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July 2024

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Saturday, June 29th, thru Thursday, July 4th!

Saturday & Sunday, June 29th - June 30th:	12:00pm to 10:00 pm
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Saturday, July 27, 2024
Members & their Guests
Merced Elks Lodge ~ 1910 M Street, Merced, CA

Hawaiian Music ~ Dancing ~ Luau Buffet 6-8 pm
Live Music by "META- 4" 8 pm

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Lake Yosemite - Rotary Cove |
Saturday, August 10th, 2024

Fun begins @ 11:00am till 4:00pm!

Raffle will be at 2:00 pm!

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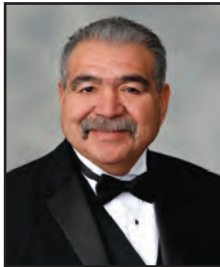
You can purchase a 12oz steak
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You must purchase tickets at the
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- Exalted Ruler Jeff Horta
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EXALTED RULER’S MESSAGE

June was a very busy month at the Lodge. We kicked it off on June 6th with a visitation from our Association Vice President Jim Akers. Our Officers, Chairmen, and members came together to put on a great evening. Thank you to the Chairmen and our Secretary Jane Lozano for completing all reports and presenting them to AVP Jim during our meeting. Thank you to Mark Leigh and his team- Mark Theofanides, Cliff McGee, Jack Kelly, Corey Bates, Scott Sakugawa, Ricky Sapien, Andy Murphy, George Mora, Misty Alonzo, and Ed Del Dotto- for putting on a lovely dinner for our members and guests. I'd also like to thank First Lady Fily Cale for her guidance and help with all things protocol related. Karen Theofanides put on a great presentation for the visiting spouses. We would not have been able to do it without you all!

On Friday June 14th, we celebrated Flag Day with a beautiful ceremony in the lodge room. Nick Francis and the Honor Guard presented the flags as Clint Moore narrated the history of our flag. On Father’s Day, Nancy Kissick and many volunteers served up a delicious pancake breakfast where we served 275 members and guests, followed by the Father’s Day ceremony in the lodge room. We had plenty of Elks putting on events at the lodge and in the community throughout the month. Janet Appling-Kasper and her team cooked a great lodge dinner on June 20th. At that meeting, we initiated 17 new members.

On Friday, June 21st, PDDGER Donald Gumm, Leading Knight Jim Pacheco and volunteers operated Kiddieland for special needs children in Merced County and served them lunch. If you’re looking to get involved in volunteer opportunities or want to attend social events, we’ve got a lot of great events on the way. Please check the Antlers for news of some new experiences during July and August. You can volunteer at our fireworks booth at R and Olive in Merced. It’s one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Our July and August Lodge meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month in the library immediately following the board meetings. No dinners will be served on those nights.

Elk of the Month

Nick and Kathy Francis - What a team!

Fraternally,

Jeff Horta
Exalted Ruler

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

“A Kind of Sunlight One Remembers for A Lifetime”

Here to Summer Months. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. If you are a member and delinquent in your dues, the door codes will be deleted after 6 months. Please call the office and arrange to make payments for your dues. We are looking for a new Chairman for the Mardi Gras Dinner/Dance. If interested, please call the office at (209) 723-1240. Keep an eye out for some new events that our lodge has scheduled during our summer months.

Jane Lozano
Secretary

Message to Our Members

Please be prepared to show your SIGNED membership card to our bartenders and staff upon request. You should carry it with you at all times. You are required to present it in order to gain admission to our lodge or any other lodge. A picture of your SIGNED membership card on your phone will be accepted at the Merced Lodge as per Exalted Ruler Jeff Horta.

PURPLE PIG



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

Thank you to the following members for turning in their Purple Pigs and donating to the State Major Project in May:

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Roxanne Tolleson | Ed Madera |
| Mary Gonella-Wentz | William Ashworth |
| Michael Smith | Rich Regalo |
| Robert Hinson | Lloyd "Bob" Weaver |
| Mila Hoban-Munden | |

During 2023-2024, our Lodge collected \$42,420 for the State Major Project and received a special citation from California-Hawaii Elks Association in recognition of outstanding fundraising on behalf of the piggy bank program. If every Elk in our Lodge donated just 10 cents a day, our collective "piggy bank" would be holding more than \$60,000 for the year. It doesn't take much, so start filling your next purple pig today!

