



EXALTED RULER (From the Station of the)



Bruce Troe

As we begin a new Elks year, I see a vision that is easily shared throughout Elkdom. It is to continue to become stronger and sustainable as a formidable

non-profit organization. This will further the key term in all of our Goals - GROWTH!

#1-In our knowledge of Elkdom by continuing to learn the basics by studying and putting into action the Statutes and By-laws of our Order and our Lodge.

#2-Continued strong support of the Purple Pig events to help the children throughout California and Hawaii and ENF-Elks National Foundation which gives so much more back to us in the forms of grants to enable us to further create a stronger community.

#3-Membership with specific addition of 30, 40, 50 and 60 year old men and women who will work together with our long-time members. We have a strong base with Gerald, Nicole, Angela, Anna, Ted, Loraine working with the knowledge of Mike and our dedicated and determined Dorothy.

#4-Continual involvement through new and old ideas for Social events like Otto's Karaoke and Gerald's Comedy Club but with an even

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A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Bruce Troe, PDDGER
Leading Knight	Jerrold J. Rhee
Loyal Knight	Ted Mayer
Lecturing Knight	Angela Mickunas
Secretary	Mike Gaglio, PER
Treasurer	Nicole Williams
Tiler	Elan Menkin
Esquire	Tyler Montgomery
Inner Guard	Anna Wilborn
Chaplain	Lorraine Salcedo
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2nd Year Trustee	Meredith Thomas
3rd Year Trustee	Dean Kiel, PDDGER

PAST EXALTED RULERS

VAN NUYS #2028

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RESEDA #2443

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BY AFFILIATION

John Rugh*, Manny Mende*, Lou Flores*, Ray Price*, Larry Almen, Mike Siwula, Rob Benjamin

VAN NUYS - RESEDA #2790

Jim Leister	Dean Keil, PDDGER
Eddie Llano	
Jim Meech	
Dick Stine*	
Rod Fischer*	
Bob Porras	
Diane Brennan	
Gert Litvinoff*	
Nancy Kephart PAVP	
Kathy Rogers	
Michele Werbeck	
Tiffany Lace	
Bruce Troe, PDDGER	
Jill Lace	
Mike Gaglio	
Meredith Thomas	

LODGE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	Cleve de Peralta
Americanism	Bruce Troe, PDDGER
Auditing/Accounting	Elan Menkin
Bar Manager	Mike Gaglio, PER
Holiday Baskets	Meredith Thomas, PER
Comm.Projects	Angela Mickunas
Drug Awareness	Nicole Williams
ENF	Michele Werbeck, PER
Major Projects	Bruce Troe, PDDGER
Flag Day	Tyler Montgomery
Hoop Shoot	Jerrold Rhee
Indoctrination	Kathy Rogers, PER
Kitchen Manager	Bruce Troe, PDDGER
Lapsation	PER Association
Lodge Activities	Lorraine Salcedo
Membership	Jerrold Rhee
Elks Mem/Mother’s Day	Tyler Montgomery
PER Association	Bruce Troe, PDDGER
Picnic	Jerrold Rhee
Public Relations	Mike Gaglio, PER
Rentals	Mike Gaglio, PER
Ritual	Kathy Rogers
Rummage Sale	Florie de Peralta
Scholarships	Bruce Troe, PDDGER
Stray Elks	Angela Mickunas
Veterans Service	Bruce Troe, PDDGER



GRAND EXALTED RULER



Randy Shook

May Calendar Has Events for
Moms, Military, Youth

May is a busy month for the Elks. There are several different opportunities to show our communities that "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

The Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1–7. This is an excellent time to show our support for the many programs dedicated to our youth such as scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and the Dictionary Project, just to name a few. They demonstrate to our communities the dedication we have for the youth of today and our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.

The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day, a time to honor mothers and grandmothers. Our mothers spent endless hours teaching and guiding us, shaping who we are. They inspired us, protected us, taught us about devotion to family, and loved us unconditionally. We give them gifts, take them to dinner, cook them a special dinner, or send them flowers— anything to make them feel as special as they are. To them, Mother's Day is a day to be surrounded by loving family. Happy Mother's Day.

This is also the month we celebrate Armed Forces Day, on Saturday, May 18. This is the day to say thank you to all men and women in all branches of the military. These individuals protect and defend this great country of ours. Please show them that Elks Care and appreciate their service to our country.

Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to demonstrate patriotism for our great country, exhibit pride in our flag, and show our commitment and appreciation for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. There are many services that honor these deceased military men and women. Please take the time to hold a ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the heroes who served.



