



# THE ELKETIN

December 2020



Greetings,  
Computers: love them or leave them. I thought I had the December message finished. But I lost it from my desktop, probably because I forgot to save it. So version two will have to suffice.

As I said before, I am of the opinion that the Grinches are attempting to steal Christmas as well as other traditional events. Thanksgiving has been significantly modified for all of us. The big family feast with Uncle John slurring his words didn't happen. I plan on enjoying the day with my oldest watching football, arguing politics and then having dinner cooked by the two of us (miss mom's cooking!). I hope everyone had a delightful day despite the impact of Covid precautions for the holiday.

Our last meeting in October was our annual visit by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Beck of the Pittsburg Lodge # 1474. Due to COVID guidelines, our evening was not up to our normal standards. However, Kelly Barnett pulled out all the stops. Thanks to her efforts, dinner of Caesar Salad, Lasagna and Garlic Bread was enjoyed by those in attendance.

We, then, adjourned to the business portion of the visitation. At the meeting, Bob gave us a message from our Grand Exalted ruler regarding membership and plans looking forward to the future.

This December will be quite different than in past years. We will not participate in the annual Broadway Plaza parade nor will we have our annual Holiday Party and Gift Exchange, sadly, due to COVID orders.

We are supporting a mail-in fundraiser for the Concord Salvation Army Food pantry on Clayton Road in Concord. They service Central County. There are plenty of families who could use our assistance for Christmas Dinner. Jacklynn Roenspie will be chairing the Fundraiser. Please send in your donations made out to the Lodge to her attention. She will be the contact with the Salvation Army's community services director Michael Riley. Since time is of the essence, please mail in your donation by December 2<sup>nd</sup>, so that she can determine our

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- ◆ Purple Pig Yum-Raiser



contribution for their deadline. The E.R thanks you in advance for your generous contributions to this worthy cause.

Eleven A.M. December 6<sup>th</sup> is the Elks Memorial Day. This year will be a trimmed down version for obvious reasons. If all the required Officers are present, we will be close to the county attendee regulations. So those who can't attend, please have your own moment of silence for our absent members. Of course, we will make space for all relatives who want to attend. Due to current directives from the county, we will be in the parking lot, so please dress accordingly. Lodge will provide hot coffee and light snacks.

In closing, I hope everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Stay healthy, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and avoid any risky situations.

Fraternally

Fraternally,  
Russ Kesler, PER  
Lodge Office: 925-935-1811  
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## LODGE OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

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Open  
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Joan Schwanz  
**Esquire:**  
Christina Candelori  
**Chaplain:**  
Denise Silva  
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Greg Hunter PER  
**Lodge Tiler:**  
Jacklynn Roenspie  
**Vocalist:**  
John Schafgans  
**Lodge Secretary:**  
Judy Hunter PER  
**Lodge Treasurer:**  
Mike Mathers

### Trustees:

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



### Office Hours:

**Monday – Friday:**  
9am – 1pm

### Members Lounge Hours:

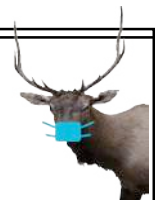
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### Office contact information:

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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.**

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). Your orders are mailed directly to you.

**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 Families in Need!**



Please support our fundraiser for the Concord Salvation Army Food Pantry. Located on Clayton Road in Concord, they provide support to families in need in Central County. Many of these same families, especially now, could use our assistance for Christmas Dinner. Jacklynn Roenspie is the Elk's Chair for this fundraiser. She will coordinate with the Salvation Army's community services director, Michael Riley. Please send in your donations at her attention.

**Check/Cash preferred payable to: Elks**  
**Mail no later than Dec.1st**  
**OR**  
**drop off your donation to the office**  
**by Dec. 4th (9am-1:00 pm)**

WC Elks Lodge  
 1475 Creekside Dr  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 Attn: Jacklynn Roenspie

**You can raise Money for our "Major Project" by doing your Christmas Shopping online!**

California-Hawaiian Elks Major Project Inc. has partnered with Amazon. A percentage of every purchase from smile.Amazon.com can be donated to the Purple Pig!

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Select your purchases.
3. In the charity box, search for "California-Hawaiian Elks Major Project Inc."
4. Make your purchase & Amazon will make a



**Honor our Fallen Members:  
 Elks Memorial Day  
 Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

This Sunday, we will honor fallen members from the past year who have passed on. They are friends and volunteers. The service will be outside at 11am in front of the Lodge. Please RSVP to the Lodge Office to attend. We are limited to numbers due to CCC rules. Refreshments will be provided.

Below are the members who have passed since December 2019. If you cannot attend, please take a moment at 11am on Sunday to remember them.

Member	Initiated	Deceased
Alf W Dahl	03-22-1967	10-28-2020
George H Irvin	02-19-1977	06-02-2020
Chester K Farrow	03-22-2000	05-24-2020
Oliver G Everette (Pat)	02-22-1973	05-10-2020

**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 Schaaf and Kevin Finn

*Government Relations:* Ed Johnson, PDDGER

*National Veterans Service:* Mark Steinberg

*Public Relations:* Sheri Schaaf

*Grants Coordinator:* Michael A. Silva

**LODGE OPERATIONS:**

*Building and Grounds:* Mike A. Silva, PDDGER

*Elketin Editor:* Cindy/Dan Gray

*Safety/Accident Prevention:* Eleanor Bolin-Chew

*Social Media:* Christina Candelori

*Cyber:* Travis Ervin

*Bequests/Living Trusts:* Jacklynn Roenspie

*Elks Nat'l Foundation:* Michael A Silva, PDDGER

*Jamboree:* Gerry Gouveia, PAVP

*Major Project (Purple Pig):* Russ Kesler, PER

*Margarita Mondays:* Open

*Hospitality Manager:* Kelly Barnett

*Landscape:* Gary Buffo/Kimberly Everett

*Burger Nights:* Dan Gray

*Taco Night:* Bill Todd

*Pasta Night:* Judy Hunter/Kelly Barnett

**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



~ From Judy's Desk:

925-935-1811

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Office hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm Monday – Friday.



