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The Antlers Speak

August 2024

STEAK at the LAKE

Lake Yosemite - Rotary Cove I

Saturday, August 10th, 2024 Fun begins at 11am to 4pm Chairman Corey Bates & Co-Chairman Maui.

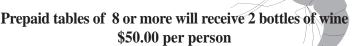
Raffle will be at 2:00 pm! You need not be present to win!

You can purchase a 12oz steak with all the fixings for 20.00.
You must purchase tickets at the Lodge by August 8th.
Members and Guests only.

MERCED ELKS ANNUAL SHRIMP FEED September 7th, 2024

Cold Plain and Hot Scampi - Variety of Flavors Includes Pasta, Coleslaw, and Baguette

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM.



Ticket must be purchased in advance - no tickets at door
Please contact the office for tickets or tickets can be purchased
in the Sky Lounge in the evenings and weekends.

Donations needed for Raffle prizes -

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

Please RSVP by Friday, September 13, 2024 209-723-1240 or elks1240@gmail.com

LODGE NIGHT TEACHER'S NIGHT

September 5th, 2024 Chairman: Dave Wells



YOUNG ELKS NIGHT

September 19th, 2024

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas, is a recent memory. I find myself touring several western states by motorcycle. (Even the Exalted Ruler needs some time off now and then) one aspect of long hours in the saddle is time to think, to reflect...

One thought is the experience gained where more than 6,000 Elks and guests from all 50 states attended the 159th Grand Lodge session, where they learned of the past year's successes by the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, and the Elks National Foundation. What a great opportunity to meet other officers, learn from them and bring that information back to Merced where it can be applied in moving our Lodge forward in Elkdom and helping our community.

Here is another thought in the form of a question: What is the "secret sauce" that makes Merced Lodge #1240 work. Answer: Volunteerism. Every program we have depends on volunteers to get the work done and accomplish its goals. Every Lodge Night meal, every charity event, every Bingo night, every 50/50 drawing, every new idea, and every fundraiser we put on depends on volunteers. Luckily, we have a solid core of members that support these causes.

I ask those members who have not yet volunteered to step up with just two hours of your time dedicated to a Lodge function. How, you ask? Speak with other members or Officers, let them know you would like to be more involved. Another resource is the list of programs and chairpersons that appear from time to time in the Antlers. Contact a chair and ask to be involved. Or how is this.... Before an event, show up early and ask to help.

Which brings me to our fireworks booth this year. Chairing the fireworks booth is of course the key position in this fundraiser. Billy Avery and Ryan Williams accepted to co-chair this event. There were many who staffed the booth during a nearly unbearable heat wave, I don't have room to name them here, but thank you.

Elk of the Month

Ryan Williams

Ryan went above and beyond with his time and personal resources in supporting the Fireworks Booth.

Fraternaly, Jeff Horta Exalted Ruler

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

"The Future Unfolds in The Chapters of New beginnings."

I will be out of the office from August 13 to August 21, 2024 visiting my family. I will be back on Thursday, August 22, 2024. I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer!

Deadline for applications for the next Initiation is August 7, 2024

Jane Lozano Secretary

SAVE THE DATE

September 5th - Voting on Candidates September 7th - Shrimp Feed September 18th - Orientation October 3rd - Initiation

October 4th & 5th - Jamboree Chili Cook-Off - Walnut Creek Lodge October 12th Challenge Kids Poker Run October 19th Oktoberfest October 25th Kids Fright Night November 1st, 2nd, Mid Term - Burbank November 9th Vendor Craft Faire

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 <u>Friday:</u> Dinner at the Walnut Creek Lodge
<u>Saturday:</u> 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!

MIXOLOGY NIGHT

August 22, 2024



At the Downstairs Bar Price: \$25 Starts at 6:00 PM

We will be creating the Paloma-Rita, Fuji Apple Martini, Strawberry Watermelon Cooler!

