



Petaluma Elks Lodge #901

The Whisperings



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Thoughts from our Exalted Ruler



-By Tammy Atwood, ER

Elks National Foundation Month



October is Elks National Foundation Month, a time to celebrate how the generosity of our members creates meaningful change in communities across the country.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) supports scholarships, community grants, veterans' programs, and assistance for families and children in need. Its impact reaches both nationally and right here at home, where our Lodge has benefited from ENF grants that help expand our charitable work.

When we support the Foundation—through donations, fundraisers, Lodge activities, or simply sharing its story—we invest in people, strengthen communities, and create opportunities that

change lives. Together, we can accomplish far more than any one Lodge or individual could accomplish alone.

Yountville Veterans Appreciation Night

This month, we also have a wonderful opportunity to honor and support our veterans at our Yountville Veterans Dinner on Friday, October 16th. Members may sponsor a veteran's dinner for \$20 or sponsor a table of eight for \$140. This special evening includes a flag ceremony, dinner, and dessert as we come together to recognize and thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice. Your support helps make this meaningful event possible.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Let's give our time, talents, and resources to support those who need us, strengthen our communities, honor our veterans, and continue the proud tradition of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Lodge and the Elks National Foundation. Your generosity allows the good work of the Elks to reach far beyond Lodge #901 and make a lasting difference.

October is ENF Month. Let's come together with a common purpose and a generous heart.

Ready Elks, Let's Go!

Thanks & Congrats!

October 2026

★ Elk of the Month - Marilyn Cohoe

★ Volunteer of the Month - Cindy Lane

Marilyn & Cindy, thank you for all you do to support Elksdom and our lodge!

10/24/26 - Make A Difference Day

October 24, 2026, is Make a Difference Day--- The 4th Saturday in October is the largest national day of helping others — a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. This little-known, obscure "holiday" is real. Honor someone who has made a difference in your life – or make a difference in someone else's life. Your Lodge offers many opportunities to help you accomplish this throughout the year and demonstrate *Elks Care Elks Share*

ELKS PETALUMA, CA

Petaluma Elks #901

WEEKLY DINNERS

URGENTLY NEED YOU!

★ KITCHEN COOKS, GRILLERS, AND DISH WASHERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR BOTH WEDNESDAY BURGER AND TACO TUESDAY NIGHTS. ★

COOK WITH PRIDE GRILL WITH HEART BE THE DIFFERENCE

Our Elks Family Thanks You!

SIGNUP HERE: <https://elks901.org/volunteer> OR EMAIL US: volunteer@elks901.org

Get Involved Today To Ensure The Legacy Will Carry On Tomorrow



California-Hawaii Elks Major Project – CHEMPI

**Serving children with disabilities
since 1950.**

"The Elks Major Project provides invaluable help to the children struggling to be independent and builds hope in the hearts of their parents."

Make A Difference In A Child's Life



More info on BLT at www.chca-elks.org

Such a worthwhile, meaningful treat for the children...

Consider making a lasting legacy gift to the children in whatever manner works best for you. There are a number of different ways to provide for future generations of the children served by our CHEMPI Therapists and Vision Screeners.

If you need help getting started or would like to learn more about BLT Legacy Giving, contact Lodge BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson Duane Sartori: Duane@boslawfirm.org



Trick Or Treat Fill the Purple Pigs



"Elks Give From The Heart"

Elks Give The Gift Of Life

Register as a Donor **Donate Life America**

For more info go to: www.donatelife.net

NOTE: UPCOMING EVENTS ARE LISTED ON PAGE 11 &
INFO/FLYERS ARE THROUGHOUT

From Our Purple Pig Chairman

- By George Matt

We are in the end of the summer season and things have slowed down some and we still need the pigs to keep coming. A Big Thanks to all of you who contributed in the past. The total for August was \$389.24. Keep the Pigs coming and we will keep counting.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for placing your names on the pig. If you have any questions about the Purple Pig fund please contact the Secretary's office.