Elks Lodge 2790 members handed out over 150 Subway sandwiches with chips, cookies and water to Veterans on Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day 3/28/2024 at the Sepulveda VA Ambulatory Care Center. With Cleve Piralta, Fred, Bruce Troe, Meredith Thomas, Salcedo Lorraine, Travis Miller, Mike Gaglio and Dorothy Mutaw!

Elks Never Forget



Working together may be the only way to solve problems for our nation's veterans.

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From the Station of the
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT



Terrold Rhee

Celebrating Student Achievement Validates Hard Work

By LANCE C. KNIGHT
 Committee Member

Congratulations to all recently installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers! You should be proud that the Members of your Lodge selected you to serve in a leadership role for the 2024-2025 Lodge year. All of you possess attributes, which when combined, will help you to work as a team for the coming year in making a difference in your community and Lodge.

As the school year is ending, now is the right time to contact the schools in your area to review or start a youth recognition program such as the Student of the Month/Year and/or Teenager of the Month/Year. The Lodge Activities Committee would work with your local school officials to administer the youth recognition program so it's ready to begin the new school year.

The focus of this program is to acknowledge outstanding young men and women for achievements in school and community life — fine arts, hobbies, athletics, classwork, church, community service, industry, farming, and more. Their accomplishments should be praised. Working in conjunction with school administrators, a student nominating committee may be named. This committee would be responsible for screening Teenager and/or Student of the Month nominees in both junior and senior high schools, selecting an outstanding boy and girl each month, and then yearly, giving them awards and publicizing their accomplishments.

Fillable certificates, signed by the Local Lodge Exalted Ruler and Youth Activities Chairman, may be downloaded in the

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From the Station of the
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT

Ted Mayer



Elkdom Celebrates Major Milestone

By RICK GATHEN
 Membership Marketing Manager

In an era where organizations often struggle to maintain their memberships, it is with great pride and excitement that we announce the Order's remarkable achievement: three consecutive years of membership growth.

This milestone, reached for the first time in 45 years, stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and collective spirit of everyone involved in the BPOE. The significance of this accomplishment cannot be overstated. Amidst a landscape of shifting priorities, evolving interests, and competing commitments, the sustained growth of our membership speaks volumes about the enduring relevance and appeal of the Order's mission and values. It reflects the trust and confidence placed in us by our Members and the wider community alike.

Each year of growth signifies the Elkdom celebrates major milestone expansion of our Elks family, the strengthening of our bonds, and the widening of our impact. It is a validation of the efforts invested in fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals from all walks of life find meaning, purpose, and belonging.

Behind this success lies the dedication and hard work of countless individuals — from our tireless volunteers and dedicated staff to our passionate and engaged Members. It is their commitment to our shared vision and their unwavering belief in the transformative power of community that has propelled us forward, year after year.

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From the Station of the

TRUSTEE



Cleve de Peralta

Dear Beautiful Mothers
and Families,

Today we come together to celebrate the incredible and selfless role that mothers play in our lives. From the moment we are born, our mothers are there to nurture us, guide us, and love us unconditionally. Their sacrifices, their hard work, and their unwavering support form the foundation of our lives, and we are forever grateful for everything they do.

To all the mothers out there, whether you are a new mother or a seasoned one, whether you have one child or many, we honor and celebrate you today. Your tireless efforts to care for your children and families, to ensure that they are safe, healthy, and happy, deserve recognition and appreciation every day. But today, on this special occasion, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and admiration for all that you do. Your love and devotion have shaped us into the people we are today, and we are forever grateful for your unwavering support and guidance.

To the families of beautiful mothers, we also extend our gratitude to you. We recognize that behind every great mother is a supportive and loving family, who stand by her side through thick and thin, who lend a hand whenever needed and who never take her for granted. So, let us all take a moment today to honor and celebrate the beautiful mothers in our lives. Let us express our appreciation and love for all that they do and let us vow to continue to support and uplift them every day.

To all the beautiful mothers out there, we say thank you. Thank you for your love, your strength, and your unwavering dedication to your family. You are an inspiration to us all, and we are forever grateful for your presence in our lives!

Happy
Mother's
day



Happy Mother's Day!



