



# WC Lodge #1811 Elketin

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

May 2022

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**ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**HOOP SHOOT**  
**SCOUTING**

## YOUTH AWARDS NIGHT

**Friday, May 6, 2022**

**Walnut Creek Elks #1811**

### Menu

- Salad
- Chicken Parmesan
- Vegetables
- Bread
- Dessert
- \$12.00 per person
- \$ 8.00 Child (12 or Under)

**Complimentary Dinners for two parents and one invited youth.**

**RSVP: MAY 4TH: NOON**  
**[RSVP@elks1811.org](mailto:RSVP@elks1811.org)**  
**925-935-1811**

### LODGE OFFICERS 2022-2023

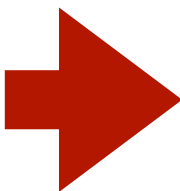
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- Loyal Knight:**  
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- Esquire:**  
Cristina Candelori
- Chaplain:**  
Denise Silva
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Open
- Vocalist:**  
John Schafgans
- Lodge Secretary:**  
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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- BLT Legacy Giving

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

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





"I am excited to announce that Cindy Gray, wife of Elk member Dan Gray, has been hired as our new Office Clerk, replacing Jan Napora. Cindy brings her knowledge of the Lodge, computer skills and fabulous creativity to the main office. Please take time to welcome her in her new position.

Sorry to be repetitive, but this is membership dues time (\$131.50 annually). Please get your dues paid, and don't forget to sign your

membership card when you receive it.

We have Spring Fling coming up May 14th. This is a dinner/dance with DJ Jeff and our "famous" Chef Whitney preparing our dinner. Cost is \$32. Please come and make a reservation.

We need fun ideas for activities! Put your thinking caps on!! Spring is the time of renewal. Come "renew" your life with us at the Lodge!!"

Debbie Dew,  
Lodge Secretary

Office hours are:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:  
10am to 2pm. Please leave a message.  
925-935-1811



**Purple Pig**

- Bryan Girard \$10.00
- Laura Jacobson \$10.00
- Richard Jacobson \$10.00
- Kathleen Boswell \$18.50
- Cristina Candelori \$10.00
- William Leone \$10.00
- Douglas Silva \$10.00
- Denise Silva \$100.00
- Crab Feed
- Bake Sales \$400.00
- Johnny Wood \$10.00
- Tom Claeys \$10.00
- Doug Fountain \$320.00
- Robert Carter \$43.29
- Todd Sekulich \$10.00
- Alush Nushi \$10.00
- Tracey Nushi \$100.45
- Mark Winrod \$10.00
- unknown \$10.00
- unknown \$10.00
- Mark Amaro \$5.00
- Lupe Vallejo \$100.00
- Cynthia Cagle \$10.00
- Bill Todd \$10.00
- Cynthia Todd \$10.00
- Robert Knoll \$10.00
- Suzanne Knoll \$10.00

**ENF**

- Johnny Wood \$10.00
- Laura Jacobson \$20.00
- Richard Jacobson \$20.00
- Cristina Candelori \$10.00
- Ruth Reeves \$100.00
- Douglas Silva \$10.00

**April Donations 2022**

- David W Van Dyke \$10.00
- Tom Claeys \$10.00
- Bryan Girard \$10.00
- Tracey Nushi \$20.00
- Alush Nushi \$20.00
- unknown \$10.00
- Dana Michaels \$18.50
- Dane Morton \$18.50
- Lupe Vallejo \$200.00
- Cynthia Cagle \$20.00
- Bill Todd \$20.00
- Synthia Todd \$20.00

**Building Fund:**

- BBQ Lottery - Jacklynn \$204.00
- Johnny Wood \$38.50
- Leslie Brown \$50.00
- Ruth Reeves \$370.00
- Denise Silva \$35.00
- Roger Pell \$30.00
- David W Van Dyke \$35.00
- Bryan Girard \$35.00
- Tom Claeys \$35.00
- Alush Nushi \$35.00
- Tracey Nushi \$35.00
- Mark Winrod \$20.00
- BBQ Lottery - Jacklynn \$180.00
- Lupe Vallejo \$95.00
- Cynthia Cagle \$34.50
- Bill Todd \$34.50
- Cynthia Todd \$34.50

**EOY SCHOLARSHIP**

- Laura Jacobson \$10.00
- Richard Jacobson \$10.00
- William Leone \$10.00
- Douglas Silva \$10.00
- Denise Silva \$10.00
- David Van Dyke \$10.00
- Bryan Girard \$10.00
- Tom Claeys \$10.00
- Alush Nushi \$10.00
- Tracey Nushi \$10.00
- Cynthia Cagle \$10.00
- Bill Todd \$10.00
- Cynthia Todd \$10.00
- Sarah Andrews \$10.00
- Robert Knoll \$10.00
- Suzanne Knoll \$10.00
- Lupe Vallejo \$100.00