Turn in your full piggies and adopt another...then repeat often!

A Coin a Day... They'll Walk, Talk, See and Play.

Contributors for the month of August:

Tony Morgan *	Marilyn Hoard *	
Heather Hupp *	Richard Mejia *	
Frank Robin	Deanna Hower	Anonymous. (3 Pigs)
Sherrie Hewitt	Bruce Woodhouse *	Petaluma Elks 901 RV Club *



(*) Member that has turned in more than one pig in the past 12 months.

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Call (707) 763-0901

Office Hours:

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.

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2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

Lounge Hours:

*See calendar.

Note: meeting nites- bar
closes at 6:30p.m.



Leading Knights Corner

It's About Americanism & Charity!

-By Mary McSweeney, Leading Knight



Gearing Up for the Season of Giving!

Hello Fellow Elks!

Giving is something we Elks do throughout the entire year. It is at the heart of who we are and what we stand for. But as we approach the holiday season, we enter a time that has traditionally inspired Americans to open our hearts a little wider—to give our time, share our resources, and extend goodwill to our fellow man.

Here at Petaluma Elks Lodge #901, we are certainly gearing up for our own **Season of Giving!**

We recently held our Annual Car Show, benefiting the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project—our beloved Purple Pig. Through our support of the Purple Pig, we help provide vital services to children with disabilities and their families. Every donation helps us make a difference in the life of a child.

On October 16th, we will gather for our **Yountville Veterans Dinner**, giving us another opportunity to honor and serve the men and women who served our country.

And we are just getting started!

November brings our **Annual Holiday Craft Fair and the Purple Pig Poker Run and Roast**, providing more opportunities to come together, have some fun, and support worthy causes.

As the holidays draw closer, we will turn our attention to some of our most meaningful traditions. Our **Children's Christmas Party** brings the magic and joy of Christmas to our youngest guests. Through **Christmas Cheer**, our Lodge will work to feed up to 40 local families, making sure our neighbors in need can enjoy a Holiday meal with their families.

We will also gather for our **Elks Memorial Service**, taking time to remember and honor our absent members. It is a meaningful reminder that Brotherly Love includes not only serving those around us today, but remembering those who helped build the Elk legacy we carry forward. It's true—the Elks' "Season of Giving" really does last all year long. Charity, service, and caring for our neighbors aren't things we save for November and December. **It's what we do every day!**

But during these next few months, I encourage each of us to do just a little more. Attend an event. Volunteer a few hours. Fill a Purple Pig. Donate to Christmas Cheer. Look for that small opportunity to brighten someone's day.

Together, let's fill our Lodge and our Petaluma community with **Brotherly Love, Charity, and Goodwill** this holiday season. Because when Elks give, our entire community is stronger.

October 2026 Birthdays

- By Mary McSweeney

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 James Mertens | 17 Robert Butler |
| William Place | Edward Garvey |
| Michael Stanford | 18 Kelli DiTommaso |
| 2 Jim Schroeder | 19 James Arieta |
| 4 Marilyn Cohoe | Mario Bernardini |
| Anthony Morgan | Neil Catron |
| Ronald Scheuring | Kristen Joyce |
| Michael Verdu | Ray Pingatore |
| 5 Steven Finley | 20 William Kabage |
| Anita Gajewski | Elva Lefler |
| 6 Gregory Cella | Ernest Nyiri |
| Candace Loeffler | Julie Ramirez |
| 7 Marian Cotter | 21 Patrick Deignan |
| Timothy McGaughey | Ken Moody |
| Ralph Tyler | Steve White |
| 8 Birgitta Appleton | 22 Ronald Fedrick |
| Carole Caven | James Lemos |
| Dave Jackson | Mark Shelley |
| Marco Paletto | 23 Mark Farmer |
| Raymond Wilson | Thomas Henry |
| 9 Elaine Connick | David Lambert |
| Lori-Michelle Willett | William Vlahandreas |
| 10 Russ Morita | 24 Dale Trigg |
| Patricia Myers | 25 Doug Drake |
| Frank Ternullo | Alan Gallagher |
| 11 Gregory Frey | Denise Looney |
| Kyle Rice | 26 Donald Franz |
| 12 Bill Moritz | Daren Martin |
| Raymond Pounds | Darlene Moseson |
| Lionel White | 27 Robert McGaughey |
| 13 William Hamilton | 28 Stanley Vares |
| Dennis Respini | 29 David Dohn |
| 14 Mark Costanza | Thomas Kruusmagi |
| Lynne Donham | 31 Theodore Adams |
| John Medeiros | Mark Christensen |
| Glenda Smith | Mary Mansi |
| 15 Gail Cardaropoli | Brian Miller |
| Chad Empey | Gary Simontacchi |
| Dino Ricci | ♦ |
| 16 Jeanine Badger | |
| Basil Scott | |
| William Wright | |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!!!