Jeannette Pacheco,
Chairman

PURPLE PIG BUNCO

Wednesday

July 10, 2024
5 pm to 9 pm

\$15.00 Buy In
Males and Females
are welcome!!!

Join the Fun!

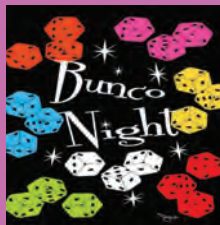
POTLUCK

BRING SOMETHING TO
SHARE WITH EVERYONE

Dinner is at 5:30 pm

Game Time will start at 6:00 pm

(Seating will be limited to the first 40 members)



Please come and join us. Raffle Prizes will be accepted.
Proceeds will benefit the Purple Pig.
Any questions, please call the Secretary, Jane Lozano, at 209-723-1240.

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AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS

By RaeLene Pritchard, PER

The Merced Elks Lodge held a dinner on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, for families and their students who were presented with the Americanism Essay Contest Awards, in the 6th, 7th & 8th Grade categories. The winners for **Division II, 6th Grade:** 3rd Place, Ekamjot Rai; 2nd Place, 1st Place District & 2nd Place State, Zeth Stevens; 1st Place, Jasmine Nguyen; **Division III, 7th Grade:** 3rd Place, Brooklynne Stout; 2nd Place, Ava Rocha; 1st Place & 1st Place District, Joshua Gonzalez; **Division IV, 8th Grade:** 3rd Place, Alina Diaz; 2nd Place & 1st Place District, Logan Downey; 1st Place, Emilio Adrian Ruiz.

Awards at the Lodge: 1st Place \$125, 2nd Place \$75 & 3rd Place \$50; District \$50 & State 2nd Place was \$400.



Pictured from left to right are: RaeLene Pritchard, PER, Americanism Chair; Emilio Adrian Ruiz, Zeth Stevens, Logan Downey, Jasmine Nguyen, Ava Rocha, Alina Diaz, Brooklynne Stout, and ER Jeff Horta. Special Congratulations to 3-time winner, Zeth Stevens (Pictured with RaeLene Pritchard) who picked up awards in the Lodge, District & State totaling \$525.

Looking forward to more schools participating next year!

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JULY FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

- July 5th – Kitchen Closed - No Friday Night Dinner
- July 12th – Parmesan Calamari & Meatloaf
- July 19st – Salmon & Chicken Cordon Bleu
- July 26th – 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.**





SPEED DATING

Join us at Merced Elks Lodge
1910 M Street
Thursday, July 25th, 2024
5pm-9pm
RSVP by: July 14th, 2024
Subject to change based on participation

Looking for the "SPECIAL SOMEONE"
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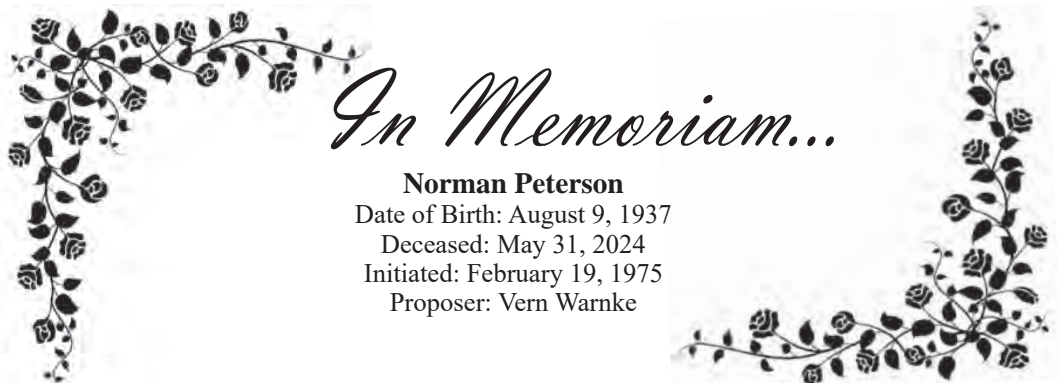
Space is limited
We are looking for:

- 20 Females & Males: Ages 25-45 years old
- 20 Females & Males : Ages 45-65 years old

To purchase tickets or ask questions please contact:
Maria Jessie Lopez @209-658-1193 or Ellen Burk @209-769-9999
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In Memoriam...

