



The Elks Horn

Livermore/Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117

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Upcoming Events

- August 6th:** Dinner & Initiation/Meeting Night
- August 10th:** Hawaiian Luau
- August 20th:** Dinner Only Night
- August 27th:** BINGO Fun Night
- August 30th:** Member Birthday Recognition @ 6:30PM
- September 3rd:** Dinner & Meeting Night
- September 24th:** Chili Night Challenge
- September 28th:** Tom Rigney Concert

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August is a time to celebrate a good harvest and a good summer and here at your lodge we are celebrating with joy and amazement because membership engagement is up and curiosity (a strong desire to know or learn something) is happening.

A tremendous THANK YOU to those members that have been coming out to the lodge and supporting our diverse activities. As we move into our 5th month of this Fraternal Year we now have better ideas of what the Lodge is looking for when we talk about membership engagement. You ask what that is? Its change, variety and communication...

As your Exalted Ruler for this year, I am committed to YOU and this Lodge by ensuring that each member has the opportunity to experience ELKDOM, "To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship."

Even though this past July was supposed to be a dark month, we had some fun! From Tuesday Night Dinners, Craft Beer Sampling, Ice Cream Socials, ELVIS to our Summer Salad Challenge, we have variety! I don't think you will be disappointed in August either as we have a few surprises that we are ironing out so please keep refreshing your email inbox and make sure you scan those QR codes!

I know we all stive to have fun but the lodge is a business, and we are a charity, and a GREAT ONE at that, and we must run 2117 according to Grand Lodge Expectations. Keeping that in mind we are revamping and bringing our Interview and Orientation Process to the next level by using new Grand Lodge communications, brochures, videos and fact sheets to offer a deeper and long-lasting 1st impression to incoming members.

We are digging deeper into our State Major Project "Therapy Services for Children" and ensuring that each and every member that donates through the fundraising arm of CHEMPI known as the Purple Pig is recognized. If you are interested in becoming a recurring donor its very simple (or simply a time donation), simply click this link, <https://chea-elks.org/make-a-donation/> and join the members that already have decided to help. I challenge 5 members to sign up and once done so, please let me know and I promise you won't be disappointed. CHEA has some fun levels of recognition, check it out using this link, <https://chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/>.

Finally, we are working diligently to understand and support at greater levels the ENF program. The Elks National Foundation (ENF) invests in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants offer our Lodge an opportunity to serve our community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club and supporting the ENF is simple! Enroll online at, enf.elks.org/recurring and start your gift today! If you prefer to sign up through the mail, [click here](#) for an enrollment form.

Genuinely, *John Lozano* Exalted Ruler





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

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

SEPTEMBER: Friday Night the 27th at 6:30 PM in the members lounge

You're invited
ELKS Luau
Saturday, August 10th, 2024
Doors Open at 4:00 PM
Dinner at 5:30 PM
Larkspur Event Center at the Livermore
Pleasanton ELKS Lodge No. 2117

Traditional Hawaiian Feast
(includes free non- alcoholic Mai-Tai)
 Plus Live Entertainment!!

Cost **\$35.00** per person
 with RSVP required by August 7th
(Price includes All Relevant Taxes)

940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA. 94551
 Email: secretary2117@comcast.net
 Main: (925) 455-8829

BINGO
TUESDAY
August 27th 2024
6:00 PM
 AT
Larkspur Event Center
at the Livermore/Pleasanton ELKS
Lodge#2117

Loads of FUN for the family!

This event is open to the public so bring your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and everyone who loves to play the game!

CONTACT US
 (925) 455 8829 for More Details

PIZZA and NACHOS available for

ONLY \$10

Great Prizes to win!!

Address: 940 Larkspur Drive. Livermore, CA. 94550

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

Did you know that Recycling just 1 plastic bottle saves 6 hours of energy from a 60 watt light bulb and fewer than 10% of plastic bottles in the US are recycled. Just do the right thing for our future!



Bring your clean plastic bottles *and cans too* on your next visit to the Lodge. Drop them off 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 5 year trustee, Mark Belmessieri for additional questions.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE

Lodge Secretary

Sherry White

First would like to thank all the members for continuing to support the Lodge and all its events. We know that we cannot survive without our members. Having said that it is all our responsibility to encourage our friends and family members to join.

It is easy to sponsor someone to join and we all should have a couple applications with us in case someone expresses an interest. It would be nice, also, when you do sponsor someone that you let them know that there is a process and sometimes this may take some time.

The process is as follows for those of us who may have forgotten.

1. Application is received and then must be read on the floor (at a Lodge meeting)
2. The application is then turned over to the Investigation Committee for interview.
3. Next step is to Ballot/vote on the applicant at the next regular Lodge meeting.
4. Next step is Orientation.
5. Finally initiation.

As you can see this can take sometime depending on everyone's schedule and that is why it is important to share the process with the applicant. Of course. It is great to get new members but it is also important that we retain our members. So as sponsors we want to make sure we are in contact with the members we have brought in and make sure they attend events at the Lodge.

