



Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811



WC Lodge #1811 Elketin

WC Elks Lodge #1811~1475 Creekside Dr. ~ Walnut Creek, CA 94596

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Walnut Creek Elks #1811

Of the

BENEVOLENT and PROTECTIVE ORDER OF THE ELKS

Cordially invite you to the 67th Installation of Officers

Honoring Exalted Ruler Elect

Greg Okerman

And his Corp of Officers for 2022 - 2023

**Saturday, April 2, 2022
Walnut Creek Elks Lodge**

**Cocktails: 4:00pm
Installation of Officers: 5:00pm
Dinner: 6:30pm
Dancing: until 10pm**

Join us for our Derby Themed Celebration welcoming our incoming board. There will be a contest for the ladies and gentlemen wearing their favorite hat/fascinator. DJ Jeff returns for an evening of fun and dancing. Dress Attire is dressy casual.

Menu:

prepared by Chef Whitney Guin
Mixed green salad with goat cheese and roasted beets
Chicken Marsala over fluffy mashed potatoes
Seasonal vegetables
Dessert Table
Bread

Cost: \$30.00

**Please RSVP by March 28th at RSVP@elks1811.org
or Call Lodge Office: 925-935-1811
1475 Creekside Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596**

**Pay online at:
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LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler:

Greg Okerman

Leading Knight:

Jacklynn Roenspie

Loyal Knight:

Steve Glazier, PER

Lecturing Knight:

Gerry Gouveia

Esquire:

Cristina Candelori

Chaplain:

Denise Silva

Lodge Inner Guard:

Jack Bean

Lodge Tiler:

Open

Vocalist:

John Schafgans

Lodge Secretary:

Debbie Dew

Lodge Treasurer:

Michael A. Silva, PDDGER

Trustees:

1st Year Trustee:

William Todd

2nd year Year Trustee:

open

3rd Year Trustee:

Russ Kesler, PER

4th Year Trustee:

Eleanor Bolin-Chew

5th Year Trustee:

Travis Ervin

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Elks Lodge Hours:
Lounge Open: Monday: 4pm - 7pm
Thursday: 4pm - 7pm
Friday: 4pm - 7pm

Office Hours: 10-2pm : M-W-F
925-935-1811



This month, as you renew your membership, you will be receiving your cards in the mail. The bills are sent out from the grand lodge. Please, check and confirm that the information is correct. Then be sure to sign them. If there is a question or concern, call me.

If you have not paid your dues, now is the time to do so. They are due

April 1st. It is important that dues are paid on time for the lodge to continue supporting various groups and keep our lodge operating.

There are several events coming up at the lodge. Come join us in the fun as we make an effort to return to our pre-pandemic activities!

Welcome to our new ER Greg Okerman and the new corps of officers. Please support us in this important upcoming year. Volunteer and join us at the various upcoming events at the lodge!
Regards,

Debbie Dew,
Lodge Secretary

Office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

10am to 2pm. Please leave a message.

925-935-1811

PURPLE PIG

Edward Kucera	\$ 50.00
James Strinz	\$ 10.00
Larry Ribarch	\$ 10.00
Richard Kreiser	\$ 52.19
Robert Porter	\$ 10.00
Thomas Roberts	\$ 10.00
Rich Brightman	\$ 10.00
Arthur Disbrow	\$ 10.00
Robert Regan	\$ 10.00
Stephen Dean	
Kuhnhoff	\$ 10.00
Mike Rittenhouse	\$ 10.00
Martin Goldberg	\$ 5.00
Albert Demartini	\$ 10.00
Raymond Thierry	\$ 50.00
Kistine Palsa	\$ 10.00
Brad Holsworth	\$ 10.00
Kent Jones	\$ 10.00
Cedric Carlen	\$ 10.00
Travis Ervin	\$ 10.00
Ben B Hill Jr.	\$ 10.00
Frank Colligan	\$ 32.13
Barton Perry	\$ 50.00
Kerry Umber	\$ 10.00
Mark Linden	\$ 10.00
John Story	\$ 300.00
Kevin Wrobel	\$ 10.00
Diane Wrobel	\$ 10.00
Robert Day	\$ 10.00
Mike Leuthold	\$ 20.00
Robert Martini	\$ 10.29
Patricia Carey	\$ 10.29
Emmet Bergman	\$ 10.29
O'Rourke	\$ 10.29
Ronald Kiriaze	\$ 10.00
James Norman	\$ 10.00
Patricia Carey	\$ 18.39
Jeanette Martini	\$ 15.41
Mike Mathers	\$ 10.00
Teresa Mathers	\$ 10.00
William Mathers	\$ 10.00

