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### **Upcoming Events**

**April 2nd:** Installation of 2024 2025 Officers @ 7PM

**April 9th:** Board/Trustee Meeting (open to all)

April 16th: Members Meeting

Night @ 7PM

April 19th: Billiards Family

Fun Night

April 30th: Outdoor Garden

Fun Workshop @ 6PM

May 4th: Night At The Races

May 12th: Mother's Day Cele-

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May 28th: Lodge 101 Learn-

ings Seminar @ 6PM

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Hello Family-

I am excited to welcome you all to a new fraternal year, here at OUR Lodge. I've been entrusted with the task of being your newest Exalted Ruler for 2024-2025 and I'm certain your history, commitment and passion for ELKDOM will be a valuable complement to our team and will help us thrive in our new positions.

This court of officers is an incredible mix of talent and experience so let me introduce them formally. <u>Marilyn Elwood, PER</u> will be our Leading Knight, <u>Linda Vigil, PER</u> will be our Loyal Knight, <u>Marvin Bryant</u> will be our Lecturing Knight, <u>Jo Ann Acero, PER</u> will be our Inner Guard, <u>Michael Amato will be our Lodge Chaplin</u>, Earl Woodson will

be our Tiler, <u>Fred Camuñez</u>, <u>PER</u> will be our Esquire, <u>Carolyn Woodson</u> will be our Treasurer, <u>Sherry White</u> will be our Secretary and I, <u>John Lozano</u> will be your Exalted Ruler. Together we promise and I commit to keeping Benevolence in high regard!

As for me...many of you may know my name. I have been an active member for 10 years and your trusted Lodge Newsletter Editor of "THE ELKS HORN". I have resided here in Livermore since 2004 and I am proud to call the Tri-Valley home. Erica and I have an amazing family which I hope you will all meet over these next several months as we all become better acquainted. We have a son and daughter that both reside here in Livermore. Stephen is the executive chef and curator of unique cuisine at a local restaurant and Jacqueline is an up and coming professional within the metal industries who will likely bridge that gap with representation of women in key leadership positions. We are also fortunate to have 2 grand-daughters who are active in our lives. Jesenia is an office lead at an intown traffic signal display equipment company and Victoria is a scientist in the field of mass spectrometry. They are our pride and joy!

I plan on being at our lodge as often as possible, spending time learning, listening and absorbing all your wisdom. Occasionally I will be obligated to travel to represent Livermore/Pleasanton. Our annual Ritual Competition will be held in Modesto next month and rest assured this new team is actively training to represent Livermore/Pleasanton. This competition provides a means for Elks who have prepared to exemplify the teachings of Elkdom, to be rewarded for their time and effort and

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to be recognized for their contribution to the future of Elkdom as best as possible.

In May, a few officers and I, will be attending our State Convention in Fresno. This convention gives us the opportunity to acquire knowledge and ideas that work for other lodges, that just might work for us. In July, we will also be traveling to Austin, Texas to attend Grand Lodge Convention. This is where Elk Members from across the country will meet, pass changes to the laws of the Order, and in general have a great time learning about Elkdom. Finally in November, our Mid-Term Meeting will be held in Burbank, and this is my final travel need as your ER for the year. This meeting is a series of Workshops/Team Building sessions that are designed to strengthen our lodge and members awareness.

We are planning on having our lodge open on Tuesdays, effective Apil 2<sup>nd</sup> and begin to introduce dinners at 6 PM. I have heard from many of you that this was an integral part of being connected and it has been sorely missed. I encourage you to watch for emails and get your reservations in. One "new" addition on Tuesdays that I am excited to share will be (I hope) fun, engaging and an interactive experience. This is planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Check page #8 of this edition for details on those dates. In addition to Tuesday night we have some larger activities lined up. Here are just a few ticklers to think about, Evening at the Races returns in May, Food Trucks in July, Hawaiian Luau in August, Tom Rigney Concert in September, Octoberfest Celebration in October, and a Holiday Boutique in November.