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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FUN DAY AT KIDDIELAND & APPLEGATE ZOO FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

By: Dr. Donald Gumm, PDDGER Drug Awareness Chairman & ENF Grants Coordinator

On June 21, 2024, our Lodge held a special day for Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) special needs students with moderate to severe disabilities. There were 904 sign-ups for this event. Students & staff came from classrooms located all over Merced County. School buses, vans, and cars started to arrive at Applegate Park at 7:30 AM. When they checked-in at the event registration desk, they received their Merced Elks drug awareness wristbands, snacks, drug awareness coloring books, and bookmarks. The wristbands allowed them free admission to Kiddieland for unlimited rides, a free delicious lunch cooked and served by Merced Elks, entrance to the photo booth with a free photo, access to the Merced Elks Drug Awareness booth to make their own personalized anti-drug design which were turned into a free badge to wear, and free admission to the Applegate Zoo. Free bottled water was provided at the park during the entire event.

This project was funded by the Merced Elks BINGO, Merced Elks Bikers for Challenged Children, Merced Elks Park, and an Elks National Foundation (ENF) grant. A thank you to PER Len Samuelson, Chairman of the BINGO committee, Mark Theofanides, Chairman of the Elks Park Committee & George Mora, Chairman of the Bikers for Challenged Children for obtaining the donated funds. Thanks to all the members of these 3 committees for their

donated volunteer hours to make the funding available for our special needs children. Thanks to all our Lodge members who donate to ENF, which makes our Lodge qualify for ENF grants. And a special thank you to our Club manager Jesse Reynolds and all of our officers & members who woke up early and donated their time during the event day: Exalted Ruler Jeff Horta, Leading Knight, Lead Chef, Supervisor Jim Pacheco, Jr, Loyal Knight Patty Brown, Lecturing Knight Vickie Munson, Chaplain Miranda Hendrickson, Trustee Ryan Williams, Secretary Jane Lozano, Jim Pacheco, Sr, Debi Watson, Charlie Fryar, Mary Fryar, Donavan Sizemore, George "Cheech" Mora, Ellen Burk, Frank Semonelli, Deanna Cozzi, Glenn Galman, Kevin McBride, John Curry, Cindy Rose, Diana Diliberto, Diana Hawkes, Tom Souza, Susan Gumm, and Project Chairman Dr. Donald Gumm.



















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AUGUST FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

August 2nd – Chicken Fried Steak & Basa

August 9th – Parmesan Calamari & Meatloaf

August 16th - Salmon & Chicken Cordon Bleu

August 23rd – Baby Back Ribs & Tilapia

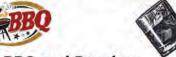
August 30th – Fish & Chips and Red Snapper



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.

BRISKET & BOURBON NIGHT





Do you Like BBQ and Bourbon Come join us at the Elks Lodge We have a special "BUFFET MENU" planned Join us on August 15, 2024

Time: 5pm-llpm

Price: \$30.00 - This includes one "SPECIALTY BOURBON" DRINK or one well drink of your choice Open to: Members & Guests

Listen & Sing Along to Paul's Famous Playlist

MENU:

Elks Lodge #1240

BBQ BRISKET O CHICKEN THIGHS MAC AND CHEESE **BAKED BEANS** POTATO SALAD **GREEN SALAD**



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RAFFLE PRIZES WELCOMED

ROLLS

DESSERT

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE A RAFFLE PRIZE, LET US KNOW PLEASE :)

Contact our Club Manager: Jesse (209) 769-8068

In Memoriam... George C. Mora James D. Favier Date of Birth: May 15, 1942 Date of Birth: September 12, 1958 Deceased: June 29, 2024

Deceased: June 30, 2024 Initiated: February 6, 2003 Initiated: April 17, 1980 Proposer: Tim Pellissier Proposer: Health Brower



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

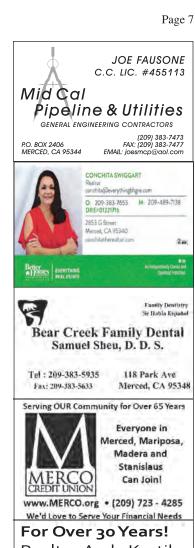
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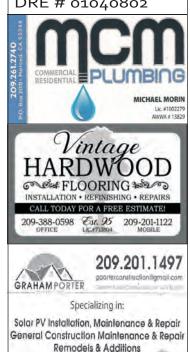
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AUGUST 2024

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