CHEERS!!!

Please pick up your Birthday Drink Tickets at the Bar. You receive 2 drinks on the Lodge to celebrate your birthday. Let the Bartender know, and they will check your name off their list. Must show your member card. Valid birthday month only. (No Top Shelf).

"Be the Difference"
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It's Your Birthday... We Have Cake!

Birthday cake continues. Come down to the Lodge on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and celebrate your birthday with birthday cake!! We'll share a cake on Burger Night to celebrate all our fellow Elks' birthdays. Come Celebrate on Oct 14th and Nov 18th* (*date change due to Veterans Day holiday).



September birthday night



TACO Tuesday

5:00 - 6:30

— CHOICE OF —
GROUND BEEF OR GROUND CHICKEN

ALL TACOS SERVED WITH
FRESH LETTUCE, TOMATOES & CHEESE

- ★ 1 TACO
- ★ 2 TACOS
- ★ TACO SALAD FLOUR SHELL BOWL
- ★ TACO SALAD NO BOWL
- ★ CHEESY BEANS
- ★ CHIPS

Margarita SPECIAL



Monday Night
PASTA Night
at the
PETALUMA ELKS

5PM - 7PM

\$13 per person for meat sauce, other specials priced as marked
INCLUDES SALES TAX

PASTA SPECIALS
for October

Oct 5:	Lasagna	\$15
Oct 12:	Pesto Chicken	\$15
Oct 19:	Shrimp Alfredo	\$16
Oct 26:	Linguine with Clams	\$16

Good Fun, Good Food, Come Have Some!

Start with Tacos, stay for Paint!



Paint & Donate at the Elks

Tue Oct 27th

6PM - 8PM

\$35

Join local artist Lisa Pedrani for a fun evening of creativity. All skill levels welcome. Lisa will guide you step-by-step for a fun, relaxing time. All supplies provided.

Pre-register 5 days ahead for guaranteed space. Limited walk-ins accepted.

PETE'S SAKE
RUSTIC ART
PETALUMA, CA
Lisa Pedrani

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www.elks901.org

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PETALUMA #901
PER ASSOCIATION
Fundraiser
PAELLA Dinner

SATURDAY OCT 10

\$30

MENU
Salad and Paella

5PM Social Hour | 6PM Dinner



BUNCO NIGHT

Activities begin **6:30PM**
(Bar hours 3pm - 7pm or later)

Buy in \$10
Join us on the third Friday of each month

GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE TODAY Oct 9
(limited at door)

...ALERT...

Some dinners are very popular. Ensure the meal you came for is waiting for you. Make your reservations online or call the office.

More October events on page 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 & 12

YOUNTVILLE VETERANS APPRECIATION NIGHT

Our annual event, where our generous members buy dinner for residents of the Veterans Home of California- Yountville.

Friday, Oct 16

5PM No-host Social Hour, 6:30 PM Dinner.

