



WC Lodge #1811 Elketin

September 2021

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Hello all you awesome Elks! August seemed to go by in a blink of an eye with all the fall goings-on. While our Lodge didn't host any unique special events, we seemed to be

plenty busy with our wonderful Burger Nights and Taco Night. Elsewhere in the Central District, the State President, Jay Larkins came to visit. I was fortunate to get to spend some time with him in Livermore on the 21st and I can say he was very inspiring. He is hyper focused on the future and keeping Elkdom growing.

In that spirit, I would like to break a little from the format that these messages have taken. This month I want to talk about the future of our lodge. I truly believe that BPOE stands for the Best People On Earth and that we can make a huge difference in the community when we all work together. We have programs for our youth, our honored veterans, and we participate in many other civic arenas. All of those programs take money and even more importantly, **time**.

So this month, I'd like to ask each and every member of our lodge to reach out and find a way to pitch in or participate. Whether you joined for the bar or the RV-ing, or even just to make friends, I think that each of us has that spark of volunteerism that makes our Country and our Order great. You can always call or email me directly, or just send a note to an officer, trustee or committee member that is working on something you're interested in.

The pandemic has definitely taken its toll on our ability to affect change, but I know we can adapt and really show up for each other.

Showing up is the first step. The last 18 months have gotten us all in the habit of staying home, but vaccines and masks have allowed most of us to change that. Our community works best when we can all see each other and talk to each other.

Our next Lodge meeting is a big one and a great chance for those of

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- Hearts at Home Program

you who we haven't seen in a while to come see what's new. Our new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Dave Wells, and many Elks from around the District will be visiting us - not to mention we will be initiating a group of new members - and I would love for them to see a packed meeting room. Come for dinner or just for the meeting. Check your email or the notice in this newsletter for RSVP details.

See you all on the 8th!

Fraternally Yours,

916-764-0294 ER@elks1811.org

Volunteer Ideas: *Join a committee for an event like the Veterans Dinner, Haunted House, Christmas Dinner, New Year's Murder Mystery, or the Crab Feed. Like counting or are you a stickler for details? Join Mike Mathers in the Auditing committee. Want to meet new people? Come spend one night a month tending bar - no experience required. Want to see what ideas our local youth have? Join the Americanism committee and help read essays.*



LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler:

Travis Ervin

Leading Knight:

Gerry Gouveia. PAVP

Loyal Knight:

Steve Glazier, PER

Lecturing Knight:

Jacklynn Roenspie

Esquire:

Cristina Candelori

Chaplain:

Denise Silva

Lodge Inner Guard:

Open

Lodge Tiler:

Open

Vocalist:

John Schafgans

Lodge Secretary:

Debbie Dew

Lodge Treasurer:

Open

Trustees:

1st Year Trustee:

Michael A. Silva, PDDGER

2nd Year Trustee:

William Todd

3rd Year Trustee:

Greg Okerman

4th Year Trustee:

Russ Kesler, PER

5th Year Trustee:

Eleanor Bolin-Chew

WC Elks Lodge

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Office Clerk: Jan Napora

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: As your Secretary for the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge I would like to introduce myself and my new Clerk, Jan Napora. Jan is busy working on our parking rentals and is doing a great job for us. When you see her or myself, please stop and

introduce yourself. We would love to meet you! I would like to take this opportunity to remind members to please pay your annual dues if you have not done so already. Come join us as we are beginning to re-open our Lodge and plan new fun activities.

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

Past Due Members: Please pay your membership dues as soon as possible!

Al Accurso
John Anderson
Marilyn Baio
Dona Berryman
Constance Bills
Kathleen Boswell
Blake Brown
Leslie Brown
Wanda Brown

Kerri Chrysty
Collin Crawford
Jay M. Croft
Nathaniel Delisle
Werner Gumpert
Billy Hayes
Don Hoskins
Stan Janczura
Sheldon Lawrence

Peter Libert
Ines Likuski
Peter Luger
Donald Lynch
Bernadette Martinez
Fidel Martinez
Clyde Miles
Tom Phillips
Donald Pierce

Loren Piper
Luis Ramos
Vincent Rettew
Beverly Ross
Stanley Stanek
Manual Tello
Michael Winrod
Dennis Winslow
Keely Wright

HEARTS AT HOME:

When I started the Hearts-at-Home program back in the fall of 2016 I will never forget the smiles from one of my first veterans that we delivered furniture and household goods to. As we were bringing in his furniture he's smiling ear-to-ear, almost giddy. He says to us, "This is great, I can't believe it. It's the first time in 15 years I've had a place to live indoors." It's all I could do not to cry. This

program can be so rewarding. **My husband and I need help with the program.** He's not supposed to lift furniture anymore because he's on dialysis and my heart issues have gotten worse so we need help to continue this program. I can still be the liaison between the VA social workers and vets but need people to step up and help pick up furniture and deliver furniture to the vets. I can still do the shopping for them but really need help with

the physical work. If you would like to be on our list of great volunteers please call or text me at 925-787-2478.

