

# San Bernardino Elks Lodge #836

# Elk Trails

A Monthly Newsletter

MARCH 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Week 1 - Feb 26-28- Mar 1-4

**Mon:** Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00

**Tues:** Taco Tues 5:00—7:00

**Wed:** Board Meeting 6:30

Emblem Club Meeting 7:00

**Fri:** Elk of the Year Ceremony—Italian Dinner 5:00-7:00  
Karaoke 7:00—10:00

### Week 2 - Mar 5-11

**Mon:** Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00

**Tues:** Tasty Tues —Cook's Choice —5:00—7:00

**Wed:** RV Club 7:00

**Fri:** Dinner off the menu—5:00-7:00

### Week 3 - Mar 12-18

**Mon:** Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00

**Tues:** Taco Tues 5:00—7:00

**Wed:** Emblem Club Bunco 12:00  
Board Meeting 6:30

**Fri:** March Birthday/St Patty's Dinner Dance 5:00—10:00

### Week 4 - Mar 19-25

**Mon:** Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00

**Tues:** Tasty Tues —Cook's Choice —5:00—7:00

**Fri:** Dinner off menu & Line Dancing—5:00-9:00  
New Member Indoctrination

### Week 5 - Mar 26-31

**Mon:** Dinner at the Lodge 5:00

Lodge Meeting 7:00 —Initiation

**Tues:** Taco Tues 5:00—7:00

**Please Make Reservations 909-882-2090**



## Lodge Information

Meets first four Mondays at 7pm

### Except:

July & August— 2nd & 4th Mondays  
December -1st & 3rd Mondays

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# **Exalted Ruler**



I finally come to my last article for Elk Trails. I have really enjoyed representing our Lodge for the past two years and it is with great pleasure that I pass the reins to my son-in-law, Ralph Rangel. He was elected at our meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>, along with Sarah Rangel as the Leading Knight, Laura Pawlowicz as the Loyal Knight, new member Dave Leffler as the Lecturing Knight, Rudy Vargas as the Secretary, and Carol Gilligan as the Treasurer.

We will be initiating 4 new members on February 27<sup>th</sup>. It is so good to see all these new members becoming Elks. On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the District had its first District wide initiation of new members at the Riverside Lodge, including 5 of our own new members. Your Lodge was well represented in the initiation by Sarah Rangel, Debbie Lucas, Bob Cones, and me. In addition, we had several of our members attend to witness the event. I am very proud of our Lodge.

On February 1, the Emblem Club held their installation of new officers for the 2023-2025 Club years. The Supreme President of Emblem Clubs, Julie Swaggerty presided, and Pamela Stein was installed (once again) as the President of our Emblem Club.

Coming up, we will have the Elk of the Year Ceremony/Dinner on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by Ladies Night and Karaoke. Please plan to attend and find out who the Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and the Lady of the Year for 2022-2023 will be.

The PER Association is going to be holding a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please put this on your calendars.

Our Installation of Officers, with dinner dance to follow, will be April 1, 2023. Please join me in welcoming in our new Slate of Officers. RSVP 909-882-2090 (Monday-Wednesday-Friday)

Finally, thanks to all those who have contributed to our Restroom Restoration Fund. So far, we have collected **\$29,134.00**

**Michael Gilligan, ER**

## **ELK OF THE MONTH**

My Elk of the Month for March is Ralph Rangel. In looking back over the past year, I see that he was not picked as the Elk of the Month or Volunteer of the Month. This is my last chance to select an Elk of the Month, so it goes to probably the most worthy Elk of our Lodge. To me he has been indispensable in taking care of fixing problems with our Lodge (just like G and Hal to name a few). He filled in for me when I was out in November. And, in spite of his many threats to me that he would refuse nomination as the next E.R., he (thankfully) accepted. Thank you for all that you do Ralph.

## **VOLUNTEER(S) OF THE MONTH**

My Volunteer of the Month for March is Guillermo "G" Guerrero. I can't say enough about his involvement in the operation of our Lodge. In addition to being one of the Trustees of the Lodge, he is always on hand, day or night, to handle problems as they come up, particularly with our aging facility. He and Holly organized our Casino Night back in November, and is always thinking of ways to improve our Lodge. He is one of the class of new members from June 2019 that have pitched in as active members of the Lodge. Congratulation, G.

# **Donors for Women's Restroom Restoration Fund as of February 17, 2023**

Rudy Vargas B-day  
Peggy Cranford  
M. Donegan (Memory of Jerry Corbin)  
L. DeMarco (Memory of George DeMarco )  
Casino Night  
Gloria Antrobus  
Henry Lewis  
Walter Gers  
Donna Feit  
Jim Stark  
Rondy French  
Patricia Golden  
Nancy Ballard  
Kathleen Schroeder  
Ronald Alarid  
Jacob Cosby  
S.B. Emblem Club #178  
Stag Ring #836 RV Club  
Richard Rios  
Laura Northrop  
Marilyn Donegan  
Jason Valenzuela  
Jean Branton  
Michael Gilligan  
Laura Pawlowicz  
Debbie Riddering  
Victor Murphy  
Meagin Jackson  
Ken Gunn  
Karen Craig  
George Bohn  
Nicole Whitten  
Earl Erickson

## Secretary



My fellow Members,

As I sit here reflecting on the past year, all I can say is that I am truly grateful for all our Elk members and officers for continuing to support our lodge. Cheers to 2023-2024 and looking forward to our new officers. So, continue to make more memories and let's have an amazing year. Time flies quickly when you're having fun. January flew right by us, and February is almost gone. However, do not forget Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023. With that being said, some of us will observe lent during this time, well, at least, until Easter. Remember, March 12, Spring forward – we lose one hour but we gain more sunshine.

As always if you changed your address or phone number, please notify your lodge secretary.

**Our next Amputee Meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Rudy Vargas, Secretary**

## Veterans News



Veterans News

I would like to thank Kathy Brauer and Victor Murphy for working with me to prepare 48 Valentine's Day Gift Bags on Sunday, January 29. On Thursday, February 2, Victor and Laura Pawlowicz were able to break away from their jobs at the LLVAMC, for a few minutes, to meet me and help deliver the Gift Bags and Chocolate Candy for the nurses to our "Adopted Ward" 3SE. After we took a few pictures, the nurses started passing the Gift Bags to the Veterans' rooms. Thanks to all that participated and helped our Veterans know that... Elks Care ~ Elks Share.

**Beth Alexander, Chair, Lodge Veterans Committee**



## Note from Lodge Treasurer

Our bank graciously allows us to take our bags of coins to them to be counted through their Coin Counting Machine. When coins from Canada, Mexico, Chuckie Cheese tokens, washers, car wash tokens and bent/mutilated coins are mixed with our good coins, they jam their machine and cause problems. Please be careful when feeding your Purple Pig, so that we do not lose this privilege.



# Emblem News

**Business Meetings 1st Wednesday of each month - 7:00 pm**



We had a great time at our Installation of Officers on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all the Elks who attended. We had many State and Supreme Officers as well as friends from other Emblem Clubs in our area. Cheriese put out a wonderful spread as she always does, all our guests enjoyed it! Pictured here is President Pamela Stein with Supreme President Julie Swaggerty. Bunco will be March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge. All are welcome!! Come for pizza at 11:30 or to play at 12:30. RSVP to Barbara R or Ernie.



We wish you all a Happy St Patrick's Day,

**Lee Gilmore, Press Correspondent**

## **San Bernardino Elks Lodge #836 By-Laws Revisions**

### **San Bernardino Elks Lodge #836 By-Laws Revisions ARTICLE IV:**

MEETINGS Section 1 currently reads: The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first four Mondays of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July and August, in which the Lodge shall meet on the second and fourth Mondays; and December, in which the Lodge shall meet on the first and third Mondays. Section 1 change to read: The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first and third Mondays of each month throughout the year, except when the meeting falls on a holiday, it will be held on the proceeding or following Monday within the same month. Voting for new By-Laws Revisions to take place on 03-06-23 during Monday Lodge Meeting.

## **San Bernardino Elks Lodge #836**

Hopefully by now you should have received in the mail a donation letter regarding the remodeling of the women's restroom. This same letter is also printed in the bulletin. As you may know, the prices of building materials and labor have risen. So, we really need all of our Elk members, friends, family members, and businesses to help us with whatever monetary donation possible. Any amount helps. So, its not too late to make your donation to The San Bernardino Elks Lodge #836. Remember your donation is tax deductible under Tax ID 95-0541070.

With Gratitude,  
G. Guerrero



### **PER Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday March 11th, 2023, 8:00 am till 12:00 pm, we will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, orange juice and coffee, \$10.00. All proceeds to support the **“Woman's Restroom Restoration Fund”**. Please come and bring your friends and family. Also-volunteers needed to help make this event a success.

# **SAN BERNARDINO ELKS LODGE BOARD**

## **Exalted Ruler** – Michael Gilligan

Elk of the Month, House Committee, PERS

Volunteer of the Month

Elks Training - PDDGER Bob Cones

Ritual Training - PDDGER Bob Cones

Indoctrination - Lodge Officers

Aid & Relief - Lodge Officers

Lodge Activities - Mary Vargas

Lodge Veterans - Beth Alexander

Investigation - Thomas Poole

Membership - Jason Valenzuela

Lapsation - Jason Valenzuela

Funerals - PER, Michael Gilligan

Publicity Public Relations - Sarah Rangel

Government Relations - James Smith

Americanism - James Smith

Audit - James Smith, Deborah Riddering

PER Association - Hal Hively

Bulletin Editor - Gwendolyn Pawluk

Bulletin Publisher – Gwendolyn Pawluk

## **Leading Knight** – Ralph Rangel

Charity, ENF, Major Projects, Installation Ball

Sickness & Distress - Ralph Rangel

County Homeless Children—PER Ken Gunn

City Homeless Children— Elizabeth Cruz

Safety - PER Richard Rios

Fireworks - PER Hal Hively, Angie Hively,

Antlers Program: - Elizabeth Cruz, PER Ken Gunn

Elks National Foundation - Michael Gilligan

## **Loyal Knight:** - Sarah Rangel

Bowling: - Marty Romeo

Ladies Night: - Tom Poole

Flag Day: - James M. Smith

Golf: - Tom Poole & Don Marak

Taco Tuesday: - PER. Hal & Angie Hively

Tasty Tuesday: - PER. Ken Gunn

Karaoke: - PDDGER Bob Cones

Birthday Night: - Rudy Vargas

Emblem Club #178: - Pamela Stein, President

## **Lecturing Knight** – Hal Hively

Youth Activities - Sarah Rangel

Scouting – Laura Pawlowicz

Hoop Shoot - Laura Pawlowicz

Make a Difference - Deborah Riddering

Scholarships - Sarah Rangel

Stag Ring RVClub - Angie Hively

Grant Coordinator - Michael Gilligan

## **Officers** -

Esquire – PDDGER Bob Cones

Chaplain - Linda Brickner

Inner Guard - Debbie Lucas

Tiler - Ben Depasopol

Officer at Large - Richard Rios

Justice - Timothy Prince

Organist - PDDGER Bob Cones

## **Lodge Secretary:** Rudy Vargas

Office Hours Mon, Wed, Fri. from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Facebook Business: Sarah Rangel

Elks.Org website Social Activities: Sarah Rangel

## **Lodge Treasurer** – Beth Alexander

## **Trustees**

1st Year - Jason Valenzuela

2nd Year - Mary Vargas

3rd Year - Guillermo Guerrero

4th Year - Deborah Riddering

5th Year - George Bohn

District VP Larry Perez

DDGER Janice Alamazon

District Leader Bob Cones, PDDGER

District Leader Bob Walker, PDDGER

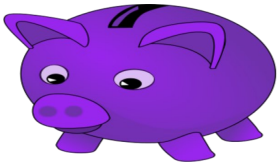


*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

# BIRTHDAYS

Gary Eisenbeisz - 05	David Eisenbeisz - 21
Peter Brierty - 05	Steven Dondalski - 22
David Day - 08	Minnie Gray - 23
Diane Miller- 09	Jason Valenzuela - 25
Arthur Gaitan - 11	Howard Girard - 26
Schuerman Hermann - 13	Evelyn Mastin - 26
Elizabeth McFadyen - 16	Roc Miles - 26
Harvey Tobias - 18	Robert Whitten - 27
Joe Estrada - 18	Carol Gilligan - 29
Leonard Fox Jr. - 18	Kelly Hunt - 29
Francis O'Brien - 20	

## Purple Pig



Thank you

Stop by the Lodge and pick up a purple pig to feed!

## Full Purple Pigs

Richard Rios  
Jean Branton  
Elizabeth McFadyen  
Peggy Cranford  
Ralph Rangel  
Sarah Rangel  
Debbie Lucas  
Dave Leffler  
Deborah Strobel  
Hal Hively

## Membership Report

As of Feb 28, 2023  
250 Members



Jan. 16, Joaquin Acosta  
Jan. 23, George Bohn  
Feb. 06, Richard Barba  
Feb. 13, Chris Saldecke

## Gone But Not Forgotten



# Very Special People

2022-2023

## Elks of the Month

**Apr** Gwendolyn Pawluk  
**May** Ted Castaneda  
**Jun** Victor Murphy  
**Jul** James Smith  
**Aug** Angie Hively  
**Sep** Tom Poole  
**Oct** Laura Pawlowicz  
**Nov** Mike Williams  
**Dec** George Bohn  
**Jan** Kathy Brauer  
**Feb** Jean Branton  
**Mar** Ralph Rangel

## Volunteers of the Month

**Apr** Barbara Riddering  
**May** Mary Vargas  
**Jun** Deborah Riddering  
**Jul** Liz Cruz  
**Aug** Ron Burris  
**Sep** Linda Brickner  
**Oct** Debbie Lucas  
**Nov** Holly Guerrero  
**Dec** Don Marak  
**Jan** Beth Alexander  
**Feb** Hal Hively  
**Mar** Guillermo "G" Guerrero

## Elk of the Year

Jason Valenzuela

## GOLF NEWS:



Tee off time is 7:30 am, at Shandin Hills. Our next outing will be March 1st. Lunch to follow at the Lodge.

