

LODGE OFFICERS

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Loyal Knight Laura Allen

LECTURING KNIGHT Edra Rowe

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Lodge Membership

Members

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BAR HOURS

Tuesday - Friday **(See calendar for hours)** Saturday **12:00 PM - 4:00 PM** Sunday **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

"Check calendars for possible changes"

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Thursday 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

New Breakfast Menu!

<u>Lite \$5.00</u>

1 Egg- anyway except poached 1 piece Toast & 2 strips Bacon.

Good Morning \$8.00

2 Eggs-anyway but poached; 2 pieces Toast & 2 strips Bacon Hash Browns & Biscuits & Gravy.

Ultimate \$10.00

Denver Omelet (ham/peppers/onions) 3 pieces Toast & 3 strips Bacon Hash Browns & Biscuits & Gravy Coffee & Juice Included. Hours: 9:00 - 11:00AM

SATURDAY LUNCH

Come join Alex "The Brat" for a Great Lunch! Burgers (Cheese), Patty Melts, Potato or Macaroni Salad and Chips

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday 11am to 2pm \$10.00 tax included

"Check calendars for possible changes"

DINNERS

Thursday 2 time a month & every Friday

Thursday at 6:30 pm Fridays at 7:30 pm Elk Members & Guests

RENTALS

Have your next event with us at our Lodge! Call Our Office: (818) 998 - 2193 for details. Please leave a message for Jo Lamoreaux.

EXALTED RULER Jo Lamoreaux





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Friday March 15- come take a walk down memory lane and relive the fun and accomplishments of this year at the Year End Awards and Presentation. I promise you – you will smile, laugh, and come to appreciate all your hard work (and fun!) our members and guests have undertaken this last Elk year!

I want to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve this year. It truly takes a 'village of Elks' to accomplish all that we did.

We brought in 30 new members and importantly they have stepped up and become involved in the lodge! As several have said- 'my only regret is I didn't do this before I am having fun and feel great about the work we are doing and giving back to our community.' One said this after 4 hours of manual labor at the Vets facility standing there with muddy shoes and a great smile!

We weathered some storms with members having health issues, record rainfall some of which leaked into the lodge and outdoor kitchen, the air conditioning last summer deciding not to work just before a large rental, recently the bar coolers decided to heat instead of cool- no one likes warm beer or wine, scrambling with event planning for 80 and having over 125 reservations-(it is a great 'storm' to have!)..., learning as we have new members volunteering to bartend, changes in the office staff- but we weathered through them all and are in a very positive, strong position as we end the Elk year.

Challenges still exist – aging equipment around the lodge in need of continual maintenance, motivating members to come out more often, working to keep kitchen costs under control with rising food costs, and as with every organization finding members to help on committees and projects.

Two other events of note:

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT Simon Coombs







Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a thrill and an honor it is to be elected to serve as the next Exalted Ruler of this wonderful lodge of ours. I'm humbled, grateful, and feeling just a little trepidation!

I want to thank everyone that turned out to vote. Whoever you voted for, your participation is what matters, and it was great to see so many people making the effort to come out and take part.

But we still have lots to think about in the meantime, with a particular highlight being our Oscars party on March 10. See the flyer elsewhere and make sure you save the date - it's going to be a lot of fun.

We have our monthly birthday celebration on Friday, the first of March, and if you're a March baby, dinner is on us!

Our Installation of Officers will take place on March 21st, starting at 5.30PM. DDGER PJ Pati will be in attendance, along with his Esquire, Anthony Roman.

March 31st is Easter Sunday. We haven't had much of a turnout for Easter Egg hunts in recent years so instead of brunch, we're going to have a full scale lunch at two o'clock. We'll be serving a succulent ham with all the trimmings, dessert and maybe an easter egg or two!

Of course, there'll be karaoke and other fun things going on as well, so be sure to check the calendar!

Yours fraternally, Simon Coombs

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March 4th Los Robl	les. 9:00	\$55
March 11th Camarill	o Springs. 9:00	\$50
March 18th Sterling	Hills. 8:00	\$60
March 25th Westlak	e. 9:00.	\$50

Closest to the pin February 2024

2/5	No Golf	(weather)
F2/12	Sterling Hills	Bob Medellin,
		Brian Anderson,
		Chris Holman
2/19	No Golf	(Holiday)
2/26	Westlake	TBD

CHEA Purple Pig

California Hawaii Elks Association

Donations through March 1st is

\$6,586.62

Our goal for 2023-2024 is

\$20,000.00

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2023-2024 Donations: Actual to date:

\$1,885.00

2022-2023 Donations: **\$2,780.00**

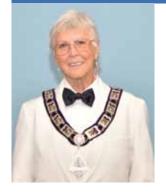
Help Us Make Our Goal!



