



THE SEA BREEZE

April/May 2021



REDONDO BEACH ELKS LODGE 1378

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Redondo Beach Elks Lodge 1378

*You are cordially invited
to attend the
Virtual Installation of Officers for
Fraternal Year 2021 - 2022
On Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m.*

*Robert A. Pickett, DDGER
Installing Officer*

*Karen Buchanan, DD Designate
Chairman of the Evening*

*Zoom Meeting Information
Log into Zoom at
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Passcode: 566123
or
Call in at (669) 900-6833*

Click here to join our Virtual Installation

<https://zoom.us/join>



The Dues Renewal Notices dated 2/5/2021 for the Fraternal Year 4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022, sent from Grand Lodge, have an incorrect amount of \$125.00 for Regular Prepaid Dues. These dues should have been listed as \$140.00 in the renewal notice.

Please remit the Regular Prepaid Dues of \$140.00 along with \$25.00 for prepaid per capita dues and assessments from Grand Lodge and State Association for a Total of \$165.00 along with any optional contributions for Elks National Foundation, Major Project, or the Lodge Building Fund. We apologize for this error.

If you paid \$150.00 for your Regular Prepaid Dues and prepaid per capita dues and assessments, please contact the Lodge Office at (310) 372-8488 to arrange to pay the remaining \$15.00. Thank you to those that have already paid the difference.

GENERAL FUND DONATION UPDATE

Thank you to all the members who have donated. We are incredibly grateful for your support and generosity. Since October 2020, we received a little over \$12,000 in donations towards the general fund from members listed.

Joni Ackerman	Paul & Karen Galvin
S.Y. Arnheim	Anthony Garcia
Stephen Aspel	Craig Garriott
Darnelle Baingo	Kate Geismar
Jerry & Dianne Baltz	Lara Gillian
Kevin Barry	Roger Grant
Jennifer Bates	Norm Hahn
Brian & Julia Beckman	Bruce & Gail Harris
Ray Benning	Mike Hertica
Andrew Bishop	Patricia Holman
Ginger Brown	Carol Hutcherson
Michael Bruni	Stephan Jacques
Karen Buchanan	Earl & Cheryl Johnson
Gina Clancy	Harry Johnson
Terry Clemons	Christopher & Margaret Keene
Jennifer Coleman & Steve Combs	Alice Kerney & Ruben Gomez
Scott Crowell & Sean Saunders	Elisabete Krause
Rosann Czech	Bob Kuchenmeister
Peter & Nina Dabbieri	Larry & Dianne Larrabee
Joseph Davis	Lina Lee
Susan Dehan	Carol Lenahan
Adam Deierling	Rick Lind
Lee Deierling	Robert Lingle
James Donatz	Matthew Loorya
Liz Dye	Yvonne Marin & Gus Vargas
Jason Eley	Robert Marshall
Andrea Evans	Lynn Marx
Robert Ewart	Christine McCaverty
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Christina Ferrelli	Harry Michaelian
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Audry Fox	Darlyn Moore
Diane Fox	James Morrow
Jeanne Fox	Kelly Neal
Victoria Fox	Thomas Nyman
Bill Frandsen & Dorothy Staniszewski	Brian & Doris Oakley

Michelle O'Donnell	Nancy Schwartz
Spencer Palmer	Raymond & Kathleen Shortridge
Luis Pastor	Lynne Showalter
Tony & Lori Pereslete	Jeanne Sinsheimer
Andrea Pho	Kathy Smith
Duane & Barbara Pick	Les & Sylvia Smullen
R.A. Pickett	Charolette Sorenson
Michael Pocheban	Christian Sorenson
David Poje	Gloria & Kevin Steck
Sal & Martha Quijano	Lamont & Nashana Steele
Paul & Linda Redgriff	Richard Steele
Elva & James Reed	Tim Stork
Doug Rodriguez	Tammie Tanguay
Lydia Rogers	Ski Tarnosky
Phil Rojas	James Taylor
Eric Ruehle	Michelle Vanlerberghe
Ron Sanner	Cheryl Ware
Raymond Schneider	Terry Weinberger
Cliff Scholnick	Christina Wickers
John & Jane Schonberger	David Winter

A Message from Exalted Ruler, PAUL REDGRIFT

Hello Fellow Elks,

Welcome to the New Fraternal Year! I am looking forward to my second year as Exalted Ruler and to continue serving the Lodge. We will be installing our officers on **Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30pm via Zoom**. Details for logging into the meeting are included is on the front page.

Recent developments with the approved COVID-19 vaccine distribution continue to look promising and we are currently moving into the less restrictive Red tier for LA County health protocols. We are looking forward to being able to safely reopen the Lodge in accordance county, state, and federal government health guidelines which could be soon based on the positive developments. I ask that you remain patient and support the Lodge leaders as we work towards safely reopening the Lodge. We are just as anxious to reopen as you are.

