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September 2024

MERCED ELKS ANNUAL SHRIMP FEED

Co-Chairman: Jim Pacheco and Ryan Williams
Donations Needed for Raffle Prizes,
Contact Co-Chairman Ellen Burk (209) 769-9999

September 7th, 2024

Original Cold, Garlic & Butter, and Cajun Shrimp

Includes Pasta, Coleslaw, and Baguette

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM.



Prepaid Tables of 8 or 10, Choice of Beer Bucket or 2 Bottles of Wine
\$50 per person

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Gun Raffle
Dessert Auction

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Merced Elks Lodge #1240

Cordially invite you to the visitation of

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
Mike Patterson

Merced Elks Lodge
1910 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Welcome and Arrival at 5 pm
No Host Cocktails and Appetizers at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm
Lodge Meeting at 8pm

Steak, Vegetables, Potatoes,
Salad, Roll and Dessert

\$20 per person

Attire is Elks Business &
Business Casual for Guests

TAILGATE SUNDAY & MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE!!!



September 8, 2024

Sunday Sky Lounge Hours Will Be 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
(Depending On Membership Attendance)

LODGE NIGHT
TEACHER'S NIGHT
September 5th, 2024
Chairman: Dave Wells



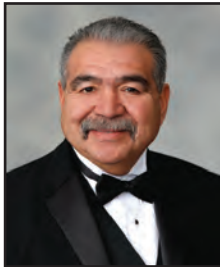
LODGE NIGHT
YOUNG ELKS NIGHT
September 19th, 2024
Chairman: Jensen Pacheco

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EXALTED RULER’S MESSAGE

As we transition from our summer break months, back to being fully open, I hope everyone is rested up and ready for cooler weather and our fall schedule. We just completed another successful “Steak at the Lake”. We presold more than 210 tickets! I extend special thanks to Co-Chairman Corey Bates and Scott Sakugawa and their crew.

A first-time event was “Brisket and Bourbon” held at the lodge. The idea for this event came from two key employees, Lead Bartender Paul Belmontes and Club Manager Jesse Reynolds, as a way to offer a new event to our membership during our normally slow summer months. The meal was delicious, specialty cocktails superb, and the night a success by any measure. We look forward to even greater attendance at next year’s event.

In my last message, I stressed the importance of volunteering; so, I would like to thank the following members for their help and/or donations at one or in some cases both of the above events - Scott Sakugawa, Danny Banks, Ysidro Reyes, Mark Leigh, Ricky Sapien, Jorge Avelar, Shawn Studley, Ellen Burk, Kristy Bates, Chris Contreras, Kim Vance, Ed Deldotto, Len Samuelson, Patty Brown, Frank Semonelli, Paula Lewis, Jane Lozano, Ryan and Dawn Williams, Jim Pacheco, Tommy Jaroszek, Bryan Brock, and of course many of our employees. As they say, “it takes a village”.

Looking forward, we have voting on new members at our first meeting and the upcoming visitation by our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Patterson at our last meeting in September.

Elk(s) of the Month

For all they do year-round to support our fundraising cause, I must acknowledge the entire Bingo crew led by Past Exalted Ruler Len Samuelson.

Fraternally,

Jeff Horta
Exalted Ruler

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

“You don’t find love. It finds you. It’s got a little bit to do with destiny, fate and what’s written in the stars.”

I pray that all of our members had a fabulous summer. The lodge has many events coming up in the next few months. Read your emails for dates and time. We are almost 6 months into the year - many of you have not paid your dues. This is very important even if you can only make payments. Please call (209) 723-1240 or email me elks1240@gmail.com to make arrangements. Thank you.

