years. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the west, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message: "To Out Absent Members."

Lets continue to work together to make the Tracy Elks Lodge #2031 a shining star in our galaxy of Elkdom. I encourage you to practice the BPOE principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Looking forward to seeing you around the lodge and at an upcoming meeting.

God Bless and keep well.  
Fraternally yours,

Dave Dellenback  
Exalted Ruler



## Leading Knight Corner

By Michael Sciortino

### Recognizing Our Lodge Volunteers

This month, I would like to take a moment to discuss the important jobs performed by many of our lodge volunteers and recognize the work they do—not only in front of our members, but also behind the scenes. Our lodge depends heavily on volunteers. Every dinner, event, meeting, rental, and activity requires people willing to give their time and effort to help make it successful. Here are just a few of the many volunteer roles that help keep our lodge running:



### Kitchen Volunteers

Our kitchen volunteers help with food preparation, cooking, serving, and cleaning the kitchen after meals and events. Please remember that anyone who is preparing or cooking food must have the required Food Handler's certification.

### Bartenders

Our volunteer bartenders do much more than simply serve drinks. They help stock and maintain the bar, prepare and serve beverages, and also serve as an additional set of eyes and ears when it comes to the safety and security of our lodge.

### Event Workers

Event workers are the volunteers who help make our activities run smoothly. They may assist with greeting and welcoming members and guests, providing security or parking control, setting up tables and chairs, helping with raffles, collecting dinner payments, and performing many other tasks that are necessary during an event.

### Committee Members

Committee members are often the people behind the planning and organization of our lodge activities. They may be responsible for organizing, coordinating, delegating, and helping oversee specific events, programs, or activities.

### Members Who Help with Maintenance

Mike Hughes serves as our handyman and maintenance person. If you notice something that needs immediate attention, please bring it to Mike's attention or notify a lodge officer so that the issue can receive the proper attention and repairs as quickly as possible. Please also remember: **Do not take it upon yourself to throw things away or move items without first asking.** Some items may be needed for a specific event or may be stored in a particular location for a reason. If you have questions about something, please text, call, or ask before removing or relocating it.

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**READY ELKS – LET'S GO!**

|                  |                  |              |                 |                     |              |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Exalted Ruler    | Dave Dellenback  | 916-388-4930 | Tiler           | Gustavo Covarrubias | 209-879-3868 |
| Leading Knight   | Mike Sciortino   | 209-815-1499 | Procurement     | Mike Sciortino      | 209-815-1499 |
| Loyal Knight     | Vicki Chambers   | 209-610-1347 | Custodian       | Mike Hughes         | 209-275-7918 |
| Lecturing Knight | Kari Murray      | 530-559-0939 | Lodge Rentals   | Kiona Fitch         | 209-972-1245 |
| Secretary        | Zelie Nogueira   | 209-814-5263 | RV Park Manager | Kari & Al Murray    | 350-355-2931 |
| Treasure         | Kathy Nelson     |              |                 |                     |              |
| Esquire          | Les Rowe         | 209-665-6448 |                 |                     |              |
| Chaplain         | Kalani Schreiner | 209-321-5431 |                 |                     |              |
| Inner Guard      | Diane Edwards    | 209-666-0906 |                 |                     |              |

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

|          |                  |              |
|----------|------------------|--------------|
| 1st Year | Jerry Nicolaisen | 925-980-7798 |
| 2nd Year | Jim Akers DDGER  | 209-607-7212 |
| 3rd Year | Mary Rocha       | 209-409-4784 |
| 4th Year | Rick Nogueira    | 209-639-5452 |
| 5th Year | Cathy Knox       | 209-834-7146 |

