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Upcoming Events

July 2nd: Dinner & Meeting Night

July 16th: Dinner Only Night

July 19th: Member Birthday Recognition @ 6:30PM

July 23rd: ICE CREAM Social

Fun Night

July 27th: ELVIS Night

July 30th: FOOD Challenge

#1 Night

August 10th: Hawaiian Luau

August 27th: BINGO Fun

Night

August 30th: Member Birthday Recognition @ 6:30PM

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Welcome to July,

We hope that you are finding your lodge an active, engaging and exciting place to call home. Over the past 3 months we have been trying various opportunities for all members to choose from. We have brought back Tuesday night dinners, we are trying out Thursday night meal/social, now offering a 4th Tuesday night Interactive event, 5th Tuesday "Food Challenge" and continuing our Friday night member's lounge! This is YOUR lodge, so please feel free to offer suggestions and your comments on what YOU want to see happening.

The next few months we will be focusing on our committees such as; Lodge Activities, Drug and Awareness, Americanism, Youth, Veterans, just to name a few. We ask that you inquire and join a committee as this is the best way to get to know ELKDOM. If you are interested in committee, please reach out to that chairperson or myself and we can begin that journey together. All committees and their chair details can be found on page #13 of this newsletter.

You ask what we are doing right now??

July is our auditing month, and our Auditing and Accounting Team is impressively working on ensuring that YOUR lodge is in compliance with Grand Lodge requirements.

Our Board of Trustees presented the 2024-2025 Lodge budget for member approval this past June 18th, members approved it and now it's time to stay in the black. If you are interested in learning more about the budget, we encourage you to review this document that is posted in the members lounge or talk to one of our trustees.

Public Relations is in full swing and getting OUR Lodge recognized. We recently joined the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce (thanks Sandee McNeil and Brenda Harris) and are about to show up strong to their invites, events and mixers. We have a new banner (thanks Roger Harris), that proudly shares our accomplishments as recipient of the 2023-2024 "All American Lodge" contest. Our "MyELKS" mobile app will he headed

by Lisa Sievers and activation will begin shortly and we will continue looking into utilizing this technology to provide quicker information with a sense of ease.

Upcoming public events to look out for that you should be excited to talk about, invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers are as follows. ELVIS is coming to the lodge on July 26th and will be headed by our very own Sherry White, so please reach out to her for details if you want to help out or make a reservation. In August, our amazing Hawaiian Luau is returning to the lodge thanks to Al Vigil. Save the date of Saturday August $10^{\rm th}$. This is another opportunity to get involved and help make this a memorable afternoon so please reach out to Al and get your name on his volunteer list.

Then in September, we will host a lodge favorite "Tom Rigney". This is an evening of Cajun music, dancing and great food. Linda Vigil (PER) is spearheading this event so please connect with her as this is a great but large event and volunteers are greatly appreciated.

When we think about membership, the heartbeat of all lodges, you should all be impressed and feel proud of the accomplishments so far. Since April $1^{\rm st}$, Lodge No 2117 has initiated 11 new members! This shows that you are proud of what we do, what we stand for and what we give back to our communities. We are now displaying a new member progress chart in the members lounge area for everyone to see how we are trending to the goal of 20% increase this fraternal year! So, please keep spreading the words of ELKDOM and as our new STATE California Hawaii president says "Elkdom, Love It, Live It, Promote It"

In closing, I will be in Austin Texas from June 29th through July 3rd to represent OUR lodge at the Grand Lodge Yearly Convention. This is intended to gain stronger knowledge of our programs, future charters, fundraising opportunities and Upon return, the plan is to share with everyone what was learned.

Genuinely, John Lozano, Exalted Ruler

John Lozano

We invite all members to come and celebrate ELKS birthdays! Starting this June, we will now be celebrating YOUR birthday in a traditional "Family-Style" Celebration. We will have some cake, singing and all-around fun. We encourage you to swing by and join in on the celebration!!



JULY: Friday Night the 19th at 6:30 PM in the members Lounge

AUGUST: Friday Night the 30th at 6:30 PM in the members Lounge



Elks 2117

JULY 30th, is our 5th Tuesday Night and we will be having a fun and creative "Food Challenge" here at the lodge. Lets get creative and share your ideas? Cupcake Bake Off, Chile Challenge, Salad Toss-Up, Grilled Cheese Melt-Down... Contact John Lozano, ER and lets get you involved!!