Denise Silva
Hearts-at-Home
Chairman



HAUNTED HOUSE

Team Leader Needed!

Our Annual Event needs a team Leader to coordinate. Please contact Travis Ervin for details.

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Helping You Find Your Way Home



Meet our New Lodge Secretary: Debbie Dew:

Debbie joined our WC Elks Lodge in May of 2021 soon after moving here from Illinois in April of 2020. After 24 years in HS administration and 20 years as elected Township Official, she wanted to be near her family. She has been a widow Elks member for 24 years, with her husband having passed away in 1997. She wasted little time helping us out by becoming our Lodge Secretary when Judy Hunter left.

Debbie's family includes her son, daughter-in-law with two grandchildren here in Danville along with her daughter, son-in-law and grandchild in NYC. She loves live music, dancing, and a nice glass of wine. She is often at our Burger Nights and other events, so please say hello when you see her!

Welcome To Our Lodge!

Meet our New Lodge Clerk: Jan Napora



As of July, 2021, Jan Napora started working as our Lodge Clerk. She is the friendly voice on the phone when you call. She, also, forwards your messages that are left on our lodge phone, amongst many other duties.

Jan has lived in a variety of locales including Austin, TX, Berkeley, and Walnut Creek. She worked for 14 years as the House Educator for a sorority and the kitchen designer. She has three grandchildren in the Dallas, Tx area. She enjoys quilting, especially reproduction quilts, pilates and needlepoint.

She loves what the Elks stand for and the good work we do. She is looking forward to working with our members.

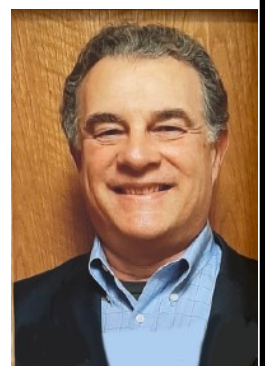
Please stop by and say hello. The lodge office hours are:
Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, from 10am to 2pm.

Welcome to our Newest Members - from 2020 through August 2021

These are some of our newest members to our lodge from 2020 through August 2021. Due to pandemic restrictions and fluctuating changes, it was tough to capture their photos to post. These are the ones that were available at press time. Please welcome them as you see them at the lodge as we continue to have more events.



L to R: Lisa Lucido, Robert Schneider, Tom Legualt, Joan Schwanz



L to R: Bob Day, Elaine Thompson, Lloretta Bankus, Debbie Dew, Rick Medeiros, (2020)



Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811
cordially invites you to the official visitation of

DAVE WELLS

Central District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge
1475 Creekside Dr
Walnut Creek CA 94596
(map on reverse)

Social Hour 5:00 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Beef Bourguignon, Chopped Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Peach Crisp

\$15.00 per person

Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM

Elks: Business Attire Spouses and Guests: Business Casual

There will be a planned activity in the Lounge for those not attending the Lodge Meeting.

*PRE-PAID Reservations Required by September 6th, 2pm
bpoe1811.square.site -or- RSVP@Elks1811.org -or- (925) 935-1811*

WALNUT CREEK ELKS HAUNTED HOUSE

OCTOBER 29TH AND 30TH

6 PM TO 10 PM

\$10 PER PERSON / OPEN TO PUBLIC
\$1 OFF WITH CANNED FOOD DONATION

October 30th: 3pm to 5pm
FREE TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

1475 CREEKSIDE DRIVE, WALNUT CREEK, CA
RSVP/QUESTIONS: 925-935-1811
or: bpoe1811@gmail.com

Building Fund Donations:

Eleanor Bolin-Chew: \$250.00

ENF July Donations:

George Young- \$10.00

Purple Pig Donations

George Young-\$10.00
Lois Ratterree-\$83.89
Michael Turk-\$21.85
Sean Pargett-\$49.96
Debbie Dew-\$15.00



Congratulations!

These members have been recognized through their generous support of our Major Projects Millenium Club, Century Club, Fifty-Two Club and /or have become a member of the Millenium Plus Program.

Doug Fountain: Century Club 1
Michael Angelo Silva: Century Club -2

Gary Buffo - Century Club -2
Bill Todd - Century Club -2
Wayne Towson - Century Club -1
William Leone - Fifty-Two Club
Jackie O'Connell- Fifty-Two Club



Elks Care — Elks Share

Amazing Success: Rummage Sale!

We had a VERY successful rummage sale bringing in over \$3000.00 for the lodge! I couldn't have done it without all of you. A very special thank you to all my fellow Elks and non-Elks: Doug Fountain, Norma Shandon, Denise Silva, Elaine Thompson, Russ Kesler, Cindy Gray, Debbie Dew, Donna Reynolds, Rose Wilson, Stu and Jane Berger, Laura Jacobsen, Whitney Quin and to Jan Napora, our lodge clerk, for bringing us lunch. We had two Las Lomas students, Roy and Julia helping on the day of sale, too! I apologize if I've missed anyone.

A very big shout out to Doug Fountain for being my right hand man during the rummage sale! I could not have done it without him - he was there every single day up until the last items were loaded onto a trailer for the Salvation Army! THANK YOU DOUG!!!