**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**WC ELKS #1811**  
**LODGE**

**MAY 26TH**  
**9am - 3pm**

**Sign up online:**  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



**ER MESSAGE:**

We started the new year off with a terrific installation dinner. There were many folks that also contribute throughout the year that I would like to acknowledge. The Thursday Burger Night Team have made Burger nights one of the most successful and profitable

ongoing events that the lodge has had in several years. This team of Dan and Cindy Gray, Whitney Quin and Mike Rittenhouse, Kimberly Everett and Gary Buffo, and Doug Fountain and Norma Shadoan are amazing. Thank you, all, for your time and efforts that you have given to the lodge. With the help of new volunteers: Kevin Finn, Donna Sherman and Wendi Leyba, the future looks great to continue on. They can always use more help, so if you can, please let them know.

Another special thank you to Cynthia and Bill Todd (Head Trustee) for their work with Taco Night. They prepare and serve all the great Mexican food that we have enjoyed over the years. They could really use more volunteers to help them, so that their event can survive. Please contact Bill Todd to see how you can help. You can send a message to: BPOE1811@mail.com.

On the weekend of April 22nd, we had the Ritual Competition. Congratulations to Cristina Candelori for her 2nd

place win as Esquire for all the Lodges in the Central District. Awesome job!

The Youth Awards Night will be held on Friday, May 6th. This is the night we honor the youth in the area for their outstanding achievements in Americanism, Scouting, Hoop Shoots and Scholarships for the local high school students. Mike Rittenhouse will conduct the Awards Ceremony. These young adults are our future, so come out and support them. Remember: May 6th!

On May 14th is the Spring Fling Dance, hosted by Debbie Dew and Jacklynn Roenspie. When those two plan something, you know you will have a great time. Check out the information in this issue or better yet volunteer to help.

We still need a two-year Trustee, Lodge Tiler, Americanism chairperson, Membership chairperson and Drug Awareness chairperson. Please contact me if you're interested in any of these positions.

The blue lagoon is coming Thursday, May 12.

Until next month, do what you can, but behave yourself!

Greg Okerman  
Exalted Ruler  
209-988-0126

**Our Newest Members**

*Please welcome these new members to our Lodge:*

- Bill Howard*
- Scott Harper*
- Sheila Malley*
- Howard Nep*
- Al Mancino*

BROTHERLY LOVE



**Elks Annual Ritual Contest**

On April 22nd and April 23rd, the Central District of Elks Lodges held their annual contest. Congratulations to all who attended: Greg Okerman, ER, Cristina Candelori (Esquire), Gerry Gouveia (Leading Knight), Steve Glazier (Loyal Knight), Michael A Silva (Lecturing Knight), Denise Silva (Chaplain), Jack Bean (Inner Guard), Travis Ervin (Candidate).

Big Congratulations to Cristina Candelori who placed 2nd as Esquire for all the lodges in the Central District. Great Job!



**WC ELKS CHAIRPERSONS: 2022-2023**

**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

**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



**May 17th**

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,  
May 25th**

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

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WCELKSCARSHOW@GMAIL.COM

Spring has sprung!  
Time for some fun!



Saturday, May 14th

Come for Food, Fun, and  
all around good time  
Dancing to the  
tunes of DJ Jeff!

Lounge Opens at 4pm.  
Music is from 6pm -10pm  
Buffet Open from 6pm - 8pm

\$32.00 per member/or guests  
rsvp's required

**RSVP REQUIRED: 3 options available:**

1. [bpoe1811.square.site](http://bpoe1811.square.site)
2. Email: [rsvp@elks1811.org](mailto:rsvp@elks1811.org) - your email will be confirmed with payment instructions.
3. Call: 925-935-1811: M-W-F: 10 - 2pm

*(IMPORTANT NOTE: We cannot accept reservations from a message on the machine. All RSVP's must be prepaid. Please call during office hours:*

*Monday - Wednesday-Friday: 10 am - 2pm  
925-935-1811*

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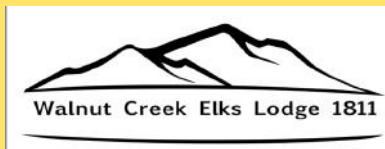


