

# VISALIA ELKS

# 1298 BULLETIN | "The Herd"

Visalia California - October 2021 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



## "EXALTED RULER'S CORNER"

I hope everyone is excited for Fall? I know we can all use a break from the heat and are ready to enjoy some cooler weather.

I would like to thank all our cooking teams and volunteers for doing such a great job and putting up with the heat from our kitchen during the summer months. Anyone that has spent time in there will agree that it can be unbearable at times. But they all stuck it out and turned out some great meals!

We had a great turn out for the recent District 7 Ritual Training at our Lodge and received lots of great compliments for our hospitality and friendship extended to our visitors from Utah, Arizona, Nevada and various parts of California. (Our own Bill Flores even participated - hopefully we will see him as a Ritual Judge some day?)

We have some great events coming up this fall starting off with the Veterans Appreciation Picnic, followed up by a visit from our State President Jay Larkins and various other dignitaries from October 22-24<sup>th</sup>. We also have the Halloween Costume Party on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the return on Monday Night Football at the Lodge. Anyone interested in cooking or providing a meal for a Monday Night Football game, there are still some spots open on the chalkboard located in the game room. (I hope you all will come down and enjoy a great game and meal).

There are so many great things happening at the Lodge ..... Veteran's Breakfast, Taco Tuesday's, Wednesday Night Dinner's, Bunco, Poker, Cigar Night plus some great meetings and socializing for the Vagabond's as well as on our regular Business and Initiation Nights.

Come down, sit in on a meeting, enjoy some great food, and spend time with your fellow Elk's.

Fraternally Yours,  
Eli Ledesma  
Exalted Ruler

### Lodge Meetings

Wed October 13, 2021 – Business  
Wed October 27, 2021 - Initiations

### House Committee Meeting

Wed October 13, 2021

### Trustee Meeting

Wed October 13, 2021

(You must call or e-mail in advance to be on the agenda)

### P.E.R. Assn Meeting

Mon October 4, 2021 - 5:30pm

### Bunco Night

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Sign-up sheet is in the Members Lounge

### Poker Night

October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> - Seat Cards handed out at 6pm - Cards are dealt at 6:30pm

### Veteran's Breakfast

October 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:30-11am

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## Lodge Officers 2021/2022

Exalted Ruler	Eli Ledesma
Leading Knight	Mike Saulque
Loyal Knight	Shawn Cooper
Lecturing Knight	Kevin Colopy
Esquire	Russell McKinney
Chaplain	Ron Marshall PER
Inner Guard	Jane Donald
Tiler	Ted Donald PER
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Treasurer	Dorothy Van Wagoner

### Trustees:

1-Year	John Peters PER
2-Year	Jorge Montano
3-Year	Brenda Costa
4-Year	Victor Perez
5-Year	Tom O'Conner

### Past Exalted Rulers \*

Ronald Mathis	1976-77
Larry Paxton	1978-79
John Peters	1989-90
Jim Hay	1991-92
Robert Casey	1992-93
Al Hack	1995-96
Royce Gholson	1997-98, 98-99, 07-08
Rob Van Wagoner	1999-2000
Joe Alberti	2004-05, 05-06, 15-16
Ted Donald	2006-07
Dennis Oswalt	2014-15
Jan Lee	2016-17, 17-18
Ray Lewis	2018-19, 19-20
Ron Marshall	2020-21

\*Active in Good Standing

Past Exalted Rulers from other lodges:

## Member News:

### Orientation and Initiation.

**Next Orientation is October 27, 2021 at 5:30pm. Ball Room #2**

Orientation is MANDATORY for all candidates. Because of our current situation, only candidates and sponsors will be allowed to attend.

This is the beginning of the learning process of the BPOE and what we are all about.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and candidates will have dinner on us.

Only members and candidates are allowed in the lodge room. The members lounge will be closed during the initiation and lodge meeting. Expect about an hour. No beverages are allowed in the lodge room.

