



WC Lodge #1811 Elketin

August 2021

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HELLO
August

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Is it just me, or is time starting to speed up as we continue to reopen?

For me, the theme of July was anniversaries. Not only did Laura and I celebrate our 17th, but we also got to celebrate with two of our PERs - Mary & Gerry Gouveia - for their 50th.

The annual Elks Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa marks another year passed. Grand Lodge was an amazing experience for me. Laura and I were fortunate enough to be able to fly out on the 3rd and stay all the way through Elsa's blustery visit on the 7th (with a little trip to

Cancun afterwards 🌴😊). Elks from all over the country gathered for the first time in two years and we managed to have over 6,000 people gathered with no COVID spikes. I loved meeting so many Elks from different places and really getting to know the other ERs and District reps from our own corner of the Country. There will be, of course, some small changes to our bylaws and operations, but I will report on those at an upcoming meeting. I learned something from everyone I met and I have a bag full of pins to remind me of each of them!

On the 22nd we hosted our second Red Cross Blood Drive. We managed to beat our goal by 30% with a total of 40 units donated! That represents up to 120 lives saved!! Please consider signing up for our next drive in September, the need is CRITICAL.

Burger Nights & Taco Tuesdays continue to grow thanks to their amazing teams. I'm sure you can all recognize how much work goes into each of these events. Volunteers are the life-blood of the Elks and I encourage each of you to help at least once this year.

Remember, EVERY Thursday we also have the wonderful Steve Snyder Big Band rehearsing in the Lodge room from 7:30 to 9:30. I would love to see a bunch of people there dancing and enjoying the music!

School will be starting soon. Connor and Aidan go back to in-person classes (FINALLY!) the second week of August! That also means our Scouts will be back to meetings as well. I'm so very proud of our Troop 1811 and all of their new Eagle Scouts. On the 24th, the Lodge was host to their Eagle Court of Honor. A ceremony that celebrated each of these young men for their commitment to Scouting and its ideals. The Elks and Scouts have been working together for over 100 years because we have so much in common.

I'm hoping August will be the month when we can really claim things are "back to normal" - at least as normal as they're gonna get. The Lounge will be opening up to regular hours as we fill in Volunteer bartender shifts. We just need Mondays and non-meeting Wednesdays covered to be fully open! Please consider bartending!

Look for a themed dinner sometime this month too! Planning has begun in earnest for all of the events that our Lodge is known for. Please reach out if you have any time to help!

Fraternally Yours,

TRAVIS

Travis Ervin,
916-764-0294 ER@elks1811.org



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Maureen Miskell
Lecturing Knight:
Jacklynn Roenspie
Esquire:
Cristina Candelori
Chaplain:
Denise Silva
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Lodge Secretary:
Debbie Dew
Lodge Treasurer:
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NEW Office Hours:
Mon-Wed-Fri:
10am to 2pm

Lounge Open:

Tuesday: 4pm- 8pm
Thursday: 4pm-8pm
Friday: 4pm-8pm
Sundays: TBD (Featured
Game sets time) Check email

From the Lodge Office: If you haven't paid your dues, please send them in now. Your dues allow our Lodge to support and provide many services and events for members and our community. You learn about many of these in our Elketin such as Veteran's Dinners, Scouting programs and others. Below is our list of delinquent members dues. If your name is on this list in error, please contact us asap.

Contact Jan Napora, our office clerk or Debbie Dew, Lodge Secretary at 925-935-1811 if you have any questions.

Office hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
10am to 2pm. Please leave a message.

Delinquent Dues

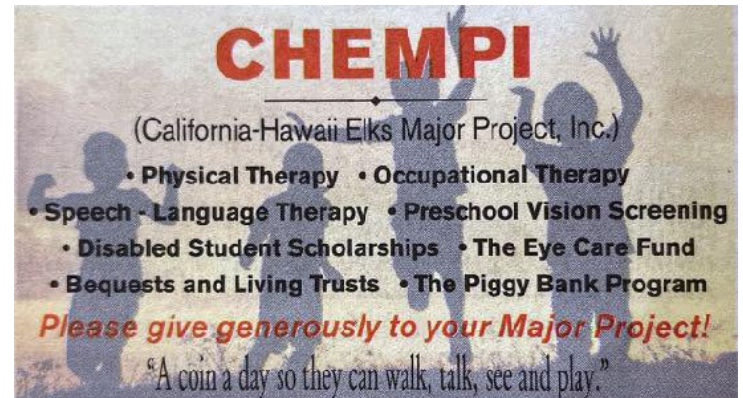
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Kathleen Boswell	Ines Likuski	Beverly Ross
Blake Brown	James Lorenzi	Stanley Stanek
Leslie Brown	Peter Luger	Manual Tello
Wanda Brown	Donald Lynch	Elaine Thompson
Tammy Chan	James Malian	Michael Winrod
Kerri Chrysty	Bernadette Martinez	Dennis Winslow
Collin Crawford	Fidel Martinez	Keely Wright
Jay M. Croft	Clyde Miles	George Russell
John Cuddihy	James Norman	



