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April 2025

Members Only Stag Picnic ~ Elks RV Park Saturday, April 12, 2025 - 11 am to 4 pm

Exalted Ruler Jim Pacheco and his Corps of Officers would like to invite the members to the Stag Picnic for a delicious free meal and drinks.



Dues Paying Members only.
No Guest or Children.

Dues can be paid that day, and you must bring your 2025-2026 Yellow membership card.

Please bring appetizers and desserts to share.
Beer, seltzers, and water will be provided.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 11th - 8:30 ~ 12:30

Scrambled Eggs, Waffles, Ham, Sausage
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Please be prepared to show your 2025/2026 Yellow Membership Card

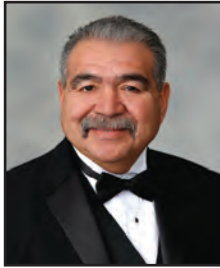
Law Enforcement Night
Thursday, April 3rd, 2025
\$20 - Chairman: Vern Warnke

BIKER'S NIGHT
THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2025
\$20 CHAIRMAN'S GREG MOODY & JESUS MERAZ



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- Lecturing Knight..... Dawn Williams
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- SecretaryJane Lozano
- Treasurer Len Samuelson
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- Trustee3..... Donavan Sizemore
- Trustee 4..... Leonard Redwine
- Trustee 5..... Cyril Lawrence
- Bulletin Editor..... Bill Gray
- Club Manager.....Jesse Reynolds

EXALTED RULER’S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Exalted Ruler! I hope this finds you in good health and high spirits. First and foremost, I would like to thank you for electing me as your Exalted Ruler. It is my great honor to lead the Merced Elks Lodge. Together with the First Lady, Jeannette, we look forward to an exciting year in service and commitment to the values of our great Order.

Thank you to Past Exalted Ruler Jeff Horta for his dedication to the lodge and all his good works. We wish him good luck and success in his role as PER and Americanism Chairman for the Central District.

Congratulations to the new Corps of Officers who were installed with me on March 29, 2025. Together we will strive to strengthen our Lodge and foster the spirit of camaraderie that makes our Lodge so special.

I hope we see you at the annual members only Stag Picnic on April 12, 2025, at Elks RV Park. We will be serving a steak lunch. Come down, meet your new officers and have fun with your fellow members.

**Elk of the Month
Scott “Maui” Sakugawa**

Join me in celebrating our Elk of the Month, Scott “Maui” Sakugawa. Maui generously gives his time, energy and talent to our lodge. He has been there for me every time I’ve asked, and many of the events I have been involved in over the past several months would not have been successful without him. Volunteering is the heart of our organization and Maui’s enthusiasm embodies the true spirit of Elkdom.

I’m eager to move forward together, to build on our successes and to have fun along the way!

Fraternally,
Jim Pacheco
Exalted Ruler

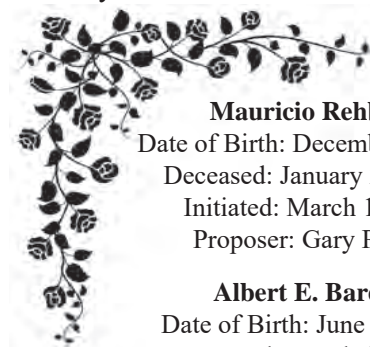
FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

“Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm”

I would like to express my sincere thank you to members Linda Mora, Jenny Dart, Diana Diliberto, Lynn Fleming, Jane Murphy, Glenda Hefner and Mary Fryer for their countless hours of volunteering and preparing the membership cards. Kudos goes out to them for meticulously and tediously pulling out the cards, placing the correct stickers and getting these cards out in the mail. Thank you with all my heart. I could not have gotten these cards out without your help.

Jane Lozano
Secretary

In Memoriam...



Mauricio Rehbein

Date of Birth: December 1, 1949
Deceased: January 27, 2025
Initiated: March 1, 2018
Proposer: Gary Phelps

Albert E. Bardini

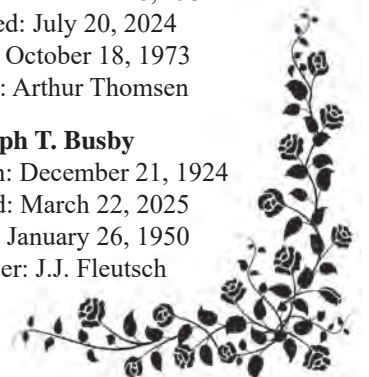
Date of Birth: June 20, 1928
Deceased: March 17, 2025
Initiated: December 18, 1952
Proposer: Gene Mondo

Leonard Rich Jr

Date of Birth: October 18, 1932
Deceased: July 20, 2024
Initiated: October 18, 1973
Proposer: Arthur Thomsen

Ralph T. Busby

Date of Birth: December 21, 1924
Deceased: March 22, 2025
Initiated: January 26, 1950
Proposer: J.J. Fleutsch



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

REMINDER - Children or grandchildren of lodge members need to send in an official copy of either their high school or college transcript in order to apply for a local lodge scholarship. The deadline for submission is April 15, 2025.