Jane Lozano
Secretary

CLUB MANAGER’S MESSAGE

Hello! I want to thank everybody who came out for our first event Brisket and Bourbon Night. I would also like to give a BIG shout out to Ellen Burk for organizing the raffle and decorating for the event. She was a huge part of making that event successful. Coming up September 7th, we are having our Annual Shrimp Feed. Don’t forget to buy tickets ahead of time. Tickets are available in the Sky Lounge. No tickets will be sold at the door!! Thanks, Y’all.

Jesse Reynolds
Club Manager

Appointed Chief Justice of the Grand Forum of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks



A Reception was held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, for Ed Johnson at the Walnut Creek Lodge. He was recently appointed Chief Justice of the Grand Forum of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at the Elks National Convention in Austin, Texas.

MERCED ELKS LODGE LUAU 2024

Member Jimmy Williams & his band Meta-4



It was great music and fun!

BRISKET & BOURBON NIGHT

First and foremost, we want to thank the over 111 members and guests who came to hang out with us at our first ever Brisket & Bourbon Night. We appreciate your endless support. You're the reason our events are fun and successful. And wait till you see what we have planned for next year's Brisket & Bourbon Night! (This event was created by Paul, Paul Jr. & Jesse.)



We had a great evening full of delicious food; thank you to our Club Manager- Jesse, the endless support of Maui & Clean Eddie and our amazing Kitchen Crew - Paul Jr., Alicia, Francisco, Sunny, Isiah, Javi, and Matt. You guys rock! The night would not be complete without our Specialty Bourbon Drinks created and made by our very own talented Mixologist Paul, and one of our happy-go-lucky bartenders Alexas. We cannot forget the endless hours our behind-the-scenes staff put in, thank you to Len, Allyne, and Jane for all you do for every event our lodge hosts. Special thank you to Jimmy & Ryan for your support from beginning to end. We sold \$1,300 in raffle tickets. A big shout out to Dawn for helping with check-in and raffle!! Special thank you to Judy Souza, Joey Otega, and Debbie & Greg Copus for your donations to our raffle. This money raised will help us with our building fund to keep everything running and help with any new equipment or repairs that are necessary in or to our building. We look forward to seeing you at our next event on September 7, 2024, our Shrimp Feed (No tickets will be sold at the door) - Raffle, Dessert Auction & Gun Raffle. If you have anything you would like to donate to the raffle, please holler! Contact Ellen Burk (209) 769-9999 for donations.

As the saying goes - "Someone's junk is another man's (women's) treasure." Thank you all so much from your Brisket & Bourbon Team!

Jesse, Paul, Jimmy & Ellen.

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BIOGRAPHY OF
DOUGLAS A. SCHIEFER
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2024-2025



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Douglas Allen Schiefer was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, on February 14th, “Valentine baby” to Richard A. Schiefer and Alice A. (Acton) Schiefer. Doug was the middle son of three brothers, David, the eldest and Robert, the youngest. Doug attended elementary, middle, and high school in Bucyrus, graduating in 1976 as a three sport athlete (*football, basketball and track*). During the fall of Doug’s senior year in high school, the family and community suffered the devastating and tragic loss of Robert’s life-ending heart attack during a high school gym class.

In June of 1975, Doug met his future wife, Julia Sponseller, a California girl new from a local high school. Doug married his high school sweetheart Julia on September 11, 1976. Doug and Julia value their faith, family and community. Having been blessed with an amazing family, they have passed that legacy onto their three children: Heather, Lesley and Robert; sons-in-law, Erik and Joel, and four wonderful grandchildren: Ethan, Evan, Owen, and Jane.

In August of 1977, Doug moved his new family to Berea, Ohio to attend Baldwin-Wallace College to pursue his education and play football for the “Yellow Jackets” head coach Dr. Lee Tressel. During his four years at B-W, Doug played football as a punter, was a Four-year Letterman and Four-year All Conference Punter; 1978 NCAA Division III National Champions; and 2018 Baldwin-Wallace Athletics Hall of Fame Award. In 1981, Doug received his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Doug enjoyed a thirty-four year career with the Ohio Adult Parole Authority, starting in 1983 as a probation/parole officer. He received Parole Officer of the Year award in 1997, and was then promoted to Parole Services Supervisor until his retirement in 2017.