In closing...This past fraternal year we have had more new members initiated (29 to be exact) than in previous years. Thank You Marilyn! We want to keep that momentum going and it's only possible with your commitment to keep lodge#2117 active, relevant, interesting and fun. We are looking to you to become involved during this upcoming year by volunteering and attending our events. Someone in our leadership will be reaching out to you to see what you may be interested in participating in. A few things that come to mind are Lodge Monitors (for the event center), Volunteer Bar Tenders and Food Handlers for Lodge events. "Many hands make work light", so think about volunteering! Together, we can make this an exciting fun-filled year!

Genuinely, John Lozano, Exalted Ruler John Lozano





# T Commitment Trust

Elks National Foundation.

### **BLT Legacy Giving Made Simple**

Have you ever wondered what BLT means? Bequests and Living Trust. This is Legacy Giving . It's really very simple. These are gifts made to help fund the Major Project and one way to think of BLT is to compare it to ENF. The

Funds that go to BLT provide future dollars to help children who will need the assistance from the Major Project. In other words, if there is ever a time when the monies raised through the purple piggy banks are insufficient to cover the expenses of providing care to the children, the BLT Legacy Giving program is there to meet that need. In the meantime, these monies remain invested in the BLT fund to grow for the future.

BLT Legacy Giving and the Purple Piggy Bank work hand in hand to ensure that our therapists and vision screeners can continue to provide much needed services to children throughout California and Hawaii.

If you would like to learn more about the BLT Legacy Giving, Contact the Lodge at 925-455-8829



Peter L. Halver
George Banovich
Judith B. Hayden
Richard Caraveo
Darrin Ohlhauser
James Fred Goff
Alan J. Gates
Matt Lawer
David J Sanchez
Michael Amato
Kathleen Grace Hendrix
Bill Buchanan
Linda Kay Valenty
Cynthia Ellen Burrow



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William T. Souza

### MEETING NIGHT BUCKET DRAWING



11/07/23 Meeting— Dave Frank #3330 (not present)

11/21/23 Meeting—David Peterson #3345 (not present)

12/05/23 Meeting—Jimmy Burns #1466 (not present)

01/02/24 Meeting—Ruediger Roenick #3297 (not present)

01/16/24 Meeting—Donald Cross #3531 (not present)

02/06/24 Meeting—Timothy Brophy #3538 (not present)

02/20/24 Meeting— Kirk Weiss #3533 (not present)

03/05/24 Meeting—Jeremy Kennedy #3188 (not present)

03/19/24 Meeting—Tom Costa #3185 (not present)

04/02/24 Next Meeting - Jack Pot is now \$75

YOU MUST BE PRESENT



Larkspur Event Center Tri Valley's Hidden Gem

> At the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge



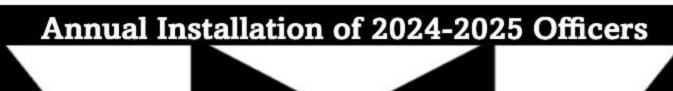




Last month we were informed that **Page Gates** will be leaving ELKDOM. She has helped us advance in so many ways that we don't know where to begin. We wish you the best of luck on your next journey!!

THIS LODGE will ALWAYS be HOME to YOU!!





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LODGE #2117



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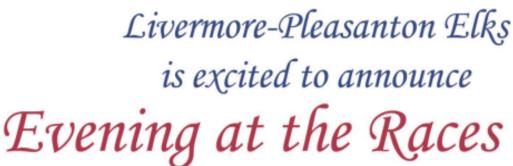
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Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Season Vegetables and Dessert

No host cocktails starting at 5:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM Installation Immediately After

> Tuesday April 2, 2024 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA 94551

Business Attire is requested and seating is limited. Call office for RSVP (925)-455-8829





# Saturday, May 4, 2024

Elks Lodge #2117, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore, CA 94551

5:30 pm doors open | 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 - 9:30 pm horse racing

\$35.00 per person
(Event proceeds will support Elks' charities)

Please RSVP to Sherry White via email (secretary2117@comcast.net) or by calling the office at 925-455-8829.

All reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2024

When you arrive; you'll receive a Racing Program with a plastic pocket containing \$2,000 in script money. You'll be able to use your script money to bet on any combination of six horses in six heats. Additional script money will be available for purchase for \$20 in real money for \$2,000 in script money. Since everything is script money; it means you can bet tens of thousands of dollars and never lose a cent.

A grid pattern will be taped off on the lodge floor. Volunteers will stand in this grid pattern. These volunteer horses will progress along the grid through a process of rolling large foam rubber dice to determine which horse will cross the finish line first.

Of course, you won't be able to win any actual money but you can win bragging rights! We'll even give prizes and winners certificates to every winning horse and the top three winners of script money to cement those bragging rights. Since all proceeds will support Elks' charities; everyone will end the evening a winner.



## Place your bets.



Roll the dice. Win a prize!



A Dinner consisting of a Caesar salad, bread, and chicken pasta will be served from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Gluten-free pasta will be available if requested when you make your reservation. Then an all-you-can-eat dessert bar with coffee will be set out during an intermission between the fifth and sixth heats.

A \$35.00 discount will be offered to anyone reserving a table for eight or more people. You may pay with cash or a credit card that night but no one will be allowed entry without a reservation which must be made no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Please note that because alcoholic beverages will be available during the *Evening at* the *Races*; we must regrettably restrict attendance to this event to 21 years and older. Since this is an event where the proceeds go to charity, we request that you do not bring your own alcoholic beverages to this event.

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

**April 30 -Tuesday — Garden Workshop:** Get your hands dirty in this interactive workshop where you'll plant and nurture your very own garden space. From planting seed to using containers and growing in Small Spaces. Get your garden ready this spring. The workshop will be outdoors.

May 28 - Tuesday — Lodge 101: Introduction and refresher about YOUR ELKS Lodge. Interact and ask questions while we talk to professionals from a few key areas. Learn about the Kitchen, what does a Trustee do, Explore Committees and Volunteering, Sneak peek into being a Lodge monitor.

**June 25 - Tuesday — RV Experience and Tips**: Our lodge has many members who RV on a regular basis so why not share some favorite vacation spots, tips and tricks with proven success, must-have RV camping Items. RVing is a great way to travel and explore the outdoors. However, knowing the basics is important to having a stress-free trip. Let's talk about common practices...who knows....you may learn something!

**July 23 – 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!

**August 27 – 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.

**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!!

# whats ahead at your lodge

Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
April	Tuesday	2-Apr	Lodge Meeting (installation)	7PM
April	Friday	5-Apr	Members Lounge Social	5PM
April	Tuesday	9-Apr	Board Meeting	5:30PM
April	Thursday	11-Apr	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
April	Friday	12-Apr	Members Lounge Social	5PM
April	Tuesday	16-Apr	Lodge Meeting	7PM
April	Friday	19-Apr	Members Lounge Social	5PM
April	Friday	19-Apr	Pool Tournament	5PM
April	Wednesday	24-Apr	Brunch 4 Vets @ Lodge	9AM
April	Friday	26-Apr	Members Lounge Social	5PM
April	Saturday	27-Apr	Ritual Competition	2:50PM
April	Tuesday	30-Apr	Garden Workshop	6PM
Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
May	Friday	з-Мау	Members Lounge Social	5PM
May	Saturday	4-May	Evening at the Races	5:30PM
May	Tuesday	7-May	Lodge Meeting	7PM
May	Thursday	9-May	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
May	Friday	10-May	Members Lounge Social	5PM
May	Sunday	12-May	Mothers Day Event	10AM
May	Tuesday	14-May	Board Meeting	5:30PM
May	Friday	17-May	Members Lounge Social	5PM
May	Tuesday	21-May	Lodge Meeting	7PM
May	Wednesday	22-May	Brunch 4 Vets @ Lodge	9AM
May	Friday	24-May	Members Lounge Social	5PM
May	Tuesday	28-May	Lodge 101 Workshop	6PM
May	Friday	31-May	Members Lounge Social	5PM







### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All material is due no later than the 15th of

the month. Send all articles to

John Lozano. Editor email address: <a href="mailto:livemore2117elks@gmail.com">livemore2117elks@gmail.com</a>

Cell: 510-506-3594









# Sickness and Distress

Brothers and Sisters, let's keep our dear ones in our thoughts and prayers as they face medical and other challenges in their lives.