As we move into the new Fraternal Year, the House Committee will be developing a calendar of events. These events will include the Mother's Day Brunch, Band Nights, Bar Sports Tournaments, Memorial Day & Veterans Day Tributes & BBQs, Chili Cook Off and Car Show, and many others. We intend to publish the entire

calendar in our next newsletter. These events don't happen without the volunteer efforts of our members. If you haven't already volunteered to help, please consider doing so this year. You will have a great time and meet many of our members and volunteers at the Lodge.

While the Lodge has been closed for the past year, we were able to accomplish many positive things for the Lodge and the community. We have included a list of these accomplishments in the Newsletter. I want to thank all of the dedicated members that contributed their time and money towards making these things happen.

Stay safe and patient as we move towards reopening the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Paul Redgriff
Exalted Ruler

**A Message from Leading Knight,
ELIZABETH DYE, PER**

Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin our 2021-2022 fraternal year, I cannot help but be optimistic. Why? Because although we have had a rough year coupled with illness, lockdowns, and closures it seems that we are now on the upside. Optimistic because I see businesses, establishments and schools opening. Two weeks ago, I saw high school sports on the practice fields and THAT is what makes me optimistic. It will not be long before our Lodges will be able to open so we can get back to business, raising money for our Veterans, youth, and charities, celebrations, meetings in our Lodge room, and socializing in the Member's Quarters with our fellow Elks. Although we have not been able to open and gather in the Lodge, we have been busy and will continue to be so that when we are able to open, we can open. I hope you were able to take part in our fundraising efforts through our Restaurant Nights, See's Candy, Drive-thru dinners, and Raffles. If not, don't worry as there are more in the works. This month (April) we will be featuring an online auction through Facebook and more drive thru dinners. You need to be on Facebook to participate so make sure to "Like" us at **Redondo Beach Elks Lodge 1378**. Look for additional "Restaurant Nights" to help support the Lodge. Through their generosity, we receive a

percentage of the sales. In anticipation of re-opening, I look forward to the Leading Knight's Halloween Charity Ball and many other unique member events. Be prepared by making sure your Dues are paid so you don't miss our re-opening. Cheers to a wonderful 2021-22 fraternal year!

Fraternally,
Elizabeth Dye, PER
Esteemed Leading Knight



**Congratulations to the winner of the 58"
Smart LED TV**

Lori Marple-Pereslete

Redondo Beach Inner Guard

and \$50 to our second-place winner

Ray Benning, Jr.

Redondo Beach 18-year Member

**We appreciate everyone who participated
and contributed to the Leading Knight
Raffle. Because of YOU we were able to
raise \$4,107. Thanks again to all!**



**A Message from Incoming Loyal Knight,
NASHANA STEELE**

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters in Elksdom! My name is Nashana Steele and let me first say it is an honor to be serving as your Esteemed Loyal Knight for this fraternal year. Now, a little about me and who I am. I have been an Elk since July 2018. Although I am a young Elk, I am a very involved Elk. This past year I served as Esteemed Lecturing Knight and served as Assistant Inner Guard prior to that. You often will see me around the lodge whether it be at a Tuesday night meeting, Friday night in the bar, or the many events given by the lodge. I can be a bit shy, but I am very friendly.

My husband, Lamont (who many of you know as trustee and bar manager), and I have been married happily for 8 years and have four children between us. The oldest (age 27) is working and living in Louisiana. The other three (ages 15, 16, and 17) are all in high school. We love to travel, hang out with friends, and spend time at the lodge. We both have been bowling with the Elks Bowling League for three years where we were afforded the opportunity to meet many Elks as well as learn more about the organization.

Currently, I am a licensed Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) in the state of California. I work for Los Angeles Unified School District as an Administrative Specialist supervising almost 100 SLPs and SLP Assistants. It is because of my love of helping and supporting children with special needs that I joined the Elks. So, as you may guess, CHEMPI is near and dear to my heart. And, this year, as Esteemed Loyal Knight, I have the privilege of spearheading the Purple Pig fundraiser.

I look forward to serving you this fraternal year and am looking forward to getting back to business as usual after being closed for over a year. I am excited to continue being a part of a team committed to moving the lodge in a positive direction of growing membership and making Redondo Beach Elks Lodge #1378 the best in the South Central Coast District.

Fraternally,
Nashana Steele
Esteemed Loyal Knight

**A Message from Incoming Lecturing Knight,
MICHELLE VANLERBERGHE**

Hello fellow members,
I am looking forward to my new position as your Lecturing Knight. As I finish my second fraternal year as your Chaplain, I want to thank you for the continued support in this role. As I look ahead to the next fraternal year, I feel a sense of hopefulness. As things are looking more positive that the pandemic restrictions are changing and one day soon, we will be back in the lodge and continuing the good work we do. I would like to challenge our members to attend lodge meetings and take part in the business of the lodge. I am looking forward to seeing you there very soon.

Fraternally yours,
Michelle VanLerberghe
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

**A Message from Grand Exalted Ruler,
PAUL R. RYAN**

Start the new Lodge year with a proactive mindset

Stacey and I can't believe that it has been nine months since this journey began for us. We feel that it has been an experience that has fulfilled us as Elks! Although our travels have been very limited, meeting all the wonderful Elks throughout this country during the trips that we have been able to make has been an absolute joy of our life.

