



# THE ELKETIN

November 2020



Greetings,

Six months in, where has the time gone? With the cautions due to COVID, we miss our members and community. As

guidelines change, we will continue to open the lodge accordingly. At this time, we offer inside seating for our events. Outside Dining is available by RSVP if you feel more comfortable. Lodge meetings will continue to be offered in a virtual format until further notice. I know that availability has been an issue. We are addressing the situation.

In regards to the Lodge's Wifi, here is some background. The Lodge was built in 1955 with cinderblocks by volunteer members. Supervised by our member Harry Hemstock (deceased-I am still friends with his son Kim. He has fond memories of coming down with his father during that process.), who knew about the internet. Cinderblock, it turns out, hinders the Wi-Fi signal which means ours has been unreliable and inconsistent. Our Loyal Knight has spent numerous hours attempting to correct the issue. Finally, we came to the conclusion we must upgrade our service. To switch service, we need to add a new line from Creekside Drive to our building, which requires a permit from Walnut Creek. The permit process takes from 30 to 90 days. We will keep everyone posted on the status.

October 3rd was our first event of this current Lodge year. It was a delicious meal catered by our own Chef Extraordinaire: Whitney Quin. Followed by our annual Cigar and Bourbon tasting event, everyone enjoyed their evening. Since I was pouring the Bourbon, I could see how much folks enjoyed themselves. Any headaches experienced the next morning, were from the cigars. We still have Bourbon left from this year, so we might offer another Bourbon night in January or February. Since we will be outside, it will be cold....bring your gloves and coats!

Many thanks to Whitney Quin, her

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son Blake, with helpers Evan and Helen for their hard work in the kitchen for the event. Her husband, Mike set up tables and greeted guests. The decorations were designed by Kimberly Morris with assistance from Doreen Smith. Thank you, to Cindy Gray for managing the Square System, which freed up our bartender, Lisa Baber, allowing her to provide her usual amazing service. Thank you to Kimberly Morris and Lisa Fisher, who met me on Sunday to clean up. Lastly, I would like to give a special shout out to our Member, Gerry Carothers. Although she was not signed up to assist, she took it upon herself to help and fold the tablecloths inside on her own. Thank you, Gerry, your effort was greatly appreciated.

Finally, continue to maintain your vigilance and wear a mask, wash your hands and where possible, practice social distance. Don't put yourself in an unsafe environment. Do what you think is best for yourself and your own conscience. We want to see you all soon!

Fraternally,  
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## Trustees:

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



## Office Hours:

Monday - Friday:

9am - 1pm

## Members Lounge Hours:

Due to current COVID guidelines, we are only open during events with dining service

## Office contact information:

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## See's Candy Fundraiser: for the Purple Pig~ Order Now!!

We have partnered with See's Candies just in time for this Holiday Season. Please take a moment to visit our Yum-Raising Shop. Reach out to your family, friends and co-workers and ask for their support of our California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project for Disabled children, the PURPLE PIG. Your purchases will help us achieve our fundraising goals.



See's Candies Yum-Raising: The Purple Pig Shop #1811 WC Lodge

The fundraiser is open from **now until December 4th**

**ONLY.** See's Candies will then issue a check to our 1811 Purple Pig fund with the profits we have earned. Let's put forward a strong effort to make this program a success for our lodge!

Orders can only be placed online. You must use the link provided in the emails that are sent weekly from the lodge. Please contact us if you have any issues at 925-935-1811 or [cdat4gray@yahoo.com](mailto:cdat4gray@yahoo.com). We can assist you with your orders.

Mike Rittenhouse, Chairman  
Yum-Raising Committee

**Share Share Share! The more, the merrier!**

### PURPLE PIG:

Please, we need your support! One way is to support the Yum-Raising fundraiser for the Holidays. Your generosity will help hundreds of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii. It will assist them to walk, talk, see and play!