Please mention: Attention to Scholarship Committee.

NEW PER SCHOLARSHIP

The Past Exalted Rulers Association is awarding a scholarship this year, up to \$1,000 dollars to the scholarship recipient.

Children or grandchildren of lodge members need to send an official copy of their high school transcript in order to apply for a local lodge Past Exalted Ruler Scholarship. Deadline for submission is May 10, 2025.

Please mention: Attention to Past Exalted Rulers Association.



BLOOD DRIVE
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April 21, 2025
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 Cathie Lancaster
 Renee Pena (3)
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 Laura K. Gossnickle Dodson(2)
 Kellie Leach
 Stephanie Ahnen
 Clara Tresco

Stephanie Prine –Caldie (3)
 Linda Mora (Cake w/basket)
 Laurie Kelley
 Dawn Garland (2)
 John Villanueva (2)
 Jen Carroll
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 Celeste Rohrback

Auctioneer:
"Maui"

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 Jenny Dart and Eddie Deldetto

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 Big Thank You To: Jesse Reynolds & His Staff
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Thank you to the following members for turning in their Purple Pigs and donating to the Purple Pig Project in March:

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Robin Ingraham | Lula Powell |
| PDDGER Dave Wells | Brian William |
| Stewart Haarberg | Celeste Rohrback |
| Tim Garcia | Buzz and Janice Van Cleaver |
| PER Del Friesen | Michael Hernandez, Jr. |

We also thank our anonymous Lodge members for their generous donations.

If you don't have a Purple Pig, make sure you pick one up on your next visit to the Lodge. Your gift will help thousands of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii. Visit chea-elks.org/major-project for more information.

Fraternally,
 Jeannette Pacheco
 Chairman



RED HAT LUNCHEON

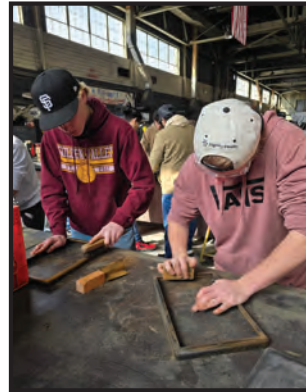
On February 25, 2025, our lodge hosted a "Breakfast at Tiffany's" luncheon for the Red Hat Ladies. Pictured below are Katy Whitmire with her daughter and Mary Fragnito-Lira. These ladies always exceed expectations with their colorful luncheons.



MIXOLOGY NIGHT
 April 16, 2025
 At the Downstairs Bar
 Price: \$25
 Starts at 6:00 PM
 We will be having fun with Blue Ice Vodka!
 We will be shaking up a Strawberry/Watermelon Mimosa, a White Tea,
 and a Blueberry Lemon Bar Martini.
 Don't forget to bring your shaker tin, fruit squeezer, muddler, and
 martini glass!
 Please drop me a line at pbelmontes121@gmail.com to let me
 know if you are coming and how many in your crew.
 See you soon!

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Merced Elks Lodge is proud of Michael Butler from Troop 88, who was awarded Eagle Scout for his project with the help of a donations. Our lodge is proud of Michael Butler, who was awarded for his Eagle Scout Project. He provided QR Codes for 75 aircraft at Castle Air Museum in Atwater, CA, completing the project in 112 hours with the help of donations. He made new frames and purchased QR codes from Ingraham Trophies in Merced, CA. The final step is to place a recognition sign at the museum entrance with his name and his own QR code for the Eagle Scout Project. The project has been very meaningful to him, and he is grateful for everyone's support.



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- April 11th – Parmesan Calamari & Meatloaf
- April 18th – Salmon & Chicken Cordon Bleu
- April 25th – Baby Back Ribs & Tilapia



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- May 1 - Cinco De Mayo Night
- May 7-10 - CHEA State Convention (Anaheim)
- May 11 - Mother's Day
- May 15 - Cattleman's Night