### Darrin and Nita Ohlhauser



Please help us all in our desire to send Brotherly Love to our members in need. Call (925) 455-8829 and LET US KNOW to whom we can express our love and concern. Let us know if you prefer the information to be kept confidential.

Submitted By: Chaplain Mike Amato

# The Emblem Club holds a Bunco party every month and would like to invite more ELKS to attend. Details Below





### OPENING ODE

[Air, "Auld Lang Syne."]
Great Ruler of the universe
All-seeing and benign,
Look down upon and bless our work,
And be all glory Thine;
May Charity as taught us here
Be ever borne in mind,
The Golden Rule our motto true,
For days of Auld Lang Syne.

One rap  $(\star)$  calls the Lodge to order, or seats it when standing; two raps  $(\star\star)$  call up the Officers; three raps  $(\star\star\star)$  call up the entire Lodge.



### *make a Difference...* Join a Committee!



As we enter a new Fraternal Year, we are looking for some members to step up and join a committee. 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.

Committees OPEN at time of print

Accident Prevention, Bequest & Living Trust, Business Practices, Drug Awareness, Elks National Foundation, Fraternal Committee, Memorial Day, Public Relations, Youth Activities







Low Cobb 05/14/1930 — 03/13/2024 47 Years as an ELK

Elks Care - Elks Share



# Larkspur Event Center Tri Valley's Hidden Gem

At the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge

Consider us for your next event. Call us at 925-455-8829 to find out more information on rates, facility information and availability.



Help us support our Veterans here in Livermore!!

Join us and make a difference

We have 2 opportunities per month

ELKS play BINGO at the Veterans Affair Building in Livermore

4951 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550 2nd Thursday of every month from 1PM to 3PM





### **ELKS host Brunch at the Lodge**

940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 4th Wednesday of every month from 9AM to 1PM

Volunteers Are Needed!! If you are interested, please contact Earl Woodson by cell (925) 580-2194. We will be happy to get you involved.





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5 pm Members Lounge 6 pm Dinner Served 7 pm Installation of Officers for 2024_2025	Board of Trustees 5:30 pm Board and Trustee Meeting	16 5 pm Members Lounge 6 pm Dinner Served 7 pm Members Meeting	23	GARDEN WORKSHOP 6 pm Spring Garden Workshop
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19	20	21 5 pm Members Lounge 6 pm Dinner Served 7 pm Members Meeting	22 Brunch 9 am BRUNCH 4 VETS	23	Opens at 5 pm	25
26	Memorial Day	28 Lodge 101 Workshop	29	30	Opens at 5 pm	



# Livermore/Pleasanton - ELKS LODGE 2117 Veterans

Elden Ables	Lou Cobb	Robert F. Harrower	Richard D. Powell
William S. Anderson	Patrick Coleman	Alfonso E. Hernandez	Floyd L. Richards
Alan L. Bell	David L. Cowin	James C. Johnstone	Robert M. Rochin
Charles D. Bell	Royce D. Eckard	Patrick J. Judge	Ruediger Roenick
Michael Paul Berg	George R. Ellenberger	Byron L. Kitt	James A. Taylor
William E. Biehl	David George Elms	William H. Kleist	Roy D. Warner
Paul Biery	Phillip Fleschler	Malcom McNeil	Darryl B. Worcester
Riley D. Carver	Steve D. Greene	Steven H. Paulson	
Lonnie J. Chase	Peter L. Halver	Don Perry	



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 (01/31/2024)

**We are growing and we need your support.** The Lodge is looking for volunteer bartenders. You would need to be trained for those times you bartend. Below are a few guidelines that can help you get involved. If you are seriously interested, please contact our Bar Steward Marci Hernandez at (253)-261-4910.