Menu:
Salad, Dinner Rolls, BBQ Chicken Leg Quarter, Pulled Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Coffee.
Optional: Artichoke Spinach Lasagne
All graciously and expertly prepared by our volunteer Chefs.

Tickets online at Elks901.org
Deadline is Oct 13.
No tickets sold at the door.

BUY DINNER FOR YOU/GUEST \$24

BUY DINNER FOR A VET \$20
(Note: Sponsoring a table for the Vets does not include your meal, that must be purchased separately. Any additional funds raised by sponsored dinners will provide needed supplies to the Yountville Veterans.)

SPONSOR A TABLE OF 8 YOUNTVILLE VETS \$140

As always, thank you for your support of Veterans.

Veterans Home of Yountville (VHC-Yountville) is the largest veterans' home in the United States. Some 1,000 aged or disabled veterans (both men and women) from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom now live at the home.

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Secretary's Corner

-By Larry Sartori



Lodge Meetings

The Thursday lodge meetings start at **7PM**.

Please arrive a few minutes early so we can begin on time.

"READY ELKS—LET'S GO"
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Petaluma Elks #901

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

October 24, 2026
11 AM

All members, guests, and the community are welcome to attend the dignified retirement of unserviceable, worn, or tattered American Flags.

Drop off your tattered flag at the lodge before October 21st, in time for our Flag Retirement Ceremony on the 24th.

LODGE DINNERS ARE BACK!

Join us on Lodge Meeting Nights

* Initiation Nights

Dinner Served: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Come early, enjoy a great meal, and connect with fellow members before the meeting!

Stay Tuned!

- Dinner menus will be:
- Posted in the Lodge
- Shared in weekly email blasts

Good Food • Great Company • Lodge Spirit

Did you know...



You can volunteer to decorate the Elks' Rose Parade Float?
Decoration schedule runs from Dec. 5th through Dec. 31st.

Check it out on chea-elks.org, also
ElksVolunteerForRoses@gmail.com





Petaluma Elks #901 2026 Car Show What A Day!

-By Mary McSweeney, Leading Knight

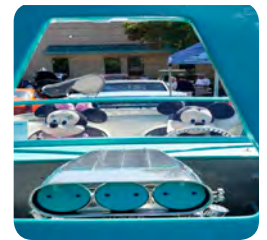


The Petaluma Elks #901 2026 Car Show was blessed with beautiful sunshine, a fantastic turnout, and more than 145 classic cars on display. From gleaming paint and polished chrome to roaring engines, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The Purple Pig Van from San Rafael Lodge was on hand, helping us raise funds for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. A special thank you to Marco Buoncristiani for bringing the van, and to all our visitors who generously made donations to help children with disabilities. No great car show would be complete without great food! Up In Smoke BBQ prepared an excellent barbecue lunch, which was served by our wonderful FFA youth volunteers. And, of course, there was ice cream! A big thank you to Darlene Richeson for manning her ice cream truck

and handing out sweet treats throughout the day. The competition was tough, with trophies awarded in numerous categories, including Best Paint, Chick's Pick, Best of Show, People's Choice, and more. Congratulations to all our winners—and thank you to everyone who brought out their beautiful vehicles for the community to enjoy. Petaluma Elks #901 extends a heartfelt thank you to our many sponsors, whose generosity helped make this special day possible. We are also incredibly grateful to the many Elks volunteers who worked tirelessly for weeks preparing for the show and who gave their time throughout the event. And finally, thank you to everyone who came out to visit, admire the cars, enjoy some great food, support the Purple Pig, and spend a beautiful day with us.



The hat actually tips up via a compressed air device and all the pig pieces come off so he can drive it around legally.



Petaluma #901 At The Chea President's District Visit

-By Priscilla Burgi, PER



Leading Knight Mary McSweeney and I had the pleasure of representing Petaluma Lodge #901 at the CHEA President's district visit and dinner, hosted by Napa Lodge. We enjoyed reconnecting with friends and meeting fellow Elks from other lodges. It was especially wonderful to catch up with CHEA President Lynn Glick and First Dude Jeff Glick after their visit to Petaluma #901. Thank you to Napa Lodge for the warm welcome and hospitality!