### Support Local Business!

Please support our local small businesses at all times. Keep in mind those that have supported us, especially in these difficult times.



### A Reminder of New Voting Procedures

- 1) The lodge meeting is hosted via Zoom Pro. Members contact the secretary to obtain the password, which would be changed for each meeting where balloting will occur. The Secretary checks that the member is in good standing before providing the password.
- 2) Members log into the zoom meeting (a paid account is not required to participate) using their membership number and password. If there is more than one member in that household, each must use a separate device to log in.
- 3) Balloting is conducted using the polling feature (approve/do not approve). A screenshot is captured to show the total votes. The polling feature does not capture information as to who has participated in the poll and only provides a total number of votes for each option offered in the poll. The secretary/host will know if the number of poll responses exceeds the number of members on the call. If that occurs the process is repeated. The screenshots are deleted as breaking of the box.

### LODGE RENTALS

WILL RESUME UPON CHANGE OF GUIDELINES FROM COUNTY.

Contact Kelly Barnett, Facilities manager for questions:  
285-3260

### NEEDED:

Volunteers for Burger Night, Pasta Night, Taco Night  
We could use your help!! More manpower is needed with the added protocols. Please consider volunteering!  
Call: 935-1811 or email:  
[BPOE1811@gmail.com](mailto:BPOE1811@gmail.com) or  
[WCElksburgernight@gmail.com](mailto:WCElksburgernight@gmail.com)

## November 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Burger Night: 5:30 PM		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sports TV Game of the Week: 1:00pm Weather permitting call first		House Meeting: 7:00pm	Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm Veterans Day 	Pasta Night 5:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sports TV Game of the Week: 1:00pm Weather permitting call first				Burger Night 5:30pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sports TV Game of the Week: 1:00pm Weather permitting call first		Trustee Meeting: 6:30pm Cancelled for Holiday	Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm Cancelled for Holiday	Thanksgiving Day 		
29	30					
Sports TV Game of the Week: 1:00pm Weather permitting call first						

Calendar is subject to change. Please check your email for updates. Don't see an email from us?  
Check your spam folders! Or contact us: BPOE1811@gmail.com



## December 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Burger Night 5:30pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sports TV Game of week: Weather Permitting		House Committee Mtg: 6:00pm	Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm	Pasta Night 5:30pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sports TV Game of week: Weather Permitting				Burger Night 5:30pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sports TV Game of week: Weather Permitting		Trustee Meeting: 6:30pm	Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm	Holiday: Christmas Eve	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
27	28	29	30	31		
Sports TV Game of week: Weather Permitting				Happy New Years Eve 		





**Thirsty Thursday**

## BURGER NIGHT

5:30pm  
Indoor Dining Now Offered  
Outdoor Dining available by  
RSVP Only  
Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers,  
Hot Links: \$6.00  
Hot Dogs: \$5.00

Masks required  
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Order Online by noon Thursday



**PASTA DINNER**  
NEW NIGHT:  
Thursday,  
November 12th  
6:00pm: \$10.00



**Join Us!**

**Details sent to  
your email.**

## THURSDAY NIGHT MEALS:

New: Inside dining now available. We are set up for 25% capacity. If you still prefer outside dining, please rsvp by noon on Wednesday to allow us to set up a table for you.

**MASKS REQUIRED AT ALL EVENTS**



## GAME DAY



**Join us for Hot Dogs and Beer on Sunday Game Day!**  
Every Sunday:  
1:00pm on Side Patio-  
Weather Permitting  
Call First to Confirm

Taco Night will resume in January due to upcoming holiday schedule!

Happy Holidays!



Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans Day. It is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. We stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called [Armistice Day](#). It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the eleventh hour of that year. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

2020 has been a unique year. It has had many challenges and unforeseen impact on many of our daily activities. Please take a moment during the day on November 11<sup>th</sup> to remember those who have served. Place a flag in your yard, pause during your day and give thanks for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**



# VETERANS

11<sup>th</sup> November

# DAY



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