FROM THE STATION OF THE

Esteemed Loyal Knight Linda Vigil (PER)

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: It is the LIFE BLOOD of our order! Members provide the leadership, the manpower for preforming programs, the financial stability of the Lodge and assure the Order's standing as a leading benefactor of mankind. The challenge is maintaining steady, healthy membership growth in our Lodge. Every member must not only sell ELKDOM to prospective members but also motivate others to participate in this effort. Livermore/

Pleasanton has 211 members! That is AWESOME because we finally passed the 199 members. But just think if every member Proposed one new person to our Lodge what it would look like.

As Membership Chairperson for our Lodge I plan on starting a Membership Committee in the near future and will reach out to some of are members to join. Remember to always carry 1 or 2 Applications with you, because you never know someone WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER of OUR LODGE!

<u>AMERICANISM</u>: The ambition and goal of the AMERICANISM PROGRAM is to quicken the spirit of American patriotism and to stimulate an awareness and genuine feeling of pride and respect toward patriotism so that we as Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will became constant reminders to the people of our Nation that America truly means freedom and Elks Care and Elks Share.

There are a couple of things that fall under Americanism, one is Americanism Essay Contest for grades fifth, sixth, seventh and eight grades. Participates in this program write essays on patriotic themes selected by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee and compete for National Recognition. The theme for this years essay will be announced at Grand Lodge this Session.

If I could put word out that I need help getting into the schools this year in Livermore and Pleasanton. If any of our members have connections to the schools please reach out to me. And our Lodge has already participated in Flag Day at the Lodge and ER John Lozano gave out several small flags.

Fraternally, Linda Vigil, Loyal Knight, PER & (Central District Americanism Chair & Membership Chair)

Highlights from FLAG DAY - June 14th, 2024







An Elks Tradition of Patriotism that has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization.





FROM THE STATION OF THE

Esteemed Leading Knight

Marilyn Elwood (PER)

This year as Leading Knight, I am the chair of the following committees: (CHEMPI - California-Hawaii Elks Major Projects Inc., aka Major Projects, Purple Pig): This is a program of supporting services to aid unmet needs of children with disabilities (physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language therapy) at no cost to their families and without discrimination. The largest source of income to fund the annual budget of CHEMPI comes from the Piggy Bank donations. My goal for this committee is to in-

crease our per member giving income. At each lodge function, we will put the purple pigs on tables in order to increase our major project donations. On Tuesdays, for the last couple of months, we've averaged \$55 in donations to the purple pigs from approximately 15-20 members in attendance at dinner before our meetings.

<u>COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:</u> We strive to attract members of the community to join our lodge by our community-service programs and activities. Some of our upcoming activities which will be open to the public are Elvis, July 26; Luau, August 10; Tom Rigney, September 28; Holiday Boutique in November. In June, approximately 30 members from the Elks Lodge participated in helping with parking at the Livermore Rodeo. Rodeo parking is an annual activity. If you would like to volunteer for next year, please contact the Lodge and we'll be happy to put your name on the list.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: This committee is more than monitoring and lobbying legislation in our state. Tracking and reporting all the hours and money donated to our charitable programs are also beneficial. When we have events at our Lodge, we need to invite city and county members to attend so they can see what our Lodge is doing at a local level. We hope to obtain city official speakers such as Mayor Marchand, City Councilman Ben Barrientos, Alameda County Supervisor and member of our Lodge David Haubert; perhaps the police commissioner or fire chief. If you have suggestions or contacts, please let us know. We recently received an application for membership from Kyle Godrich, a Livermore 7-year policeman; Kyle was our First Responder Award recipient for last year. Trustee Barbara Harrington, new member Peter Zamora, and I went to Granada High School in May to give a Citizen of the Year Award to a local man, Ian Murphy, for his accomplishments in raising a million dollars for the local school districts, teachers, and youth activities.

If you are interested in joining any of these committees, or any other committee which is listed in the news-letter, please contact Sherry, the Lodge Secretary at 925-455-8829, and leave a message. The committee chair will be happy to talk to you and get you involved.

Fraternally,

Marilyn Elwood, Leading Knight, PER & (Central District Lodge PER President Chairperson & Jamboree Representative Committee Officer)





HAPPY BRTHDAY!