# CANDIDATES

The following information is required by Section 14.010 of the Statutes to be noticed to our members (by posting on the Bulletin Board and/or in the Elks Trail):

“The Secretary shall, no fewer than seven (7) days immediately prior to balloting, either:

a) mail notice in writing to all members of the Lodge, giving the **name and city and state of each applicant, his business, the name of his proposer and the date when action may be taken upon the application, OR**

b) post in the Lodge the **name, city and state of each applicant, his business, the name of the proposer and the date if the meeting at which action may be taken on application.”**

The date on which action will be taken on the applications will be **March 13, 2023** (Second Monday of the month) when we will have balloting on the candidates. Initiation of those voted in favor of will be **March 27, 2023** (Fourth Monday of the month).

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

1. Jake Gutierrez
2. Mary Gutierrez
3. Kyle Ramiro
4. Loraine Gorman
5. Candace Valenzuela
6. Holly Guerrero

This Coupon is good for  
1 Well Drink or Domestic  
Beer!



Happy Birthday to you!

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Member Name and Number*

Please cut out and bring to the Lodge



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Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Id#: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of dinner Comp: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of total party: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guest in party: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_



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*No. 836*

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Dear Lodge Member,

Greetings, hope this letter finds you well. We all know that this past year has been rough on all of us. With the grace of God and the help of all Elks members, volunteers, and community organizations we have managed to keep our lodge open. As we slowly start to move forward with fully opening our lodge for meetings, evening meals, and private gatherings, it is also time for repairs. As a member of the Board and under the direction of the Exalted Ruler Michael Gilligan I am writing this letter requesting your help.

Having one of the largest and oldest Elks Lodge in the area, our building is in desperate need of attention. One of those rooms that really needs attention is the women's restrooms located near the Moreno Room. As many of you women know, the stalls are small, the interior is out dated, and the plumbing is in need of serious attention.

The current pandemic has severely hampered our ability to serve the members and the community and to raise the needed funds to maintain our building. Your Executive Board has set a goal of \$35,000 for the remodeling of the Women's and Men's restrooms located near the Moreno Room. This amount is based on current bids we have obtained. Changes to the restrooms will be larger stalls, removing one stall, new flooring, mirrors, sinks, paint and tile.

So, we ask that you please respond to this letter with whatever you can contribute. Your donation is tax-deductible. May God bless you and keep you healthy. I hope to see you once again at our Lodge soon.

With Gratitude,  
G Guerrero, Third Year Trustee

# SAN BERNARDINO #836 CALENDAR

# MARCH 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>February 27</b>	<b>February 28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00 <b><u>New Member Initiation</u></b>	Taco Tuesday - 5:00 - 7:00	Board Meeting 6:30 Emblem Club Meeting 7:00		Elk of the Year Dinner/ Ceremony 5:00– 7:00 Karaoke 7:00– 10:00
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00	Tasty Tues Cook's Choice 5:00—7:00	RV Club 7:00		Dinner of the Menu 5:00 - 10:00
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00	Taco Tuesday - 5:00 - 7:00	Emblem Club Bunco @ 12:00 Pizza @ 11:30 Board Meeting 6:30		Birthday/St Patty's Dinner Social 5:00 Dinner 6:00 Dance 7:00-10:00
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00	Tasty Tues Cook's Choice 5:00—7:00			Dinner off the menu Line Dance 5:00-9:00 <b><u>New Member Indoctrination</u></b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
Dinner at the Lodge 5:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00 <b><u>New Member Initiation</u></b>	Taco Tuesday - 5:00 - 7:00			

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR ALL DINNER EVENTS**

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**St Patty's Dinner (See flyer on last page)**

Social 5:00

Dinner 6:00

Dance 7:00-10:00

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*St. Patty's Day*

*Dinner Dance*

**Friday March 17, 2023**

Featuring: DJ Jake

Social 5:00pm

Dinner 6:00pm

Dancing 7:00pm

A traditional Irish Dinner  
Corned Beef and Cabbage  
or  
Chicken Cordon Bleu

Irish Dessert

\$16.00 per person

Please **RSVP by March 07** to (909)882-2090  
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