#### **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**

|                        |                                      |                              |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Accident Prevention    | Alan Keigley, PER /<br>Rick Nogueira | 209-985-6166<br>209-639-5452 |
| Activities             | Les Rowe, PER                        | 209-665-6448                 |
| Americanism            | Vaughn Gates, PER                    | 209-835-3602                 |
| Auditing               | Pat Stoller                          | 408-234-9132                 |
| BLT                    | Dave Dellenback                      | 916-388-4930                 |
| Business Practices     | VACANT                               |                              |
| Drug Awareness         | Vaughn Gates, PER                    | 209-835-3602                 |
| ENF                    | Dave Dellenback                      | 916-388-4930                 |
| Flag Day               | Dave Dellenback                      | 916-388-4930                 |
| Gov't Relations        | Dave Dellenback                      | 916-388-4930                 |
| Historian              | Les Rowe, PER                        | 209-665-6448                 |
| Hoop Shoot             | Trevor Nunes                         |                              |
| Investigation          | Steve Thatcher                       | 209-637-6663                 |
| Jamboree               | Alan Keigley, PER                    | 209-985-6166                 |
| Lodge Activities       | Les Rowe, PER                        | 209-665-6448                 |
| Major Project          | Les Rowe                             | 209-665-6448                 |
| Mediator               | Vaughn Gates, PER                    | 209-835-3602                 |
| Membership/Lapsation   | Dessaray Rodriguez                   | 209-808-1603                 |
| Memorial Day           | Vicki Chambers/<br>Kari Murray       | 209-610-1347<br>530-559-0939 |
| Nat'l Veterans Service | Jim Akers, AVP, PER                  | 209-607-7212                 |
| Orientation            | Steve Thatcher                       | 209-637-6663                 |
| PER Assoc. President   | Steve Thatcher                       | 209-637-6663                 |
| Public Relations       | Mike Sciortino                       | 209-815-1499                 |
| Scholarships           | Vaughn Gates, PER                    | 209-835-3602                 |
| Scouting               | Michael Sciortino                    | 209-815-1499                 |
| Youth Activities       | Ken Riley                            |                              |
| Presiding Justice      | Susan Albertoni, PER                 | Merced                       |

**Beginning Membership 4/1/26 320**

#### **IN**

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Initiated  | 11 |
| Affiliated | 0  |
| Reinstated | 2  |

**Total added to Roll 13**

#### **OUT**

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Absolute Dimit | 0  |
| Transfer Dimit | 2  |
| Deceased       | 5  |
| Dropped        | 18 |

**Total dropped from Roll 25**

**Total Members as of 7/28/2026 308**

**Net Membership Gain/Loss - 12**

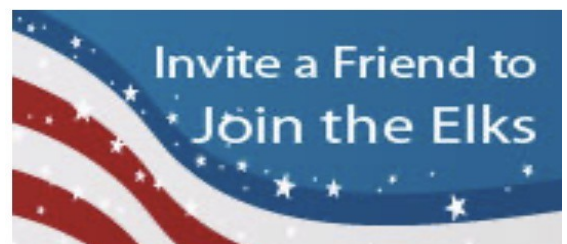
**Life Members 16**

**Honorary Life Members 0**

**Total 1 year in arrears 11**

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Waiting to read at next lodge meeting | 1        |
| Waiting for Investigation             | 0        |
| Waiting for Balloting                 | 1        |
| Waiting for Orientation               | 3        |
| Waiting for Reinstatement             | 0        |
| Waiting for Initiation                | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>5</b> |

## Invite a friend!



**Family & Member Dinner Hours:** Doors open @ 5 pm Dinner @6:30

Price: Family Night \$18 per person Members Night \$20 per person

**August 2026**

| SUNDAY                                             | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                          | THURSDAY                                               | FRIDAY                                                      | SATURDAY                               |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                    |                                            |         |                                                                    |                                                        |                                                             | 1<br>Rental                            |
| 2<br>Rental                                        | 3                                          | 4       | 5<br>Family Night<br>Dinner Chicken<br>Thighs, Pesto<br>Pasta, Veg | 6<br>Activities Meeting<br>6 pm                        | 7                                                           | 8                                      |
| 9<br>DD Clinic 9:30<br>CD PER<br>11:30<br>Stockton | 10<br>Cornhole<br>Doors 5:30<br>Games 6:30 | 11      | 12<br>Trustee Meeting<br>6 pm                                      | 13<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7 pm                            | 14                                                          | 15<br>Car Show<br>Craft Faire<br>Elvis |
| 16                                                 | 17<br>Cornhole<br>Doors 5:30<br>Games 6:30 | 18      | 19                                                                 | 20<br>Members Night<br>Dinner BBQ Ribs,<br>Baked Beans | 21<br>Bunco Doors<br>Open 5:30 pm<br>Game 6:30 pm<br>Theme: | 22                                     |
| 23                                                 | 24<br>Cornhole<br>Doors 5:30<br>Games 6:30 | 25      | 26<br>Enchilada Dinner<br>5:30 pm<br>Line Dancing<br>7 pm          | 27<br>House Meeting<br>6 pm<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7 pm   | 28<br>CHEA President<br>Visit-Merced                        | 29<br>CHEA President<br>Visit-Merced   |
| 30<br>CHEA Presi-<br>dent Visit-<br>Merced         | 31                                         |         |                                                                    |                                                        |                                                             |                                        |