March Donations 2022

ENF

Edward Kucera	\$22.50
Robert Porter	\$10.00
Thomas Roberts	\$20.00
Rich Brightman	\$20.00
Arthur Disbrow	\$10.00
Robert Regan	\$20.00
Mike Rittenhouse	\$20.00
Martin Goldberg	\$3.50
Albert Demartini	\$10.00
Kistine Palsa	\$10.00
Brad Holsworth	\$20.00
Larry Ribach	\$10.00
James Strinz	\$20.00
Travis Ervin	\$10.00
Ben B Hill Jr.	\$25.00
Barton Perry	\$3.50
Kerry Umber	\$20.00
Mark Linden	\$10.00
Greg and	
Judy Hunter	\$100.00
John Story	\$300.00
Kevin Wrobel	\$10.00
Diane Wrobel	\$10.00
Robert Day	\$10.00
Mike Transchel	\$10.00
Mike Leuthold	\$18.21
Eugene Schulting	\$33.50
Dan Gray	\$10.00
James Norman	\$10.00
Mike Mathers	\$10.00
Teresa Mathers	\$10.00
William Mathers	\$10.00

Building Fund

Thomas Roberts	\$50.00
Rich Brightman	\$35.00
William Garcia	\$34.50
Donald Schoux	\$35.00
Robert Regan	\$35.00
Mike Rittenhouse	\$35.00
Martin Goldberg	\$5.00
Raymond Thierry	\$35.00
BBQ Lottery	\$120.00
ST Pats Lottert	\$204.00
Ruth Reeves	\$50.00
Ben B Hill Jr.	\$10.00
Barton Perry	\$35.00
Mark Linden	\$35.00
John Story	\$100.00
Richard Kreiser	\$100.00
James Strinz	\$35.00
Sam Monteith	\$18.50
Diablo Valley	
Lions Club	\$100.00
Kevin Wrobel	\$35.00
Diane Wrobel	\$35.00
Eugene Schulting	\$35.00
John Schafgans	\$35.00



EOY Scholarship

Scott Achelis	\$18.50
Dan Gray	\$10.00
Alan Brasesco	\$10.00
Robert Porter	\$10.00
Thomas Roberts	\$10.00
Rich Brightman	\$10.00
Arthur Disbrow	\$10.00
Donald Schoux	\$10.00
Robert Regan	\$10.00
Mike Rittenhouse	\$10.00
Martin Goldberg	\$5.00
Albert Demartini	\$10.00
Raymond Thierry	\$15.00
Kistine Palsa	\$10.00
Brad Holsworth	\$10.00
Kevin Wrobel	\$10.00
Diane Wrobel	\$10.00
Robert Day	\$10.00
Mike Leuthold	\$20.00
Larry Ribarch	\$10.00
James Strinz	\$10.00
Michael Silva	\$10.00
Travis Ervin	\$10.00
Ben B Hill Jr	\$10.00
Mark Linden	\$10.00
John Story	\$100.00





ER MESSAGE:

In a few days I will be installed as the 2022-2023 Exalted Ruler for Walnut Creek Lodge #1811. I think it is important that you know a bit more about me, as I take on the role of leading the Lodge this next year.

I have been an Elk for 19 years, serving as the Esquire for Allen Hoskins and then as a Trustee for 7 years. I took a break for 4 years, and then served another 3 years as a Trustee before assuming the role of ER this upcoming year.

