



MESSAGE FROM THE ER:



What a month! I'm really excited about how quickly we are transitioning back to some semblance of normalcy. We were able to pull off some great events in May and begin to build back that sense of community that was lost during the Pandemic.

At our biggest event in over a year, we honored all of the amazing young people that our Lodge helps support. The Youth Awards Dinner on the 15th brought in the best and the brightest from the Hoop Shoot, Americanism, Scholarship and Scouts. A special shout out to Jackson Ramirez, NATIONAL Hoop Shoot Champion! To honor him and the other exceptional youths, we had over 85 people there for Whitney's gourmet dinner.

I was excited to see many of you at our other events this last month too. We had a wonderful Brunch on Mother's Day with mimosas and lots of hugs. Our first Blood Drive went great, beating our goal of 30 units! That means we could potentially help save up to 93 lives! We had our first Initiation night this last Wednesday. We initiated 9 new members that have joined our ranks since the pandemic began. I'm really excited that we can continue to expand our community even during such trying times. We still have ten more new members ready to be initiated.

Last month I talked about volunteering and the opportunity to shape the future of our Lodge. I'd like to thank two of our past Exalted Rulers, Gerry Gouveia, PAVP and Steve Glazier for stepping up to fill some of

the open officer positions. I'm hoping that some of our newer members are willing to dip their toes in to join in the fun we have in leadership roles. It really is rewarding and again, FUN!

In June, I'm really looking forward to all of the great events we have planned. In addition to our normal Burger Nights and Taco night, we will be having a Flag Day ceremony on June 13th. On June 23rd we will welcome our Association Vice

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President, Linda Valenty, for a visitation to our Lodge for dinner before the meeting. Look for an invitation soon! Speaking of District events, the CHEA Virtual Convention went well last month. The Association did a great job making sure we could all attend – even if only remotely. I'm looking forward to going to my first Grand Lodge meeting in Tampa early next month!

Finally, I want to share a heartfelt thank you to our amazing Facility Manager, Kelly Barnett. She will be leaving us this month for a role at the Pittsburg Lodge so she can be closer to home. She will be sorely missed, and we hope that she visits us often. Though no one will be able to replace her, we are interviewing people to attempt to fill her shoes.

Fraternally Yours,
Travis Ervin, Exalted Ruler
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LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

- Exalted Ruler:**
Travis Ervin
- Leading Knight:**
Gerry Gouveia, PAVP
- Loyal Knight:**
Steve Glazier
- Lecturing Knight:**
Jacklynn Roenspie
- Esquire:**
Cristina Candelori
- Chaplain:**
Denise Silva
- Lodge Inner Guard:**
Jack Bean
- Lodge Tiler:**
Open
- Vocalist:**
John Schafgans
- Lodge Secretary:**
Open
- Lodge Treasurer:**
Mike Mathers
- Trustees:**
1st Year Trustee: Michael Angelo Silva, PDDGER
2nd Year Trustee: William Todd
3rd Year Trustee: Greg Okerman, PER
4th Year Trustee: Russ Kesler, PER
5th Year Trustee: Eleanor Bolin-Chew

WC Elks Lodge

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Office Hours:

- Mon/Friday: 10am-2pm
- Tues/Thursday: 3pm-7pm
- First and Last Wednesdays of Month: 10-2pm

Lounge Open:

(at Press Time)
Burger Night. Taco Night and special events only:
• 4pm - 7 pm





Message from Kelly Barnett, Facilities

I want to thank all the members and officer's and Trustee's for the past 7 years of allowing me to work and be apart of such an amazing organization.



I can't tell you enough how hard this decision was for me to make. My heart will always be with

#1811, but it is time for me to move on and spread my wings somewhere new.

I definitely hope to fill in occasionally to bartend and come by and just check in.

I have had so many great memories from my time here at the lodge and met so many great people.

I have learned a lot from many of you and am very honored to have been a part of all your lives, both professionally and personally. My last day will be June . I didn't want to make a big deal of it, so I waited til June to publicly tell you all.

Thank you again for all that you have taught me and the many friendships that I will cherish forever.

