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THE ELKETIN



Mike Schaaf Past Exalted Ruler

As the 2019-2020 Elk Year ends, I would like to announce the new Exalted Ruler: Russ Kesler PER.

Thank you to all who have supported me during the past year. I truly appreciate it. Kudos to Mary Gouveia for editing and producing the Elketin for the past 12 years! I appreciate all the support and wish to thank all of you who helped to make the year as good as it has been. There are so many who contributed to the year's success. If I haven't thanked and acknowledged you in the bulletin, I apologize.

I would also like to personally thank everyone for your Purple Pig / CHEA contributions during the past year. I would also like to sincerely thank all who have generously given their time, support and assistance to our various lodge sponsored events.

Please support the new Lodge Officers who will be supporting you and the Lodge for the 2020-2021 Elk Year. There is still work to be done to make the success of the Lodge continue in the upcoming year. Once they start again, plan to attend some of the many lodge meetings: Trustee, House and Lodge meetings. The schedules are on the calendar attached. The issues impact the success of our lodge. Recently, of note, the outside (rear) deck Phase I was recently taken to the Floor and funding was passed. Look for work to begin cleaning up the rear area soon under this first phase of work dependent upon the weather. Should anyone have questions or a proposal for a permanent plan, please let the ER or one of our Lodge Officers know.

Once we start up again, we have many open spots for our dinners. We truly need help with Margarita Monday, Pasta Night, Friday Night Dinners and at our initiation Lodge meetings on a regular basis. We need assistance with not only the cooking, prep and arrangements, but also with the cleanup afterwards!! Please contact the office

Important Notice

Postponed Pending Further Updates:

- Members Lounge
- Thirsty Thursday Burger Night
- Pasta Night
- Margarita Monday

No events will be scheduled during the closure period. Dates on Calendar are subject to change. All will be reevaluated and rescheduled as deemed appropriate.

or me, if you can help out in any way. Special thanks go all who help to put on and BBQ the Thirsty Thursday's rain or shine.

Remember that if our lodge is to remain a vital and thriving organization, we need to grow. Once we are allowed to reopen, your support becomes even more important through your attendance at our various scheduled events, House and/or Trustee meetings, Lodge meetings and functions. New members and activity(s) help *is always needed and is greatly appreciated*, so please invite your family and friends to join us!

Fraternally, Mike Schaaf, Past Exalted Ruler 2019/2020



Elk Lodge Status Update

Governor Newsom has now ordered a "Shelter in Place" for the entire state of California. Most importantly, seniors- age 65 and older along with folks who have chronic health conditions are urged to stay home. We appreciate your support as we navigate through this ever changing situation. Please check your email for daily updates for the Lodge.

The lodge will be closed until April 7, 2020. As information is received, this may change. All non-essential activity(s) will either be cancelled or postponed.

The office will remain open for <u>office staff only</u>, Tuesday thru Friday from 9am until 1pm. Please <u>DO NOT</u> come to the office, *call if you have any questions*!

The leadership of the 1811 Lodge appreciates your understanding of this unprecedented situation. These were not easy choices to make. Please know we have only your health, wellbeing and best interest at heart.

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9am – 1pm (Until further notice, call first)

Members Lounge Hours

(When Operations Resume):

Monday-Thursday: 4pm-8pm

Friday: 4pm - 9pm

Sundays: 1pm - 5pm

Email:

BPOE1811@gmail.com

Office: 925-935-1811

Let us also always remember and continue to support those who gave their all for our <u>freedom and country.</u>



Russ Kesler, PER

Exalted Ruler

Twenty years ago, with great glee, I celebrated not having to write my monthly Elketin article. In the immortal words of Yogi Berra, it feels like déjà vu all over again. In other words, Never say Never!

Please join me in thanking PER Mike Schaaf and his First Lady Sheri for their amazing year of presiding over the Lodge. Many thanks to the Chair Officers and the committee chairs for their dedication and hard work. Without the hard work of all our members, no year would be successful. .

