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# THE ELKETIN



## Message from Exalted Ruler

My first month as ER seems like it's been a whirlwind! It doesn't seem like I've been able to see enough of everyone! The Installation Dinner was the bee's knees. It was great to get so many happy people out and dressed for a themed event again. We have several of those planned for the year so keep an eye out in the emails and future Elketins. If you have an idea for an event or dinner, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Thursday night BBQs have been an overwhelming success and I wanted to thank everyone who has come out to help. These weekly dinners will continue - and we will be maintaining the front patio area throughout the good weather.

Speaking of volunteering, we still really need to fill out our complement of officers for the year. I'm looking for ANYONE who is interested in helping reopen the Lodge. It's a great opportunity to help reshape your own community that doesn't come around very often.

Coming up this month I'm really looking forward to the return of Taco Tuesday and Pasta night - though you're probably reading this after Taco Night happened :). We also have an awards dinner for the Youth Activities. We will be honoring so many promising kids. I hope you can all come out and join us on Saturday 5/15. There will be a great Mother's Day Brunch on the 9th. We also have a new event on the docket, we're hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive at the lodge on May 13th. Please schedule an

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appointment to donate if you're able. [Sponsor Code: 1811] Donations have been seriously reduced since the beginning of the pandemic. So many members of our community are experiencing sickness and distress right now that every *drop* goes a long way.

Elsewhere in Elkdom, the CHEA 'Convention' is the first week in May, though it will be mostly limited to virtual sessions. Hopefully this is the last virtual conference we will have to have. As for our local meetings, we will continue to broadcast them on Zoom until the powers that be tell us we are fully 'open'.

One more thing, we are looking for members who want to be volunteer bartenders. We would like to be ready to get the lounge open on our pre-pandemic schedule as soon as possible but we need volunteers to do it. Training will be provided. Please call the office to get on the training list. We will start opening on more evenings (within restrictions) as soon as we have people.

Here's hoping those April showers show up in May. See you soon!

Fraternally Yours,  
Travis Ervin, Exalted Ruler  
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travis@ervin.com

## LODGE OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

### Exalted Ruler:

Travis Ervin

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Open

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### Esquire:

Christina Candelori

### Chaplain:

Denise Silva

### Lodge Inner Guard:

Jack Bean

### Lodge Tiler:

Vacant

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John Schafgans

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Judy Hunter PER

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Mike Mathers

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2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee: William Todd

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee: Greg Okerman, PER

4<sup>th</sup> Year Trustee: Russ Kesler, PER

5<sup>th</sup> Year Trustee: Eleanor Bolin-Chew

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday / Friday: 10am - 2pm  
Tuesday / Thursday: 3pm - 7pm  
First and last Wednesdays of the month 10am - 2pm

### Lounge Open (at *press time*)

Burger, Pasta, Taco Nights:  
4pm - 7pm





## About the Elks National Drug Awareness Program

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program strives to teach all children and parents about the dangers of illegal drug use and prevent the abuse of legalized and prescription drugs. As the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States, the program relies on state, district and Lodge volunteers to promote a drug-free lifestyle. By taking pride in America's communities and youth, the program takes action against youth drug use through education and inspiration. To find out more about this incredible program, go to [Elks.org](http://Elks.org)

### Scholarship Committee

This year we had the most scholarship applications I've ever received since I became Scholarship Chairman three years ago. Probably the only good thing that has happened during co-vid. Instead of dropping the packets off at the schools I e-mailed everything and had the counselors forward it to the senior students. We got twice as many applications as in the past two years. My committee members are Jane Berger and Barbara Green who are lodge members and Christa Buckingham, retired teacher and wife of member Charles (JR) Buckingham. We look forward to seeing you at the youth awards dinner on May 15th.  
Denise Silva  
Scholarship Chairman

### HOOP SHOOT CHAMPION

Jackson Ramirez, 11, is our Lodge Free Throw champion! He won in the 8 & 9 year old category for the 2019-2020 year. On his continued journey to the National Finals in Chicago, Illinois he won the Central District, Northern California, California/Hawaii state and the West Region 7 finals in Las Vegas, Nevada in March of 2020. BUT then came the Pandemic and the "Shelter-In-Place" proclamation that cancelled the National Championships scheduled for April of 2020.

Through some creative thinking and some serious hard work, the Elks National Hoop Shoot HQ brass decided to conduct virtually, the Regional finals for the nine regional districts that were unable to complete their contests live with the participants. The regional champs were crowned at the end of March 2021.

Beginning April 1st of 2021, each of the twelve regional champions conducted the "Virtual National Finals". This competition is taking place during the entire month of April across the country. Once the results are computed by the HQ Hoop Shoot officials in Chicago, the champions and other placements will be announced.

As for Jackson, a talented, hardworking player, he was well prepared for his recorded contest April 1st at the Elevate Training Center in Concord. Jackson proceeded to make all 25 free throws for a perfect score as well as the additional 25 for 25 tiebreaker shots for a perfect score of 50 for 50 free throws. He's earned a minimum 1st Place Tie for the National Championship in his division. Stay tuned for updates as we await confirmation that Jackson's score is the winning score!

## Americanism Essay Contest

As a program of the Elks' [Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee](#), this contest is geared towards students in 5th through 8th grades to promote patriotism among young people.

### "How can Patriotism be Demonstrated?"

Use this as the core theme of your essay.