Take Care Kelly

New Members

On May 26th, at the Lodge Meeting, we had the pleasure of initiating new members for the first time in at least a year. After a wonderful Pasta Dinner prepared by Whitney Quin and assisted by her team of Doug Fountain, Cindy Gray, Jayne and Stu Berger, Megan Williams and Jacklynn Roenspie, the new members were officially part of the membership. Please welcome them as the new

year progresses and we continue to reopen.

Welcome to our New Members:

- Pat Maroney
- Randy Gomez
- Bill Probert
- Debbie Dew
- Mary Summer-Semish
- Sam Monteith
- Robert Larabee
- Raymond Thierry

Purple Pig:



Thank you to all who have turned in their pigs to the Lodge Office. Please keep it up! The Purple Pig supports important Elk projects and means so

WC ELKS CHAIRPERSONS: 2021-2022

Appointed Statutory Officials:

Presiding Justice: Douglas Fountain
Mediator: Gerry Gouveia

Lodge Committee Chairpersons

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; OPEN
Public Relations: Cristina M. Candelori
Grants Co-ordinator: Michael A Silva

LODGE OPERATIONS

Building and Grounds: Michael A. Silva, PDDGER
Elketin: Cindy/Dan Gray
Safety/Accident Prevention: Eleanor Bolin-Chew
Social Media: Cristina Candelori
Cyber: Travis Ervin: 916-764-0294
Bequests/Living Trusts: Jacklynn Roenspie
Elks Nat'l Foundation: Michael A. Silva, PDDGER
Jamboree: Gerry Gouveia PAVP
Major Pig Project: Russ Kesler, PER
Hospitality Manager: OPEN
Landscape: Gary Buffo/Kimberly Everett

Burger Nights: Dan Gray
Taco Night: Bill Todd
Pasta Night: OPEN
Membership: OPEN
Investigation/Indoctrination/Orientation: Michael A Silva, PDDGER
Ritual/Ritual Team Coaches: Michael A Silva, PDDGER
Gerry Gouveia, PAVVP
Youth Activities: Mike Rittenhouse
Drug Awareness: Sheri Schaaf
Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse
Scholarships: Denise Silva
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Kurt Cornell

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Purple Pig:

5/13: \$7.00: Dime from the Meeting
5/24: Cristina Candelori: \$20.19
5/24: Charles and Katherine Besocke: \$50.00

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Burger Nights

Dan and I wanted to take a moment to express our deep appreciation to our Burger Night Volunteers. Throughout Covid required shutdowns, and weekly changes due to new rules, it has been a challenge.

Kudos to our regular BBQ Teams: Kimberly Everett and Gary Buffo, Whitney Quin and Mike Rittenhouse and Doug Fountain. They have rotated with Dan and I to be able to offer Burger Nights weekly. I can't say enough, you rock! Also, thank you to Russ Kesler, PER, who donates the chips and to Travis Ervin, for stepping in as needed and to those who bring side dishes that make the night even better. THANK YOU!

A special shout out to Kelly Barnett, who has been supportive throughout our tenure as Burger Night Chairs. While she did get us managing Burger Night (not sure how that happened!), I know that the move to Pittsburg Lodge will be best for her family and her. She will be missed! If you see her this Thursday at Burger Night, please be sure to say hello!

Lastly, we really could use more help. One more team to BBQ would be a huge help. Please contact me and let me know if you are interested. We are always at Burger Nights.

Cindy and Dan Gray
cdat4gray@yahoo.com

Hearts at Home Vets

Every second Thursday of May, Keller Williams agents, leadership, and staff – from the U.S., Canada, and abroad – step away from daily business duties, proudly donning their red KW gear, and venture into the communities they serve with three goals in mind: Renew, Energize, Donate. For employees of Keller Williams this is known as Red Day.

In April I received a call from Val at Keller Williams Realty. One of our Lodge members, Mike Weber, had told Val about our Lodges Hearts-at-Home Program for homeless vets who get housing. He gave Val my name and number and told her I was the chairman of the program. She wanted to know if we could use coffeemakers for our program and they would get filters and try to get coffee for them too. Of course I said, "Yes, that would be great!" When I arrived at their office to pick up the coffeemakers on May 13th, I was so surprised! Not only did they donate 40 coffeemakers with coffee and filters. They also had boxes filled with 150 personal hygiene kits and \$300.

