

## *Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge #1839*



JUNE 2022

### A Word From Our Exalted Ruler- Carl Wolfram

We had a very active May. Thanks to Kelliey, Brigg, and her hardworking committee, we got through our first BBQ in three years. It looks like the project was a big success selling around 235 tickets.

Also, thanks to Brigg and Greg, we are now open for Happy Hour on Wednesdays and Thursdays, opening at 1:00 each day. Please stop in for drinks, snacks, and sandwiches.

Delene, Greg, and I attended the state Hawaii-California convention in Fresno. We had the opportunity to attend meetings and meet with other lodges. The next meeting will be in Burbank in November, which we plan to attend. We will also attend the Grand Lodge convention in Georgia in July.

This month the State District VP will be visiting our lodge on June 9. All officers and committee chairmen are required to attend. I would hope that many of the lodge members and their spouses will attend so the members can hear what the VP's goals are for the year. Tickets are available at the bar. This is an informal meeting. Members will have a chance to meet with him and some district officers.

We will have brunch on June 17 for Father's Day for all the Dads. The menu for June 17 and other dinners will be in the bulletin. I would also like to acknowledge the ladies who help serve. They have been helping to make our dining nights possible. Vicky, Delene, Kelliey, Joyce, Dee, Mardi, Pam, Betty, Bev, and Beverly. A special thank you to our two high school girls, Alyssa Sanchez and Lily Sanchez, for helping us weekly.

Please keep supporting your lodge. There will be many things we can do this year.

Carl Wolfram, ER

## A Word From Esteemed Leading Knight- Delene Gonzales

Delene Gonzales, Leading Knight

Just a reminder.....Fill up those purple pigs. The Elks' Piggy Bank program, a simple purple piggy bank, reminds each member participating how far a small amount of daily change can go to help a less fortunate child and what it can do when combined and put toward changing these young children of the future.

## House Committee - Ron Elisalda, Chairperson

It was a busy month around the lodge. Our Happy Hour continues to grow with entertainment on Thursdays from Johnny Crockett, and we celebrated "May the 4th Be With You" with Princess Leia at the bar. We will be serving fish and steak every Friday this

month, and Tuesday, June 7th, will be our last Spaghetti Night until September, so you won't want to miss out. We will also have Taco Tuesday following our Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th. Make sure to check your calendars so you don't, miss anything. Thank you to all

of our volunteers who help keep the lodge running and growing. Our Dishwasher Fundraiser has been inching closer to our goal of \$6,000. We are currently at \$3800.00. If you missed our Mothers Day Brunch and Derby Day, the food was amazing, and the Bourbon was flowing. !

## Veterans Baby Shower

Thank you to our Veterans Chairperson, Jaquelyn Atwood, and our Treasurer Joyce Bryant for organizing donations for the Veterans Drive-thru Baby Shower in Loma Linda. Our lodge and its members were able to donate over \$300 in baby items to help our young veterans and their families.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Our Lodge also awarded scholarships to local Senior Graduates of Beaumont High School and Banning High School. Through the Raffles and fundraising efforts of our Treasurer and Scholarship Chairperson, Joyce Bryant, four scholarships were awarded for a total of \$1500.00. Carl Wolfram, ER, and Joyce Bryant were fortunate enough to attend each ceremony and invite the attendees to visit our Lodge. Great job to all who gave and supported this effort.

## Flag Day and Flag Decommissioning Ceremony

We have had a change of plans for our Flag Decommissioning Ceremony. Flag Day is fast approaching, and we will be having a special celebration and ceremony on that day in June. Part of the service will

include Flag Decommissioning. Mark your calendars for June 14th at 1 pm. Thanks to Greg Gonzales, our Americanism Chairperson, for organizing this event.