#### Rules

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

OUR GANG CATTLE  
COMPANY

Essay Contest  
Students chosen  
independently by committee  
to represent Lodge 1811

#### Division I (5th/6th grade):

Jasmine Ye (5th)  
Dylan Chandran (5th) - a District selection winner and is now up for State representation.  
Shirya Patel (6th)

#### Division II (7th/8th grade):

Sachi Malik (8th)  
Isabella Wang (7th) - was selected by the District  
Thomas Liu (7th)



**From Judy's Desk:**

It is great to see our events on their way to returning to the lodge. Please remember to pay your dues. Contact me at 925-935-1811 if you have any questions.

**Appointed Statutory Officials:**  
 Presiding Justice: Douglas Fountain  
 Mediator: Gerry Gouveia

**LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**  
**2021-2022**

**AUDIT/ACCOUNTING: OPEN**  
 Community Activities: Russ Kesler, PER  
 Lodge Activities: Jacklynn Roenspie  
 Americanism: Mike Schaaf  
 Government Relations: Ed Johnson, PDDGER  
 National Veterans Service: Mark Steinberg  
 Public Relations: Sheri Schaaf  
 Grants Coordinator: Michael A. Silva

**LODGE OPERATIONS:**

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 Pasta Night: Judy Hunter/Kelly Barnett  
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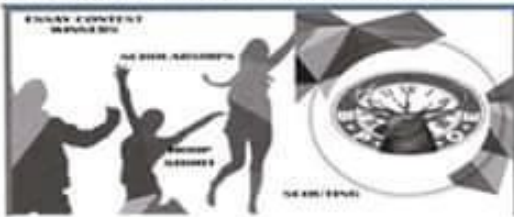
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Elizabeth Lucido	\$10.00
Colette and Douglas Silva	\$10.00
Bill Todd	\$216.00
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Michael Angelo Silva	\$216.00
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Gregory and Joanne Bartow	\$ 10.00
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Catherine And Kevin Finn	\$ 20.00
Kerry and Joan Umber	\$ 10.00
Elizabeth Lucido	\$ 13.50
Colette and Douglas Silva	\$ 10.00
Kathleen and Timothy Boswell	\$ 13.50
Paul Still	\$ 20.00
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Bill Todd	\$ 40.00
Bill Todd	\$ 216.00
Gary Buffo	\$ 216.00
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## Youth Activities Awards Night

**Saturday, May 15th  
6PM**

Please join us as our Lodge honors these amazing students!

### Honoring:

- 2020-2021 American Essay Contest Winners
- 2020-2021 Scholarship Recipients
- 2019-2020 Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest Champions

Enjoy an Italian Feast prepared by Chef Whitney

\$12.00/adult  
\$8.00/child under 12

**RSVP:  
925-935-1811**

## PURPLE PIG

Thank you for your support of the Purple Pig through your donations. Please continue your support of this very important program. To learn more, go to <https://chea-elks.org>

## + RED CROSS

**Elks Blood Drive  
Thursday, May 13th  
9am to 3PM**

*in the WC Elks Lodge Room*

To make an appointment,  
Please visit [Redcrossblood.org/give](http://Redcrossblood.org/give)  
Enter sponsor code: 1811

To save time while saving a life, please fill out a Rapidpass. Allow about 5-10 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Be sure that your computer is connected to a printer to print out your pass.

For more info, visit  
[redcrossblood.org/Rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/Rapidpass)

Thank you for helping to potentially save up to 3 lives with one donation!

**Blood Program Leader Name: ER Travis Ervin**

## Mother's Day Champagne Brunch

**May 9<sup>th</sup>:**

**RSVP: May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Lounge Open 9am/ Brunch served: 10am – Noon**

**\$15/PP Brunch includes**

**Bottomless Mimosas, Champagne/Coffee/OJ**

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CHILI, CHIPS, DESSERT INCLUDED

BONUS: ANY SIDES BROUGHT BY MEMBERS TO SHARE

LOUNGE OPENS: 4PM

BBQ STARTS: 5:30PM

**PASTA NIGHT RETURNS!**

MAY 4th

6:30PM

\$10.00

RSVP BY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

Email: [BPOE1811RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:BPOE1811RSVP@gmail.com)

Or call: 925-935-1811

**TACO NIGHT MAY 18th**

MENU: TBD

DINNER: \$10.00

STARTS AT 6:00PM

RSVP Required  
check emails for date  
925-935-1811



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**MAY ELK BIRTHDAYS**

- 03- Sean Pargett
- 04- William E Boaman
- 05- Robert D Beratta
- 05- Cristina Candelori
- 05- Stanley Scott
- 06- Greg Meier
- 09- John Paul Brondello
- 09- Richard Jacobson
- 11- Owen Cunningham
- 11- Vincent Rettew

- 12- Susan Scott
- 12- Michael Silva
- 13 - Cyndi Fazzio
- 14- Scott Achelis
- 15- David Stenger
- 19- Thomas Roberts
- 19 -Wayne Towson
- 23- Robert Regan
- 23- Alan Schlenker

- 25- Richard Domanski
- 26 - Leslie M Casazza
- 26- Lewis Chapman
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- 29- Robert Wilson, Jr

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Pasta Night: 6:00pm 	5 CHEA CONVENTION STARTS 	6 Burger Night: 5:30pm/ CHEA CONVENTION 	7 CHEA CONVENTION: LAST DAY 	8
9 Mother's Day Brunch 9am - Noon 	10	11 House Mtg: 7PM	12 Lodge Mtg: 7PM	13 Blood Drive: 9am  Burger Night: 5:30PM 	14	15 Youth Awards Dinner: 6PM 
16	17	18 TACO NIGHT: 6:00PM 	19	20 Burger Night: 5:30pm 	21	22
23	24	25 Trustee Mtg: 7PM	26 Lodge Mtg: 7PM	27 Burger Night: 5:30pm 	28	29
30	31  Memorial Day					

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