Happy Birthday! to our MARCH babies

Monte Dreben	March	01
Donald W. Simpson	March	
Marc Jay	March	03
Richard J. Fisher	March	04
Taihe Miller	March	
Gerald Jenne	March	05
Keith Van Zandt	March	
Rex E. Long	March	07
Elisabeth Couturier	March	08
Joseph Anthony Stine	March	
Judith Blane Goldwater	March	10
Mildred Swoger	March	11
Scott Di Giuseppe	March	12
Joseph Horak	March	
Bryan Littlefield	March	
Mel G. Scholl	March	
James J. Linsley	March	13
Timothy J. Imel	March	15
Julio C. Galvez	March	16
Stephen C. Schaefer	March	17
Michael Marinich	March	22
Jo Lamoreaux	March	23
Henry L. Noorda	March	24
John Swanson	March	
Mark Martinez	March	25
Laura Allen	March	26
Michael De Pasquale	March	27
Steve Gleit	March	28
Bryan Olson	March	
Michele Chowdry	March	29
Rosalie Dornblaser	March	
Byron G. McKibben	March	31
Derrick Olson	March	

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT Edra Rowe





Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As we enter March, our Veterans Therapy Garden had a great start on February 17th. We had 23 volunteers from our lodge and other lodges and our Antlers. It was a good day without rain. Everyone stepped up and pitched in where needed.

We have two more work parties in March- the 2nd and 9th volunteers are always needed. Our ribbon cutting at the garden will be held on Friday, March 22 at 1PM. Please join us!

In March we have regular karaoke and an Academy Awards night with dinner. Dress up and walk the red carpet!

Check your closets- it is time to spring clean and our veterans (men and women) can us gently used clean clothes, shoes, sweatshirts, and pants. Also, paperback books, DVD's and CD's are always welcome.

Happy spring, hope to see you at the lodge,

Edra Rowe Lecturing Knight

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- People outside of LA assume everyone in LA gets an invitation to attend the Academy Awards night. If your invitation was somehow lost, come attend our (more fun!) Oscar party on Sunday March 10th. The committee making it happen is comprised of mostly new members- bringing new ideas and great enthusiasm to this event. Come step out on the red carpet with us! See the flyer.
- Ribbon cutting Ceremony for the Veterans Therapy Garden on Friday, March 22 at 1PM. See the flyer. This is the culmination of many hours of hard work with Canoga Park members, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley members, as well as guests.

ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT Laura Allen





Dear brothers and sisters,

February is almost gone and spring is almost here. Lots of things going on at the lodge in March. Make sure to check your bulletins for all the events for March.

Esteemed loyal Knight Laura Allen

FIND YOUR NUMBER

Included in the February bulletin were member #'s 4054 Robert 'Doc' Kurland (page 7) and 10263 Pat Krokaugger (page 9)! Member Betsy Couturier won a free drink at the bar for finding her name in the January bulletin-way to go Betsy!

Check out the March bulletin, we have placed 2 new Membership numbers within each issue of the Bulletin. Read your bulletin & win!

If you find your Member Number: You can receive a FREE Drink if you:

1. Bring your issue of the Bulletin containing your ID Number highlighted to the Lodge, and 2. Show your membership card to the bartender or a Lodge Officer.

Offer valid only during the current month of the Bulletin!

Come see how we put our Community Grant from Grand Lodge to work! That evening we will have dinner & dancing to the music of Ole Dawgs & New Tricks- a great way to end the day!

Lastly- again thank you for this great year- it has truly been an honor to work with great members of this lodge! See March 15th to celebrate!

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Join me in **WELCOMIN**G our new brothers and sisters to our lodge!



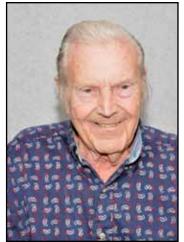
Donna Daniels



Karen Lehman



Mirhan Kalaydtian



Robert Arach







Join me in **CONGRAGULATING** our Elks of the months!



Michele Chowdry Elk of the Month for November 2023



Donald Berridge Elk of the Month for January 2024

Official Newsletter of The Elks Lodge 2190

DDGER CORNER

A short explanation to the letter below from our District Deputy Ferdinand "PJ" Pati.