In my professional career I was employed by the Carnation Co. in Oakland for 19 years serving the last 5 years as General Production Manager. When the plant was purchased by Nestle USA and closed, a group of us formed Cal West Marketing Inc., and I became CEO of the newly formed Company. I remained in that position for the next 19 years, until we sold the Company and I retired.

In my personal life, my wife and I met and graduated from Chico State University in 1970. We were married in 1972 and stayed married until her death from gallbladder cancer this past October, just short of 50 years. We have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren. I have lived in Walnut Creek for the past 46 years.

As you are aware, the last 2 1/2 to 3 years have been a real challenge for the Lodge. Our income from outside rentals disappeared overnight, leaving us with only the income from the parking lot. However, the last 2 months we have seen an interest

in renting our facilities. I hope that trend continues.

This year I have a great group of officers and trustees working with me. All of them are experienced, having held different positions in the Lodge. I am grateful and counting on their expertise and knowledge to help me along the way. A group of five ladies came together last January, and decided to form a social committee to plan Lodge events. We have nicknamed them the Fabulous Five (Fab-5), and are made up of Cristina Candelori, Debbie Dew, Cindy Gray, Whitney Quin and Jacklynn Roenspie. The Fab-5 has already planned several successful events, including the Valentine's Day Dance, Crab Feed with a Spring Fling and Car Show in the works. I encourage you to attend these fun events and support the Lodge, now that we are able to move more freely.

It is my hope that all members get involved this next year, there are plenty of opportunities and we need everyone's support to help make the Lodge as successful as possible. Thank you.

Until next month,
 Greg Okerman
 Exalted Ruler
 209-988-0126



New Members Initiated this Month:

Please welcome these new members to our Lodge:

- Emmet Bergman
- Patricia Carey
- Jim Felardo
- Maureen Felardo
- Mike Leuthold
- Jeanette Martini



Crab Feed Update:



March 19th's Crab Feed was a great success. There were many hands that went into making this work. We wanted this popular, annual event to happen. Thank you, members, for your great support! We had a wonderful turnout. From the delicious Crab to the fun Heads

or Tails game, we had fun!. Events like this don't happen without volunteer help. Please, when you see an event, think about how you can help, even in a small way.



WC ELKS

Appointed Statutory Officials:

Presiding Justice: Douglas Fountain
 Mediator: Gerry Gouveia, PER

Lodge Committee Chairpersons

2021-2022

Audit Chair/Accounting: Terri Mathers
 Community Activities: Russ Kesler, PER
 Lodge Activities: Jacklynn Roenspie
Americanism: Open
 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:
 Bill Todd
 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: Jacklynn Roesnpie
 Hospitality Manager: Chris Marquez
 Landscape: Gary Buffo

Burger Nights: Dan Gray

Taco Night: Bill Todd

Pasta Night: OPEN

Membership: OPEN

Investigation/Indoctrination/Orientation:

Michael A Silva, PDDGER, Jacklynn

Roenspie, Mike Rittenhouse

Ritual/Ritual Team Coaches:

Michael A Silva, PDDGER

Gerry Gouveia, PAVVP

Youth Activities: Mike Rittenhouse

Drug Awareness: Open

Hoop Shoot: Mike Rittenhouse

Scholarships: Denise Silva

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Kurt Cornell

Car Show: Cristina Candelori



19 Vets in One Day!

Move in Update



Well, after week, after week, of postponements the day finally came on March 7, 2022. Twenty-five volunteers converged on 901 Los Medanos Street in Pittsburg to move 19 veterans into their new apartments. Everyone was given a bed and some living room furniture, a couple got a table and chairs and they all got new dishes, glassware, flatware, pots & pans, bedding, bath & kitchen towels, toasters, coffeemakers, coffee and kitchen utensils. It took three months of gathering and storing furniture. Denise and Vanessa made countless trips to Wal Mart and the Dollar Tree due to supply issues. Then storing all the household items in the Silva's living room, dining room and family room. It took a truck and 4 SUV's to get all the household items out of their house. Cort Furniture delivered the beds to the apartment building and our volunteers took them to each apartment and put them together. Two volunteers with trailers went to the lodge and loaded furniture along with a couple of trucks, another volunteer took a trailer to the storage Pittsburg Lodge had rented for us and a team of volunteers loaded it up. Member Mike Weber, took a trailer to his office garage and loaded up the furniture we had picked up the week before and brought it out.