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one." (Jane Howard-writer).

Fraternally, Sherry White

ENF "Gratitude Grant" Highlights



Gratitude Grant was presented to "Reins in Motion" in the amount of \$1,250.00 on Tuesday July 16th. Pictured (L to R: Amanda Dortch, Katy Kempton, Terry Stillwell, Marilyn Elwood (PER)



Gratitude Grant was presented to "Exceptional Needs Network (ENN)" in the amount of \$1,250.00 on Monday July 15th. Pictured (L to R: Kristen Sprott, Wendy Hill, Barbara Harrington-Selbach, Valerie Hund, Patty Pollett, John Lozano (ER), Marci Hernandez, Sandee McNeil)

Article Submitted by: Barbara Harrington-Selbach



Alan L. Bell

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Lonnie J. Chase

Tammy A. Sturgill

Marvin Bryant

George R. Ellenberger

Jeremy Allen Kennedy

Perry R. Absher

Robert M. Fornaciari

Kimberly R. Demers

Mike Hannig



Proud Members of



Nyoka Marie Corley

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Don L. Patters

Maria Dolores Sanchez

Jannice L. Brown

Michael Gordon

Norma Marks

Carolyn Woodson

Marilyn R. Elwood

Michael Paul Berg

Elden Ables

James Kester

Malcom McNeil

Peter Zamora

Troy Lewis

Deryl L. Word

Owen F. Parker

James C. Johnstone

Richard F. Palmer

MEETING NIGHT BUCKET DRAWING



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

08/06/24 Next Meeting - Jack Pot is re-set to \$25

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN



Larkspur Event Center Tri Valley's Hidden Gem

At the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge

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



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



SAVE THE DATE

The District Jamboree will be at the Walnut Creek Lodge this year.

Friday October 4th & Saturday October 5th, 2024

The theme this year is:

“CRUISING THE CREEK”

think American Graffiti

Usually, the agenda goes like this -

Friday: Dinner at the Walnut Creek Lodge

Saturday: Cookoffs - Cupcake contests, Lunch, Jamboree
themed games, Raffles & Awards Dinner

We encourage All Lodge, their Officers, and
Lodge Members to attend and participate.

Thank You!



CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

By making a Donation to California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. your gift today will help hundreds of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii to Walk, Talk, See and Play! Donations are welcomed in any amount or you may want to choose to join one of our exclusive clubs and receive a special thank you.



A coin a day so they can
walk, talk, see and play!

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Contributors: Phillip Fleschler, Joe Lopez, Steven H Paulson

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Recurring Donors: Janice L. Brown, Marilyn Elwood, Barbara Harrington-Selbach, Brenda L. Harris, Linda Valenty, John Lozano

This months Purple Pig Tally Turn-In: Lizlynne Hannig pig collected \$71.73, Tracy Lewis pig collected \$61.34 , Kimberly Demers pig collected \$20.17

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAJOR PROJECT!!!

Save the Date!
2024 Elks Rally!
October 3rd - 6th, 2024
Golden Village Palms
Hemet, CA

Stay Connected: ElksRally.org

Be an Early Bird, Register by July 31st to save!

Rudy
2024
Theme Child

All donations are tax-deductible

Elks Care - Elks Share.





The ENF Fidelity Club , These are our members of the ENF Fidelity Club, who currently support the ENF on a regular basis via direct debit or recurring credit card gifts.

Mrs. Barbara Harrington-Selbach (Twenty-Five Recurring Gifts) / Mr. Roger G. Harris (Member) / Mrs. Brenda Harris (Twenty-Five Recurring Gifts) / Mr. John Lozano (Member)

ENF Loyalty Club Honor Roll, encourages and celebrates long-term annual support by honoring donors who give annually for five or more consecutive fiscal years.

Mr. William E. Biehl (Consecutive Years: 8) / Mrs. Barbara Harrington-Selbach (Consecutive Years: 9) / Mr. Steven Paulson (Consecutive Years: 7) / Mrs. Tammy A. Sturgill (Consecutive Years: 10)



Lodge's July Fundraising Statistics

2024-25 Per-Member-Giving Goal: \$5.00

Donation Deadline: 3/31/25

Total Donations \$755.00

Membership Support: 1.91%

Per-Member-Giving: \$ 3.612

Fidelity Club Members: 4

Renewal Rate: 36.36%

2024-25 ENF in your State: \$ 1.736

Leaky Bucket: -7

2024-25 Lodge Grant Funds: \$3,500.00

Updated through 07/23/2024

We need your support to reach the \$5.00 Per-Member-Giving Goal for 2024-25. We are currently at \$3.612.

We are a FLAG Retirement Location Now.

Livermore Pleasanton ELKS 2117 is proud to offer our communities a solution for gathering worn, torn, and tattered flags for proper retirement. We now have 2 retirement boxes available at the Lodge. (One in the members social lounge and the other in the main lobby that leads into the event center).