THANK YOU ALL!! Below are some photos, courtesy of Doug Fountain, from that day!

~ Jacklynn Roenspie



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

LODGE OPERATIONS

Building and Grounds:
Michael A. Silva, PDDGER
Elketin: Cindy/Dan Gray
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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: 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, PAVVP
Youth Activities: Mike Rittenhouse
Drug Awareness: Sheri Schaaf
Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse
Scholarships: Denise Silva
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Kurt Cornell



Burger Night Thursdays!

BBQ at 5:30pm/
Lounge Open 4PM
Enjoy Burgers, Dogs and Links
Includes: chili, chips, dessert plus
any yummy sides from members!

Best deal around!

Masks required inside except when seated with drink or meal.



September 14th

Lounge Open at 4pm~
Dinner at 5:30PM
\$10.00/per person

**RSVP: by September 10th
noon**

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! There are many fans of this fabulous food. So be sure to plan ahead! Bill and Cynthia Todd's menu will be sent out through the email. If you are not receiving emails, please check your spam for messages from: BPOE1811 or WC Elks Lodge. Contact the office if there is still an issue.



Merry Mixer Events:

1st and 3rd Fridays,
Every Month
7:30pm to 10:00pm
Admission: \$10/member
\$15/guest

Sept 3rd: Bob Gutierrez
Sept 17th: Canyon Band
Sept 18th: Annual Picnic for members
and their guests: details to follow

****Proof of Vaccination REQUIRED for first visit.**
*All attendees are required to wear a mask
except when eating and drinking*

Covid Restrictions preclude us from serving
snacks, but you can bring your own meal.
Coffee and water provided. No Host Bar
available. **OUTSIDE liquor prohibited.**



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9am to 3pm

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Elk September Birthdays

Sept. 1st: Frank Blazic
Trevis Rorie

Sept 4th: Stephen Berger
Tim K. Powers

Sept. 5th: Lonna Lucas

Sept. 6th: Lisa Fisher
Jeffrey Rowan

Sept. 7th: Brad Holsworth

Sept. 9th: Jeffery Leinen

Sept. 9th: Maureen Miskell

Sept. 12th: Robert Law

Sept. 13th: Denise Silva

Sept. 14th: Ruth Reeves

Sept. 15th: Sam Monteith
Tim Walsh

Sept. 17th: William Brice
Joseph Lindsay

Sept. 18th: Jane Berger

Sept. 20th: Elizabeth Lucido

Sept. 21st: Jeffrey Armstrong

Sept. 24th: Mike Mathers

Sept. 25th: Dianne Atkinson
Arden Campbell
Ken Coleman

Sept. 26th: Frank Colligan

Sept. 29th: John Cuddihy

Sept. 30th: Emily Andrews

						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2  THURSDAY Burger & BEER NIGHT 5:30pm	3	4
5	6  HAPPY LABOR DAY	7 House Meeting: 7pm	8 DDGER Visitation Social: 5pm Dinner: 6pm Meeting: 7pm	9  THURSDAY Burger & BEER NIGHT 5:30pm	10	11  PATRIOT DAY WE WILL NEVER FORGET - Sep 11 - 2001
12	13	14 Dinner: 5:30pm  Make It Taco Night with The Elks Lodge	15	16  THURSDAY Burger & BEER NIGHT 5:30pm	17	18
19	20	21 Trustee Meeting: 7pm	22 Autumn Begins Lodge Meeting: 7pm	23  THURSDAY Burger & BEER NIGHT 5:30pm	24 POW/MIA Remembrance Day	25
26	27	28	29	30 Blood Drive: 9am-3pm Burger Night: 5:30pm 		


**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

As stated in this month's ER message, we have many events that could use some support. The list below are ongoing events/activities many members enjoy that are looking for volunteers. Taco Night, Veteran's Hearts at Home and Burger Night are particularly in need of more participation. Any time is much appreciated.

Hearts at Home program: Denise Silva: denise_silva@comcast.net or 925-787-2478

Taco Night: Bill Todd: 925-413-1544 (once a month)

Burger Night: Dan/Cindy Gray: cdata4gray@gmail.com (each Thursday night)

Veteran's Dinner: In November: Denise Silva: denise_silva@comcast.net or 925-787-2478

Lounge/Bartender: Chris Marquez, Facilities Manager: 925-385-3260

Elketin: Cindy Gray: cdata4gray@gmail.com (once a month)

Special Events: Travis Ervin, ER: BPOE1811@gmail.com

Crab Feed: (Upcoming in Jan/Feb 2022) Gerry Gouveia: BPOE1811@gmail.com

**Central District
Elks Jamboree
October 1 - 3**
at Sonora Lodge
Open to all members
and guest

Schedule of Activities:

Friday Night: Dinner
Saturday: Chile Cook
Off and Cupcake
Contest and Mixology
Contest (Anyone can
participate see the
Lodge Office for entry
form)

Saturday Night: Dinner
and contest Awards

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