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Lounge Open: 4pm – 7pm	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo Taco Bar Lounge Open: 4pm Dinner: 5:30pm	6 YOUTH AWARDS DINNER: Lounge Open: 6pm Dinner: 7PM	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	9 Lounge Open: 4pm – 7pm	10 House Meeting: 7pm	11 Lodge Meeting: 7pm	12 BURGER NIGHT: LOUNGE OPEN: 4PM BBQ: 5:30PM	13 Lounge Open: 4pm – 7pm	14 Spring Fling Dance Lounge Open: 4pm Buffet Open: 6pm-8pm
15	16 Lounge Open: 4pm – 7pm	17 Taco Night: Lounge Open: 4pm Dinner: 6pm	18 <i>(No State Convention Starts)</i>	19 BURGER NIGHT: LOUNGE OPEN: 4PM BBQ: 5:30PM <i>(No State Convention Continues)</i>	20 Lounge Open: 4pm – 7pm <i>(No State Convention Continues)</i>	21 <i>(No State Convention Ends)</i>
22	23 Lounge Open: 4pm – 7pm	24 Trustee Meeting: 7pm	25 Initiation Meeting with Pasta Dinner: 4pm Lounge Open: Dinner: 6:00pm	26 BURGER NIGHT: LOUNGE OPEN: 4PM BBQ: 5:30PM Red Cross Blood Drive: 9am – 3pm	27 Lounge Open: 4pm – 7pm	28
29	30 Lounge Open: 4pm – 7pm	31				



Walnut Creek Elks Lodge 1811

## 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



## Elketin News

REMINDER: As with many things in today's world, it has become increasingly expensive to produce, print and mail the paper copy of the Elketin. In recognition of this, **as of August 1st, you MUST request that you want the printed copy mailed to you.**

If you still want the paper Elketin, here are the 3 choices:

1. Email: cdat4gray@gmail.com that you want the paper edition
2. Mail a printed request to: WC Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, Attn: Elketin.
3. Call the Lodge Office at: 925-935-1811 to leave a message for Cindy Gray.

~ Editor: Cindy Gray: cdat4gray@gmail.com

## Getting to know you!

We have many members who support the lodge by just coming in on a daily basis when we are open. They are happy to give a hand at a moments notice when asked to move things or bring a dish to share at Burger nights. They welcome people who are visiting for the first time or maybe are part of the RV group that visit several lodges. We would like to take a moment to get to know these members who show their support in "unsung" ways.

Starting with the next issue, we will highlight members who support our lodge in these and other important ways. If you have someone you would like to shine a light on, send me an email at: [cdat4gray@gmail.com](mailto:cdat4gray@gmail.com).



## What is BLT Legacy Giving?

The BLT Legacy Giving Program allows caring individuals to make charitable gifts that support children served by the Major Project (aka The Purple Pig). There are a number of different ways to provide for future generations of the children served by our CHEMPI Therapists and Vision Screeners. Remember 96 cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to services provided to children in need.

Both Elks and non-Elks can add the Major Project as a beneficiary to their life insurance, wills or retirement plan. Individuals can also make gifts of stocks and other assets to CHEMPI.

Additionally, there is a special program available that allow those who are able to contribute \$10,000 or more to support the Major Project while receiving income and potential tax benefits.

Please consider making a lasting legacy gift to the children in whatever manner works best for you. For more information, contact our Lodge BLT Legacy Giving Chair at [BPOE1811@gmail.com](mailto:BPOE1811@gmail.com) or contact the CHEA Office in Fresno at 800-742-1907.

## Americanism Essay Contest

Thirteen Walnut Creek Elk members met to read and judge ninety-one essays written by 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students who attend Dorris-Eaton School in San Ramon. The theme was: "What does it mean to love your country?".

The essays were judged with these guidelines:

- Originality
- Topic/Theme(How did they address the theme/topic.)
- Mechanics(Spelling, grammar, wording, etc.)

Congratulations to these students for their essays:

### 5th Grade:

- 1st Place **Evelynne By**
- 2nd Place Maggie Cai
- 3rd Place Siddharth Chaudhry

### 6th Grade:

- 1st Place **Rahul Iyengar**
- 2nd Place Kellen Tomimoto
- 3rd Place Cheryl Xu

### 7th Grade:

- 1st Place **Alexander Mahon**
- 2nd Place Safina Kajani
- 3rd Place Anaiah Singh

The first place winners will be invited to the upcoming Youth Awards Dinner on Friday, May 6th. They will be awarded for their efforts and will have their winning essays on display. Please support this by attending the dinner to meet these amazing young students and read their work!

A big THANK YOU to our member judges for stepping up and supporting our Americanism Program: Stu and Jane Berger, Kevin and Catherine Finn, Debbie Dew, Doug Fountain, Laura Ervin, Virginia Hale, Judy Godar, Terri Mathers, Earl Ansley, and Sheila Malley.

Fraternally,  
Mike Rittenhouse  
Youth Activities Program



# 2022 "Elks Care - Elks Share" 2023

## TACO NIGHT

This popular event, held once a month, needs more volunteers. Assistance is needed with the buffet line and cleanup. Please contact Bill Todd, for more information: [BPOE1811@gmail.com](mailto:BPOE1811@gmail.com)



## 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!

## Do you have a couple hours to help?

Ask us how you can help. There are many opportunities to participate. Please contact us @ [BPOE1811@gmail.com](mailto:BPOE1811@gmail.com)

Contact Cristina Candelori for more information:  
[ccandelori@comcast.net](mailto:ccandelori@comcast.net)

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