Are You Ready For The Petaluma Elks #901 Hoop Shoot?

-By Priscilla Burgi, PER



It's almost time to hit the court! Petaluma Elks Lodge #901 is getting ready for our annual Hoop Shoot on **Sunday, November 8th** and we want you to mark your calendars now! The Elks Hoop Shoot is a great opportunity for local youth to show off their free-throw skills, have some fun, and compete for the chance to advance to the next level. More details, including location, times, age groups, and registration information, will be coming soon. Stay tuned to your weekly Petaluma Elks eBlast for updates! Have questions or want more information? Contact Priscilla at burgi57chevy@gmail.com. Save the date, start practicing those free throws, and we'll see you on the court!



Annual Blue Star Moms Care Package Boxing

-By Priscilla Burgi, PER



It's almost time to prepare for Petaluma Elks Lodge #901's Annual Blue Star Moms Care Package Boxing! We'll gather on Saturday, January 16, 2027, to pack boxes for service members. First, we need your help collecting items to fill them. Watch for the donation list and collection details in the November 2026 Whisperings. Thank you for helping us send a little piece of home to those serving away from theirs.

Changes To The \$5 Dollar Discount (Drink) Tokens

-By Mike Repp, 3rd year Trustee



At our September 8th Trustee meeting we decided, effective immediately, to stop selling the \$5 dollar discount (drink) tokens. We also decided that December 31st will be the last day accepting tokens. Any comments or concerns please let a Trustee know so we can make this as seamless as possible.

Elks Remember, Elks Care



October is ENF Month

A good month to make your donation!
(help us make the goal)



A time to celebrate the ways Elks and the ENF are building stronger communities. Whether it's using Community Investments Program grants to meet the needs of neighbors, helping kids unleash their grit through the Elks Hoop Shoot, aiding students in the pursuit of their academic dreams through scholarships, or more, the ENF continues to unite all Elks in service of their communities.

To learn how we are helping your state, go to elks.org/ENF/ENFprograms.



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



It's Scholarship Season

The 2027 Scholarship application is here...
It's time to pursue dreams.

The Elks National Foundation provides millions of dollars in college scholarships through its scholarship programs, offering students valuable opportunities.

For complete scholarships information/requirements & applications go online to: www.elks.org/enf/scholarships to find out more about these great opportunities. Also check out the Financial Aid Resources section.

MVS (Most Valuable Student) Contest:
application available 8/1/26. Deadline 11/12/26, 11:59pm PST.

Legacy Award (ENF Scholarship for Elks' Families):
available 9/1/26. Deadline 2/1/27, noon PST.

Emergency Ed Grants (ENF Scholarship for Elks' Families)
(see online)

Weigel Medical School Scholarship: (see online)

Emergency Educational Grants: (see online)

More opportunities online.

Also go to chea-elks.org to see State offerings.

Check out all the opportunities, there may be one for you!

ENF
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities

Help make it happen

Support ENF



901's Trade School Scholarship Update



-By Priscilla Burgi, PER



This year Petaluma Lodge 901 initiated a Trades School Scholarship available to all Sonoma County High School Seniors. We recognize that our youth are the building blocks of our future. Knowing this we sold smash burgers and hot dogs during our Pool Tournament Saturdays. We also had a member anonymously offer a "dollar for dollar" match up to \$500. As I got the word out, our members donated \$540 during the match time frame. We have a member (John Lane) who brings our bar recycling into the recycling center, donating part of these funds to our scholarship drive. Our members participated in the Western and Steak raffle basket drawings This brings the total that was raised (in 4 months mind you, our membership ROCKS!!!) to a total of approx. \$3,810.68, I am waiting for confirmation as of this writing.