So as we enter into the Elks New Year, this is a time to reflect on making sure you get your Lodge in order. Being able to be proactive rather than reactive will only help you and your Lodge in the long run. How is this possible? Start with making sure to have some of the following things in effect:

1. Review your bylaws and ensure that they are up to date and pertain to your Lodge's rules and regulations.
2. Check your house rules and make sure they are up to date and approved by your Judiciary member of your area.
3. Do a physical inventory of all your personal property and make sure that you have enough insurance to cover it.

These are just a few items that need to be done in the beginning of the Lodge year. That being said, it is not just your responsibility. Involve your officers and your Board of Directors, too.

Lean on your best friend (Secretary) to make sure that you plan and cover everything. A good thing to also do now is to create a list for monthly "activities" — not just your charitable ones, but also your social ones. You should have a monthly event at your Lodge to keep Members involved, to raise funds to pay bills, and to help in the community.

We are so excited that the National Hoop Shoot competition will be happening. It may be a little different as it will be held virtually. It is also for the 2019-2020 competition winners for regional competitors and national winners that advanced. That being said, keep an eye out for the future: The 50 year anniversary celebration will be held in Chicago next year for the 2021-2022 season of Hoop Shoot. We all hope that we will have a normal Hoop Shoot for that season.

As you know my theme for this year is Creating Momentum for the Future of Elksdom. Younger Members need to take this into consideration: You are the ones that are going to continue the tradition that this organization has to offer.

Stacey and I are looking forward to continuing seeing the great Elks throughout the country.

Please make a donation to our charities and we will be happy to share a pin with you.

**A Message from ENF Chairperson,
LINDA WILLIAMS, PER**

Hello Everyone,

As we move into a new fraternal year – it is time to think about all of the great things that the Elks National Foundation (ENF) does for our communities. ENF is the backbone of the great things that we as Elks do for our community. It provides us with grants to for our Veteran activities, Youth activities and scholarships and other community support programs. Each year the ENF establishes a budget that funds not only programs for the local lodges and their respective communities, but also provides funds for our Major Project of the California-Hawaii association - "Purple Pig".

The Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees has approved appropriations and distributions for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year of \$39.8 million – and below is a summary of many of the items in the budget:

- Community Investment Program (Grants) = \$14.9 million
- State Grants – (State Charities, Special Project Grants and Bonus Grants) = \$10.3 million
- Scholarships – Most Valuable Student = \$2.9 million; Legacy Awards = \$1.6 million, and Emergency Educational Grants = \$130,340.
- Youth Activities:
 - Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program = \$1.1 million
 - Drug Awareness Program = \$1 million (which includes a DEA Grant of \$225,000)
- Elks National Veterans Service Commission = \$4 million

As you can see above, the monies that each and every member donates strengthens our ability to do wonderful things for our communities.

You can donate in many ways, including designating an amount during your Annual Dues payment, donations through the lodge office at any time throughout the year, or go to Elks.org and donate on-line. An easy way to donate is to join the Fidelity Club with a routine, pre-set amount. Thanks to all of our members who donate so we can continue to support our community.

I look forward to a wonder new year and to seeing everyone soon!

Fraternally,
Linda Williams, PER
ENF Chairperson



**A Message from Incoming Secretary,
SCOTT CROWELL**

As we begin our next fraternal year for 2021-2022, I would like to say how much I am looking forward to serving our members as Lodge Secretary. We have been closed since last spring due to Covid-19 restrictions and this means our finances have been very tight this past year. We rely on income from our bar operations, dues, and rentals to operate our Lodge. Thank you to every one of our members who graciously donated extra to our General Operating Fund and made other donations this past year. We appreciate all your support! As previously mentioned, our Dues Renewal Notices for fraternal year 2021-2022 have been

mailed out. Unfortunately, there was an error in the dues statement and we are in the process of resolving this. Please refer to the Important Notice on the front page for details.

We appreciate your prompt response to mailing in your dues payment. While our Lodge is still closed, our office is open to receive dues payments and distribute membership cards. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and closed on Fridays. You can also mail your payment to Redondo Beach Elks Lodge, 315 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Fraternally,
Scott Crowell
Treasurer

**Major Project/Purple Pig Chairperson,
JENNIFER COLEMAN**

Thank you to those that contributed during the Purple Pig donation drive in February. Your gift will help hundreds of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii to

Walk, Talk, See and Play!

**A Message from Veterans Chairperson,
MARTHA QUIJANO**

Hello my fellow Elks,
I would like to bring you up to date regarding our relationship with various Veterans Associations in conjunction with our Veterans Charity Program. Here is a brief background on how our program works: The Elks Organization offers a series of monetary grants which is available to all Lodges in various amounts. Depending on the dollar amount for any of these Vets' grants, we try to identify Vets that need support over and above what they are provided by the government. As you are aware, we started out working with the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach some years ago. We would take them toiletries, clothes, magazines and books. We also started working with the blind Vets and the community living Vets. We have had them at our Lodge and

visited the Redondo Pier and Veterans Park, had a Barbeque and games of Bingo. We have had a group of Patriotic Singers who led the Vets in singing these songs. And I'll tell you, it is a lump in the throat time when you watch these young Vets with grizzled old ones singing with pride their commitment to the good old USA.