Starting the year in the midst of Covid 19 pandemic has meant the postponement of upcoming events pending notice. As of press time, we have changed the Installation to the next best available date in May. Look for notices via email and in May's Elketin for the exact date. We ask for your patience and understanding.

During the upcoming year, I would like to have at least one event per month as a Lodge activity. We look forward to hearing your suggestions. Please let any of the officers know of your ideas. Thirsty Thursday's would be a great time to catch me \sim I am usually out on the back patio enjoying our good weather.

For the first time ever, Walnut Creek has voted in a repeat Exalted Rule. While I appreciate your vote of confidence, as an organization, we need new blood to fill the Chairs. This will enable growth and prosperity. What worked twenty years ago, won't work now. Communication is key! Please call me with your ideas and suggestions. My number is (510) 845-0500. Leave a voicemail ~ it is tied in with my Outlook software so I will get your message in two ways and, as an added bonus, a big red light flashes on my phone.

In closing, please come out and enjoy all the opportunities our Lodge has to offer. Keep updated as to when we reopen. Review the calendar for events. As an officer Corp, we want to make the Lodge a place we can all be proud to support and show how our members support our community. Our lodge's survival depends on it.

Fraternally, Russell Kesler P.E.R. Exalted Ruler 2020/2021 *rkesler1811@gmail.com*

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This has been a challenging month.

Please bear with us as we navigate the news as it rapidly changes. Be sure to read your emails for all the updates.

As you are aware, mailing costs are high. In an effort to reduce costs, we will do the following, effective May 1st:

- 1. Send only 1 newsletter per address. Extra copies are available in the Members Lounge.
- 2. If you are interested in receiving only the email version, please contact Cindy Gray at <u>cdat4gray@yahoo.com</u>.
 - In addition, Elk membership dues notices have been sent out.



They are due by April 1^{*}. If you haven't paid them, please do so ASAP!

Please call me if you have any questions at the office: 925-935-1811. Office hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm Tuesday – Friday. Leave a message if no answer.





cdat4gray@yahoo.com

As you have noticed, there is a new look to the newsletter. Mary, the previous editor did a wonderful job. Since, there is not an apple version of her program, I needed to use something else. So, as I transition into this position, there will be a new look to the newsletter. Please bear with me as I adjust to see what works best. If you have an article for the newsletter, below is the deadline. Please send it via email. If you have questions, please email me.

We have many members who are supporting our lodge. In each edition, I hope to include a mini profile of a member so that we can learn a little about each other. If you have a suggestion, please contact me.

As this Covid-19 crisis continues, we will try to keep the information current for our members, but as the newsletter comes out once a month, your best source will be the emails. Please use this as reference. Check to see what has changed as all the dates for scheduled events are most likely going to be adjusted.

Lodge Rentals: Have a special event coming up? Need a space? Consider our Lodge. Contact: Kelly Barnett, Hospitality Mgr: 285-3260

Copy Deadline for Elketin:

15th of each Month

Email to: <u>cdat4gray@yahoo.com</u>.



Unfortunately, due to the current Covid 19 situation, Burger Night is postponed until further notice. We hope to open sometime in April. The Lodge will continue to reevaluate the

situation. Keep an eye out for email updates to our status.

In the meantime, I would like to spotlight Thirsty Thursday's. It was inspired by Judy and Greg Hunter to encourage members to come to the lodge on what was a slow night. Now, it has now become a fun evening that is enjoyed by many. It is an opportunity to enjoy conversation among friends, old and new. We have used the funds to make improvements in the lodge, such as the purchase of the new bar stools a couple years ago. Once restrictions have been lifted, we will continue on.

We have amazing volunteer BBQ masters and assistants that make this weekly event a success. Thank you to: Gary Buffo and Kimberly Everett, Mike Rittenhouse and Whitney Quin, and Travis and Laura Ervin who take turns with us at the BBQ. Thank you to Kelly Barnett, for her help and to the Elk's amazing bartenders (Lisa, Angela) on Burger Night. I would also like to mention our predecessor, Rosie Simoncini, who through her efforts increased much of the growth that we enjoy today. If you would like to volunteer to help, it is always appreciated. Just contact us.