**Note to Sponsors:** Please make reservations for your candidates and notify them of the above listed times. Sponsors should escort their candidates to orientation, dinner and initiation. **Attire is business casual.**

***NO SHORTS, FLIP FLOPS,  
"T-SHIRTS OR JEANS DURING  
THE INITIATION..."***

## Candidates for voting in September

Joseph M Avila – by Donald Brown  
Charlie Bakker – by Judy Staley  
Gino Celillo – by Phil Mirwald  
Charles Cornelius – by Duke Hettick  
Hope DeMacabalin – by Jill Fitzgerald  
Richard Geels – by Herman Sandman  
Nancy Gonzales – by Devony Smith  
Amy Goulart – by Thomas Goulart  
Spencer Hodgkin – by Klass Wasse  
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Rita McIntosh – by Jo Bol  
Joshua Ormonde – by Savana Clevenger  
Shawyn Parish – by Melissa Sisk  
Manuel Villalobos – by Craig Williams  
Dan Wallace – by Phil Mirwald  
Matt Wallace – by Chris Mirwald  
Darin Preisendorf – reinstatement



### From the Secretary's Desk

We are at the 1/2-way point of the year. For the 43 who have not paid their dues, now is the time or they will be dropped. Also, if you know someone who has been dropped they will need to reinstate. You can pick up a reinstatement from the office.

DINNER NEWS: While we have gone back to the traditional formal dining we know that some of you still prefer "to go". Please note they can be done AFTER the dining is served. If you can let us know what you want when calling in, it makes it easier to have it on the list and for the cooks to plan. Do not go to kitchen before people are served and asked. It gets overwhelming and confusing. Thanks for supporting the meals. Our cooks rock!

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## VISALIA ELKS COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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Major Project	La Ruth Chance
Ritual Training	Ray Lewis PER
Scholarships	Bill Flores
Scouting	Melanie McKimmons
Youth Activities	Kim Chance



*A Coin a Day so they can  
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

### PURPLE PIG THANKS YOU ALL

Kevin Colopy

**Century Club:** Phil McNabb, Stacy McNabb, Craig Williams

Remember you can turn in your purple pigs any day 8 to 11am at the Elks office. We appreciate your continued support of our children we help with all of the donations to our state major project Purple Pig. Every nickel and dime donated is much needed to continue to provide therapy to any disabled child in California and Hawaii. Have a wonderful October. Happy Halloween.

Thought of the day:

Be yourself, Do what you can and be happy

LaRuth Chance

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

It has been brought to our attention that the two doors leading into the Member's Lounge have been tampered with again.

Do not alter the door jams or locks as this is causing additional costs to the Lodge and its members for unnecessary repairs. Please do your part in making sure both doors stay locked from the inside and are not left propped open or unlocked.

Thank you,  
Visalia Elks Lodge 1298 House Committee

### Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks

**9-12-21 Veteran's Breakfast – 271 Guests**

**Team Leader:** Tom Hansen

**Saturday Prep Crew:** Ed & Jean Shields, Ron Vasquez, Scott Reeder, Steve & LaRuth Chance, Rule Stevens

**Sunday Breakfast:**

**Hostesses:** Brenda Costa, Judy Staley & Stephanie Costa

**Front Lounge:** Chuck and Eric Fishel

**Omelet Cooks:** Scott Reeder, Scott Nelson, Kevin

Colopy, Ron Marshall, Mike Saulque and Janie Donald

**Kitchen Cooks:**

Sausage and Potatoes: Brian Fishel

Bacon: Phil Fortney

Gravy: Jeff Turnery

**Servers:**

Susie Mooney (Bacon and Sausage)

Justin Kinderknecht (Potatoes)

James Silva (Pancakes & French Toast)

Maria Silva (Biscuits and Gravy)

**Dishwashers:** Craig Williams, Eric Bush

**Back up Cooks:** Jorge Montano, Steve Chance, Ron

Vasquez, Rae Crawford

**Bussers:** Girl Scouts

Please note: If you'd like your cooking team to get credit in the bulletin, please be sure to fill out the form and turn it into the office. We only publish what we get submitted.