In Memoriam

The Clock of Their Days has stopped and across it's dial, the motionless shadows marks the hour of eleven. The faults of our members we write upon the sands, their virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory.

David Tullus, PER
Passed on July 23rd



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Grand Exalted Ruler: T. Keith Mills

2021- 2022

Wow, what a fantastic opportunity to serve our great Order. I would like

to first thank my wonderful wife, Amy. Without her love, support, and commitment this experience would not be possible. We both are very grateful to have been chosen to take this incredible journey. I would also like to thank my other family members. Knowing they are helping take care of our personal obligations at home during this time is a huge help to both of us.

My theme this year is "Meeting the Challenge." This past year was like no other in the history of our Order. With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, I want to congratulate local Boards of Directors and members for their efforts in continuing Lodge operations and remaining active in their community. Thank you for taking and showing pride in our Order. Not only could we not meet regularly, but we all experienced a crash course in virtual meetings.

Summer is still upon us, but fall is closing in. Now is the time to begin

planning Lodge fall activities. For example, begin working on a school supply program, or start one if one is not available in your community.

This is an opportunity to engage with your schools, help children who need it by providing critical school supplies, and lay the groundwork for other Elks youth programs (e.g., Hoop Shoot, scholarships, drug awareness).

This year, my goal for Elks National Foundation will remain at \$4.80 per Member. I know this goal is easily obtainable since we have more than doubled this number for many years now. The stronger your Lodge, the greater benefit to your community. With the various grants from the Elks National Foundation, we can readily add to existing Community Service Projects. Today, our communities need us more than ever. There are always projects that could use our help to strengthen the charitable works we do. For some ENF Grants, your Lodge just needs to apply. Others are competitive. However, ENF personnel are there to assist you with these proposals.

The Elks Most Valuable Student applications are now open and online. Create a little explanation sheet or download one from elks.org. Then call your high school counselors to inform them of our program and where they can direct their seniors for the eligibility requirements and application. Follow up that call with a small letter. Remember we also have the Student/Teenager Month and Year Program. This is one way for your Lodge to recognize high school students for their work and volunteerism. Look into this program within the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Program Manual.

Finally, this week, visit Elks.org. Under the Fraternal Committee, print the "Patriotism Week Proclamation." Have your city mayor sign it to proclaim September 6-12, 2021 as National Patriotism Week in your town. Then, use this opportunity to encourage new Members to join our great Order.



Beacon Grants

Lead an active, charitable project.

[Beacon Grants >](#)

Gratitude Grants

Support local, charitable activities.

[Gratitude Grants >](#)

Spotlight Grants

Shine a light on important community issues.

[Spotlight Grants >](#)

Promise Grants

Actively support local youth.

[Promise Grants >](#)

Impact Grants

Run a large-scale community service project.

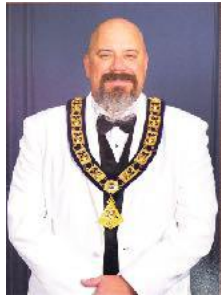
[Impact Grants >](#)

Freedom Grants

Meet the needs of today's veterans and military members.

[Freedom Grants >](#)

Spotlight: ENF Grants: *Each month, we will focus on a different group that is looking for volunteers to give you more information on their mission and allow you to make a choice that aligns with your interest. There is too much information for this issue to truly explain all that ENF does. To the left are the many grants that it supports. Go to the elks.org website to get more information on each of these grants and how they help the community.*



Dave Wells, Central District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

2021-2022



Dave Wells is a California native who grew up in Merced and graduated from Merced High School in Merced, CA. After two years of college in Merced, he moved to Azusa, CA to attend Azusa Pacific University and play collegiate baseball. Dave met his wife, Michelle, when he was in Merced for college vacation in 1992. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree with honors in 1993.