Scott D. Hart Marci L. Hernandez Jason Vigil Jeffrey T. Gil Lee E. Series Marc Lang Lee Mathew Bill C. Replogle Doran L. Burrow Larry R. Martin James B. Pasut Lisa Mentz Sievers William H. Kleist Kent Ochs Robert F. Harrower Tony C. Sparks Sandra Chesterman Priscilla Dunlap Kenneth E. Kirkman Emily D. Rocha Christopher Root Earl F. Woodson Patrick Coleman Rosanne Sallee Janice Y. Biehl



Alan L. Bell
Neal Fornaciari
Riley D. Carver
Lonnie J. Chase
Tammy A. Sturgill
Marvin Bryant
George R. Ellenberger
Jeremy Allen Kennedy
Robert M. Fornaciari
Kimberly R. Demers
Mike Hannig

MEETING NIGHT BUCKET DRAWING



06/18/24 Meeting—Al Vigil #3174 (WINNER of \$25.00)

07/02/24 Next Meeting - Jack Pot is re-set to \$25

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN



*M*ake a *Difference...* Join a Committee!



With our 4th month into the new Fraternal Year, we are asking members to step up and join a committee. Just a few to think about, Activities, Veterans, Membership, Youth, Auditing & Accounting, PER... Get to know the inner workings of your lodge, meet other members, participate in change and have fun while doing it.

If you are curious or just want to talk about it, please call John Lozano, ER at 510-506-3594...and let us know what you would like to do.







Livermore Pleasanton Lodge No 2117

Proudly Presents a Night of Music and Dancing to
Cajun and Blues music by

Tom Rigney & Flambeau





Saturday , September 28th, 2024

Tickets: \$40.00 pre-paid or \$45.00 at the door
6:00 PM—Doors Open for Pre-Concert Cocktails
7:00 PM—Concert and Dancing

(sales tax included)

Louisiana Cuisine will be available for purchase: Gumbo \$14.00 or Red Beans and Rice \$10.00

Lodge Address: 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA. 94551
Tickets & Information please call the Lodge Office at 925-455-8829 or
email at: secretary2117@comcast.net



Jeremy "ELVIS" Pearce

Event Fee: \$35.00 per person (Price Includes All Relevant Taxes)

Larkspur Event Center at the Livermore Pleasanton ELKS Lodge No 2117

> Bar will open at 6:00 PM-Show at 7:30 PM Coffee and Dessert Bar Included



Please call (925) 455-8829 or email: secretary2117@comcast.net Address: 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA. 94551





THANK YOU to the many members that came out in force in support of our parking fund raiser at this years Livermore Rodeo on June 8th and 9th.

Saturday, June 8th: Terri Stillwell, Kelly Martinez, Brett Burrow, Roy Weiner, Andy McCarthy, Mike Amato, Jeremy Kennedy, Marvin Bryant, we also had 9 student volunteers

Sunday June 9th: Mark Belmessieri, Mike Berg, Doug Bell, Robert Peterson, Tom Kroll, John Lozano, Andy McCarthy, Don Cross, Andy Webber, Marvin Bry-

We know that not every member is able to participate. I thanked those who were not able to help and assured them that I would be calling on them in the future. We were able to recruit students from our local High Schools. These young students were outstanding and we could not have completed our assignment without them. We hope to be as successful next year!!

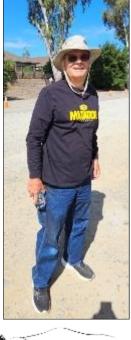
Report Submitted by: Andy McCarthy (PER) and Linda Valenty (DDGER)











World's Fastest LIVERMORE RODEO

Did you know that we are recycling at the Lodge??



Bring your clean plastic bottles to the Lodge as a donation. All donated plastic bottles will be collected on a weekly basis and turned in for cash. This cash will be deposited into the "Backyard Fund" project. Help us advance the backyard by simply donating your plastic to us! Please reach out to our 5year trustee, Mark Belmessieri for additional questions.



ENJOY some new happenings at the lodge. Join us on the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 PM for some FUN!

4th TUESDAY Night Events

July 23 – Tuesday – Ice Cream Social: Join us for an old-fashioned ice cream social where the main focus is to have ice cream. This summer gathering allows us to cool off by eating ice cream while socializing with other members. Enjoy toppings like chocolate syrup, sprinkles and peanuts, some bananas, maraschino cherries, whipped cream topping.