### **RBS Training/Certification Process**

RBS training and certification has been available online since 2021. Each server will need to register individually and create their account. RBS training and certification is a 3 step process.

#### The first step is Registering with ABC as an alcohol server.

To begin, please visit the <u>RBS Portal</u> link to complete your server registration. You will need to use the training provider search function to see a list of approved RBS training providers and select one to take training.

You may also watch <u>Server tutorial</u> on our YouTube channel.

#### The second step is taking training from an authorized training provider.

The length of time could be between 2-4 hours, and some courses can be at your convenience and the preferred format of your choice (online or in-person). The cost may vary depending on the training provider.

To register for a training course, you will need to go to the training provider's website and follow their instructions for registering for a course. The training provider has up to 24 hours to report you have completed training and grant access to the exam.

### The third step is to take our alcohol server certification exam on the RBS Portal.

You will receive an email from ABC/RBS Portal notifying you that your exam is ready. The alcohol server certification exam must be completed within 30 days of the date training was taken.

To learn more about the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program, click the link to subscribe: <a href="https://www.abc.ca.gov/contact/subscribe/">https://www.abc.ca.gov/contact/subscribe/</a>



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		
Kitchen Stewards	Marvin Bryant / Al Vigil	925-321-3004 925-676-3485		
Janitor	Robert Redmond	925-449-4505		
Lodge Fax	Main Number	925-447-5520		
Member's Bar	Main Number	925-455-8829		
Lodge E-mail	Elks2117@comcast.net			

MEMBERSHIP REPORT	
Beginning April 01, 2023	200
Initiated	33
Affiliated	1
Transfer Demit (Transfer In)	0
Reinstated	0
Dropped (Cancelled Delinquent Membership)	18
Transfer Demit (Transfer Out)	1
Absolute Demit (Cancelled Current Membership)	1
Deceased	5
Membership Total (As of print date)	209
Gain/Loss	9
Waiting to Be Read at Next Meeting	2
In Hands of Investigating Committee	1
Ready for Balloting	0
Ready for Orientation	4
Ready for Initiation	2
Delinquency (3 Months)	0
Delinquency (+1 Year)	0
Lapsation Rate	0.00%
Average Age of Member	70.01
Life Members	15

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS				
Accident Prevention	VACANT	N/A		
Activities	Patty Pollett	925-367-7743		
Americanism	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875		
Auditing & Accounting	Phillip Fleschler	510-377-7377		
Bequest & Living Trust	VACANT	N/A		
Business Practices	VACANT	N/A		
Community Projects & Activities	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096		
Drug Awareness	VACANT	N/A		
Elks National Foundation	VACANT	N/A		
Elks Training	Al Vigil	925-676-3485		
Flag Day	Linda Valenty, DDGER	925-785-3288		
Fraternal Committee	VACANT	N/A		
Government Relations	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096		
Historian	Al Vigil	925-676-3485		
Hoop Shoot	Barbara Harrington- Selbach	925-371-6342		
Investigations	Jo Ann Acero, PER	408-431-3559		
Jamboree Representative	Andy McCarthy, PER	925-337-6482		
Lapsation	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875		
Lodge Activities	Patty Pollett	925-367-7743		
Membership	Linda Vigil, PER	510-579-4875		
Memorial Day	Linda Valenty, DDGER	925-785-3288		
Mother's Day	Linda Valenty, DDGER	925-785-3288		
Orientation	Al Vigil	925-676-3485		
PER Association President	Marilyn Elwood, PER	925-784-3096		
Public Relations	VACANT	N/A		
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		
Veterans Service	Earl Woodson	925-580-2194		
Youth Activities	VACANT	N/A		
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Lodge Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM

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