

# VISALIA ELKS

## # 1298 BULLETIN | "The Herd"

Visalia, California - February 2021 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



Just a reminder to all members of the rules that we are bound to follow in order to keep our lodge open.

Members are responsible for their guests and for setting an example. Please wear your mask when entering the building (at all times) and follow the 1 person at a time rule. Please be courteous to your bartenders and don't make them have to enforce this rule. We know that wearing a mask is bothersome, but it is a small request to keep our lodge open for all of us.

### Visalia Elks Lodge Bulletin

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### News Submission Deadline

Submissions must be received on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the next newsletter. **Send to:**

**kristy@rknstudio.com**

## "EXALTED RULER'S CORNER"

Happy February Visalia Elks.

Hard to believe that there is only 2 months left in the current Elks year. It is no secret that because of the pandemic, it has been a trying year financially, especially for our Elks Charities. In a normal year, we benefit from many of our large fund raisers to help fund our Elks Charities, especially Elk's National Foundation and CHEA Major Project (Purple Pig). The Annual Poker Run, Tea Party, and Wine Tasting are just some of these beneficial events. Because of the pandemic, we are well below a normal year in donations.

I am asking the membership to donate to these Elk Charities so that we can finish this year's programs on a high note. You can send money by mail or personally leave it at the office. I will be putting envelopes in the bar so that you can leave your donations there or you may drop it off at a drive through breakfast or dinner. Ideally, if we simply received \$5.00 from every Elk for each charity, that would be over \$5,000 for each cause! Thank you for your support in advance.

**February also brings Visalia Elks Officer Elections.** Nominations will be February 10<sup>th</sup> and voting will take place February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are considering running for an office, please review the Elk's Officers Manual that can be found on [elks.org](http://elks.org) or ask to see the copy in the office to review. If you want to learn more about becoming an officer, I encourage you to talk with the current officer in the position you are considering or one of the Past Exalted Rulers. It is a very fulfilling experience serving your lodge, a great learning experience as well, but also a major commitment on your part. I wish all Elks running for positions good luck.

Finally, thanks to our volunteers for making January a success. Jane Shields and Becky Kennedy with their crews are back for Wednesday night dinners, Tommy Hansen and team cooked a great breakfast, James Conlin for getting donations and building tables for the patio. And a huge Elk thank you to Darwyn Ward, Claude Phillips, Javier Camacho and Dale Burk for donating and installing at NO COST to the Elks the new radiant tube heaters on the back patio! It was a very generous deed.

Stay healthy and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Fraternally Yours,  
Ron Marshall, Exalted Ruler  
Visalia #1298

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## Lodge Officers 2019/2020

Exalted Ruler	Ron Marshall
Leading Knight	Eli Ledesma
Loyal Knight	Shawn Cooper
Lecturing Knight	Brian Tenhet
Esquire	Susan Kazarian
Chaplain	Dorothy Van Wagoner

Inner Guard	James Conlin
Tiler	Kevin Colopy
Secretary	Judy Staley
Treasurer	Mike Saulque

### Trustees:

1-Year	Ralph Kaeble
2-Year	John Peters PER
3-Year	Jorge Montano
4-Year	Brenda Costa
5-Year	Victor Perez

## Past Exalted Rulers \*

Ronald Mathis	1976-77
Larry Paxton	1978-79
John Peters	1989-90
Jim Hay	1991-92
Robert Casey	1992-93
Al Hack	1995-96
Royce Gholson	1997-98,
	98-99, 07-08
Rob Van Wagoner	1999-2000
Joe Alberti	2004-05,
	05-06, 15-16
Ted Donald	2006-07
Dennis Oswalt	2014-15
Jan Lee	2016-17,
	17-18
Ray Lewis	2019-20

\*Active in Good Standing

Past Exalted Rulers from other lodges:

Ken Bridges	Tulare # 1424
Pat Dugan	Tulare #1424

## Member News:

### Upcoming meetings:

It's important that you **RSVP with the office if you will be at one of the meetings** in advance so that we can determine what room we will need to have the meeting in.

### Orientation and Initiation.

**Next Orientation is March 24, 2021 at 5:30pm. Ball Room #2**

Orientation is MANDATORY for all candidates. Because of our current situation, only candidates and sponsors will be allowed to attend.

This is the beginning of the learning process of the BPOE and what we are all about.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and candidates will have dinner on us.

Only members and candidates are allowed in the lodge room. The members lounge will be closed during the initiation and lodge meeting. Expect about an hour. No beverages are allowed in the lodge room.

**Note to Sponsors:** Please make reservations for your candidates and notify them of the above listed times. Sponsors should escort their candidates to orientation, dinner and initiation. **Attire is business casual.**

***NO SHORTS, FLIP FLOPS,  
"T-SHIRTS OR JEANS  
DURING THE INITIATION...***



## From the Secretary's Desk

It's that time again.... dues notices are in the mail next week. Included is the copy changes of the by-laws which we will be voting on the first meeting in Feb. If you would like your voice heard to these changes please come to the meeting.