Norman Peterson
Date of Birth: August 9, 1937
Deceased: May 31, 2024
Initiated: February 19, 1975
Proposer: Vern Warnke



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

1
Eric Chu

2
Craig Benson
Conrad B. Fournier
Kristie Light
Luis Salcedo
Gary Sons

3
Antonio Avila
Donald R Courtney
Brenna Murphy
John Pedrozo
Steven Vann
John Wickler

4
Timothy Davis
Michael Morin
John Solga
Troy Stone

5
Caleb Alonzo
Patricia A Davis
Paul Laughton
Phillip Lima
Dennis Jean Pellissier

6
Camera Chew
Garrett Johnson

7
Aaron Alexander
William J Gibbs
Curtis J Gorman
William Guardado
Robert Martinez

8
Scott Heffner
Thomas Martinez
Chris Ross
Thomas M Theofanides
Travis Walsh
Bob Wells

9
Eddie Beltran
Paul Flores
Glenn Galman
Doug Laidlaw
Pat D Murphy

10
Philippe J Favier
Alison Kostecky
Timothy Lopes
Jeff Pavey

11
Gilbert Morales
Marc Campos

12
Aaron Andrews
Dawn Garland
Austin Brooke Heil
Michael Hernandez Jr
Brian Jeffrey Raymond
Andres Sifuentes
Mack Smith
Michael Smullin

13
Richard A Daniel
Jeffrey Horta
Jeffrey Knapp
Norman J Martin
Joseph J McCaughey
Zacharu McComb
Chris Morrow
Maxwell Vk Norton
Richard J Ortega

14
Chris Bernard
Justin Aaron Fausone
Jeff Frederick
Kerwin Grissom
Lorisa Heyman
Layman Light
Zachary Meissonnier
Steve Peguero
John Pereira Jr.

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Kevin Barbour
Ray Framstad
Shelly Gibson
Stephen B Morgan

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Mason Brawley
Michael Domingue
Anna Newkirk

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Ed Banks Jr.
Elizabeth Johnston
B John Moffitt
Jensen Pacheco
Trevor Stephens

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Raymond Borge
Peter J Camarda Jr
Jeanette Carey
Andy Collins
Craig McGowen
Kevin Spielman
Edward Trindade
Kathleen Williams

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Antonio Alamo
William Bernard
Thomas M Brown
Steven Clark
Richard E Eason
Julie Sterling
Dennis Wainwright

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Eric Dau
Terrell Estes Jr.
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Sherry Richards

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Benjamin Sanchez
Matthew Silva

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Eric Bianchi
Chathy Climer
Elaine M Craig
Dora Jepsen
Casey Steed
Maria Zaragoza

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Dean Louis
Glenn Root

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Robert J Campbell
Gary Gaither
Charles Heater
R Scott Johnston
Roman Minor
Cody Smiley

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Kerwin Flaherty
Dominic Garcia
Sergio Gonzalez
Feliza Gray
Floyd Wm Jensen

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John B Carlisle
Paul A Cortez
Willis T Cox
Manjit Dola
Les Nickerson
William Jo Savage

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Eric Conley
Cole M Fournier
Donald G Gamble
Ronald C Gamble
Shon Kelley
Jason King
Steven Macedo
Keenan Warren
Joey Xavier

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NATIONAL CONVENTION - AUSTIN, TEXAS						
7 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM KITCHEN CLOSED	8 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM PER MEETING	9 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	10 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM PURPLE PIG BUNCO FUNDRAISER	11 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 LODGE MEETING 8:00 PM	12 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:00-8:30 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30 AM PARMESAN CALAMARI & MEAT LOAF	13 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM AVP HOMECOMING TRACY LODGE
14 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00 AM-4:30PM	15 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	16 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	17 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	18 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM MIXOLOGY	19 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:00-8:30 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM SALMON & CHICKEN CORDON BLEU	20 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM
21 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM	22 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	23 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	24 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	25 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM SPEED DATING	26 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:00-8:30 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BABY BACK RIBS & TILAPIA	27 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM LUAU DINNER/DANCE
28 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM	29 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	30 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	31 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	AUGUST 2024		1 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM
4 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM DD CLINIC MODESTO LODGE	5 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM PER MEETING	6 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:30PM REGULAR 7:00PM	7 LUNCH 11:00-2:00 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM	8 LUNCH 11:00AM-2:00PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM TRUSTEE MEETING AT 6:00 PM, HOUSE MEETING AT 7:00, BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HOUSE LODGE MEETING 8:00 PM	2 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:00-8:30 PM SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:30AM CHICKEN FRIED STEAK & BASA	3 SKY LOUNGE OPEN 11:00AM-4:30PM
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