Dave and Michelle have been together since 1992 and have been happily married for almost 11 years. They share two wonderful sons: Arron and Jonathon and two amazing grandchildren: Jamison and Emma Lynn. As mentioned, Dave attended Azusa Pacific University, and after receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree, began teaching while attending graduate school. He received his teaching credential in Physical Education working for the Azusa Unified School District. Dave completed his teaching credential for Special Education and earned his Master of Arts Degree in Special Education in 1995. He moved from a Physical Education instructor to a Special Education instructor.

Dave has been a public school educator for over 28 years, first in Azusa, then in Merced where he

oversees an adult transition program, providing community-based vocational training, functional academics and social skills to students with identified disabilities. Over the years, he has served as a high school coach in baseball and volleyball, yearbook advisor and Department Chair for Special Education. He has worked with students ranging from 2nd grade through the age of 22 years. For a few years, Dave also served on the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation Committees which ensure schools employ sound academic and financial standards.

Over the good part of 3 decades, Dave was also employed by TNT Fireworks each summer. He started as a general laborer, building fireworks stands and worked his way up to assistant to the Operations Manager. His duties included routing, set up and take down of over 850 fireworks stands in southern California, as well as spending many years in the same role in Nevada and Arizona. He has recently assumed a similar role with TNT Fireworks in Sacramento.

Since being initiated into Merced Lodge #1240, Dave has served on many lodge committees and has served as an officer of the lodge for 9

years. Dave is a past 5 year Trustee and has also finished two terms as Exalted Ruler. He has also been recognized as Lodge Officer of the Year twice and placed as Leading Knight and Exalted Ruler in the District Ritual Contest. He was also part of the Merced Lodge renovation committee which restored the Lodge to the gem it is today.

On the District level, Dave has chaired Government Relations, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness and ENF. In his final year as Hoop Shoot Chair, the District had 100% participation and representation from every lodge at the District Hoop Shoot Contest. His past 3 years as Drug Awareness Program Chair, he has had Ray Lozano speak to several thousand students, staff and Elks throughout the District on the dangers of drugs, alcohol and vaping, thanks in part to private donations and an ENF grant. He has also served as Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President of the District PER Association, and is currently a Ritual Contest Coach for the Merced Lodge. Dave has also served as Association Vice President for two terms 2019 - 2021. Dave will serve as the DDGER for the Central District in 2021- 2022.

Elks Care — Elks Share

Building Fund Donations:

Travis Ervin	\$10.00	April
Bryan Girad	\$35.00	April
Gregory and Joanne Bartow	\$35.00	April
Cynthia Todd	\$33.50	April
Bill Todd	\$267.00	April
Travis Ervin -	\$58.85	May
BBQ Lottery	\$345.00	June
Tracey Nushi	\$35.00	June
Patrick Maroney	\$35.00	June

ENF July Donations:

Tracey Nushi:	
\$10.00 June	
Evelyn Amara:	
\$10.00 July	

Purple Pig Donations

The General	\$ 5.79
Heidi Bauermeister	\$ 23.50
Tracey Nushi	\$ 20.00
Patrick Maroney	\$ 20.00
Evelyn Amara	\$ 10.00
Travis Ervin	\$ 6.00



Congratulations Troop 1811! Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony

On Saturday, July 24, 2021, the Elks sponsored Troop 1811 was finally able to honor those scouts who attained the highest award in Scouting at the Elks Lodge. Walnut Creek's own Mayor Wilk was there to honor these scouts and their achievements.



Mike Rittenhouse, Mayor Wilk, Laura
and ER Travis Ervin



Proud Parents and New Eagle Scouts



Guest of Honor:
WC Mayor Wilk



(not in order)
Trevor Fong, Hayden Fox,
William Johnston, Tommy
Nguyen, Avery Peters, Merik
Pohl, Riley Sweet

Earned the highest award in
Scouting: Eagle Scout



WC ELKS CHAIRPERSONS: 2021-2022

Appointed Statutory Officials:

Presiding Justice: Douglas Fountain
Mediator: Gerry Gouveia

Lodge Committee Chairpersons

2021-2022

Audit Chair/Accounting: Mike Mathers
Community Activities: Russ Kesler, PER
Lodge Activities: Jacklynn Roenspie
Americanism: Mike Schaaf
Government Relations: Ed Johnson, PDDGER
National Veterans Service: Vanessa Silva
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Grants Co-ordinator: Michael A Silva

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Michael A. Silva, PDDGER
Jamboree: Gerry Gouveia PAVP
Major Pig Project: Gerry Gouveia, PAVP
Hospitality Manager: Chris Marquez
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, PAVP
Youth Activities: Mike Rittenhouse
Drug Awareness: Sheri Schaaf
Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse
Scholarships: Denise Silva
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Kurt Cornell

Join us for Thursday Night Burgers at the Lodge!