While we bar-b-que the burgers, links and hotdogs, the sides are potluck. Please consider bringing a dish small or large to share. We could really use your help. It makes the meal and evening more enjoyable.

> ~ Dan and Cindy Gray Chairmen cdat4gray@yahoo.com

Purple Pig Program

Become a member of the "Recurring Donor" program. As of today, we have 257 recurring donors providing much needed support. To become a recurring donor, go to: <u>https://chea-elks.org/recurring-donations</u>. All the information is there.

A Coin A Day so they can Walk, Talk, See and Play!



The current year Corp of Officers were dutifully sworn in prior to April 1, 2020 by procedures set forth by the Grand Lodge due to Covid 19.



Exalted Ruler: Russell Kesler PER Leading Knight – Open Loyal Knight- Travis Ervin Lecturing Knight- Joan Schwartz Esquire: Christina Candelori Secretary: Judy Hunter, PER Treasurer: Mike Mathers Chaplin: Denise Silva Inner Guard: Greg Hunter, PER Tiler: Jacklynn Roenspie 5th YR Trustee: Barbara Green Vocalist: John Schafgans

Congratulations!

Attend one of the Lodge meetings and say hello to our new officer corp. Ask them your questions. Thank them for their time.

Did you know? ...

In an effort to help our Elks during the "shelter in place", we will post information to assist members as they adjust to life in these times. Here are some free things that you can do. If you have any other suggestions, please email to: cdat4gray@yahoo.com.

Elks Magazine: You can now access a copy online. http://www.theelksmagazine.com

Below are things that usually have a fee but are now free for a limited time. Still, it is something to check out.

Audible: Free downloads of many stories: Audible.stories.com

<u>College classes:</u> The Ivy League colleges: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Columbia, Cornell and Dartmouth are all offering FREE online courses. Go to: Classcentral.com

<u>**Peleton**</u>: for 90 days, you can download and use their app for free exercise classes such as yoga. You do not need their bike.





Youth Activities Dinner: May 6th

This year's Youth Activities Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th. The delicious Dinner Buffet will be from Chef

Whitney. The price of dinner is \$12.00 each and \$9.00 for kids 12 & under. A committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30th, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss room/table decoration duties and program responsibilities. We can use your support.

This is an Elks National Foundation (ENF) Major Project. Let's plan on putting our best foot forward to make a positive, lasting impression for the youth and their families that will be attending this beautiful event!

Fraternally yours, Mike Rittenhouse, Chairman Youth Activities Program



Elks Lodge 1811 Annual Car Show & Charity Event	
Elks Casa	Solution Calks
	2020 10 a.m 3 p.m. Dr., Walnut Creek, CA
Awards Presentation at 2:15 p.m.	
Registration:	
Pre-register by <u>no later</u> than June 2, 2020 - \$40 per vehicle. All registered show participants will receive one (1) free lunch, a certificate of participation along with a chance to win an award. <u>SPACE IS LIMITED</u> ! Once all assigned spaces are filled and paid for, additional registration requests will be returned.	
Name: (please note that if you wish to be with a group Phone:	p or a specific individual to note it on this form !!)
Address:	City:
ZIP:	
Year/Make/Model:	
EMAIL / Contact:	
Registration: \$40 x # registrations =	- 12
Total = \$	
	Check and Registration form to: alnut Creek, CA 94596 attn: Mike Schaaf
	for my vehicle and its contents and agree to hold \$11 and all sponsors of liability for damage, injury or
Signature	
For more information about sponsorships or ad Mike at: elkscarshow20@gmail.com or, jschaal	dditional event details, please feel free to contact f007@aol.com or (925) 548-0895

Lodge Officers

2020 - 2021

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Lodge Secretary: Judy Hunter PER **Lodge Treasurer:** Mike Mathers

Trustees:

1st Year Trustee: Eleanor Bolin-Chew 2nd Year Trustee: Michael Angelo Silva 3rd Year Trustee: Bill J Todd 4th Year Trustee: Greg Okerman 5th Year Trustee: Barbara Green (elected)



We need your support. Please take a look at the open positions. See how you can help. Call: 935-1811

Appointed Statutory Officials:

Presiding Justice: Douglas Fountain *Mediator:* Gerry Gouveia

LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 2019-2020

AUDIT/ACCOUNTING: OPEN

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Russ Kesler, PER

LODGE ACTIVITIES:

Jacklynn Roenspie Americanism: Mike Scaaf and Kevin Finn Government Relations: Ed Johnson, PDDGER National Veterans Service: Mark Steinberg Public Relations: Sheri Schaaf Grants Coordinator: Michael Angelo Silva

LODGE OPERATIONS:

Building and Grounds: Mike A. Silva, PDDGER Elketin Editor: Cindy/Dan Gray Safety/Accident Prevention: Eleanor Bolin-Chew Cyber Assistant: Christina Candelori Bequests/Living Trusts: Jacklynn Roenspie Elks Nat'l Foundation: Michael A Silva, PDDGER Jamboree: Gerry Gouveia, PAVP Major Project(Purple Pig): Open Margarita Mondays: Open Hospitality Manager: Kelly Barnett Landscape: Gary Boffo/Kimberly Everett Thirsty Thursdays: Dan Gray

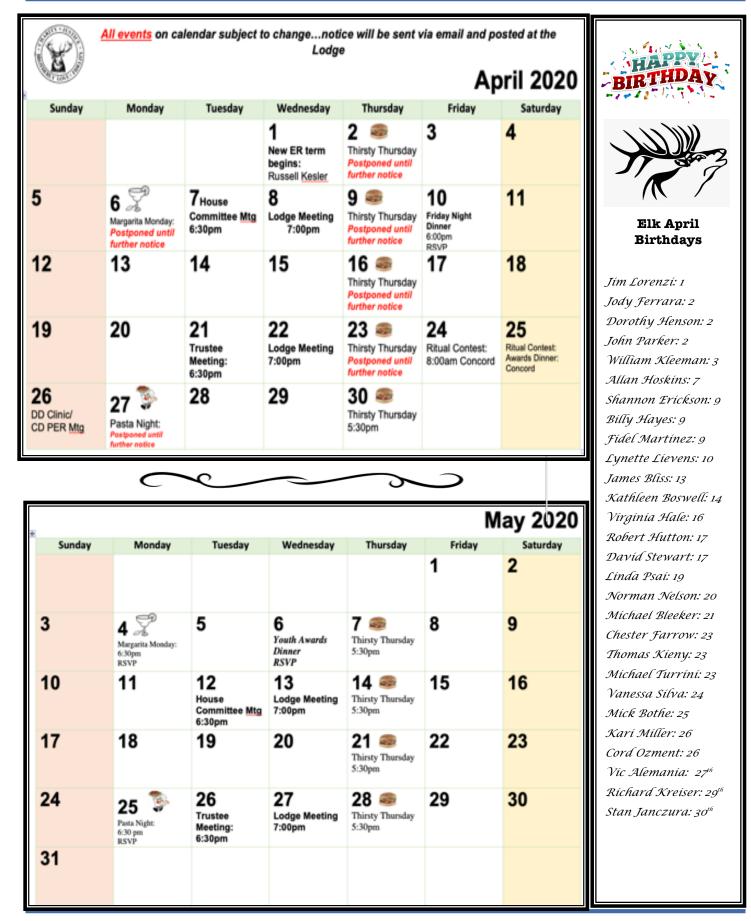
Membership:

Investigation/Indoctrination/Orientation Michael A. Silva, PDDGER 707-558-9667

Ritual/Ritual Team Coaches: Michael A. Silva, PDDGER Gerry Gouveia, PAVP

Youth Activities: Mike Rittenhouse Drug Awareness: Sherri Schaaf Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse Scholarships: Denise Silva Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Kurt Cornell Dictionary Project: Diane Wrobel

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