It took two weeks to finish delivering everything to the veterans at Veteran's Square Apartments. We didn't have enough kitchen

tables the day we delivered so we purchased them from IKEA and then we still had to get televisions and antennas for the ones who didn't have them. But it is finished now.

I want to thank each and every person who volunteered for this project: Four volunteers from Marathon Petroleum, three from S.O.S. Heating and Air, two veterans who have been giving back to us since they received services from us and a veteran friend of theirs, two from Pittsburg VFW who are also members of Pittsburg Elks Lodge and twelve members of Walnut Creek Lodge and a friend of a member. I especially want to thank Richard Enea, from the Pittsburg Lodge for all his help with getting donations from his lodge members and friends and especially for the rental of the Pittsburg storage container and the \$5,500 grant he got from Grand Lodge to fund this. Although Richard couldn't be there the day of the move-in he was instrumental in this project.

Originally I was just going to send in the receipts for 19 Welcome Home Kits but instead I turned in the receipts to Richard and got reimbursed for the household items TV's and Tables that we bought. It was a combined effort and you should all be proud.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Silva



**Thirsty
Thursday**

BURGER NIGHT

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers: \$8.00,
Hot Links: \$7.00
Hot Dogs: \$6.00
Chili, Chips and Dessert are included.

BBQ at 5:30pm

Lounge Opens at 4pm

Join us! Dining inside or outside.

Proof of Vaccination required



April 19th

Menu: TBD
Don't Miss Out on the
delicious dinners from
Bill and Cynthia Todd!

Join Us!

There will be
GREAT FOOD
Delicious Margaritas
and fun with your friends!

Dinner at 5:30pm
RSVP's Required
Deadline: April 15th
rsvp@elks1811.org

Dinner:
\$11.00/per person



Each of these events, and
others throughout our Elketin
really need your support.
Please consider volunteering in
any capacity to help our lodge
continue on.



**New Member Initiation
Pasta Dinner
Wednesday,
April 27th**

Join Us to Welcome our Newest Members to the
Elks Lodge

Lounge Open: 4pm
Dinner: 6PM
Meeting: 7pm

\$12.00/per person
RSVP: rsvp@elks1811.org

RSVP Deadline: April 22nd: 1pm

WALNUT CREEK ELKS LODGE 1811 PRESENTS

CLASSIC Car Show

OPEN FROM
10 AM TO
3 PM



SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 2022

\$40 ENTRY FEE • MUSIC • AWARDS • FOOD

ALL REGISTERED CARS GET A FREE LUNCH AND CAR SHOW TSHIRT. AWARDS WILL BE
GIVEN OUT FOR BEST IN SHOW, 1ST AND 2ND PLACE AND ER'S CHOICE

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WCELKSCARSHOW@GMAIL.COM

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Installation Dinner: Events start at 4pm
3	4	5	6	7 Burger Night BBQ - 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	8	9
10	11	12 House Meeting 7pm	13 Lodge Meeting 7pm	14 Burger Night BBQ - 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	15	16
17	18	19 Taco Night Dinner: 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	20	21 Burger Night BBQ - 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	22	23 10:15 am Ritual Contest Walnut Creek Awards Dinner to follow
24	25	26 Trustee Meeting 7pm	27 Initiation with Pasta Dinner Meeting: 4-7pm	28 Burger Night BBQ - 5:30pm Lounge Open: 4pm	29	30

Elketin News:

Noteworthy Numbers/Email:

Lodge Office: 925-935-1811

E-mail: bpoe1811@gmail.com

Secretary: 925-935-1811

Reservations: rsvp@elks1811.org

PrePaid Reservations:

bpoe1811.square.site

Membership Information: 925-935-1811

Rentals: 925-285-3260

Parking: 925-935-1811

Elketin: cdat4gray@gmail.com

Office Hours: M-W-F from 10am -2pm

As we welcome in our new ER, Greg Okerman and his corps of officers, it is time to review and make a couple changes. The goal is to improve the Elketin and provide you the latest information on WC Elks events. One source is reviewing other lodges Elketins for inspiration.