Doug was initiated into Bucyrus Elks Lodge No. 156 on May 10, 1984, having been proposed for membership by his high school best friend Bill Metzger. Doug is a third generation Elk and became an active and dedicated member having chaired or served on numerous Lodge committees, progressed through the chairs, was installed as Exalted Ruler in April 1988-1989, and again in 1996-1997; was Elk of the Year in 1992-1993; has served or chaired as Lodge Trustee from 1991-1996, and again from 2009-2014, and was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Bucyrus Lodge on February 12, 2015.

Doug served the North Central District of Ohio as Drug Awareness Chairman from 1990 to 1999; as Executive Board Member from 1991 to 1996; as Activities Chairman in 1996-1997, and as Judiciary Committee Chairman from 2015 to the present.

Doug served the Ohio Elks Association as Assistant State Drug Awareness Chairman in 1996-1997; as State Chaplain in 2000-2001; as State Secretary in 2001-2002, as Third Vice President in 2002-2003, as Second Vice President in 2003-2004, as State Trustee from 2004 to 2007, final year as Chairman; as First Vice President in 2007-2008; as State President in 2008-2009; as Chairman of the Advisory Committee in 2010-2011, and as Chairman of the Elks Leadership Kollege from 2019 to 2021.

Doug served the Grand Lodge with distinction as District Deputy in 1998-1999; as a Special Representative to several Lodges within his district; as Area 4 Fraternal Committee Member from 2013 to 2018, the final two years as Chairman; and as Area 4 Lodge Activities Committee Member from 2018 to 2021. In 2021, Doug was elected to represent Area 4 on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Building Applications-East Member in 2021-2022; as Home Member in 2022-2023, and is presently serving as Secretary of the Board for 2023-2024.

On a civic level, Doug served his community on the Bucyrus City Schools Board of Education from 2004 to 2017 and as school board president from 2007 to 2012. He also served as board member and finance chairman at Bucyrus First Church of the Nazarene; has worked with the youth of Ohio as a licensed track & field and cross country official for over thirty-two years; and since 2018, Doug and Julia spend time visiting our veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home as volunteers.

Doug and Julia are thankful and humbled to represent our great Order of Elks as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We’re excited and looking forward to the adventures ahead, visiting our Elks communities throughout America and meeting new friends as we promote our Theme ...

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PER Johnne Lennon, PER Leonard Samuelson, PER Floyd Jensen, PER Mark Leigh, PER Candy Soares, ER Jeff Horta, PDDGER Dave Wells



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- September 13th – Parmesan Calamari & Meatloaf
- September 20th – Salmon & Chicken Cordon Bleu
- September 27th – Baby Back Ribs & Tilapia



For Friday Night reservations, call Jesse Reynolds at 209-769-8068. Please Do Not Call the Office. **Deadline For Reservations are to be made by NOON on Friday that week.**

MIXOLOGY NIGHT

September 26, 2024

At the Downstairs Bar

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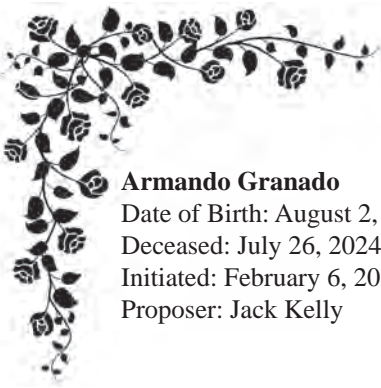
Please bring a shaker tin, fruit squeezer, muddler, and a martini glass.

Please drop me a line and let me know if you are coming.
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See you soon!