**September 2026**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                    | THURSDAY                                             | FRIDAY                                            | SATURDAY      |
|--------|--------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|
|        |                                            | 1       | 2<br>Family Night<br>Dinner  | 3<br>Activities Meeting<br>6 pm                      | 4                                                 | 5             |
| 6      | 7<br>Labor Day                             | 8       | 9<br>Trustee Meeting<br>6 pm | 10<br>DDGER Visit<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7pm            | 11                                                | 12            |
| 13     | 14                                         | 15      | 16                           | 17<br>Members Night<br>Dinner                        | 18<br>Bunco Doors<br>Open 5:30 pm<br>Game 6:30 pm | 19<br>Rental? |
| 20     | 21<br>Cornhole<br>Doors 5:30<br>Games 6:30 | 22      | 23                           | 24<br>House Meeting<br>6 pm<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7 pm | 25                                                | 26            |
| 27     | 28<br>Cornhole<br>Doors 5:30<br>Games 6:30 | 29      | 30                           |                                                      |                                                   |               |

## Lodge 2031 Newest Members



Welcome New Members:

Pictured with  
ER Dave Dellenback  
(left to right)

Tom Corliss, Ron Bessette,  
Daralynn Galvin, Torrence  
Freese , and Don Johnston

*Say hello when you see  
them around the lodge!*



## Bunco

Western Hoe Down  
themed bunco was  
July's theme. Here are  
the winners after a fun  
filled evening of friends  
and delectable food.  
See flyer in newsletter  
for info about August  
Bunco!





August is \$1 Initiation Month for our Lodge!

### *From the Secretary's Desk ...*

Please continue to sign up on line for dinners or call the office at least 24 hours prior to the event.

We still have 11 member who have not paid their dues. We would hate to lose you from our Lodge—please pay as soon as possible or call the office for assistance.

Thank you to the many members for your donations. They continue to improve our lodge and help us do the good work that we do

Propose a friend or family member during \$1 initiation fee month.

Lots going on around the lodge, join in when you can. See you around the lodge.

# Family NIGHT DINNER

AT THE  
**TRACY ELKS LODGE #2031**

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 5, 2026**

**DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM**

**DINNER SERVED 6:30 PM**

**\$18.00 PER PERSON**  
SALES TAX INCLUDED

**MENU**  
★ Chicken Thighs ★  
★ Pesto Pasta ★  
★ Veggies ★  
★ Salad ★  
★ Bread ★

MAKE RESERVATIONS  
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# TRACY ELKS LODGE #2031

## Members Night Dinner

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**THURSDAY  
AUGUST 20TH  
2026**

**DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM**

**DINNER SERVED 6:30 PM**

**CHEF ERIN IS COOKING AGAIN!**

**MENU**  
★ BBQ Ribs ★  
★ Baked Beans ★  
★ Corn On The Cob ★  
★ Watermelon ★  
★ Potato Salad ★

**\$20.00 PP**  
SALES TAX INCLUDED

★ TO MAKE RESERVATIONS ★  
CALL: 209-835-4413  
EMAIL: tracyelks@gmail.com

★ TRACY ELKS LODGE #2031—BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY ★

# THE TRACY ELKS LODGE INVITES YOU TO

## BUNCO NIGHT Disco Fever

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST**

**DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM**

**BUNCO STARTS 6:30 PM**

**\$12.00 TO PLAY**

**POT LUCK**  
Bring a Dish to Share!

**BAR WILL BE OPEN**

★ ★ LET'S ROLL, BABY! ★ ★

HOSTED BY  
**Vicki Chambers & Mary Rocha**

CALL 209-835-4413 TO RSVP

# COUNTRY LINE DANCING

## With Lessons!

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 26TH, 2026**

★ DANCE LESSONS & FUN ★

**\$12.00 PER PERSON**

**DINNER STARTS AT 5:30**

**DANCING 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**ENCHILADA DINNER**  
★ with Rice and Beans ★  
**\$8.00**  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

**BAR WILL BE OPEN!**

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★ TRACY ELKS LODGE ★  
★ TRACY, CALIFORNIA ★  
★ ALL ARE WELCOME! ★

## August BIRTHDAYS

01 Michael Brenkwitz  
01 Joseph Terra  
03 Kuupua Costa  
03 Gustavo Covarrubias  
04 Phillip Blach  
04 Alvin Perry  
05 Anne Langley  
05 Zelié Nogueira  
06 Claude Flucas  
11 Wayne Kampfen  
11 Linda Pastrokas  
14 Diane Edwards  
14 Emily Knox  
14 Robert Ornellas  
14 Michael Swanson  
15 James Alves  
15 Russell Bender  
15 Kris Gedney  
15 Robert Tanner  
16 Guy Martínez  
17 John Brueland  
19 Sandra Agee  
19 Gregory Eaglin  
19 Ken Riley  
20 Don Laurenti  
20 Alfred Perio  
21 David Agee  
21 Cathy Knox  
21 Timothy Wilson  
22 James New  
22 Steve Thatcher  
22 Donald Volden  
25 Caroline Gott  
25 Gilbert Rodrigues  
26 Jesse Holguin  
27 Eugene Mullen  
30 Rosemary Hallatt  
31 Albert Murray

Happy Birthday!

**REMEMBER:**

Your free birthday meal is only on

**Family Night!**

Call the Office or Register On-line



### **August is National Make A Will Month. Remember the Charitable Work of the Elks in Your Estate Plan**

A recent article reports that 50% of Americans do not have an estate plan and at their deaths their assets pass according to state law. Wouldn't you prefer to decide what happens to your assets?

If so, consider creating an estate plan. When you do so, please also consider including a gift to support to support children served by the California Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, Inc.

If you need help getting started, contact our lodge BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson, your ER, Dave Dellenback.

## July 2026 Winners Corner

**Family Night:** Chriss Bliss, Gerald Butchko, Denise Villierme, Cathy Knox

**Members Night:** Donna Brocks, Frank Campbell, Doris Go

**Free Dinner Drawing Winners:** Sharon Thatcher

**Member drawing:** George Briggs was not present so drawing rolls over to next month. Come to Family Night for your chance to win the member drawing (must be present to win).

### ***ENF Per Capita for 2026/27***

Is

\$5.25 per member or

**\$ 1,680 for the lodge**

***Ready Elks—Let's Go!***

## What is ENF?

ENF stands for the Elks National Foundation, which is the official charitable arm of the Elks. This funding helps local lodges build stronger communities by funding our community investment program and providing grants to local lodges. Every dollar raised equals more than a dollar coming back to the local lodges. Consider signing up for a once time donation or monthly recurring donation.

In Memorium:

Steve Scherrer

Initiated: Oct 28, 2010

Passed: JULY 22, 2026

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. To our Absent Members, Elks are never forgotten!



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## Leading Knight Corner By Michael Sciortino

### Setup and Cleanup Volunteers

For rentals, Mike Hughes and his crew handle the setup and teardown. This service is paid for by the renter. For lodge dinners, Mike usually handles the setup, but lodge members can assist if a particular setup or arrangement is desired. Members also commonly help with cleanup and teardown after the event. For Cornhole and Bunco events, the organizer is generally responsible for setup, decorations, and teardown.

There are many other volunteer positions and responsibilities throughout our lodge, and these are just a few of the main ones. If you have questions about any of these volunteer positions—or would like to learn how you can help—please feel free to ask your Exalted Ruler, lodge officers, bartenders, maintenance personnel, committee members, or any other lodge volunteer.

### Teamwork makes the dream work!

Next month, I will be talking about a challenge I would like to make to all of you: 30, 60, 90 DAYS OF DONATIONS!!! Stay tuned!



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