For the new year, there will be a couple of changes. In the last year, I have added Elk birthdays to the weekly emails that are sent out. In light of this, the Elk Birthday section will no longer appear in the Elketin. Instead, we will add two new sections: a new member section and an "Elk of the Month" bio. Keep watching for more information.

As with many things in today's world, it has become increasingly expensive to produce, print and mail the paper copy of the Elketin. Costs of printing and mailing have grown sky high. In recognition of this, **as of August 1st, you MUST request that you want the printed copy mailed to you.** An option is if you prefer the printed version, you can print your own copy from the email. It is posted as a document, that when opened, you can print at home from.

Email your request to: cdat4gray@gmail.com if you want the print version of the Elketin continued to be mailed to you OR You can send a printed request to: WC Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, Attn: Elketin

~ Editor: Cindy Gray: cdat4gray@gmail.com



**Spring has sprung!
Time for some fun!**

Join us for dinner and dancing.

Saturday, May 14th
Lounge Open: 4pm
Dinner: 6pm

After Dinner, join in dancing to the music from DJ Jeff until 10pm

Dinner prepared by fabulous chef:
Whitney Quin

Dinner, Dancing and fun:
\$32.00/per person
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RSVP REQUIRED: 3 options available:

1. bpoel811.square.site
2. Call: 925-935-1811: M-W-F: 10 - 2pm
3. Email: rsvp@elks1811.org



Hoop Shoot Champs Excel in West

Our two Walnut Creek Lodge No. 1811 Hoop Shoot free throw champs are now the winners of the California Hawaii Elks Association state championship crowns for their age group! The two boys travelled to Las Vegas on February 26th for the West Region 7 Hoop Shoot Finals to compete against the champions of Arizona, Nevada and Utah. This was the final tournament to qualify for the Elks 50th Annual National Finals in Chicago, Illinois being held on April 30th. CHASE GAVIN, age 9, of Walnut Creek, shot his twenty five foul shots with great focus and intensity. Chase scored an excellent 20x25 for a third place finish.

JACKSON RAMIREZ, age 11, of Clayton, is the defending

National champion of 2019-2020 as a 9-year-old boy. (COVID cancelled the 2020-2021 Hoop Shoot season). With his smooth shooting stroke, he finished with an outstanding score of 23x25 (92%)! The Nevada champion also made 14 of his final fifteen shot attempts for a score of 24x25 to take 1st place. Jackson finished as first runner-up! Our two free throw champions are now the 30th and 31st state champions from our little lodge during the past 36 years!

A Big CONGRATULATIONS to our two champs and their families for their most exciting HOOP SHOOT journey. Both boys have proclaimed..."Wait 'til next year!"



L-R: Jackson Ramirez, 11, Clayton, Chase Gavin, 9,

Landscape: Sprinkler Assistance Needed!

We are looking for assistance with sprinklers. If you have experience with this, please contact:

Do you have a couple hours to help?

Ask us how you can help. There are many opportunities to participate. Please contact us! cdat4gray@gmail.com

We need YOU!



Do you like to talk about cars?

The Elks Annual Car Show returns August 6th. We could use help with distributing flyers at the other various car shows.

See your favorites and ask if they'd like to attend our show!

Contact Cristina Candelori for more information:
ccandelori@comcast.net

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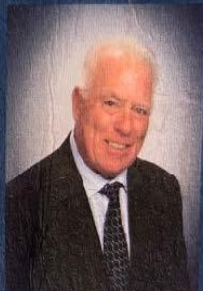
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