All lodges undergo an annual review of their books and records, and a facility inspection. Ours was conducted on September 11, 2023, and the other lodges in our district underwent review and inspection around the same time.

PJ's letter refers to issues found across all seven (7) lodges in our district and most of the items do not refer to Canoga Park.

Jo



Dr. Ferdinand "PJ" Pati District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler CA – Metropolitan District, No. 0800

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A Fraternal Organization 02/01/2024

DDGER Corner

Hello ERs and Members of Metropolitan District,

First of all, thank you for your time and cooperation extended to me and my Team, Anthony Roman and Penny Reiger, during the DDGER Visitation, Audit and Inspection of your Lodges.

This letter serves as a reminder and a follow-up of your responses, compliances or corrective actions on the issues and findings from our audits and inspections. Below are lists of the most common findings in general:

- 1. Having no clear passages on Exit doors due to presence of debris or obstructions.
- 2. Presence of broken pavements and poor lightings in parking lots.
- **3.** Missing mats by the ice machines; missing "Slippery When Wet" signs on designated areas to prevent or avoid accidental slips and falls.
- **4.** Old and/or dirty oven hoods which need to be replaced or cleaned for sanitary purposes and to prevent fires.
- **5.** Harassment Policies are not updated, not signed by officers and employees.
- 6. Office phones do not have lists of emergency contact names and phone numbers on them.
- 7. First aid kits are not updated and are not easily accessible.
- **8.** Cylinder beverages are not secured to avoid tipping and accidents.
- 9. Laundry bags and greasy rags are not covered.
- **10.** Inactive or absence of PER associations which serve as a great source of guidance, expertise and advices, were noted on some lodges. Also noted were lack of actions

to contact PER's, to invite or encourage them to attend meetings or lodge activities actions which could eventually help revive or create a PER association.

- **11.** The need to improve on having an impressive performance with reading Ritual/Initiation ceremony.
- **12.** On Membership and Lapsation, candidates are not being initiated timely or ASAP which could lead to loss of interest on candidates. Also noted was the lack of follow up on lapsation through a call/text/email/ letter or any means of communication.

If any of the findings above are applicable to your lodges, please provide me an update of any corrective actions taken by your lodges. Some ER's have already provided me with their responses on their compliances. Please feel free to contact me to further discuss your lodge's inspection results and findings.

 Also, please note that as part of my DD obligations, I will continue to regularly monitor your Lodge's Charity Reports, ENF contributions and FRS reports.

I will be sending another article before my term ends in July 2024 for updates and to address other areas of concerns. It is my hope that providing updated reports to the incoming DDGER, will facilitate a smoother transition and will be helpful as reference for future lodge's inspections and audits.

Again, thank you for the utmost cooperation and continued support extended to your DDGER, to our great Metropolitan District, and to our entire Elks organization. All the precious time for volunteerism and dedication to our organization truly show that indeed, WE ARE THE ELKS!!!

Sincerely and fraternally, Ferdinand "PJ" Pati, DDGER Metropolitan District, #0800



Canoga Park Elks Lodge #2190

On behalf of Simon Coombs and his Corps of Officers Canoga Park Lodge members invite you to join us to celebrate.

The Installation of Officers

for the Elk Year 2024/2025

Thursday, March 21, 2024

5.30 PM – Social Hour6.30 PM – Installation7.30 PM – Dinner

\$10 donation

The evening is open to all Elks and their guests. Business Casual attire is suggested.

Please RSVP to the Lodge by March 15: (818) 998-2190

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YEAR END AWARDS

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PRESENTATION

Friday, March 15 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. Dinner \$15

> Salad Shrimp Scampi Orzo Green Beans

A fun night looking back over the last year, sharing memories and laughter – come join in!

Reservations Requested- 818 998 2190

Elks & Sepulveda VA Garden Party!

ork parties began on February 17 with volunteers from Canoga Park, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, the VA, Antlers, and the Vets Golden Games team. The first work party was debris removal- we filled a full-size dumpster over halfway full in 4 hours! Tree branches, weeds, tree trimming, cactus trimming, we dug out old trees and rose bushes, and vines to make room for new plants and planters. The major comment from the first work party- "I grew two inches due to the mud I acquired on the bottom of my shoes!" Our mascot for the day was service dog 'Puff'

The second work party focused on laying down mulch. The VA received 8 truckloads of mulch-unfortunately they were outside the garden fence. We had an amazing 3 way team- shovelers filling the wheel barrels, wheelers taking them through the mud, and the spreaders with rakes, spreading the mulch to thickness of 5 inches. Our mascot for the day was 11 1/2 month old baby Kai.