I split the personal hygiene kits between the vets we'll be getting in our program and



LEFT TO RIGHT IS VALERIE CROWELL BROKER ASSOCIATE & RED DAY CHAIRPERSON, KRIS THURSTON ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER AND DENISE SILVA, LODGE HEARTS-AT-HOME VETERANS CHAIRPERSON.

the vets at the Martinez VA Hospital. With the \$300 I bought 18 pairs of shoes for vets at the VA. The money that was left has bought 10 sets of dishes for our program. The people at Keller Williams are great. Not only did they make this great donation for the vets, they also loaded it in my truck and followed me to the lodge and unloaded it into our storage container. Let's hear it for Keller Williams East Bay!

Submitted by,
Denise Silva,
Hearts-at-Home Vets
Program Chair

Youth Activities Awards Night

Our Lodge welcomed 100 or so guests to our Annual National Youth Activities Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 15th. The night was electric as students from our community schools gathered to share their experiences with the Americanism themed essay contest, Drug Awareness Program, Scouting, the Elks National Free Throw Contest and for the high school seniors, scholarships!

From the introductions by our ER, Travis Ervin to Denise Silva, our chaplain leading us in prayer, to Master of Ceremonies, Mike Rittenhouse, Youth Activities Chair, kicking off the evening with humor, it was a great evening.

The Italian Feast prepared by Chef Whitney was spectacular as was the service provided by Cindy, Blake and Evan as her assistants. A special note of thanks to Cristina Candelori for stepping in at the last moment to

bartend for the evening(MVP) and to Lisa for assisting.

Our Elk guests for the evening included members of the Fremont Lodge, No. 2121, Richard and Diana Enea of the Pittsburg Lodge, No. 1474, and the Central District Drug Awareness Chairman, and Larry and Betsy Torres of Coalinga Lodge, No. 1613, and the Elks National Hoop Shoot Director Region 7. Also joining us was sportswriter for Lamorinda Weekly Newspaper, Jon Kingdon.

Thank you to our volunteers, Dave Larsen, Stu and Jayne Berger, Kurt Cornell, Denise and Michael Angelo Silva, Gerri Carothers for lending a helping had to set up and take down displays and tables in the lodge.

Lots of smiles were shared this special evening. The promise of their potential exuded from the young people being honored. Be sure not to miss next years event! It is well worth it!

JACKSON RAMIREZ,
NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT
CHAMPION



LEFT: DENISE SILVA WITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS.

BELOW: SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



L to R:
Stephanie Su,
1st Place: Dougherty Valley HS
Bala Vimala Shrinani,
3rd Place: San Ramon Valley HS
Shohum Finkelstein,
3rd Place: Berkeley HS



L to R:
Anrian Donovan -Stauder
2nd Place: Ygnacio Valley HS
Michelle Alas Molina
2nd Place: Northgate HS
Samuel Bensbou,
1st Place: Colgate Park HS

Program from Youth Awards Night



ABOVE AND LEFT, PHOTOS FROM NIGHT'S ACTIVITIES



Many of our local schools participate in Walnut Creek Elks Youth Programs. They are recipients of many of our awards. Some of the schools are listed below.

Americanism Essay Contest:

- Christ the King, Pleasant Hill
- Walnut Creek Christian School, Walnut Creek
- Deerle Bach School, San Ramon
- Starby Middle School, Lafayette
- Foot Hill Middle School, Walnut Creek
- Walnut Creek Intermediate School
- Diablo Vista Middle School, Clayton
- Walnut Creek School District

HOOP SHOOT

- Foot Hill Intermediate, Walnut Creek
- Saint John's, Danville
- Walt Verde Elementary, Walnut Creek
- Diablo Vista Middle School, Clayton
- Bloom Elementary, Moraga
- Salem High School, Berkeley
- San Ramon Middle School, San Ramon
- St. Mary's School, Walnut Creek
- Orinda Intermediate, Orinda
- Springs Elementary, Lafayette
- Josephine Murag Intermediate, Moraga
- Stanley Intermediate, Lafayette
- St. Francis School, Lafayette
- Christ the King, Pleasant Hill
- St. Francis, Concord
- De La Salle High School, Concord
- W. Wray Elementary, Dublin
- Cabringer Elementary, Oakley