The Hospital has been in lockdown since the Pandemic hit and we cannot get on campus. They really look forward to our visits and our sing-alongs.

In the meantime, I have uncovered another Vets organization who we have been working with and who have rescued Veterans off the streets and brought them into the campus of the US Vets in Long Beach. They are led through a process of receiving help mentally and physically to the point where they are prepared to eventually move out on their own with the help of the US Vets, who furnishes the bare necessities to a place they can call home.

This is where the Redondo Beach Lodge comes in and fills in the gaps which are not covered by US Vets.

We have donated clothing, coffee pots, can openers, haircuts, pictures for walls, TVs, microwaves, bicycles, workout weights, books, full length mirrors, bedding, rugs, and other things.

We have also developed a special program called adopt a Vet, where the case managers will let us know who needs what to complete his transition to a new life. This is set up as a scholarship incentive to get the Vets to transition faster from depending on others to taking care of themselves. This also includes teaching them computer skills, preparing a resume, dressing for success and numerous other things.

Basically, the above is an example of what we have been doing to help these Vets to get back on their feet and have a normal life. In January, we fed 150 Vets at US Vets in Long Beach because their kitchen was under quarantine due to Covid-19.

The above actions include returning Vets who have been deployed and have nowhere to return to and the US Vets take them in as well.

We are very proud of what we have accomplished and hope you are too.

Respectfully,
Martha Quijano
Veterans Chairperson

2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Exalted Ruler

Paul Redgriff
310-404-3664

Leading Knight

Elizabeth Dye, PER
310-968-0304

Loyal Knight

Nashana Steele
562-394-2324

Lecturing Knight

Michelle VanLerberghe
310-351-4239

Esquire

Christina Ferrelli
310-490-6271

Inner Guard

Jesica Sandoval
310-977-1485

Tiler

Craig Benson
310-947-0158

Chaplain

Lori Marple-Pereslete
310-991-3472

Asst. Chaplain

Patricia Holman
310-503-2977

Officers At Large

Sal Quijano, PER
310-371-2213

Norm Hahn, PER
310-466-4103

Alice Kerney, PER
310-753-2302

Trustee (5 Year)

Steve Jacques
424-400-4153

Trustee (4 Year)

Harry Michaelian
310-940-8666

Trustee (3 Year)

Lamont D. Steele
323-532-4651

Trustee (2 Year)

Gloria Steck
310-463-1212

Trustee (1 Year)

Norm Hahn, PER
310-466-4103

Secretary

Scott Crowell
310-227-2825

Treasurer

Earl Johnson
408-398-8558

ER Advisor

Karen Buchanan, DD
Designate
208-473-6626

Special Rituals

Scott Crowell
310-227-2825

Redondo Beach Elks # 1378

Thursday Night Drive-Thru Dinners

April 8 Menu

½ Chicken
Rice, Vegetables, Salad
and Roll

\$12.00 Donation

Order deadline 4/5



April 22 Menu

Spaghetti
~Meat or Marinara Sauce~
Garlic Bread and Salad

\$10.00 Donation

Order deadline 4/19

Specify Meat or Marinara Sauce



Take home, reheat, and enjoy!

Redondo Beach Elks Lodge South Parking Lot
Drive-Thru between 5 & 6:30 p.m.

Advanced Orders are Required

Pay Cash or Check at time of pick up

Call or Text your name, phone # and order to:

Gail Harris	(310) 650-8024
Liz Dye, PER & Leading Knight	(310) 968-0304
Karen Buchanan, DD Designate	(208) 473-6626



Attention Members:

The Lodge is looking for **Members** who can **Volunteer** their time and expertise with a remodel project in our North Dining Room and Bar. **ALL TRADES** are needed ASAP to update approximately 3600 sq ft. Contact Liz Dye, PER (310) 968-0304 or Ladyelk1378@gmail.com to volunteer.

Thank you for supporting the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge!

2021-2022 LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	Harry Michaelian	310-940-8666
Americanism	Doug Rodriguez	424-704-3684
Auditing and Accounting	Peter Brown	310-612-9388
BLT	Sam Xavier	310-866-7598
Bowling League	Kevin Steck	310-648-0950
Bulletin Editor (Sea Breeze)	Linda Redgrift	310-779-0427
Community Activities	Linda Lee, PER	310-376-4992
Drug Awareness	TBD	
ENF	Linda Williams, PER	714-273-1450
Elks National Veterans	Martha Quijano	310-371-2213
Flag Day	Elizabeth Dye, PER	310-968-0304
Fleet Week	Elizabeth Dye, PER	310-968-0304
Grant Coordinator	Michelle VanLerberghe	310-351-4239
Government Relations	Doug Rodriguez	424-704-3684
Hoop Shoot	Eli Hollon	407-508-9936
Hollywood Liaison	Lori Marple-Pereslete	310-991-3472
Investigation	Linda Redgrift	310-779-0427
Lapsation/Membership	Linda Redgrift	310-779-0427
Lodge Activities	Louise Flanigan	310-809-4293
Lodge Décor	Michelle VanLerberghe	310-351-4239
Lodge Landscape	Susie Dehen	310-871-7659
Lodge Photographer	TBD	
Major Project/Purple Pig	TBD	
Memorial Day/Veterans Day	Paul Redgrift	310-404-3664
Monday Night Dance	Jeanne Polehonki	424-903-9627
Orientation	Karen Buchanan, DD Designate	208-473-6626
Publicity/Public Relations	Paul Redgrift	310-404-3664
Ritual Training	Jimmy de Rosa	310-722-0906
Scholarship	Linda Redgrift	310-779-0427
Scouting	Elizabeth Dye, PER	310-968-0304
Sea Cadets	TBD	
South Bar Sporting Activities	TBD	
Sickness & Distress	TBD	
Social Media Editor	TBD	
Webmaster/Website	TBD	
Youth Activities	Linda Redgrift	310-779-0427

Want to get more involved? Every one of these Committee Chairpersons would appreciate the helping hands of volunteers. If you have an interest or just want to be involved in one or more of these Committees, please reach out to the Committee Chairperson or our Exalted Ruler, Paul Redgrift, to learn more about Committee's duties and functions and how you can play an integral part of making their activities, events and services successful.

NEW MEMBERS! Volunteering is a great way to discover how the Elks make a difference - both locally and nationally. The only way we can do what we do is through the generosity of volunteers. It is also a great way to meet other members.

LODGE MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

We continue to have our Lodge meetings via Zoom until the restrictions are relaxed and we can resume meetings in the Lodge. We will keep you posted through Elktivites and Facebook. You can attend the meeting via your computer using the Video conference feature or simply dial in by telephone with the Audio conference feature.

If you would like to attend a Lodge meeting via Zoom or audio conference, please contact the Lodge office by email, **redondobeach.elks@verizon.net**, or phone, **(310) 372-8488**.

HOLLYWOOD RENTALS



Our Lodge has been contacted recently by various filming studios interested in renting space in and outside our Lodge. In March, we rented our South Parking Lot to a production company on two separate days.

It is likely we will rent out our parking lot again. When we do, we will notify our members via the email blast, Elktivites, the date the parking lot will be closed. If you have any questions, please contact our Exalted Ruler, Paul Redgrift.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

IN MEMORIAM



To our absent members...

Angelo Sianez

Born: May 24, 1940
Initiated: December 17, 1946
Died: January 23, 2021

Kenneth Allen

Born: February 27, 1943
Initiated: February 27, 2001
Died: January 29, 2021

May they rest in peace

NEW MEMBERS

By special instructions from the Grand Lodge, we were able to initiate 3 new members in February and 1 in March over the phone. They will be invited to attend a formal Initiation once we are back in the Lodge.

Please welcome the following new members:

Darnelle Baingo
Robert Magro

Marc Mitchell
Phillip Sanchez



Specializing in
Real Estate Termite
Clearances

Laurie Santonello
Owner
Remediation, Spill Cleanup &
Mold Deteriorating Remediation

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MORE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

This list is published so that members know who we are considering for membership. Any information pertaining to these applicants should be made known to the Exalted Ruler, the Secretary, or the Chairman of the Investigation Committee either in person or in writing.

Name	Occupation / City & State	Proposer
John Oswald	VP, State Government Services Redondo Beach, CA	Brian Lindquist
Matthew Smalling	Sr. Sales Executive Redondo Beach, CA	Brian Lindquist

REDONDO BEACH ELKS SOUTH PARKING LOT



Elks Members are welcome to use the South Parking Lot when our Lodge is not open, and the parking lot is not rented out. Place your valid membership card on the dashboard of your car. This will allow us to identify non-members using our parking spaces and take appropriate action. Thank you for your cooperation.

MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

If you are interested in advertising your business card in our newsletter, please contact the Lodge office at 310-372-8488. Members pay \$100.00 per year or \$50.00 for six months. Business cards are displayed throughout the Sea Breeze.





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TEAM**

Sam & Bindu Xavier
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COMPASS

We proudly donate a portion of our sales commission to the Redondo Beach Elk's Lodge 1378 when you hire Sam and Bindu to buy, sell or lease!

BALLOTING FOR CANDIDATES ALTERNATIVES

We have been informed by Area 7 Judiciary, through the District Deputy, that if we continue to have meetings via the Zoom platform, we can complete Balloting for Candidates in this way:

- Ask the DDGER for a special meeting; schedule it for a Tuesday from 4 to 6pm and have people drive through the South Parking Lot—receive a Ballot, vote and return the Ballot to the person in charge of the Balloting. Once the votes have been counted, we may initiate them by the end of the month via Zoom or by phone.