Our goal was to raise \$2,000 to kick off this scholarship, we exceeded that and now have "seed money" to continue the efforts for next year.

When the announcement went on Facebook that applications were now available, within 24 hours we had 51 likes/loves and 58 shares. Of the shares, they were also shared from other Facebook profiles. We have received 8 requests for application packets directly from students, requests from Casa, PHS, Tomales and several other high schools within Sonoma County. Not only has this been an excellent and successful opportunity for our community youth, but it is getting Petaluma Elks back into our community.

Stay tuned for next year's Trade School Scholarship fundraising as our goal will be \$5,000. Just an FYI.... We will accept any donations all year... There is no stopping Petaluma 901!!

Have I said it lately- I am so PROUD of all our Petaluma Elks 901 members!! You All ROCK!!



What Does This Gold Badge Mean?

-By Priscilla Burgi, PER



You've probably seen a few of us wearing a gold badge that says Past Exalted Ruler, also known as PER. Have you wondered what that title means? I'll tell you what it means to me. It's a badge of honor. A badge that represents the time and effort we put into helping make Petaluma Elks Lodge #901 a better place for our members. It's a badge to hold high, and dang it, we earned it! LOL. All kidding aside, we all do hold it in high regard. It's an honor to wear it and proudly represent Petaluma 901. But you may be wondering: What do the PERs do? A Past Exalted Ruler is someone who has completed a term leading an Elks Lodge. When that term ends, their service doesn't have to end with it. PERs can share what they've learned, answer questions, help with projects, and encourage members who may become future Lodge leaders. Together, PERs serve through a Past Exalted Rulers Association or Advisory Committee. Its purpose is to offer counsel to Lodge officers and committees, assist the current Exalted Ruler, and recommend people and activities that will benefit the Lodge. We're there to advise, support, and lend a hand while our current officers lead the way. For me, being a PER means continuing to show up for Petaluma 901. I'm proud of the term I served, but I'm even prouder to be part of a Lodge worth continuing to work for.

...Coming in November & December...



SAVE THE DATE!

Petaluma Elks #901

PURPLE PIG ROAST!

NOVEMBER 21, 2026

Keep checking eBlasts for updates!

Paint & Donate at the Elks



Tue Nov 15th
6PM - 8PM
\$35

Join local artist Lisa Pedrani for a fun evening of creativity. All skill levels welcome. Lisa will guide you step-by-step for a fun, relaxing time. All supplies provided.

Pre-register 5 days ahead for guaranteed space. Limited walk-ins accepted.



Lisa Pedrani

Register online www.elks901.org/store

www.elks901.org

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Hey Kids, polish your free throws!



ELKS HOOP SHOOT

PETALUMA ELKS 901

HOOP SHOOT

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

STAY TUNED

TO WEEKLY EBLASTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

*Support Your Lodge & Community...
 Participate!*



All Are Welcome

Fri
Dec 4
12:30

(at the Lodge)



MENU:
Prime Rib
\$25

Please RSVP & mail by Nov 27
 Make check payable to & mail to:
 Norine (Bobby) Gervasi
 1074 Santa Clara Lane
 Petaluma, CA 94954



Questions?
 Contact Bobby Gervasi (707)762-0724

November is Veterans Remembrance Month

Think of Our Veterans

Little Things Mean A Lot

Going shopping? Please remember the Yountville Veterans. Find a copy of the **VETERANS' WISH LIST** on our

Lodge's website or at the Lodge office.

Thanks to all of you who have dropped off items at the lodge. Every item helps and is appreciated by all!




Saturday Pool Tournament

-By Priscilla Burgi, PER -



The Saturday Pool Tournament works around Lodge rentals and special events, so keep an eye on our social media pages and weekly eBlast for tournament dates and updates. The lounge opens at 11:00 AM, with the tournament beginning at 12:00 PM. Entry is just \$5 per player. We'd love to see you at the Lodge, as pool player or observer! Questions? Contact: Priscilla Burgi at burgi57chevy@gmail.com.