**To accommodate parking passes, the office will be open from 3pm-7pm on select days. Please check the calendar. All other days remain the same. Please...dues are an issue. We have many unpaid members. If your number appears below, please contact me ASAP. Thank you!**

3792	3926	3596	3375	3904
3910	3571	3840	3376	3925
3716	2994	3876	3677	3868
3845	3927	3871	3944	
3911	3860	3782	3872	
3905	3891	3902	3752	
3828	3920	3869	3825	
3223	1738			
3811	3753			
3032	2934			



As the lodge continues to follow the county guidelines for reopening, the best way to stay informed of the changes for our lodge are the weekly emails. If you are not receiving these, please check your spam. Contact me to confirm that your email is correct in Constant Contact, our mailing service. If you have an announcement that you would like in the newsletter or if you wish to receive our digital version only, please contact me at [cdat4gray@gmail.com](mailto:cdat4gray@gmail.com).

**Donations**

**from the last quarter**

Names will be provided in the next Elketin. Thank you for your support! It is appreciated!

**September to November:**

Purple Pig: \$ 225.00

Building Fund: \$365.50

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*December Birthdays*

- 02- Kerri Chrysty
- 04- Andrew Coffin
- 05- Raymond Davis
- 05- Suzanne Seeno Knoll
- 07- Kevin Finn  
Daniel Ove
- 09- Gary Arthur  
Stephanie Ann Malone  
Todd Sekulich
- 11- John Labak
- 12- Bruce Bettis  
Joseph Farley  
Mary Gouveia
- 13- Hohn Helsel  
Loren E Piper
- 20- Carl Becker
- 20- Frank Vigna
- 21- Mike Transchel
- 22- Sidney Crusier
- 22- Gary Rodgers  
Micheal Turk
- 24- Dana Michaels
- 26- Peter Luger
- 27- Dean Clevenger
- 28- John D Anderson  
Roger Freeman  
Mike Rittenhouse  
Tim Warden
- 29- Heidi Bauermeister  
George Irvin
- 30- Donald Lynch
- 31- Diane Yribarren



# December 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	Office Hours: 3pm-7pm Burger Night Last one of year! 5:30pm	3	4
Elks Memorial Day 11:00am	Office Hours Today: 3pm- 7pm Office closed from 9am-1pm	House Meeting: 6:00pm Trustee Meeting: to follow.	Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm	Office Hours Today: 3pm-7pm Office Closed 9am-1pm	10	11
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	Trustee Meeting moved to 12/8 following House Meeting	Lodge Meeting: Due to Holiday, no meeting tonight.	Holiday	24	25
27	28	29	30	New Year's Eve	31	26



**Support Local Business!**  
Please support our local small businesses especially now. We have moved some of the advertisement throughout the bulletin to highlight them.



**Automotive Maintenance Machine**  
Sam Novik, Owner/Technician  
199 Mayhew Wy, Ste J, WC.  
925-933-5488

# January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
Special Office hours on 01-04 and 01-08: will be closed from 9am-1:00pm					HAPPY NEW YEARS!	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sports TV Game of Week: TBD	Office Hours 3pm- 7-pm	Office Hours: 9am-1pm	Office Hours: 9am-1pm	Burger Night TBD PENDING CCC RULES	Office Hours: 3pm- 7pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sports TV Game of Week: TBD		House Committee Mtg: 6:00pm Office Hours: 9am-1pm	Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm Office Hours: 9am-1pm	Pasta Night TBD PENDING CCC RULES		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sports TV Game of Week: TBD	Martin Luther King Holiday			Burger Night TBD PENDING CCC RULES		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sports TV Game of Week: TBD		Trustee Meeting: 6:30pm	Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm	Taco Night TBD PENDING CCC RULES		
31						
Sports TV Game of Week: TBD						

### LODGE RENTALS

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)



### GAME DAY



Check for updates sent through weekly email.

### Thursday Night Dinners:



Due to current CCC Health Orders, there is NO indoor dining. ONLY outside dining is available at this time. This Thursday's Burger Night is the last until Jan. 2021. Masks required. Online Order Curbside Pickup is available. Please order by noon on Wednesday: call 925-935-1811 or use order link from email message.



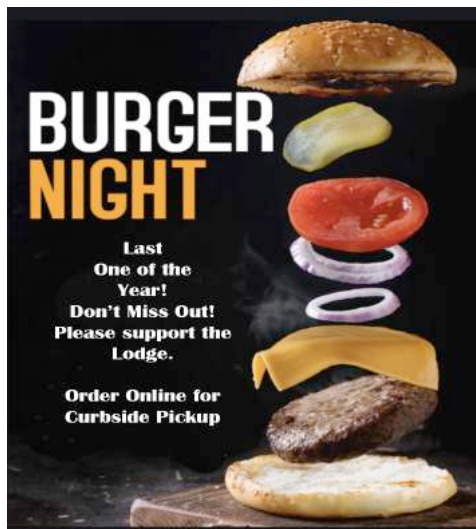
Pasta Night

Returns  
Jan. 2021

Happy  
Holidays!



### December 3<sup>rd</sup> LAST ONE!





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**December 2020**



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