- **This month's Balloting will occur on Tuesday, April 20, from 4 to 6pm, using the drive through method only (must stay in your car and wear a mask).**

- Results of Balloting will be communicated during the April 20 Lodge meeting.

- We will conduct Orientation via Zoom scheduled for **Monday, April 26, at 6 p.m.**

- Initiation will be conducted over the phone between April 27 and April 30.

- We have 2 proposed members to Ballot on and they are:

Name	Occupation City & State	Proposer
John Oswald	VP, State Government Services Redondo Beach, CA	Brian Lindquist
Matthew Smalling	Sr. Sales Executive Redondo Beach, CA	Brian Lindquist

PURPLE PIG DONORS

Is your purple piggy bank full? Contact the Lodge Office during office hours to arrange to drop them off. Your empty pig with your receipt will be waiting for you on top of the credenza outside the South Bar. You can also donate to the Purple Pig on-line. For more information, visit California-Hawaii Elks Association's website, <https://chea-elks.org/>.

MORE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CHEMPI RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following Redondo Beach Elks members that contributed to either the Piggy Bank Century Club or Fifty-Two Club. All will receive certificates from CHEMPI along with a unique lapel pin to recognize their donation.

\$100 Century Club

Jerry Baltz
Lynne Showalter

Fifty-Two Club

Linda Redgriff
Paul Redgriff



Please contact BLT Chairperson, **Sam Xavier at 310-866-7598, email Sam at samxavier@sbcglobal.net** or contact the lodge office at 310-378-8488 for more information.

WEEKLY EVENTS



Golf courses are open! Elks Members and their friends are invited to join us at **Alondra Golf Course** on Mondays and Thursdays for a round of golf. Arrive by 7:00 a.m. to be put in a foursome.

Green fees apply. Address is 16400 S. Prairie Avenue in Lawndale.

Please call Karen Buchanan @ 208-473-6626 with any questions.

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ELKTIVITIES

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Karen Buchanan, DD Designate
Redondo Beach Lodge 1378

SEEKING GOODS

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEEDY: Goods are always needed for the homeless and otherwise needy at St. James Church. Items should be clean and not stained.

Desired Items are: Men's T-shirts, pants, belts, hats jackets, shoes, blankets, sleeping bags, sleeping mats and bottled water.

We are also in need of unexpired canned food to support our local food banks. You can also donate unopened boxed or jarred food.

Contact: Linda Lee Phone: 310-376-4992

SENIOR BENEFITS

SENIOR PARKING METER PERMIT: If you are 62 or older and drive a car currently registered in California, you can purchase a parking meter permit for \$25.00. The permit allows you to PARK FOR FREE in City Lot 4 adjacent to the North side of the Lodge and the Esplanade parking lot in front of the Lodge – between the Lodge and South Catalina Avenue. You can obtain an application or go directly to Redondo Beach City Hall at 415 Diamond Street and ask for an application.

House Committee Summary for Fraternal Year 2020-2021

Even though the Lodge has been closed for Lodge activities, the House Committee and our members have still been busy in multiple areas that support the Lodge and our community. We started holding regular Lodge, House Committee, and Trustee meetings via Zoom in April 2020 and have continued throughout the fraternal year.

Membership

We started our fraternal year with 740 members and currently have 749 members.

As of March 22, 2021, we have 58 members that are delinquent and our lapsation rate is 8%. Efforts to reduce the rate were facilitated with the use of the Grand Lodge sponsored auto-billing program which sends our delinquent members monthly reminders. We also called each of these members and reduced the delinquency rate from 15% in August to the current rate of 8%.

ENF and CHEMPI

Our ENF per capita of \$22.89 and we are currently ranked #7 in the State for per member donations. Our CHEMPI contributions as of February 28, 2021 are \$7,137.80.

Fundraisers

Our first virtual fundraiser was to support ENF was held in July and raised \$2,100. Thank you to our ENF chairperson, Linda Williams, for organizing this successful event and Jennifer Coleman for managing the Facebook posts and coordinating the Zoom event.

We held our first of eight drive thru BBQ's and Thursday Night Dinners on August 1 and thru March 18, 2021 raised an additional \$5,805 for the Lodge.

For Christmas we had a See's Candy promotion which raised \$1,731.64 for the Lodge.

In February, we started restaurant fundraisers where members patronized Chipotle and Panda Express. Our Lodge will receive a percentage of the proceeds.

The Leading Knight raffle raised \$4,107 for the Lodge. Thank you to Liz Dye and Gloria Steck for their efforts in identifying and executing fundraising opportunities for Lodge.

Thank you to Bruce Harris and Lamont Steele for their culinary expertise with our drive thru BBQs and Dinners.

Grants

We successfully applied and were approved for the Gratitude, Beacon, and Spotlight Grants. The Gratitude Grant of \$2,500 was used to help two organizations in our area. The 1736 Family Crisis Center and Project Joy at St Andrew Presbyterian Church.