Casual Cribbage Tuesdays

Cribbage Nights at the Lodge every Tuesday at 5:00 PM. This is a casual, drop-in style play, perfect for those who want to learn how to play, practice their skills, or for veteran players to challenge each other. A Cribbage League is planned to start soon. Have questions? Contact Priscilla at burgi57chevy@gmail.com.



Autumn's Here – (Also Family & Friends)

901's RV Park is for Elks Members (in good standing) and their guests. 18 full hook ups and a dry camping area.

Check it out on our website:

elks901.org

Reservations encouraged.

Autumn's Here!!! So is the Patio BBQ! Get Your Grill On!



It's time to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors, camping, fishing, walks, and of course, BBQs with family and friends!

Speaking of BBQs... did you know the patio BBQ area is available for use?

It's the perfect spot to fire up the grill, relax, and make some great memories with your crew. Come out and enjoy it!



Important Announcement

About The Whisperings

The Whisperings is now be distributed to members via email only (and available on 901's website).

There will be a limited number of printed copies in the office at the lodge if members would like a printed copy.

Be sure the secretary has your e-mail address, so you don't miss an issue. Go to lodge 901's website:

elks.org/News and Events/Change e-mail or address and fill out form, or contact lodge Secretary Larry Sartori:

Secretary@elks901.org.

Hungry? We've got you covered! Yum...

Check the calendar for "food nights".

Support our weekly meals & volunteer cooks,

they are cooking for you!

Bring family and friends for a relaxed evening and enjoyable meal.

When you enjoy a weekly meal please help clear your tables for the working volunteers!



How about helping out on Wednesday Burger Night?

We welcome needed kitchen help.

Volunteer for a few hours a week.

Give Tammy a call or text at 707-484-4249.



Outings & Hosts

- By Gordon Cox, PR Officer

10/4: Pumpkin Day at Oak Hill Farm, Glen Ellen (707-995-6643)

10/10: Harvest Fair. Taste, Toast, and Celebrate. Wine Competition 6-9pm, Santa Rosa Fairgrounds (harvestfair.org)

10/10: Santa Rosa JC Shone Farm. Animal meet-and-greet, U-pick apples, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, hayrides, wine tasting and more. (shonefarm@santarosa.edu)

10/18: Fort Ross Festival (10am-4pm) 19005 Coast Hwy., Jenner. Park tours, apple and pear picking, and pumpkin carving.

10/25: Healdsburg Farmers Market Pumpkin Festival and Costume Competition (8:30am-12pm), at North and Vine Streets, Healdsburg

You can also join our traveling band of pumpkin-eaters on an RV outing. Add some spice to your October!

Our Elks 901 RV Club has monthly outings which include group dinners (both pot luck and at nearby eateries), happy hours, games (corn hole, spinners, etc.) campfire yarns, and visits to local attractions (wineries, river boat excursions, golf, etc.).

If you are a member or associate member of the BPOE 901 and would like to take your RV on one of our outings, please contact the host of the outings shown in the schedule below. Please call early as most RV parks require a list of attendees at least two weeks in advance of outing.

RV 2026 Outing Schedule

October 13-17 (Tues-Sat)
RV Park at Black Oak Casino in Tuolumne, CA.
Marsha & Glenn Andrade
707-480-6350.



T/HC Meetings' Times

Meetings are held on the Monday prior to the Lodge Meeting.

- House Committee
6:00pm – 6:45pm
- Trustee Meeting:
immediately follows H.C.

All members are welcome to the T/HC meetings. But to be placed on the agenda of a T/HC meeting please send your request into the lodge office no later than the Wednesday before the meeting. Members wishing to speak at these meetings, but not on the agenda will be heard on a time available basis. Remember all members are invited to the T/HC meetings & we need to hear from all of our brothers & sisters.