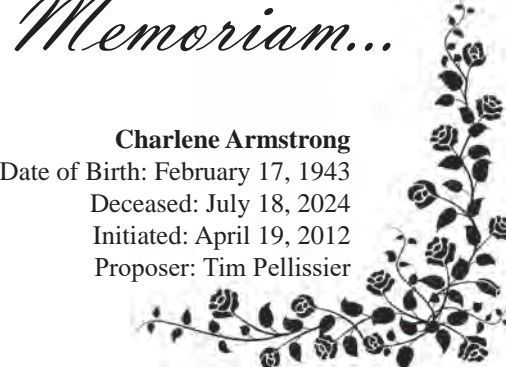
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- Oct. 3 ~ Lodge Night/Firefighter's Night
- Oct. 12 ~ Challenged Kids Poker Run
- Oct. 19 ~ Oktoberfest
- Oct. 25 ~ Kids Fright Night
- Oct. 26 ~ Halloween Dinner & Dance
- Nov. 1 & 2 ~ Mid-term Convention - Burbank
- Nov. 9 ~ Vendor Craft Fair - Merced Lodge
- Nov. 16 ~ DD Homecoming Lodi
- Nov. 17 ~ PER Fizz Brunch



Armando Granado
Date of Birth: August 2, 1946
Deceased: July 26, 2024
Initiated: February 6, 2020
Proposer: Jack Kelly

In Memoriam...



Charlene Armstrong
Date of Birth: February 17, 1943
Deceased: July 18, 2024
Initiated: April 19, 2012
Proposer: Tim Pellissier

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

1
Gina Barr
Christine Martin
Tarlochan Sohal
Jim Sylvia

2
Michelle Abella
Joe Alford
Karen Gray
Curtis Grimes
Dennis F. Mineni
Steven Roach

3
John Ceccoli
Eleanor Dumpit
Patrick N. Lunney
Hou Thao
Ralph Williams

4
Mark Almon Lewis
Joseph A. Martinez

5
Steven Beutel
Timothy Coehlo
Charlie Fryar

6
Lisa Hall
James Marshall
Michael John Pacheco

7
Robert D. Abraham
Thomas K. Cooke
Stefani Dias
Mark Hendrickson
Michael Higgins
Charles Hogue
Joseph Jones
John G. Sullivan

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Jose Moraga

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James R. Arriaga
Tony Dossetti
Gary Lucas
Chris Moorehead

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Charles R. Frost
Ronald Heil
Tony J. Machado
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Wayne R. Stickless

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Dana Joyner
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Rosangel Nuno
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SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday <i>(No Lunch Served)</i>	Saturday
1 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM	2 LABOR DAY KITCHEN CLOSED SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	3 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM STOCKTON DD VISITATION BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	4 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	5 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM LODGE NIGHT /TEACHER'S NIGHT CHAIRMAN: DAVE WELLS LODGE MEETING 8PM VOTING ON NEW CANDIDATES	6 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:00-8:30 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM CHICKEN FRIED STEAK & BASA	7 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM SHRIMP FEED
8 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 9:00AM-7:00PM TAILGATE FOOTBALL SUNDAY	9 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM PER MEETING MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL	10 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	11 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM WALNUT CREEK DD VISITATION 9-1-1 CEREMONY	12 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM TRUSTEE MEETING AT 6:00 PM, HOUSE MEETING AT 7:00, BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HOUSE MEETING TRACY DD VISITATION	13 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM PARMESAN CALAMARI & MEATLOAF	14 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM
15 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 9:00AM-7:00PM TAILGATE FOOTBALL SUNDAY	16 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL	17 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	18 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM ORIENTATION	19 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM MERCED DD VISITATION YOUNG ELKS NIGHT/LODGE NIGHT CHAIRMAN: JENSEN PACHECO LODGE MEETING 8PM	20 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:00-8:30 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM SALMON & CHICKEN CORDON BLEU	21 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM CHEA SEMINARS - PARADISE LODGE 8:30AM TO 3:30PM
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