The Spotlight Grant for \$2,000 went to New Challenge Ministries which is a food bank in the South Bay area that serves those in need. The Beacon Grant of \$3,500 will be used to purchase backpacks, school supplies and necessities to help students at Rogers and Adams middle schools. It will also be used to support Veterans and Homeless.

Thank you to our Grants Committee Chairperson, Michelle VanLerberghe, for obtaining these grants.

Lodge Rentals

Our Lodge Rentals were virtually nonexistent this year due to COVID-19 however we used the downtime to update the Rental Agreement and our rental rates. We have just recently seen an uptick in interest for our Hollywood Rentals and have been able to rent the South Parking Lot for a new Amazon series. Other inquiries to rent various areas within the Lodge are in process. Our new Hollywood Liaison Chairperson, Lori Marple-Pereslete has presented a plan to formalize the Hollywood rental process and market our Lodge to the various film studios and independent producers.

Lodge Activities

The Lodge's Scholarship Committee awarded six scholarships to high school seniors in our community in August and acknowledged scholarship recipients in a Lodge meeting via Zoom on August 18. For this fraternal year we have submitted our Lodge finalists to District and are awaiting results. Three of our District finalists will be moving on to the State competition.

We held three drive through community events which included the Halloween Trunk or Treat where members and friends decorated their car trunks and gave out treats to over 100 children.

We held a drive thru Christmas gift donation event where over \$5,000 of gifts for boys and girls were given to the 1736 Family Crisis Center.

We had a drive thru Santa event where families in the community were able to have their children greeted by Santa and Mrs. Claus and receive candy and Drug Awareness coloring books and pamphlets.

We were also able to support the US Vets organization in Long Beach with contributions of clothing, appliances, and other items. In early January, we donated 150 dinners to US Vets because their kitchen staff had to quarantine due to COVID-19.

The Scouting program had a successful year despite the Covid restrictions. To date, we have had 13 Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout and 7 Girl Scouts attain their Silver awards. We expect a few more before the end of this fraternal year. Our Lodge has also been able to assist our Boy Scouts by allowing them to utilize our Lodge Parking Lot to

House Committee Summary (continued)

work on their Eagle Scout projects under strict County Health Department and BSA Covid guidelines. If it were not for the Elks allowing our property as a venue to construct these projects, many of these Scouts would not have been able to finish the Path to Eagle. Special Thanks to Gloria Steck and Liz Dye for leading these community events and to Sal and Martha Quijano for directing our support of the Veterans.

Lodge Business Operations

The Lodge Trustees initially submitted the Lodge approved the 2020- 2021 Budget in April 2020, but several changes have been made due to the pandemic. We had no club revenue or Lodge rental income and have significantly reduced operating expenses for janitorial services, subscription TV for the club, and other non-essential expenses. It has been a difficult year, but our members have stepped up with over \$11,000 of cash donations to cover Lodge operating expenses responding to a request from our Lodge Trustees.

In August we added a unique member to the Lodge. A beautiful 8' Elk statue now adorns the entrance to our South Parking Lot. Thank you to the members that made this generous donation.

Reopening Plan

Now that the COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to ease, and the vaccines are being administered we are looking forward reopening the Lodge. As always, we will continue to keep members posted on changes/updates to the status via the newsletter, our Facebook page, and Elktivites weekly email announcements.