When an American flag becomes worn out or torn, the U.S. Flag Code dictates how to respectfully retire it.

Once our boxes are full we will hold a retirement ceremony and then work with local agencies to retire flags in a proper manner. Please call ahead to ensure the office is open before bringing your flag. Office number is 925-455-8829.



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

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 – Chili Night Challenge: As we prepare for our Central District Jamboree Weekend in October, why not have some fun & practice your Chili skills before we enter a few into the competition?! The Lodge will supply Bread and a Salad to accompany your chili entry.

October – 22 – Tuesday -Pumpkin Succulent Making Party: Create an amazing pumpkin & succulent center piece this year, just in time for the Fall Season!! This is a family style workshop, meaning an adult and child pair can come together. Creating your 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

JOIN THE CLUB!
 Start a monthly gift to the Elks National Foundation at enf.elks.org/FC or learn more by scanning the QR code.






Elks Hoop Shoot



Elks National Foundation
Scholarship Programs

The **BLT** Commitment Trust















WHATS AHEAD at YOUR LODGE

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 Lū'au	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

















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September	Tuesday	3-Sep	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
September	Friday	6-Sep	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
September	Tuesday	10-Sep	Board/Officer Meeting	5PM
September	Tuesday	10-Sep	Trustee Meeting	6PM
September	Thursday	12-Sep	Bingo @ Vets	1PM
September	Friday	13-Sep	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
September	Tuesday	17-Sep	Dinner and Lodge Meeting	6-7PM
September	Friday	18-Sep	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
September	Tuesday	24-Sep	Chili Night Challenge	6PM
September	Wednesday	25-Sep	Brunch for Vets @ Lodge	9AM
September	Friday	27-Sep	Members Lounge Social Night	5PM
September	Saturday	28-Sep	Tom Rigney Concert	6PM

Mark your Calendars & Support Lodge No 2117

AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		 5 pm Members Lounge 6 pm Dinner Served 7 pm Members Meeting		 1 pm BINGO at VETS	 Opens at 5 pm	 4 pm Hawaiian LUAU
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		 5 pm Officer Meeting 6 pm Trustee Meeting			 Opens at 5 pm	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		 6 pm Dinner Night!!			 Opens at 5 pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		 6 pm BINGO Night!!	 9 am BRUNCH 4 VETS		 BIRTHDAY CAKE	

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3  5 pm Members Lounge 6 pm Dinner Served 7 pm Members Meeting	4	5	6  Opens at 5 pm	7
8 	9	10  Officer & Trustee Meeting 5 pm Officer Meeting 6 pm Trustee Meeting	11 	12  1 pm BINGO at VETS	13  Opens at 5 pm	14
15	16	17  5 pm Members Lounge 6 pm Dinner Served 7 pm Members Meeting	18	19	20  Opens at 5 pm	21 
22 	23	24  6pm Chili Challenge	25  9 am BRUNCH 4 VETS	26	27  BIRTHDAY CAKE	28 
29	30					





Livermore/Pleasanton - ELKS LODGE 2117 Veterans

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

InMemoriam

Bruce Nevin


11/07/1941 – 06/23/2024

Initiated into the order on
11/04/1968

56 years as a member

To the family, relatives and friends, we, as Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, we pay tribute of affection and honor to our Brother Bruce Nevin who has passed through the shadows into everlasting peace.

Fundraiser Cookbook



Memories are forever with family cookbooks! So why not make a Lodge cookbook centered around your best memories of the recipe you would like to share.

A Lodge Members cookbook can be filled with the flavors and nostalgia of your family's unique story! We can make it a personalized keepsake that will be passed down from generation to generation.

We are looking at creating a fundraising opportunity while having fun doing it. If you are interested in being part of this, please let us know, get in contact with Michael Berg, our head Trustee who is leading this charge or email us at: livermore2117elks@gmail.com.

Elks 2117

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 & FACILITIES

Bookkeeper	External Company	N/A
Bar Steward	Marci Hernandez	253-261-4910
Kitchen Stewards	Marvin Bryant Albert Vigil	925-321-3004 925-676-3485
Janitor	Robert Redmond	925-449-4505
Secretary Office	Main Number	925-455-8829
Lodge E-mail	Secretary2117@comcast.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	2
Membership Total (As of print date)	214
Gain/Loss	5
Waiting to Be Read at Next Meeting	4
In Hands of Investigating Committee	1
Ready for Balloting	2
Ready for Orientation	2
Ready for Initiation	1
Delinquency (6 Months)	17
Delinquency (+1 Year)	0
Lapsation Rate	8.13%
Average Age of Member	69.95
Life Members	13

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

Newsletter Editor	John Lozano	510-506-3594
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Office Hours

Monday thru Wednesday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM & Friday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

Office Number: (925) 455-8829

E-mail address: Secretary2117@comcast.net

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