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

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|--|---|---|--|
| <p>1
Thomas M. Curry
Russ Custer
Greg Hyatt
John Kane
Juannita Mendonsa
Jarrod Pimentel
Stephanie Schick</p> <p>2
Frank J. Cuttone
Timothy Garcia
Clifford R. McGhee
Batholomew Ramirez
Larry Sterling
Katie Zamarripa</p> <p>3
Alan Benzler
Jesus Meraz</p> <p>4
Chad Ryan Dunn
William Glaser
Cheryl Ann Hudnall
Jerry Leonardo II
Albert Louis
Carol Stone</p> <p>5
Christopher Allen
Ryan Blair
Jeff Hawks
Dorella (Dee) Heller
James F. Herrera
Kirk P. McCarty
John McGill
Fred Wesley Monier
Michael N. Pellicano
Wayne Pouncey
Jeff Riego
Gregory Soto
Daniel Zacharias</p> | <p>6
Mike Gillard
Mathew Horta
Lauren Marks
Dale Muchow
Anthony Santos
Joseph Shifflett
Sean Soto</p> <p>7
Robert J. Benson
Gerald Hunt
Andrew Kersten
Kevin McBride
Sara Rosenthal
Michael Sanford
Doug Souza</p> <p>9
Taylor Kollman
Gina Leonardo</p> <p>10
Janette Alvarado
Edward Madera</p> <p>11
Gene J. Broussard
Ellen Burk
Rick Layton
Timothy Allen Louis
Maria Del Carmen Sanchez</p> <p>12
Enrique Guzman
James Johnson
Jacob Morgner
Renee Pena
Marvin Wells</p> <p>13
Mike Anderson
Eric Beiswanger
Richard Zamudio</p> | <p>14
Alice Brewer
Daniel Brooks
John E. Larson
Sharon Rucker
Delray Shelton</p> <p>15
Melissa R. Austin
Cheryl Hirsch
Regina LaBeff
Williams Rains
Brett Surdich</p> <p>16
James Bittis</p> <p>17
David Carr
Michelle Loy
Mark C. Roduner, Sr.</p> <p>18
Shannon Copus
Michael Dwyer
Anthony John Fagundes
Robert A. Hernandez
Larry Mogavero
Christopher A. Morgner
Correy Pelletier
Dave Weaver
Richard Zeunges</p> <p>19
Linnel F. Fontes
Joseph A. Pia, Sr.</p> <p>20
Wil Hunter
Gary Lorenzo
Scott Wine
Dustin Witt</p> <p>21
Shawn Franks</p> <p>22
Thomas Wells</p> <p>23
Vince Landolina</p> | <p>24
Tom Dixon
Todd Lemas
Joseph M. Pedrozo</p> <p>25
Michael C. Bloed
Tyler Button
Jeff Castleton
Peggy Halsor
Donnie Herzog
Robert E. Rucker</p> <p>26
Eddie Castillo
Todd A. Giardina
John D. Laughlin
RaeLene Pritchard</p> <p>27
Daniel Condon
Timothy Doss
Betty Escola
Christopher Henn
Owen Paul Johnson
Robert Johnson, Jr.
Roy Turney
William Volz</p> <p>28
Barbara Ann Lourenco
Mohan P. Reddy
Anthony Thomas
Michael Toste
Anthony Vasquez
Scott Walters</p> <p>29
Gilbert Arenivaz
Luis Gonzalez
Vivan Passwaters
Mathew Ridge</p> <p>30
Raymond Douglas
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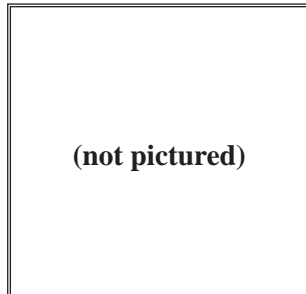
END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Citizen of the Year
Sharon Lohman



Sharon has founded New Beginnings for Merced County Animals as a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the animals of Merced County Animal Shelter.

Elk of the Year
Bill Gray



Bill's continuous work as editor on the Antlers Bulletin.

Officer of the Year
Nancy Kissack



Nancy's dedication in keeping the officers in line with budget and safety inspections.

Outstanding Members Grand Exalted Ruler
Special Accommodation Award
John Strube
Andy Murphy

Exalted Ruler Horta
Awards Mark Hamrick



Mark Hamrick's, RV Park Host, dedication and work in keeping the RV Park running smoothly and clean.



Exalted Ruler & John Strube John's dedication for his donations to State Major Project (Purple Pig) & cooking crew on Orientation Dinners.



Exalted Ruler & Andy Murphy Andy's dedication for 30 yrs of cooking on Irish Night & keeping our building looking fantastic.

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APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday <i>(No Lunch Served)</i>	Saturday
		1 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	2 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	3 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM LAW ENFORCEMENT NIGHT CHAIRMAN: VERN WARNKE LODGE MEETING 8PM VOTING ON CANDIDATES	4 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:00-8:30 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM CHICKEN FRIED STEAK & BASA	5 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM
6 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:00PM	7 LUNCH 11:00-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM PER MEETING	8 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	9 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM ORIENTATION DINNER	10 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM TRUSTEE MEETING 6PM HOUSE MEETING 7PM BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER HOUSE	11 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM PARMESAN CALAMARI & MEATLOAF	12 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM WALNUT CREEK INSTALLATION STAG PICNIC ELKS RV PARK
13 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 9:00AM-7:00PM LIVERMORE/ PLEASANTON INSTALLATION	14 LUNCH 11:00-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	15 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	16 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM MIXOLOGY	17 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM BIKERS' NIGHT CHAIRMAN GREG MOODY & JESUS MERAZ LODGE MEETING - 8PM INITIATION	18 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM SALMON & CHICKEN CORDON BLEU	19 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM
LODGE CLOSED HAPPY EASTER	21 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BLOOD DRIVE 3PM - 7PM	22 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	23 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM	24 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM MAY 2025	25 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM BABY BACK RIBS & TILAPIA	26 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM
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