Also at the meeting it's also time for nominations of new officers for the next year! This has been a trying year for your current officer crew with the shutdowns and changes but they have done a awesome job in keeping up and trying to keep us safe while at the same time keep us running.

## Scholarship Update from Bill Flores, Chair:

Our 2021 recipients have been notified and this year they are all from Visalia schools. Two from El D, two from Redwood, one from Mt. Whitney and one from Central Valley Christian. We hope the schools will have their Scholarship Nights in the spring so we can attend and present their checks.

I also participated in the District Judging at the Fresno Lodge on January 10th and look forward to the results to see if any of our six kids have advanced to the next level.

Our CHEA Scholarship Chair, Jack Geiger, reminds us that we are actively looking for applicants for the CHEA VOCATIONAL GRANT to those who need certified training to enter or re-enter the labor market. Grants are available for up to \$2000 per year, for up to two years. They are available to anyone, of any age, who has a high school diploma or equivalent.

Apply online at: <https://chea-elks.org> We would love to have a local recipient!

## KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S NOT GETTING THE BULLETIN?

Help them get the info they need by visiting our website:

[www.visaliaelks.org](http://www.visaliaelks.org) and subscribing to the mailing list (on the home page on the right side). You can even do this from your phone. Once they enter their name/email into the subscription form, they'll get an email to confirm their subscription. After it's confirmed, they'll receive the monthly bulletin and the weekly **What's Happening This Week** email that is sent out on Mondays.

## VISALIA ELKS COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Americanism	Dan Deiterich
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Business Practices	Judy Staley
Drug Awareness	Thomas Higgins
Government Relations	Ray Lewis PER
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Lodge Activities	Michelle Nelson
Membership/Indoc.	Judy Staley
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Public Relations	Lisa Ledesma
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Ritual Training	Ray Lewis PER
Scholarships	Bill Flores
Scouting	Melanie McKimmons
Youth Activities	Kim Chance



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

## PURPLE PIG THANKS YOU ALL

**Century Club:** Larry Tate

If you join us at the lodge at any time, please be on the look-out for those purple pigs on the patio. I think they are in need of food. If you have any coins please fill their bellies.

We thank you for your continued support. Continue to save your coins or just bring in a check for the Purple Pig any morning to the office. Have a wonderful January. Hope to see you soon during our open hours at the lodge.

LaRuth

“  
*Life is 10%  
what happens to you  
and 90% how you  
react to it.*

CHARLES R. SWINDOLL

## LEGACY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 5, 2021

Legacy Awards scholarships are available to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. Encourage the high school seniors in your family—or those related to your fellow Elks—to apply for a Legacy Award! The application for this competitive scholarship closes on February 5, 2021, at 11:59 a.m. CT. Learn more about the eligibility requirements:

<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>

## DRIVE THRU Events



## Sunday Veterans Drive-Thru Breakfast February 14, 2021

Feb 14th! Treat your Valentine to breakfast!!

Menu: Eggs, potatoes, bacon/sausage, french toast, biscuit/gravy

Price: \$10.00  
drive through from 8 to 10am

... and GIRL SCOUTS will be there!! selling their delicious cookies. \$5.00 a box

**Please make reservations by calling 559-734-6762  
by Saturday afternoon**

Please keep an eye on our Members Group FB page and the **What's Happening at Elks** email. If you are not signed up yet, follow this link and put your info in the right column of our home page to subscribe:

<http://visaliaelks.org/>





## VAGABONDS TRAVELS

Not favorable for our March Rally at Casa de Fruta. The club house is still closed per recent check by rally wagon master Lloyd Cooper. We will let you know when we have more information.

Until next month,

Frank and Kathy Kelly

## Donate to Elks National Foundation Online



We're  $\frac{3}{4}$  through our 2020-2021 Elks year. The per member giving goal established by Paul Ryan, Grand Exalted-Ruler is \$4.80. Visalia Elks Lodge #1298 is currently at \$1.77. If each member could donate the price of their next vended beverage (cocktail, caffee mucho, drive-thru cola, etc.), we would exceed our goal. Here's the site to make it simple for you and our Lodge to get credit: [enf.elks.org/MyLodge!](https://enf.elks.org/MyLodge!)



## February 20th 8 A.M. – Help needed

Calling all Elks with Chain saws and strong backs! We need to get the oak cut and split and stacked so we can get one more load dropped in before it gets too hot!



The new 50,000 btu/h 30' long radiant tube heaters are installed and working. Thanks Visalia Elks members Darwyn Ward, Claude Phillips, Dale Burke, and Javier Camacho for your generous donation and installing the heaters. Come on down and enjoy!

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These good folks have donated to help keep our monthly newsletter coming to each and every one of our members. We appreciate their consideration. If you are interested in being a sponsor in future bulletins, please contact the office.

The cost is \$100 a year and it can be prorated if needed.



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2 Chris Adams  
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Stephen William Sobko  
Danny Stewart  
3 Robert R Aguilar  
Sara Anne Doyle  
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