

Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge #1839



February 2022

A Word From Our Exalted Ruler- Brian Morrissey

It's That Time of Year!

Our current lodge year runs from April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022. It's that time of year to start thinking about who will represent our Lodge as Officers and Directors for the upcoming fiscal year. Our By-Laws, Rules of Order, and House Rules provide that nominations be made in the first lodge meeting in February (Feb. 9) and elections be held the 2nd meeting of the month (February 23), with installation to be at a regular lodge meeting after March 15 (March 23). Some adjustments can be made to facilitate the process. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend the meetings. Chair Officers to be elected are Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, and Lecturing Knight. Also elected are the Secretary and Treasurer. It appears that 3 or 4 of our 5 trustees will have to be elected as well. Tiler, Esquire, Chaplin, and Inner Guard are appointed positions.

Thanks to all our current volunteers and members who are helping to keep the lodge going. It's a big job, and we need more help. Please consider donating some of your time. Thanks.

Pass Travelers

Long-time lodge member and photographer, as well as RV club member Andy Miller, passed away recently. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Future RV Club Trips and Events Include:

Sunday Brunch – Yucaipa Elks Lodge – February 20– 10 AM

Rio Bend – El Centro – March 10 to March 14 – Blue Angels Event

Lake O'Neill – Camp Pendleton – April 2022 – More info at February meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 4 PM. If you would like to join our group, please come to the meeting and, afterward, enjoy a Country Style Rib Dinner & Dessert by Joyce & Dee.

A Word From Esteemed Lead Knight- Janet

Morrissey

Cheers!

Remember the old TV show called Cheers, “Where everyone knew your name”? Perhaps, our Lodge members do not know everyone’s name, but we’re definitely friendly.

About ten years ago, I met “Mac,” who was our bartender, and we got acquainted. She knew many of our members by name and knew their call drink. In addition, she became friends with their spouses, who did not become members because women weren’t joining at that time as they are now.

Life continued, and years passed until those old souls quit coming in. Mac left and started a fresh vegetable gardening business, which she continues. Some of you have gone to her stand on Brookside Avenue in Beaumont. Mac and I continued our friendship, and last month I asked her to our spaghetti night. She knew all the spaghetti guys, and they knew her.

Immediately after she looked around, she said, “I’m going to the back to the kitchen and buy the guys a drink.” I caught a glimpse of her by the kitchen door, talking to Gene and Bill and renewing old times. There was an energy to see her and the men enjoying now and long ago. Soon she talked to some of the women who had come in years ago with their husbands, but now we're coming with some of their women friends. Again, there was this sparkle of energy between them, and you could hear the laughter spilling out for all to enjoy. The next day Mac got a call to have lunch with these women and a few others who missed the spaghetti event. Mac was delighted to see the reception she received from relationships she had years ago.

This delighted me, seeing old friends coming together and remembering old times. Isn’t that what Elks is about? A place to meet friends and make new ones; to renew times past and create new adventures.

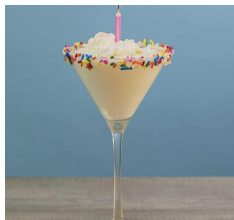
“Sometimes we want to go where everybody knows our name, and they’re always glad we came.” See you soon.



Valentines Dinner and Dance

We are looking forward to seeing all of you for our Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 12, 2022, starting at 5 pm with a Social Hour until 6 pm. A special menu of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Steak will be prepared and served from 6 pm to 7 pm. Have a spin on the dance floor with Dj John, and don't forget to purchase your Opportunity Tickets from Joyce Bryant for a chance to win a wonderful prize. Donations will benefit the Elks Scholarship Fund. Purchase your tickets at the bar for \$20 before February 8th.

House Committee Chair- Carl Wolfram



Happy birthday to all of our Lodge Members who are celebrating another year this month. To celebrate with you our bartenders have your name and a free drink waiting.

