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The Elks Horn

Livermore/Pleasanton Elks Lodge No 2117

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Celebrating 67 years of serving our Tri-Valley community 1959-2026

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Interested in submitting an article for submission into the monthly newsletter? Please remember that all material is due no later than the 15th of the month. Send all articles to John Lozano



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Regards, John Lozano, PER
and Newsletter Editor

MEETING NIGHTS

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each
month (1st Tuesday only in July,
August and December).

Social Lounge Opens: 5:00 PM

Dinner Served: 6:00 PM

Meeting Commence: 7:00 PM



Elks National Foundation

Founded in 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. More than 90 years after Then-National President John F. Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ENF continues to untie all Elks in service to their communities. The ENF mission is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, as well as support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities. We accomplish this through Hoop Shoot, MVS Scholarships, National Veterans Services, CIP Grants and many more programs.

To Donate today, go to Elks.org/ENF/supportENF or contact Brenda Harris for more details.



LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON
ELKS LODGE NO. 2117

DDGER Visitation

★ PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING ★

DDGER JIM AKERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

TRI TIP DINNER

Served with
Baked Potatoes
and Salad

\$30 PP

RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED



Scan to
RESERVE YOUR
SEAT TODAY!



LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON
ELKS LODGE NO. 2117
940 LARKSPUR DR
LIVERMORE, CA 94551

Elks Care. Elks Share. ♥



4:30 PM
BAR OPENS



5:00 PM
APPETIZERS



6:00 PM
DINNER



7:00 PM
MEETING

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELKS Luau - September 5th
Cook YOUR own Steak Night - September 11th
Music BINGO - September 18th
Old School BINGO - September 22nd
Taco & Tequila Night - September 29th
Octoberfest - October 10th
Pleasanton Chamber Mixer Party - October 14th
Holiday Boutique - November 14th
ELKS Holiday Party December 18th

Don't Forget, we have LODGE RV Parking Available

Enjoy Parking your RV at one of our 3 hookups sites
(First come First served)

- Electric: 30/50 Amp Electric, provided by newly installed pedestals
- Dump Station
- Water
- Fee: \$35/night. Maximum stay: 3 nights.



Address: 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA. 94550



Larkspur Event Center
Tri Valley's Hidden Gem

At the
Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge



2026-2027 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

Linda Vigil – Exalted Ruler

Nita Ohlhauser - Esteemed Leading
Knight

Brett Burau – Esteemed Loyal Knight

Marvin Bryant – Esteemed Lecturing
Knight

Marci Hernandez – Secretary

Carolyn Woodson – Treasurer

Linda Valenty – Esquire

Jaime McKean – Chaplain

Rhonda Berg – Inner Guard

Sandra Ashburn – Tiler

Michael Berg – 1 Year Trustee

Sherry White – 2 Year Trustee

Michael Peel – 3 Year Trustee

Timothy Brophy – 4 Year Trustee

Michael Gordon – 5 Year Trustee &
“Head Trustee”



In Our Thoughts & Hearts

Life brings moments of joy... and moments when we need a little extra kindness. That's why our Chaplain is here — "to reach out with thoughtful cards of comfort, encouragement, and celebration."

We continue to pray for:

Mark Belmesseiri's Mother

Linda Valenty's Mother & Father

Marvin Bryant's Mother

Mel Robles Family

Rhonda Berg

Mike Peel

Don Perry

Rick Lydon's wife

Walt Getz, PDDGER of Modesto#1282



FROM THE **Exalted Ruler** Linda Vigil

Greetings my Fellow Elks!

I can't believe that summer is coming to an end, but I hope all enjoyed time with Family and Friends! Moving forward, August was a busy month with lots of events being held at the lodge.

On Tuesday August 4th, National Night Out was held at the lodge which we also had a hamburger dinner and celebrated July and August birthdays. Our very own Livermore Police and Livermore Fire Departments stopped by the lodge, enabling members to visit them. We even had a couple of neighbors stop by the lodge, which were greeted by Linda Valenty, PDDGER. She gave them a little history about the Elks. We also initiated 3 new members (Dennis Bennett, Katherine Bennett and Juliette Schenone) on the 4th and with DDGER Jim Akers in attendance.

I'd like to Thank Jaime McKean who chaired this event and did a wonderful job promoting what the Elk's do. Also, a Thank you to Mike Gordon, Head Trustee, who the grilled the burgers, and to those members that prepared all the sides.

Lastly, we had Elvis come to our Lodge. It was a very successful event with 70 in attendance. It could not have happened without the chairpersons of Patty Pollett, Sherry White, Sandra Ashburn, Carolyn Woodson and Marily Elwood. All your Hard Work paid off!