## Get To Know Your Officers

Brigg and Kelliey Matthews have been in the Banning Pass area for nearly 23 years. They are newer to the Elks lodge than most but jumped right in as soon as they joined. Brigg is serving as Loyal Knight, and Kelliey took over as Secretary of the Lodge in April. Together they own a local Food Catering business called “Queso Gringo,” which can be seen at the local Market Nights and Craft Breweries around town 4 days a week. They have 4 grown children and seven grandchildren. Come down and get to know Brigg on Wednesdays during Happy Hour while he bartends or visit Kelliey in the office Tuesday through Friday, 11-4. Come on in and get involved.

## Lodge Meetings

Be an active part of your Elks Lodge by being present at the monthly Lodge Meetings each second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. This is a great opportunity to have a voice in the planning and direction of this Lodge. Last month we welcomed a new member Robert Dalton and

thanked Robert and Alice Contreras for their generous donation of a new Altar Cloth for our Lodge Room. You have an opportunity to win \$50.00 if your name is drawn or a free drink in our Attendance drawing. We will present our “Elk of the Month” for April and May with a certificate, pin, and a

free drink token. These awardees are Elks who volunteer regularly and go above and beyond to serve the Lodge. This month's meeting is Wednesday, June 8th at 6 pm and we hope to see, you there.

## ANNUAL ELKS DEEP PIT BBQ

On **May 14, 2022**, our Lodge enjoyed a successful re-launch of our Annual Deep Pit BBQ. Over 230 Elks and friends came out to eat the delicious food, conversation, and music. The heat didn't chase anyone away as we

gathered under the trees and celebrated being together again as a lodge. Several members camped over the weekend and hosted social time around the deep pit. Thank you so much to each of you, too many to mention, for every

ounce of help to make this event a success. Your efforts did not go unnoticed from the meat wrapping, table setting, chair moving, food serving, ticket selling, drink pouring, fire starting, raffle ticket prize donating, and especially the cleanup. This was not the huge event it has been in the past, but it accomplished what I desired: bringing everyone together to remind them of what we could accomplish as we continue to grow. Thank you all again for your support. Next year is our 60th Annual, and it will be amazing. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bake Sale and raffle; both were very successful. Look out for some special lodge events in the works for the summer!

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Kellie Matthews

Deep Pit BBQ Chairperson

During May, we focused on repairing those little things that seemed to pile up. Electrical repairs, A/C replacements, plumbing; you and name it we we did it. The lodge is looking clean and inviting. If you haven't come in for a while you will be pleasantly surprised. We are working on replacing the dishwasher, and fryer, repairing the kitchen floor, and landscaping. If there is an area you would like to assist in, please let one of your officers know. Our membership is growing, and

delinquencies are down to 25 members who have yet to pay their dues this year, and our RV storage is filling up. Great news!

## What's Happening in JUNE....

**June 7th**- RV Meeting at 4 pm

**June 8th** - Happy Hour and Lodge Meeting at 6 pm

**June 9th**- Southern District VP Visit and Dinner. Tickets are \$15 and include Roast Beef, Potatoes, Carrots, roll, and Chocolate Mousse. This is open to all Elks and their Family Members. Tickets for purchase at the bar.

**June 14th**- Flag Day Ceremony/Flag Decommissioning starting at 1 pm.

See Greg Gonzales for more information

**June 18th-** Father's Day Brunch. @ 10 am \$12 per person.

Stuffed French Toast, made-to-order Omelettes, and more. Dads eat half off and are entered in a free drawing. Contact Janet Morrissey or Delene Gonzales for more information.

**June 29th-** House Committee Meeting at 4 pm.

If you would like to join the House Committee, please contact Ron Elisalda.

**Coming in JULY,**

Our ER and Leading Knight will be heading to Atlanta for National Convention. We are also planning a LUAU complete with Kahlua Pork, Sweet and Sour Chicken, and all the trimmings. Did I hear Pina Coladas and Mai Tais? Start getting your mowers ready, folks your going to need a new grass skirt. Save the Date for Friday, July 29th. More information to come.