TRUSTEE YEAR IN REVIEW 2020-2021

- Trustees looked at Google Suites for video conferencing, document sharing, spreadsheets, calendar sharing, Google docs for future business activities. Determined that this program was too expensive for the Lodge to invest in at this time.
- Paperwork for the roof was approved by GL.
- Door upgrades put on hold for now.
- Linen room was reorganized and relocated to Esplanade side room.
- Columns in Dining Room repainted due to rental damage.
- 2020-021 Budget approved.
- Soffits repaired.
- Roof leaks temporarily fixed until further work can be done. Filed complaint on Roofer and received \$7500 compensation.
- Hired a new accounting firm, PBJ Inc. to audit our books and prepare our taxes.
- Purchased new fire extinguishers.
- Repaired the Bell in the South Bar.
- Relocated the tool storage room to the cloak room.
- Re-installed a Changing Table in the Women's RR
- Installed a new key lock on Esplanade Room doors and baseboards were installed for the new wall.
- Installed the Elk statue in the planter box at the South Entrance.
- Revised Rental Contract.
- Updated Confidentiality Agreement.
- Waiting for final permitting for installation of the flagpole at the south entrance by the Elk statue.
- Able to negotiate with Janitorial Service for a reduced fee since Lodge is closed at this time.
- Replaced the rubber mat outside the front door.
- Received an organ donated by a friend of Liz and got rid of old organ that had no value.
- Requested donations for the general fund to cover budget deficits for this fraternal year and have currently received over \$11,000 from concerned members.
- Repaired heating unit in the Lodge Office.
- Contracted for a smaller trash bin since we are closed and are not generating as much trash.
- Considered a solar power installation prepared by K12 Solar Power Company but decided not to pursue it because we didn't use enough electric energy to justify the purchase.
- Purchased a two-tiered table for buffet usage, that was donated by Gloria Steck at no cost to the Lodge.
- Set up a plan for redoing the North Dining Room (NDR) and replacing windows in South Bar and NDR
- Determined a plan for redoing the signs and posts in the parking lot.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01	Victor	Dersom	13	Carol	Hutcherson	21	Yvonne	Marin
01	Robert	Dixon	13	Charles	Lowe	21	Justin	Murray
02	Al	Ortiz	13	Edward	Portune	22	Don	Freitag
02	Josephine	Partida	14	Kristina	Bugle	22	Jim	McKechnie
04	Mark	Hause	14	Stephan	Jacques	22	Tim	Schrenker
05	Brian	Hanhart	15	Michael	Curcio	23	Dennis	Beard
05	Lori	Kuebler	15	Ruben	Gomez	23	Andy	Bishop
05	Janet	Smart	15	Theresa	Hayden	23	Christian	Sorenson
05	Kevin	Steck	15	Mark	Kerper	23	Michael	Stark
06	Jill	Lindsey	15	Luis	Pastor	24	Claudia	Bodwell
07	Dawn	Anzack	15	Sandra	Rossi	24	Michelle	Joyce
07	Andrew	Gibson	16	Lori	Scarpo	24	Lamont	Steele
07	Daniel	Haxton	16	Michael	Woolsey	26	Aaron	Johnson
07	Alan	Perdigao	17	Duane	Pick	26	Kevin	Mc Donald
09	Sandra	Rzepnick	18	Clifford	D'Autremont	27	Gustavo	Vargas
10	Louise	Flanigan	18	Charlotte	Sorensen	28	Michael	Ames
10	Jack	Pollock	19	Kim	Johnson	28	Anthony	Rakota
11	Thomas	Hartman	20	Jill	Ferrell	29	Mio	Bonilla
11	Lawrence	Thomas	20	Jeff	Ginsburg	29	Wayne	Craig
11	Michael	Ward	20	Dennis	Paustian	30	Ron	Holbrook
12	Ray	Eredia	20	Steven	Ward			
12	Lydia	Rogers	21	Yolanda	Kline			



MAY BIRTHDAYS


04	Colleen	Buttner	15	Adam	Greeves	23	Jill	Alstott
04	Tim	King	15	Tom	Ohle	23	Jeffery	Carlson
04	Kelly	Neal	15	Sterling	Watson	23	Robert	Ewart
05	John	Howe	16	Bill	Bailey	23	Alki	Kondon
06	Jeffrey	Jamile	16	Craig	Benson	23	Tami	Scully
08	Carol	Lenahan	16	Karen	Buchanan	24	Mark	Dunn
10	Peter	Dabbieri	16	Michael	Krist	24	Sal	Gonzales
10	Michael	Deferro	17	Wayne	Anastasi	24	Leslie	Lunsford
11	James	Morrison	17	James	Mader	24	Bryan	Oakley
11	Edward	Skifstrom	18	Susan	Dehen	24	Andrea	Pho
12	Kurtis	Brajevich	18	James	DeRosa	26	James	Litsis
12	Clark	Feland	20	Darnelle	Baingo	27	Steven	Zent
13	Stephanie	Cartozian	20	John	Brouillard	28	Bobby	Mauricio
13	Robert	Marshall	20	Dennis	Marconi	28	Dakota	Murphy
13	Danny	Murphy	20	James	Morrow	30	Lillian	Altamirano
13	Christina	Wickers	22	Brian	Beckman	30	Pati	Lockett
14	Aleece	Occhino	22	Angela	Hermanns	31	Heather	Trotter
14	Stevie	Williams	22	Michael	Pocheban			

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LODGE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED. HOURS WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS THE LODGE REOPENS.				1	2	3
				Elks Golf Alondra 7am		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Elks Golf Alondra 7am	Lodge Mtg 730	Deers Meeting 12pm	Elks Golf Alondra 7am Drive-Thru Dinner 5-6:30pm Chicken		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Elks Golf Alondra 7am	PER Mtg 600 Installation of Officers Lodge Mtg 730	House Comm. Meeting 600	Elks Golf Alondra 7am		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Elks Golf Alondra 7am	Drive Thru Balloting 4-6pm Lodge Mtg 730	Trustee Meeting 600	Drive-Thru Dinner 5-6:30pm Spaghetti		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Orientation via Zoom 6pm	Lodge Mtg 730				

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR
CANCELLATION DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

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	Elks Golf Alondra 7am	Lodge Mtg 730	Deers Meeting 12pm	Elks Golf Alondra 7am Drive-Thru Dinner TBD		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day Brunch TBD	Elks Golf Alondra 7am	PER Mtg 600 Lodge Mtg 730	House Comm. Meeting 600	Elks Golf Alondra 7am		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Elks Golf Alondra 7am	Lodge Mtg 730	Trustee Meeting 600	Elks Golf Alondra 7am Drive-Thru Dinner TBD		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Elks Golf Alondra 7am					
30	31					
	Memorial Day BBQ TBD					

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