See you at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday March 22 @1PM.





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COME FOR LUNCH ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Sunday, March 31 @ 2:00 P.M.

You're invited for lunch! In what's probably the last thing I'll do as Leading Knight, I'd like to extend an invitation to join us for4 course lunch on Easter Sunday

The Menu:

Appetizers

Salad

Honey Baked Ham Roast Potatoes Boiled Baby Potatoes Cauliflower Cheese Seasonal Vegetables

A variety of desserts

... and maybe a little surprise or two!

The cost will be \$20 per head if booked and paid for by Monday, March 25. \$25 for late bookings and then subject to availability, so **please** book early! Reservations – 818 998 2190



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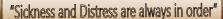


Les Lamoraux's surgery went well and he is undergoing Chemo treatments again.

Huy Bui went back to Vietnam to visit his grandfather, who is in hospice.

Vince Guerrero has been not feeling well following his Chemo treatments.

Connie Garcia has fallen and is in Glendale Convalencent Facility



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March 2024

SUN	NOM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
It's O with 6 for Be Red C	It's Oscar Night at the Lodge– it's a Party with Oscar Appetizers, photo booth, vote for Best Picture & more! Check out the Red Carpet See flyer	Lodge— it's a Party photo booth, vote e! Check out the r	le ₹		1 Celebrate March Birthdays! See Flyer	2 Voting
3 Bar Open 12 to 5 Voting	4 Voting Golf	5 Voting	6 Voting	7 Bar Open 5 to 9 Lodge Meeting	8 Ribs & Karaoke	9 Lodge rental – picnic area
Academy Awards 3:00 PM	11 Golf	12 Bar open 11-2/6-9 Big Band 11AM -1PM Spartans	13 LAPD Fundraiser Flyer on Bulletin Boards	14 Bar Open 5 to 9 Lodge Meeting	1414Bar Open 5 to 9Year End AwardsLodge Meeting6-7-8	16 Brat Burgers Lodge Rental
17	18 Golf	19 Bar open 11-2 Big Band 11AM -1PM Board Mtg	20 Lodge Closed	21 Installation of Officers See Flyer	Dinner & Dancing \$25 Sey Flyer	23 Lodge Rental
24	25 Golf	26 Bar open 11-2 Big Band 11AM -1PM	27 Lodge Closed	28 Bar Open 5 to 9 Lodge Meeting Initiation	29	30
31 Easter Dinner 2PM See Leading Knight Article				Rememberi our Achieve	Remembering our Year and Celebrating our Achievements! See Flyer.	Celebrating er.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Work in Progress– check bulletin boards or Elks.org/2190 for updates	1 Golf	2 Bar open 11-2/6-9 Big Band 11AM –1PM	3 Lodge Closed	4 Bar Open 5 to 9 Lodge Meeting	5 April Birthday Celebration Dinner TBD	6 Lodge Rental
L	8 Golf	9 Bar open 11-2 Big Band 11AM -1PM	10 Lodge Closed	11 Bar Open 5 to 9 Lodge Meeting	12 Ribs & Karaoke \$15	13 Lodge Rental
14 Bar Open 12 to 4	15 Golf	16 Bar open 11-2 Big Band 11AM -1PM Board Mtg @ 6	17 Lodge Rental	18 Bar Open 5 to 9 Lodge Meeting	19 Light Dinner \$10	20 AM Lodge Rental PM Inaugural Ball
21	22 Golf	23 Bar open 11-2 Big Band 11AM -1PM	24 Lodge Closed	25 Bar Open 5 to 9 Lodge Meeting Initiation	TBD 26	27 Lodge Rental
28 Bar Open 9 to 1 Breakfast Buffet 9-11:30	29 Golf	30 Bar open 11-2 Big Band 11AM -1PM		<u>v</u>	Save the Date-Inaugural Ball introducing 2024-2025 Officer Corp	ral Ball introducing fficer Corp

WHAT'S AN ELK?



The Order of Elks is an organization of American citizens who love their country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions; who love their fellow man and seek to promote his wellbeing; and who love the joyousness of life and endeavor to contribute to it, as well as to share it.

This Fraternal Order was founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship." God Bless America!

If you're interested in joining our lodge, coming to our events or if you would like to donate to one of our charities please contact our office at 818-998-2193 or email us at elks2190info@gmail.com. Your donation will provide services to our charities which help our veterans and disabled children.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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