This month we toast:

Alice Contreras	Ferne Westrick	Alan Morton
Kenneth Langston	David Knight	Ed Sonzogni
Lloyd Lessard	Jose Campuzano	Jim Witt
Jolen Hill	Frank Mott	Bill Ray
Joe McEndree	Johnny Crockett	William McDade
Lee Peterson	Marion Clark	Norris Runnels

It looks like we have made it through the first month of the year. We are off to a good start with our Spaghetti Night serving 82 dinners. There are two things I would like to bring to your attention. First is our Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Feb. 12th. Please make it a point to get your tickets at the bar. Second, we will be open on Feb. 13th for the Super Bowl. Bring some snacks to share with everyone. The doors and bar will open at 2:30 pm. Thanks for your support on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please keep supporting your lodge.

PURPLE PIG



Just a reminder to bring those full piggies into the lodge. Your donations to the Purple Pig Program are greatly appreciated. Pigs can be turned into Jackie Solomon, Coordinator for the CHEMP/Purple Pig Program. If you have any questions about the **CHEMP/Purple Pig Program**, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jackie Solomon-Purple Pig Program Coordinator at jackiesolo42@msn.com.

ANNUAL ELKS DEEP PIT BBQ



Coming up on **May 14, 2022**, our Lodge will be holding its **Annual Deep Pit BBQ**. This is a big event and huge fundraiser for the Lodge, and its success is 100% dependent on all of our Lodge Members. Please consider how you can make this year's event enjoyable and profitable for all who participate. There are many areas for you to be involved:

- **Committee Member/ Team Leader**
- **Pit Crew**- Start and manage Fire Pit
- **Meat Management**- Wrapping Meat and Cutting Meat
- **Set Up**- This includes Tables, Chairs, etc.
- **Breakdown/Clean up**- After the event and trash pick up during.
- **Ticket Sales**- Before the event and during
- **Beer and Wine Sales**-Working a shift during the event
- **Food Service**-Working a shift during the event serving and replenishing food
- **Donations**-Approaching local businesses for donated items to be raffled during the event
- **Contributor**- Making a cash donation to the event to purchase meat and supplies

Please contact Kellie Matthews if you would be interested in taking part. We need the members of our Lodge to take part in this time honored tradition that has been absent for the past 3 years. Contact Kellie kelmatthews68@gmail.com.

Flag Decommissioning Ceremony and Bbq Dinner



Please join us on **Friday, May 13, 2022**, for a Flag Decommissioning Ceremony outside our lodge. The United States Code stipulates, “When a U.S. flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” We gather these Flags of our Country and our States, which have been determined to be no longer serviceable. Following the ceremony, we will have a good ole’ bbq under the stars for those in attendance.

ELKS.org Website

Our Website has been updated, and photos from the past few months have been added. Please take a moment and go to [Elks.org:: Lodge #1839 Home](https://www.elks.org/Lodge-1839-Home) and check us out. Any news or photos you may have to add to the website or newsletter. Email Kellie Matthews @ kellmatthews68@gmail.com by February 26 , 2022, to be included in Marches Newsletter. All of the charitable and community events around the lodge are being forwarded to the quarterly Elks Magazine and The Record Gazette for consideration.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Valentines Tickets on sale now.		1 Spaghetti Dinner \$10	2 Trustees Mtg. 5pm	3	4 Steak, Fish, or Chicken Dinner Doors Open at 4:30 pm Dinner served 5-6:30 pm	5
6	7	8 RV Mtg 4 pm Country Style Rib Dinner Doors Open at 4:30 pm Dinner served 5-6:30 pm	9 Lodge Meeting - 6pm Initiations/ Officer Nominations	10 House Committee Meeting 4pm	11 Lodge Closed Please Attend Valentines Dinner/Dance on Saturday 2/12	12 Valentines Dinner/Dance 5-6 Social Hour 6-7 Dinner 7-9 Dancing to Dj John
13 Super Bowl Sunday Bring a snack to share Doors and Bar open at 2:30pm	14	15 Burgers, Potato Salad, and Whisky Beans Doors open at 4:30 pm Dinner 5-6:30	16	17	18 Fried Shrimp, Chicken or Steak Doors open at 4:30 pm Dinner 5-6:30 pm	19
20	21	22 Meatloaf Dinner Doors Open at 4:30 pm Dinner 5-6:30 pm	23 Lodge Meeting at 6pm Officer Elections Hemet Rv Lunch	24	25 Fish, Chicken or Steak Doors open at 4:30 pm Dinner 5-6:30 pm	26
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