Enjoy great food while visiting with your friends every Thursday Night! **New: Live Music at 7:30pm.** Enjoy a burger, then dance away!



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

NEW: Big Band Live Music
courtesy of **Steve Snyder Band Open Rehearsals**
You are welcome to stay and listen!

7:30 - 9:30 in the Lodge Room



AUGUST 21st - 8:00am - 2PM

Have you been trying to "declutter"? Consider donating your items to our upcoming rummage sale!

Please no books ~ all items must be clean!

Bring all your items to the lodge.

Drop Off Dates: August 16 - 19th

Noon - 6:00 pm

Sale to benefit: Elks General Fund 

We, also, need volunteers to assist with this sale.

Please contact Jacklynn Roenspie with any questions:
925-628-1827 or at roenspie.jr@gmail.com



Join us for Taco Night

August 17th

Lounge Open at 4pm
Dinner at 6PM
\$10.00/per person

RSVP: RSVP@elks1811.org

In case you missed last Taco Night, please be sure to add this date on your calendars so that you don't miss out! Bill and Cynthia Todd's menu included Tequila Lime Shrimp gazpacho which was a huge hit! Keep an eye out for the next Taco Night menu to be announced in your emails. Be sure to RSVP!



Elk August Birthdays

8-02: Greg Okerman
8-04: Bob Larabee
8-05: Charles Buckingham
Candida Glavaris
Stuart Griffin
J. Mike Schaaf
8-07: Frank Crua
8-08: Rich Brightman
Don Hoskins
Laura L. Karp
8-09: Randy E. Gomez

8-10: David Larson
Clyde Miles
8-11: Terry Browne
8-12: David Rogers
8-13: Loren Delaurenti
Donald Pierce
Peter Reich
8-16: Allison Smith
Cynthia Todd
8-17: Joan Schwarz
8-20: Alush Nushi

8-22: Constance Bills
William Delevanti
Garrick Gouveia
Louis Silva, Jr
8-23: Joseph Colas
8-24: Ryan Hamachi
8-24: Stephanie Surls
8-28: Robert Knoll
8-28: Sherri Schaaf



AUGUST 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Office Open: 10am-2pm	3 Lounge Open: 4pm-8pm	4 Office Open: 10am - 2pm	5 Burger Night: 5:30 PM 	6 Office: 10am - 2pm Lounge Open: 4pm-8pm	7
8	9 Office Open: 10am-2pm	10 House Meeting: 7PM Lounge Open: 4pm-8pm	11 Lodge Meeting 7pm Office Open: 10am- 2pm	12 Burger Night: 5:30 PM 	13 Office: 10am - 2pm Lounge Open: 4pm-8pm	14
15	16 Office Open: 10am-2pm	17  Taco Night: 6 PM Lounge Open: 4pm-8pm	18 Office Open: 10am- 2pm	19 Burger Night: 5:30 PM 	20 Office: 10am - 2pm Lounge Open: 4pm-8pm	21 ELKS RUMMAGE SALE ... TODAY! 8:00am- 2PM
22	23 Office Open: 10am-2pm	24 Trustee Meeting: 7PM Lounge Open: 4pm-8pm	25 Lodge Meeting: 7PM Office Open: 10am- 2pm	26 Burger Night: 5:30 PM 	27 Office: 10am - 2pm Lounge Open: 4pm - 8pm	28
29	30 Office Open: 10am-2pm	31	<i>Elks Care — Elks Share</i>			

Upcoming EVENTS

We are looking forward to offering events at the Lodge that we so missed in the past year.

Watch for First Responder Dinner, Murder Mystery Dinner, Veteran's Dinner, Haunted House, Christmas Decorating day, Christmas Dinner, and the Crab Feed. While many of these events dates will be in upcoming issues of the Elketin as they are finalized, the quickest way to find out the latest information is to monitor your email.

If you are not receiving emails from the lodge, please call the office at 925-935-1811 and leave a message for Cindy Gray with your email and phone number. Or you can contact her at: cdat4gray@yahoo.com.



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