May 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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5Happy Birthday Debi Hudgins & Dawn Grabowski MAY 12	6Door Opens 5:00 Dinner : 6:30 Meeting 7:30	7Happy Birthday Bruce Troe	8
12HAPPY mother's DAY	13Closed for Rental May 12-May 31 Meeting 7:30	14Happy Birthday Delmar Phoenix May 13	15STATE
19	20Door Opens 5:00 Dinner : 6:30 Meeting 7:30	21Happy Birthday Tim Mott	22
26Knights Meeting Cano- ga Park 10:30	27	28Happy Birthday Edward Van Wyke	29
	memorial DAY		

2024



Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Happy Birthday Tru Gianelli and Jon Schuller	3 Friday Night Lights Doors Open 5:30 Dinner: 6:30	4 Metro Ritual Contest at Van Nuys-Reseda 7:00 AM-7:00 PM
9	10 Otto's Special Salute to Mothers Day 6:30	11 Happy Birthday Frank Goldberg May 4 & Herbert Craig May 10
16 CONTEST	17 FRESNO	18 Happy Birthday Edward LLanos & Ginger Pauley
23	24 Friday Night Lights Doors Open 5:30 Dinner: 6:30	25 Happy Birth- day Jessica Luhrssen & Richard Hacia
30	31 Friday Night Lights Doors Open 5:30 Dinner: 6:30	Happy Birthday Courtney Lace May 31



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1. Youth programs

a) Our Girl Scout program with their dedicated parents

b) young and growing adults with special needs that contribute to our varied programs

c) Students and adults that are involved in the Americanism programs throughout Elksdom

2. Community outreach and involvement

a) Our continued strong support of our Veterans through toiletries, clothing, books, magazines, DVDs, cards and letters and visitations.

3. Interaction and support between All Elk Lodges and members in our Metropolitan District. Whether working together with Ritual training and coaching, helping with Veterans needs, or attending and participating in Lodge events.

I was the ER in our Lodge in 2012 and had never planned on becoming an ER again, but with the strong team that has joined our Lodge and the dedication that they have already shown and the elders in our Lodge to work with them, I see nothing but a growth of Elksdom. As was said at the Installation of Officers—"...as captain of this vessel, it will not always be smooth sailing" but I believe that together with this team we will build a strong and sustainable Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge #2790.

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Grand Lodge Activities Committee section of elks.org. If you have this program in place, honor those award winners in all categories with a special recognition activity at the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee page on elks.org has all the materials needed to implement a successful Youth Recognition Program in all areas. All the certificates, guidelines, nomination forms, posters, news releases and multimedia videos are available to all Local Lodges, districts, and state Youth Activities Chairs to download. It includes the contact information for all Grand Lodge Activities Committee members and their areas of responsibility, plus those states they are assisting during the fraternal year. This is an excellent way to let our communities know "We Are THE Elks!"

Your GL Activities Committee looks forward to assisting you and your Lodge to promote all the programs in your community. Be sure to visit the Activities Committee booth at the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin. "Elks Care — Elks Share" exemplifies the commitment to our youth recognition programs.

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Moreover, our achievement of three consecutive years of growth serves as an inspiration and a source of encouragement for the future. It demonstrates that even in the face of challenges and uncertainties, progress is not only possible but achievable through perseverance innovation, and collaboration.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us also reflect on the journey that brought us here and the lessons we have learned along the way. Let us acknowledge the importance of adaptability, resilience, and a willingness to embrace change. And let us renew our commitment to serving our Members and our community with passion and integrity, and empathy.





June UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7th, 2024 State President Visit
Elks Lodge #2790
Comedy Club Performs

June 10th, 2024 State AVP Visit

June 13th, 2024 Day @ Sepulveda Vets
Facility / North Hills

June 23rd, 2024 Knights Meeting Burbank

June 30th, 2024 Grand Lodge
Elks Convention Austin, TX





The Elks Luncheon Club meets every Friday at the Glendale Elks Lodge #1289 located on Colorado Street just East of Brand Blvd.

Chairman, Bob Medellin, San Fernando Lodge #1539
 Vice Chairman, Ben Ortega, West Covina Lodge #1996
 Treasurer, Kathy Rogers, Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge #2790
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LODGE MEETINGS
Mondays at 7:30pm



Doors Open at 5:00pm
Dinner Served (\$6) at 6:30pm

**WHERE: The Van Nuys Reseda Elks Lodge 2790
14440 Friar St, Van Nuys, CA 91401 (free parking in back)**



Mother's Day Soiree

**Elks Mother's Day Celebration
Friday May 10 from 6:30-9:30pm**

**Dads and others
welcome**

**Semi formal
attire suggested**

- **Dinner 6:30 – 7:30pm**
- **Mother's Day Ritual conducted by the Elks
at 7:30pm**
- **Dance Party 8 – 9:30pm**

**Featuring Music by
DJ OTTO-MATIC**



\$10 donation

Cash bar available for soda, beer, wine & spirits