## Upcoming events:



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veteran's Appreciation Picnic - October 2, 2021 11am – 4pm

Free for all Veterans / Active Duty and their families  
Music, Bounce House, Games & Prizes, Raffles & more!!



### Veteran's Breakfast – October 10<sup>th</sup>

Eggs/Omelet bar, Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage, French toast, Pancakes,  
Biscuits and Gravy  
8:30 to 11:00am  
Adults - \$12.00 | Kids under 12yrs - \$10 |  
Veterans - \$8.00



### October 12<sup>th</sup> - Bunco Night

## Upcoming events – cont.



### 1298 Cigar Club – October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

If you enjoy a good a cigar or you're just curious about cigars, this will give members an opportunity to meet at least once a month. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.



### ELKS Kids Halloween Event – Oct. 30 at 5pm Reservations are always appreciated but not required.



### Halloween Party – October 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm to Midnight

Tickets will be available in the bar starting on Monday

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT.)



**Annual Larry Fishel Memorial Turkey Shoot & Chili Cook-off**  
 Raffles | 50/50 | Music and MORE  
 Purchase your targets in the Member's Lounge for \$20  
 To enter your team in the cook-off call the office.  
 Location: Visalia Elks Lodge #1298  
 3100 W Main St., Visalia, CA

**SATURDAY NOV 6 2021**  
 10:00am-3:00pm

**Turkey Shoot and Chili Cook-Off  
 November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Purchase your targets in the Member's Lounge for \$20. To enter your team in the cook-off, please call the office.



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**VAGABONDS TRAVELS**

Fall is such a welcome season after the extremely hot summer we've had and the Vagabonds are looking forward to once again having the Halloween Rig Decorating and Kids Trick or Treating Rally October 28 to October 31 here at our own lodge RV sites. Susan Garvin and helpers are co-hosting this rally. Susan will provide a flier with specific details at the October RV meeting. Plan on enjoying the kids as they "oooh and ahhh" over the decorations and enjoy the Halloween treats as well. This has been a fun, low-key rally in the past and no doubt will again be this year since it is the first rally post Covid shut down.

Next, November 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> the Vagabonds will be Bakersfield bound for a weekend of fun at Orange Grove RV Park. For more details come to the October RV meeting and sign up.

The Queen of Hearts is no longer hiding and Eloise Harback is one happy lady. Congratulations, Ellie. The board will be set up again for another round of fun.

Welcome to new members Stacy and Phil McNabb.

Mark your calendars for the October RV meeting – October 20 at 7:30. Treat yourself and make a reservation for dinner at the lodge followed by the short RV meeting.

**Elks New Sign Fundraiser**



**Get your Ticket Now!**

**\$20 Donation**

*Win!*

**Traeger Grill Pro 780 Pellet**



Drawing to be held at the  
 October 31, 2021

Elks Lodge Visalia 1298  
 3100 W Main Street • Visalia, California

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**New Addition to the Member's Lounge**  
 If you've been by the Member's Lounge in the last day or so, you've probably seen the new addition in person. The BPC / Party Crew purchased a dedicated TV to use as an electronic bulletin board to help keep everyone updated on fun events going on at the Lodge.





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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Members with a birthday this month get a FREE dinner on any dinner of the month, including Friday Steak Night. (Excludes Prime Rib, Rib Nights, Fireside Dinners, Crab and Shrimp Feeds.  
 Get A Free Beverage *on your birthday* in the lounge.

1 Lora Lee Griffith  
 2 Kristopher Dollinger  
 3 Dale Burke  
 Dominic Oliveira  
 6 Dave Akkerman  
 Mercedes Leos  
 Roger D Phillips  
 Joe Frank J Pineda  
 7 Doug Anderson  
 Shane Atkins  
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 Michael French  
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 14 Ken Harback  
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 15 Terry James Ferraro  
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 Joshua Wood  
 16 Darren Dias  
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 21 Jeff Merrill  
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 22 Willard Williams  
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