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1811/VENTURING CREW 1811

- Walnut Creek Intermediate
- De La Salle High School
- Concord High School
- Diablo Valley College
- Los Lunas High School
- College Park High School
- Allamenda High School

SCHOLARSHIPS

- California High School, San Ramon
- Carondelet High School, Concord
- De La Salle High School, Concord
- Dougherty Valley High, San Ramon
- Northgate High School, Walnut Creek
- Academy High School, Lafayette
- Compellis High School, Moraga
- Castro Valley High School, Castro Valley
- Los Lunas High School, Walnut Creek
- Miramar High School, Orinda
- San Ramon Valley High, San Ramon




Mother's Day Brunch

ENJOYING THE DAY:
LEFT: MATHER'S FAMILY
RIGHT: SILVA FAMILY



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Join us for Thursday Night Burgers at the Lodge!

Enjoy great food while visiting with your friends every Thursday Night!

Side Dishes brought by members, make the evening even better. Don't miss out!

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Links: \$6.00
Hot Dogs: \$5.00

Includes: Chili, Chips, Dessert

Lounge Opens: 4PM
BBQ: 5:30PM



June 23rd

**Welcome our Association Vice President,
Linda Valenty.**

Join us for the Visitation Dinner

Dinner at 5:45pm

Meeting at 7PM

More details to follow.



Flag Day Ceremony
June 13th
Details to follow
Please monitor your
emails.



We Need You!

Contact us at 925-935-1811 or email:
bpoe1811@gmail.com.

Unsure? Please speak with one of the
volunteers on Burger Nights or other events
to get the scoop!

June Birthdays



June 1st: Kurt Cornell
June 1st: Doug Fountain
June 3rd: James De Lorme
June 3rd: Harold L Scates
June 8th: Channing Arthur
June 9th: Jack Bean
June 10th: Barbara Green
June 11th: Mark Winrod
June 13th: Brian W. Criss
June 13th: William Todd

June 13th: David Van Dyke
June 15th: Sean Hill
June 15th: Ronald Kiriaze
June 17th: Marilyn Baio
June 17th: James Paul Reno
June 19th: Jason Curry
June 19th: Eugene Schulting
June 20th: John Driesbach
June 22nd: Robert Carter
June 22nd: Marie Helen Sweitzer

June 24th: Kent Jones
June 24th: Michael Suris
June 25th: Aaron Sims
June 25th: David Tullus
June 27th: Allen L. Meier
June 27th: Diane Wrobel
June 29th: Dona Berryman
June 29th: Robert Hayes
June 29th: Michael Winrod
June 30th: Aldo J. Dossa



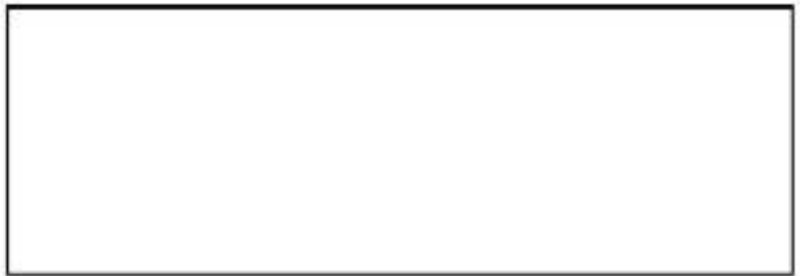
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7	8 House Meeting 6:30pm	9 Lodge Meeting: 7:00pm	10 Burger Night: 5:30pm	11	12	13 Flag Day 
14	15 Taco Night: Lounge open: 4PM Dinner: 5:30pm	16	17 Burger Night: 5:30pm	18	19	20 Father's Day
21	22 Tuslee Meeting: 6:30pm	23 Visitation Dinner 5:45pm LODGE Meeting: 7:00PM	24 Burger Night: 5:30pm	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Events

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