August 27 – Tuesday – BINGO Night: Bingo night is more than just a game night. It's a social gathering and a space to meet new people in every age group! Bring your competitive spirit to the Lodge, have a snack and a beverage while having good old fun!

September 24 – Tuesday – Digital Photo Workshop: Learn the basics of how to create a digital album using Google or 3rd party web-based applications. On-line photo storage is big now and sharing pictures in a digital world can be overwhelming... Learn a few ideas and make those precious memories into lasting keepsakes.

October — 22 — Tuesday -Pumpkin Carving: Create an amazing Jack-O-Lantern this year, just in time for Halloween!! This is a family style workshop, meaning an adult and child pair can come together. Carving up designs on your pumpkins and gourds is easier than you might think!

November 26 – Tuesday – White Elephant: Donate something someone would want or use and in good condition but also snag that one-of-a-kind item you can't find anywhere else. Find that one-of-a-kind treasure just in time for the holidays!!



4th Tuesday Night Events

WHATS AHEAD at YOUR LODGE

Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
July	Tuesday	2-Jul	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
July	Friday	5-Jul	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
July	Tuesday	9-Jul	Board/Officer Meeting	5PM
July	Tuesday	9-Jul	Trustee Meeting	6PM
July	Thursday	11-Jul	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
July	Friday	12-Jul	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
July	Tuesday	16-Jul	Dinner Night Only	5PM
July	Friday	19-Jul	July Birthday Recognition Night	6:30PM
July	Friday	19-Jul	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
July	Tuesday	23-Jul	Ice Cream Social	6PM
July	Wednesday	24-Jul	Brunch 4 Vets @ Lodge	9AM
July	Friday	26-Jul	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
July	Friday	26-Jul	ELVIS at the Lodge	7PM
July	Tuesday	30-Jul	Food Fun Challenge#1	6PM

Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
August	Friday	2-Aug	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
August	Tuesday	6-Aug	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
August	Thursday	8-Aug	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
August	Friday	9-Aug	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
August	Saturday	10-Aug	Hawaiian Style Lūʻau	3PM
August	Tuesday	13-Aug	Board/Officer Meeting	5PM
August	Tuesday	13-Aug	Trustee Meeting	6PM
August	Friday	16-Aug	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
August	Tuesday	20-Aug	Dinner Night Only	5PM
August	Friday	23-Aug	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
August	Tuesday	27-Aug	Bingo Night at Lodge	6PM
August	Friday	30-Aug	August Birthday Recognition Eve	6:30PM
August	Friday	30-Aug	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM

Mark your Calendars & Support Lodge No. 2117

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Sat	9		13	20	27	
Frî	22	Opens at 5 pm	Opens at 5 pm	19 BIRTHDAY CAKE	26 ELVIS NIGHT	
Thu	4		11 BONGO at VETS	18	25 9 am BRUNCH 4 VETS	
Wed	8	~	10	17	24 Brunch 9 am BRUNCH 4 VETS	31
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Alfonso E. Hernandez

Livermore/Pleasanton -**ELKS LODGE 2117 Veterans**

Elden Ables William S. Anderson Patrick Coleman David L. Cowin

Floyd L. Richards

James C. Johnstone Robert M. Rochin

Alan L. Bell

Royce D. Eckard

Patrick J. Judge Ruediger Roenick

Charles D. Bell

George R. Ellenberger

James A. Taylor

Michael Paul Berg

David George Elms

William H. Kleist

William E. Biehl

Phillip Fleschler

Malcom McNeil

Byron L. Kitt

Roy D. Warner

Paul Biery

Steve D. Greene

Steven H. Paulson

Darryl B. Worcester

Riley D. Carver

Lonnie J. Chase

Peter L. Halver

Robert F. Harrower

Don Perry

Richard D. Powell



Please call the lodge at 925-455-8829 if you are a Veteran to have your name added to our list. Thanks for Serving! (Updated (05/12/2024)



We **JOINED!!**

We are now officially

members of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Our Lodge has just strengthened the presence in the Tri-Valley and we are ready to GROW... Keep an eye open for upcoming events.