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RV 2026 Outing Schedule cont.

November 9-13 (Mon-Fri)
Angels Camp RV Resort in Angels Camp, CA.
Larry & Denise Calvert 707-799-6567.

December 9th: Members Christmas Party (no outings in Dec.)

January 7-11 (Thurs-Mon)
Vineyard RV Park in Vacaville, CA.
Shirley Hill 707-484-4006, & Bob & Carole Gonzales 707-849-7000.

February 21-25 (Sun-Thurs)
Betabel RV Park, San Juan Bautista, CA.
Hosted by the club's board. Contact Diane Parker 707-494-1810 or Kris Foster 707-338-1748.

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 OCT/NOV 						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SEP 27  Breakfast 9am-11am & Football Bar 9am-4:00pm	28  Pasta Night 5-7pm \$13 Bar 3-7pm	29  Cribbage- 5pm  Tacos 5pm - 6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	30  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Bar 3-7pm	OCT 1 Bar 3-7pm	2  Bar Food 4:30-6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	3 Bar 11am-4:00pm
4  Breakfast 9am-11am & Football Bar 9am-4:00pm	5  Pasta Night 5-7pm \$13 ----- Trustee/House Committee 6:00pm Bar 3-7pm	6  Cribbage- 5pm  Tacos 5pm - 6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	7  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Bar 3-7pm	8 Meeting Night 7pm Bar 3-6:30pm	9  Bar Food 4:30-6:30pm -----  Bunco Nite 6pm \$10 Bar :3-7pm	10  Seafood Paella Dinner PER Fundraiser \$30 Bar 11am-4:00pm
11  Breakfast 9am-11am & Football Bar 9am-4:00pm	12  Pasta Night 5-7pm \$13 Bar 3-7pm	13  Cribbage- 5pm  Tacos 5pm - 6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	14  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm  Bar 3-7pm	15 Bar 3-7pm	16  VETERANS APPRECIATION NIGHT \$24 BBQ Chicken Pulled Pork Bar 3-7pm	17 Bar 11am-4:00pm
18  Breakfast 9am-11am & Football Bar 9am-4:00pm	19  Pasta Night 5-7pm \$13 ----- Trustee/House Committee 6:00pm Bar 3-7pm	20  Cribbage- 5pm  Tacos 5pm - 6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	21  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Bar 3-7pm	22 Meeting Night 7pm Bar 3-6:30pm	23  Bar Food 4:30-6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	24  Flag Retirement Ceremony Bar 11am-4:00pm
25  Breakfast 9am-11am & Football Bar 9am-4:00pm	26  Pasta Night 5-7pm \$13 Bar 2-7pm	27  Cribbage- 5pm  Tacos 5pm - 6:30pm  Paint & Donate 6pm - 8pm \$35 Bar 3-7pm	28  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Bar 3-7pm	29 Bar 3-7pm	30  Bar Food 4:30-6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	31  Bar 11am-4:00pm
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EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday: Breakfast

Monday: Pasta

Tuesday: Cribbage

Tuesday: Taco Tuesday

Wednesday: Burgers

Friday: Bar Food (if no other food event that night)

Saturday: Smash Burgers
12-2pm2nd Wednesday: Birthday
Cake

3rd Friday: Bunco

Oct 9: Bunco Night

Oct 10: Seafood Paella Dinner

Oct 14: Birthday Cake

Oct 16: Yountville Veterans
Dinner

Oct 23: Social Luncheon

Oct 24: Flag Retirement/
Ceremony

Oct 27: Paint & Donate

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 8: Hoop Shoot

Nov 6-7: CHEA Mid Term-
Burbank, CA

Nov 14-15: Craft Faire

Nov 21: Purple Pig Roast

Dec 4: Social Luncheon

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9AM to 11AM
Every Sunday
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\$13 Includes:
• Eggs to order • Sausage • Bacon • Potatoes
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- Holiday Decor
- Local Vendors
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