I am looking forward to September when our DDGER, Jim Akers, celebrates his visitation on Tuesday September 1st. There is going to be a special dinner that night, so don't forget to make your reservation for dinner. The Luau is also coming our way on Saturday the 5th. This is always a fun event with delicious food and entertainment.

Another upcoming event is "Cook Your Own Steak" on Friday September 11th!! This ought to be a Good One! Please come out and support this summer dinner.

Don't forget JAMBOREE, which is coming up in October, on the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd. We are looking for members that want to participate in a few challenges such as Chili Cook-off, Cupcake Contest and Rib Challenge. If this is something that you are interested in, please reach out to our secretary and let her know so we can get you connected with the right folks. The annual JAMBOREE has always been a fun event with all our Central Districts Lodges getting together!

The theme this year from our new Grand Exalted Ruler Ready Elks Let's Go!!!

Fraternally, Linda Vigil, ER

Dear Members,

As we welcome September, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is looking forward to the activities and fellowship that the new month brings.

Thank you to all our members who continue to volunteer their time, support our lodge, and participate in our events. Your dedication and involvement are what make our Elks family strong.

I recently mailed out "Yellow" Jamboree tickets. Please support our Central District Jamboree by purchasing these tickets. Complete/Fill in your name and lodge number and return them to the lodge office along with payment. There will be 40 opportunities to win a basket at JAMBOREE on Saturday, October 3rd at the Lodi Lodge #1900. You do not need to be present to win! Winning baskets will be brought to our lodge, and you will be contacted if you are a lucky winner.

Please keep an eye on the Lodge calendar and announcements for upcoming meetings, new and exciting activities and fundraisers. We encourage everyone to stay involved and invite fellow members to join us whenever possible.

Let's make September a month filled with friendship, service, and pride in our lodge and the Elk Organization. Fraternally

Fraternally, Your Lodge Secretary

Marci Hernandez



Elks Care — Elks Share

★ COOK YOUR OWN ★
STEAK
Night

WE'RE HEATING UP THE GRILL FOR A GRILL YOUR OWN STEAK NIGHT!

 **TOP SIRLOIN**
 PROVIDED BY THE LODGE

 ACCOMPANIED BY
 BAKED POTATO AND CORN ON THE COB

\$ \$28 PP

SEPT 11, 2026

 **★ 6PM AT ★**
LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON ELKS LODGE
 940 LARKSPUR DR
 LIVERMORE, CA

★ ALL STEAKS MUST BE PAID FOR BY SEPT 7th ★

★ ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS FUND ★



Scan for more info!



Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117

Hawaiian Luau

join us
September 5th

Doors open at 5:00
Dinner at 6:00
Traditional Hawaiian Feast
Live Entertainment at 7:00
Cost \$40 (includes all relevant taxes)

Larkspur Event Center
 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore 94551
 (925)455-8829 RSVP by September 1st



Livermore-Pleasanton
 Elks Lodge #2117

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

November 14th
10AM - 3PM

Unique Ceramics
 Artisan Woodworks
 Beautiful Jewelry
 Candles & Scents
 Baked Goodies
 Creative Holiday Decor
 3-D Toys

Larkspur Event Center
 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore
 for info: patpollett@gmail.com



LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON
ELKS LODGE #2117

TACO & TEQUILA
TASTING NIGHT

Good Food. Great Tequila. Great Cause!

SUPPORTING
PURPLE PIG!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

 **6:00 PM**
 TEQUILA TASTING

 **6:30 PM**
 DINNER

\$20 DINNER ONLY
 (Full bar open for alternative libations)

\$40 DINNER, TEQUILA TASTING & 1 MADE-FROM-SCRATCH MARGARITA

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

 SCAN FOR DINNER ONLY

 SCAN FOR DINNER, TEQUILA TASTING & MARGARITA



BINGO is ALWAYS
4th Tuesday of each
month! (2026 Dates)

September 22nd



October 27th

November 24th

December 22nd



To our membership- I would like to acknowledge the following members for supporting this Lodge by volunteering to work parking during the Livermore Rodeo in June. You volunteered despite the fact that there was a brutal heatwave that weekend:

My gratitude goes to Linda Vigil, David Hill, Ellen Hill, Tom Kroll, Mike Berg, Bret Burau, Laurie Kerr, Barbara Harrington, Adam Sadowy. Michael Bockover, Lionel Schmidt, Roy Warner, Brian Ross, Dave Chesterman, Sherry White, Tim Brophy (& his wife Linda), Jeff Gill, Don Cross, Andrew Webber, Dave Dillon, Sandra Ashburn (& her husband John) & Linda Valente. Rhonda and Mike Berg picked up the sandwiches for the volunteers. Because of member Nita Ohlhauser we had 5 Brentwood young adults help with parking. We also received the support of one "Mother-Son" team, Valerie and Elliott (thanks to member Sandee McNeil). We received several compliments from the Rodeo Commission for our efforts this year.

It is due to the support of volunteers that this Lodge continues to prosper. Again- I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who volunteered their time and efforts.



Rodeo Chairperson, Terry Stillwell



The future of Elkdom won't happen by accident.

It begins when each of us decides to invite, mentor, volunteer, and lead.

Together, we've grown our Order by more than 65,000 members over the past five years.

Now it's time for the next chapter. Help Livermore Pleasanton Lodge GROW!

Ready Elks, LET'S GROW.

Thanks to these 3 members who have helped grow this lodge!

Jaime McKean:

- Jezebel DeAndrade (Initiated: 05/19/2026)
- Juliette Schenone (Initiated: 08/04/2026)
- Kris Kerstetter (Initiated: 05/19/2026)
- Shannon Kerstetter (Initiated: 05/19/2026)

Marci L Hernandez

- Colleen Myrick (Initiated: 05/19/2026)
- Denise Bonds (Initiated: 04/20/2026)
- Jessica Schieve (Initiated: 05/19/2026)
- Lenny Myrick (Initiated: 04/20/2026)

Terry Stillwell

- Dennis Patrick Bennett (Initiated: 08/04/2026)
- Katherine Sue Bennett (Initiated: 08/04/2026)

New Candidates

New Member Candidates

To be Initiated on September 15, 2026

James Tonne	Proposed by Marvin Bryant
Jill Lauffer	Proposed by Marvin Bryant

Candidates Read on the Floor

Tuesday August 4, 2026

Arnoldo Avalos	Proposed by Sandee McNeil
Alma Avalos	Proposed by Sandee McNeil
Deanna Wohlrab	Proposed by Thomas Montgomery
David Wohlrab	Proposed by Thomas Montgomery
David Debus	Proposed by Rusty Russell
Sandra Russell	Proposed by Rusty Russell

Candidates to be Read on the Floor

(waiting on Orientation)

Tuesday July 14, 2026

Greta Turner	Proposed by Jaime McKean
Gabriel Pinon	Proposed by Jose Villagomez III – from Modesto Lodge

Request for Life Membership Read on the Floor 8/04/2026

Neil Hopler – Member since 1991 – 37 years

We will vote on 9/01/2026

Re-instatement to be read at the 9/01 meeting

Richard Ward – 15 years – would like to re-instate



Save the Date!

**CENTRAL DISTRICT
JAMBOREE**

OCTOBER 2 & 3

LODI ELKS LODGE

FRIDAY
Activities and Dinner

SATURDAY
Lodges will compete in
CHILI AND RIB COOK OFFS
and all are invited to PARTICIPATE IN THE CUPCAKE CONTEST!

SATURDAY
Breakfast, Lunch Awards Dinner & Raffle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!!

Nyoka Marie Corley
Bonnie Mattei
Robert M Rochin
Phillip Fleschler
Brenda Harris
Maria Dolores Sanchez
Janice L Brown
Michael Gordon
Scott McKean
Nicole Phillips
Norma Marks
Carolyn Woodson

Marilyn R Elwood
Daniel Gomez-Martinez
Michael Berg
Elden Ables
Thomas J Montgomery
Malcolm McNeil
Peter Zamora
Roselyn Boddington
Troy Lewis
Owen F Parker
Richard F Palmer
Elias Pico

Lodging In Lodi

Lodi Host Hotel

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Lodi Block reserved.

\$135 King Bed or Double Queen + tax/occupancy (~\$147/night)

Hilton Honors members can book online. Use QR code or
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/scklohx-hampton-suites-lodi/>



Click "Special Rates" and enter Group Code: CDJ

Cut-off date for special pricing/room block is **September 17, 2026**

You may call the hotel directly to book, (209) 369-2700

Hotel Address: 1337 South Beckman Rd. Lodi, CA95240

If you require a Suite, please call the hotel directly. There is a small upcharge for suites and they must be booked directly with the hotel. These types of rooms go quickly, so please do not wait to call.

Complimentary Breakfast served daily.

ELKS Lodge RV Parking

The RV Park is full. Please email Lynette Estep if you would like to be put on the waiting list.

Red Hawk CASINO

Join Us For A BUS TRIP

October 10th

♥ ♣ ♦ ♠

\$55.00 per person

Price Includes:

- \$20 Casino play
- \$5 food voucher
- On Bus snack bag
- Beverages

Itinerary:

- 9am Departs
- 940 Lakespur Dr Livermore
- 11am Arrive at Casin
- 6pm Depart from Casino
- 8pm Arrive back in Livermore

Hosted by
Crystal & Kenny
925-453-1580

Money Due by September 10th

The **BLT** Commitment Trust

2026-2027 LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	David Hill (925-699-8533) & Timothy Brophy(925-640-0400)
Activities Committee	Jaime McKean (925-382-4907)
Community Projects & Activities	Jaime McKean (925-382-4907)
Drug Awareness	Kyle Pacheco (925-584-0844)
Hoop Shoot	Michael Gordon (925-784-3029)
Mother's Day	Linda Valenty (925-351-3229)
Public Relations	John Lozano (510-506-3594)
Youth Activities	Nita Olhauser (925-667-5287)
Fraternal Committee	
Americanism	Timothy Brophy (925-640-0400)
ELKS Memorial Day	Linda Valenty (925-351-3229)
Elks National Foundation	Brenda Harris (925-519-5155)
Flag Day	Jaime McKean (925-382-4907)
Lodge Activities	Jaime McKean (925-382-4907)
Membership	John Lozano (510-506-3594)
Investigations	Sandee McNeil & Darlene Crane
Orientation	John Lozano (510-506-3594)
Veterans Service	Vacant
Auditing & Accounting	
Auditing & Accounting	Brenda Harris (925-519-5155)
Bequest & Living Trust	Linda Valenty (925-351-3229)
Business Practices	Linda Valenty (925-351-3229)
Elks Training	Vacant
Government Relations	Marilyn Elwood (925-784-3096)
Historian	Vacant
Jamboree Representative	Nita Olhauser (925-667-5287)
Lapsation	John Lozano (510-506-3594) & Marci Hernandez
PER Association President	Linda Valenty (925-351-3229)
Ritualistic	Linda Valenty (925-351-3229)
Scholarship	Andrea McCarthy (925-337-6482)
Standing Relief	Linda Vigil (510-579-4875)
State Major Project	Nita Olhauser (925-667-5287)

VETERANS of 2117

Elden Ables
 William Anderson
 Alan Bell
 Dennis Bennett
 Michael Berg
 William Biehl
 Paul Biery
 Michael Butterfield
 Fred Camunez
 Riley Carver
 Lonnie Chase
 Roger Choate
 David Cowin
 George Ellenberger
 David Elms
 Phillip Fleschler
 Michael Gordon
 Steve Greene
 Peter Halver
 Robert Harrower
 Alfonso Hernandez
 Patrick Judge
 Byron Kitt
 William Kleist
 Jeffrey Knobbe
 Troy Lewis
 Carlton Loggins
 Malcolm McNeil
 Gilbert Moomau
 Owen Parker
 Steven Paulson
 Michael Peel
 Don Perry
 Robert Rochin
 Ruediger Roenick
 Brian Ross
 Adam Sadowy
 David Sanchez
 Kenneth Stansell
 James Taylor
 Robert Tucknott
 Frederick Volking
 Roy Warner
 Gordon White
 Darryl Worcester

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A BARTENDER



We are looking for "Rental Event/Special Event bartenders" w/ experience for pay.

We are also looking for "Volunteer bartenders" with a desire to learn more bartending skills or those who want to sharpen their skills while supporting the lodge.

If you are interested, please reach out to Terry Stillwell, bar steward.
Email: barstewardelks2117@gmail.com



Office Information

Hours: Monday thru Friday

11:00 am to 3:00 PM

Office Number: 925-455-8829

Email Address:

secretary21117@comcast.net



Our very own Jaime McKean visiting Oceano Five Cities Elks lodge. She had the honor of meeting one of their most remarkable members, Alvin Hicks, 101 years young, a proud WWII veteran, and a dedicated Elk who still comes to the Lodge every single night.

Just another example of sharing stories about Livermore Pleasanton Lodge 2117.



Membership/Lapsation Report Livermore-Pleasanton, CA Lodge 2117

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2026: 237

Increases

Initiated:	12
Affiliated:	0
Reinstated:	0
Subtotal:	12

Decreases

Dropped:	9
Transferred Out:	1
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths:	2
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	12
Calculated Membership Total:	237
CLMS Active Members:	237
Average Age:	68.41
Gain/Loss:	0

Delinquency

Six Months:	10
One Year:	0
Over One Year:	0
Total:	10
Lapsation Rate:	4.22%

Applications on Hand

Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	1
In the hands of the investigating committee:	6
Ready for balloting:	2
Ready for Orientation:	0
Ready for Initiation:	2
Ready for Affiliation:	0
Ready for Reinstatement:	0
Other:	0
Total:	11

Life Members

Life Members:	10
Honorary Life Members:	0
Total:	10
Life Percentage:	4.22%



LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON CA #2117



Timothy F. Jaeger
TIMOTHY F. JAEGER
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2026-2027



INITIATION NIGHT

August 4th, 2026

Dennis Patrick Bennett

Katherine Sue Bennett

Juliette Schenone



Join in the
conversation.

Register online
[www.elks.org/
register](http://www.elks.org/register)