January 1st

News Years Dav

January 20th

Inauguration Day

3rd Monday each January

Martin Luther-King Jr. Day

February 12th

Lincoln's Birthday

February 22nd

Washington Birthday

November 11th

Veteran's Day

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All material is due no later than the 15th of the month. Send all articles to

John Lozano. Editor email address: livemore2117elks@gmail.com

Cell: 510-506-3594

Memorial Day (fly at half-sta	
Flag Day	
Independence Day	
Labor Day	
Patriot Day	

2024 - 2025 Fraternal Year				
	LODGE OFFICERS			
Exalted Ruler	John Lozano	510-506-3594		
Leading Knight	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096		
Loyal Knight	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875		
Lecturing Knight	Marvin Bryant	925-321-3004		
Secretary	Sherry White	510-928-6051		
Treasurer	Carolyn Woodson	925-200-9056		
Esquire	Fred Camuñez, PER	925-980-7153		
Chaplain	Michael Amato	925-580-9382		
Inner Guard	Jo Ann Acero, PER	408-431-3559		
Tiler	Earl Woodson	925-580-2194		
	TRUSTEES			
1 Year	Mark Belmessieri	925-788-9473		
2 Year	Barbara Harrington-Selbach	925-371-6342		
3 Year	Alfonso Hernandez	925-292-5299		
4 Year	Michael Berg	209-609-4856		
5 Year	Jeremy Kennedy	925-321-4700		
(OFFICE & FACILITES			
Bookkeeper	External Company	N/A		
Bar Steward	Marci Hernandez	253-261-4910		
Kitala an Otananda	Marvin Bryant	925-321-3004		
Kitchen Stewards	Albert Vigil	925-676-3485		
Janitor	Robert Redmond	925-449-4505		
Secretary Office	Main Number	925-455-8829		
Lodge E-mail	Secretary2117@comcast	t.net		

MEMBERSHIP REPORT	
Beginning April 01, 2024	209
Initiated	11
Affiliated	0
Transfer Demit (Transfer In)	0
Reinstated	0
Dropped (Cancelled Delinquent Membership)	2
Transfer Demit (Transfer Out)	2
Absolute Demit (Cancelled Current Membership)	0
Deceased	1
Membership Total (As of print date)	215
Gain/Loss	6
Waiting to Be Read at Next Meeting	1
In Hands of Investigating Committee	3
Ready for Balloting	0
Ready for Orientation	3
Ready for Initiation	3
Delinquency (6 Months)	26
Delinquency (+1 Year)	0
Lapsation Rate	12.44%
Average Age of Member	69.89
Life Members	14

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS					
Accident Prevention	Michael Berg	209-609-4856			
Activities Committee	Patty Pollett	925-367-7743			
Community Projects & Activities	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096			
Drug Awareness	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594			
Hoop Shoot	Barbara Harrington- Selbach	925-371-6342			
Mother's Day	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594			
Public Relations	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594			
Youth Activities	Terry Stillwell	925-640-9113			
Fraternal Committee	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594			
Americanism	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875			
ELKS Memorial Day	Linda Valenty, DDGER	925-785-3288			
Elks National Foundation	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594			
Flag Day	Linda Valenty, DDGER	925-785-3288			
Lodge Activities	Patty Pollett	925-367-7743			
Membership	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875			
Investigations	Carolyn Perry	925-443-2592			
Orientation	Albert Vigil	925-676-3485			
Veterans Service	Earl Woodson	925-580-2194			
Auditing & Accounting	Phillip Fleschler	510-377-7377			
Bequest & Living Trust	Dave Frank	925-667-6170			
Business Practices	John Lozano, ER	510-506-3594			
Elks Training	Albert Vigil	925-676-3485			
Government Relations	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096			
Historian	Albert Vigil	925-676-3485			
Jamboree Representative	Andy McCarthy, PER	925-337-6482			
Lapsation	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875			
PER Association President	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096			
Ritualistic	Jo Ann Acero, PER	408-431-3559			
Scholarship	Andy McCarthy, PER	925-337-6482			
Standing Relief	Michael Amato	925-580-9382			
State Major Project	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096			
NEWSLETTER					
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Office Hours

Monday thru Wednesday10:00 AM to 2:00 PM & Friday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Tuesday Meeting Nights 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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Lodge Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM (3rd Tuesday is New Member Initiation Night)

Tuesday Meeting Nights: 5:00 PM Members Lounge Opens and Dinner is served at: 6:00 PM, Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM