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CHULA VISTA LODGE 2011





**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**  
**901 Elks Lane**  
**Chula Vista, California 91910-6558**

**2024 - 2025 Board of Directors**

Exalted Ruler..... Claudia Ayala  
 Leading Knight..... Bernard Gonzales  
 Loyal Knight..... Enrique Molina  
 Lecturing Knight..... Brandon Fuentes  
 1 Year Trustee..... Ruben Castellanos  
 2 Year Trustee ..... David Ayala  
 3 Year Trustee ..... Marie Hale, PER  
 4 Year Trustee ..... Sharron Cannon PER  
 5 Year Trustee ..... George Ray

**Officers**

Secretary ..... Laurie Ayala PER  
 Treasurer ..... Delina Valadez  
 Tiler ..... Gerry Hill  
 Inner Guard..... Stephen Sprenkle  
 Esquire ..... Daniel Rieger  
 Chaplain..... Liz Santiago  
 Assistant Chaplain..... Pam Acevedo  
 Flag Day..... Inner Guard and Scouts  
 Major Project..... Lisa Harris  
 Mother's Day ..... Officers  
 Memorial Services ..... Officers

**Contact Information**

Secretary (619)-421-2011 ext. 1  
 Office Hours ..... Mon, Tues, Thurs 10 AM – 2PM  
 Treasurer Delina 619-793-7731  
 Social Quarters (619) 421-2011 ext. 3  
 Hall Rentals Pat Nelson 619-500-5549  
 RV Host Daniel (619) 216-9879  
 Exalted Ruler 619-886-5795  
 Lodge E-mail cvelks2011@gmail.com

**Social Quarters Hours**

Sunday 3:00PM to 8:00PM  
 Monday 3:00PM to 9:30PM  
 Tuesday 3:00PM to 9:30PM  
 Wednesday 3:00PM to Close  
 Thursday 3:00PM to 9:30PM  
 Friday 3:00PM to 11:00PM  
 Saturday 3:00PM to 9:00PM  
 unless private party then 1:00PM to 11:00PM

business meetings are at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd  
 esday of the month, 4th Wednesday Initiation  
 Elks members only after 6:30, social quarters  
 during meetings.

**COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS 2024—2025**

Americanism	Bernard Gonzales	bgcvelks@gmail.com	619-723-0477
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Bequest and Living Trust	Lisa Harris	lharris93065@yahoo.com	619-760-7116
Stag Bulletin	Bill Goulet	billgoulet2011@gmail.com	619-336-1999
By-Laws Committee	Phil Byrd PER		
ENF	Ashley Munoz PER	Solar2624@aol.com	619-204-9357
ENF Grants	Sharron Cannon PER	skcannon@aol.com	619-987-9323
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Government Relations	Bernard Gonzales	bgcvelks@gmail.com	619-723-0477
House Committee	David Ayala	daveayala@icloud.com	619-227-0684
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Marquee	David Ayala	daveayala@icloud.com	619-227-0684
Membership /Investigations	Greg Sacco	Gjsacco1@att.net	619-857-6047
Orientation	Secretary	cvelks2011@gmail.com	619-421-2011
Parliamentarian	Roy Jenness PER	rejenn55@gmail.com	619-206-8857
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Protocol	Roy Jenness PER	rejenn55@gmail.com	619-206-8857
Ritual Coach	Vacant		
Accident Prevention	Don Bergeson	dbergeson@chulavistaca.gov	619-397-6254
Standing Relief	ER, Chair Officers	billgoulet2011@gmail.com	619-336-1999
Vagabonds	Chris Maurer	chris@mauremarketing.com	619-206-8539
Veterans Service	Greg Sacco	Gjsacco1@att.net	619-857-6047
Visitations	Claudia Ayala ER	cvelks2011@gmail.com	619-421-2011

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

9/11 Remembrance	Officers	cvelks2011@gmail.com	619-421-2011
Bowling	Vacant		
Christmas Baskets	Hustlers	Solar2624@aol.com	619-240-0098
Hall Rental	Patty-Linda Nelson	HallRentals2011@gmail.com	619-500-5549
Facelift	Scott Fialko	scott_fialko@hotmail.com	619-572-5299
Hustlers	Ashley Munoz, PER	Solar2624@aol.com	619-204-9357
Law & Order	Bernard Gonzales	bgcvelks@gmail.com	619-723-0477
Elks Memorial Day	Officers	cvelks2011@gmail.com	619-421-2011
Old Timers Night	Andrea Kurilchick	cvelks2011bkkr@gmail.com	619-739-0037
PR/Photographer	Sharron Cannon PER	skcannon@aol.com	619-987-9323
Sickness & Distress	Bernard Gonzales	bgcvelks@gmail.com	619-723-0477
Social Quarters	House Committee	hcelkcv@gmail.com	619-421-2011

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Drug Awareness	Kim Akina	KimAkina.elks@gmail.com	858-531-0726
ENF Scholarships	Jack Strasser	jackstras@cox.net	
Hoop Shoot	Bill Goulet	billgoulet2011@gmail.com	619-336-1999
Children's Christmas Party	Ashley Munoz, PER	Solar2624@aol.com	619-204-9357
Children's Easter Party	Ashley Munoz, PER	Solar2624@aol.com	619-204-9357
Local Scholarship	Jack Strasser		
Scouting BSA- Boys	Keith Payne	Kpayne4447@gmail.com	757-348-5711
Scouting BSA Girls	Sharyn Kang	Sharyn@mac.com	619-322-6138
Girl Scouts	Marisa Segoviano		
Emblem Club #415	Vicki Perez	tinkgrpink@cox.net	619-733-0046



### **Claudia Ayala - Exalted Ruler**

Happy November to all our members. This is a month for all to reflect on all we are grateful for. We celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends and share in coming together to give thanks for all we have and the blessings we continue to share together. I am thankful for the amazing support of my husband David and sons Josh, Matt, John and Sam. I am grateful for this amazing responsibility you the members have blessed me with this year as your Exalted Ruler. Everyday I have members come up to me or stop me to say "Thank you" for all we do for the Lodge.

This last month we had a purple pig ER dinner, a purple pig chili cook off and we had an amazing Music Festival at the end of September with proceeds going to Purple Pig. All together we donated almost \$1800 to Major Projects to help kids walk, talk, see and play thanks to all your donations and participation in these events. Please consider becoming a recurring donor, you can make a donation as little as \$5 a month. Every penny counts. My goal is to donate \$10,000 on behalf of our Lodge. Don't forget to drop off your piggy banks, even if they aren't completely full. Cyndi Fialko will count your banks and provide you with a receipt if requested. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to see our new "Welcome Sign" at the top of the driveway. It looks amazing! Lecturing Knight Brandon Fuentes suggested what I always thought we should have, a bigger sign to welcome everyone to the Lodge. I jumped on the bandwagon to start raising funds, and we started collecting at our weekly meetings. I would like to thank Mike and Jovita Hargis for donating the funds to make the purchase for our Lodge. We couldn't have done it without their generous donation. Thank you!

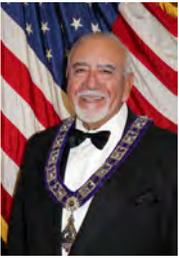
In order to prepare the area for the new sign we needed to remove many dead bushes and trees in the area. Mike and Jovita Hargis, along with Lisa Harris PER, Mo Harkleroad, Sy Robles, Sharron Cannon PER, David Ayala and your ER we cleared 6 dumpsters full of cuttings. The board and the members voted to hire a professional tree trimming company, Mor Tree Service, to trim 45 palm trees, remove 2 trees, 9 Oleander and grind down all the stumps. Our Lodge grounds look amazing. We are not done, but have made amazing progress in making the Lodge beautiful on the outside.

We recently replaced our inoperable 10 ton AC unit which cools the social quarters and replaced all the thermostats with programmable and energy efficient features. Next on our agenda is the roof repair which is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. Along with the roof, Patterson Lighting will be working to replace our parking lot lights as well. This will make our parking lot safer at night, no more dark parking lot when leaving the Lodge in the evening. Thank you to the BOD maintenance liaisons for all the hard work in getting the bids for all these repairs.

The annual car show was a success. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help and to Lilly Molina and Delina Valadez for their tireless work with their committee to organize and put together. Thank you to all the car clubs who contributed, to our kitchen crew, our ticket sellers, check in volunteers, Hoop Shoot, DAP and members for coming out to support this event filled with so many happy and grateful children enjoying an early Trick or treat event.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Lodge in this amazing Fall month, please join us for our Thanksgiving potluck where we can all come together to give thanks for our Lodge family.

*Fraternally, Claudia Ayala ER*



## **Bernard Gonzales - Leading Knight**

Happy Autumn to all our outstanding Elks members!

As the leaves turn and the air gets crisper, we're stepping into one of the best times of the year—full of exciting events, celebrations, and opportunities to come together as a Lodge family. The holiday season is just around the corner, and we couldn't be prouder of how engaged our members continue to be! From committee work to community outreach, our Elks are shining bright.

We're also hard at work on some fantastic and much-needed capital projects, but I'll leave those updates to our awesome ER and board members. You won't want to miss their reports!

Autumn is often seen as the gateway to winter, but it's also a season of fresh starts—just like spring! That makes it the perfect time to refocus on our goals, especially our Leading Knight Challenge, to boost our Purple Pig Charity efforts.

For the past 11 years, the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) has presented this exciting challenge to raise added funds to support children with disabilities. Our Lodge is proud to participate in this effort, working alongside all the other CHEA lodges.

Since 1950, the California-Hawaii Elks has raised an incredible \$140.5 million to support children with disabilities. Thanks to your generosity, these funds help provide services at no cost to families. Over the past 11 years, the Leading Knight Challenge alone has raised an extra \$200,000, making an even bigger impact on the lives of these kids and their families.

So, mark your calendars! On Friday, November 8th, we're hosting a Leading Knight Challenge Chicken Pot Pie Dinner! On the menu: delicious chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, a roll, and dessert. Yum! All for just \$20, whether you dine in or take out. The proceeds, after expenses, will go straight to our Lodge's Purple Pig account, earmarked for the Leading Knight Challenge.

If you're unfamiliar, the Purple Pig is the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI) fundraising arm. This challenge, running from November 1st to January 31st, helps us raise even more for the children who benefit from our support.

We've got a couple more fun Leading Knight Challenge events in the works—stay tuned! In the meantime, please consider earmarking all your Purple Pig contributions for the Leading Knight Challenge. Let's show our Lodge pride by making a big impact!

Don't forget: Friday, November 8th, from 5 pm to 7 pm, is our Chicken Pot Pie Dinner—dine-in or take-out. Let's pack the house and set a record for Purple Pig donations!

Together, we can make a difference.

With gratitude and excitement,

Bernard Gonzales  
Leading Knight



**Enrique G Molina IV - Loyal Knight**

Hello Fellow Elks,

After the Board of Directors reviewed 3 separate AC bids from Clima Heating and Cooling, Comfort Bros Heating, Air & Plumbing, and C&L Refrigeration (ranging from 19.5K to 31.7K), a unanimous vote was rendered and the bid from Clima Heating and Cooling was selected. On the 16th of October meeting, the Board of Directors approved to accept the AC Bid from Clima Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$21,543.59 (adding a 10% contingency), ensuring the much-needed repairs to keep our lodge nice and cool. The floor approved unanimously; and the new 10-ton AC unit was installed on October 22nd, 2024. The Roof Repairs from CRT Roofing will begin on November 5th, 2024. Keep in mind that all funds are available in our investment account, and, with the floor's approval, the membership agreed to transfer the amount of \$51,565.00 from our Morgan Stanley Money Market Acct #269-072831-204 to our Lodge Maintenance Acct #30400.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, the Trustees discussed Civil Code 799.28 (renter vs tenant vs residency). The CV Lodge #2011 will keep the stay at 30 Days and the current contract states this correctly. We, also, have a hold harmless statement on back of the new contract and it is being initialed by all RV Guest. Moreover, RV Host is now turning in the original contract to the front office.

For those of you who were surprised to see me wearing a Dodgers Jersey, I was born and raised in East LA, moving, and living in barrios throughout Los Angeles County (such as El Monte, La Puente, Montebello, and Pico Rivera), before I enlisted into the U.S. Navy directly after high school at 17 years old. Once I left East LA, I promised myself I would do whatever it took to break the cycle of poverty. Nevertheless, my roots run deep and some of my best memories revolve around Fernandomania in the early 80s where Fernando Valenzuela drew large crowds from Los Angeles' Latino community every time he pitched (the craze surrounding Valenzuela came to be known as "Fernandomania"). R.I.P. El Toro!



After 27 years of faithful and honorable service as a Navy Pilot, I retired from the U.S. Navy and the Los Angeles Dodgers honored me as the Veteran of the Game in 2015 since I was a loyal Dodgers fan regardless of where I was stationed around the world (as they secured their third NL West Division Championship).

Fraternally, Enrique Molina,  
Loyal Knight and Chairman of the Board



### **Brandon Fuentes - Lecturing Knight**

In every democracy, voting is the cornerstone of civic participation. It gives voice to the governed, holds leaders accountable, and shapes the future of a nation. As citizens, it is imperative to understand that the act of voting is not just a personal right—it is a collective responsibility, one that defines the health and vitality of our society, and of our representative democracy.

The outcomes of elections affect everything from the price of housing and healthcare to the quality of schools and roads. When people don't vote, decisions are made by a smaller, often less diverse segment of the population, leaving the interests of many unheard. Apathy opens the door to policies that may not reflect the will of the majority. Those who abstain from voting may feel disconnected from the political process, but it is through participation that we build accountability and trust between the government and its citizens.

History has repeatedly shown that elections can be decided by extremely narrow margins. Local and state elections, which directly impact education, policing, and infrastructure, are often won by just a handful of votes. Even in larger elections, like presidential races, small vote swings in key districts can alter outcomes. The notion that a single vote doesn't matter is not only misleading but dangerous—it encourages disengagement, which undermines democracy itself.

Voting is not just a right—it is a responsibility that ensures governments remain accountable and representative of the people they serve. It is the simplest yet most profound way to participate in shaping the future. When we vote, we affirm our belief in democracy and take ownership of our collective destiny. The act of voting is a reminder that change is possible, but only if we make it happen.

Every vote is a building block in the future we create together. It is an act of hope, accountability, and empowerment. By voting, you affirm the belief that change is possible, that governments are accountable to the people, and that progress—however incremental—rests in the hands of those who show up. The ballot box is one of the most powerful tools in a democracy. Use it wisely, and remember: the future belongs to those who participate.

Now is not the time to sit on the sidelines. If you want to see change, be the change. Vote.

Respectfully,  
Brandon Fuentes  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



## Lodge By-laws and House Rules Proposed Changes Voting Notification for Nov 6, 2024, Regular mtg, 7:00PM

We are required by Grand Lodge that every 5-years we review and update our Lodge By-laws and House Rules. The below list of proposed changes to our Lodge By-laws and House Rules were presented at a regular Lodge meeting in September for your review and vote of approval at our Nov 6, 2024, regular Lodge meeting.

### Proposed By-law Changes

1. Proposal to Amend Article V: Secretary, Sec.4: by deleting \$20,020.00 per annum and inserting:

➔ **\$30,160.00** per annum. **And then inserting the following note:**

**The annual salary will be based upon the State of California minimum wage for each calendar year.**

2. Proposal to Amend Article V: Treasurer, Sec.5: by deleting \$8,580.00 per annum and inserting

**\$8,320.00** per annum, payable every two weeks. **And then inserting the following note:**

**The annual salary will be based upon the State of California minimum wage for each calendar year.**

3. Proposal to Amend Article IX: Club Operations and Management, Sec. 1 by **striking "nine"** Members and **inserting "thirteen"** Members.

4. Proposal to Amend Article X: Fees & Dues, Sec 2 (c) Life Membership by **striking \$20** and **inserting \$25.**

### Proposed Changes to Lodge House Rules

Proposal to amend House Rules Preface to read as follows:

**These House Rules are to acquaint all Elk Members and guests with the expected rules of conduct while on the campus of Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011. It is hoped that every Member and guest will realize the spirit in which these rules and regulations are formulated. An obligation rests with every Member and guest of the Lodge to familiarize him/herself with these rules and regulations and to afford ready and courteous acquiescence to all their provisions. (Substituted new 1<sup>st</sup> sentence and add in verbiage from the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph)**

The "facilities and premises" covered under these House Rules includes: All Buildings and all structures, the Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park and Pavilions, the Elks Park and Pavilions, **the Lodge Building's Office areas, Dining Room, and Club Room** including the outside patio, and all other interior and exterior grounds and campus not herein mentioned. **(reworded & deleted redundant verbiage)**

The operation, management, and control of the home, club, or other campus facility owned or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by a House Committee. The House Committee shall be responsible for the enforcement of these House Rules as adopted by and approved by the Lodge Membership. The following rules are subject to change by the Lodge. **(4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph were combined and references to Lodge By-law Art. IX were removed)**

Proposal to Delete House Rule #1. **(covered in By-law Article IX, Club Operations And Management)**

Proposal to Delete House Rule #2. **(covered in By-law Article IX, Club Operations And Management)**

➔ Proposal to Amend House Rule #3 to read: #1. No Member(s) **or guests**, other than the House Committee shall be permitted to **instruct give orders to** employees of the Club. Members are not permitted to send employees off the premises for any purpose or to call upon employees for service outside of their regular employee duties. **(inserting the words "or guests" and strike instruct and insert give orders to)**

Proposal to amend House Rule #4 to read: #2. All complaints concerning **Lodge** employees or regarding service must be made in writing **utilizing the approved incident form**, signed by the author, **and then presented** to the Chairman of the House Committee. No cognizance will be given such complaints unless so submitted. The Members **and guests** are requested to notify the House Committee of any incivility, **delinquency neglect**, or lack of courtesy on the part of any employee. **(inserting words for clarification and deleting the word "delinquency" and inserting the word "neglect")**

**Proposal to amend House Rule #16 to read: #14. No animals or pets, other than ADA Certified Service Animals, shall be permitted within the Elks Lodge building or in the Elks Park Area except those appearing upon the bills of special entertainment. Only the following questions may be asked: Is the service animal required because of a disability? And what work or task has the animal been trained to perform? (inserting "ADA Certified" before Service and adding the last two sentences)**

**Proposal to amend House Rule #23 to read: #21. Any Member desiring to decorate any portion of the premises must first obtain the permission of the Exalted Ruler or Decorating Committee. The Exalted Ruler or Decorating Committee shall require a description of the proposed decoration before granting consent. These decorations shall in no way alter, deface, or change any of the present structure. (deleting the words "Governing Body" and inserting "Exalted Ruler or Decorating Committee")**

**Proposal to add House Rule #26 to read. No written checks will be accepted in the Social Quarters or Dining Room for food or beverages.**

**Proposal to request approval for the By-law Committee to correct the numbering, and any spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors throughout the House Rule Document.**

Highlighted items in yellow are added verbiage

Red represents information on the action being taken.

 Represents a proposed amendment to the original proposed change.

**These are proposed changes to your Lodge By-laws and House Rules.**

**PLEASE ATTEND THE NOV 6TH MEETING AND VOTE!!**

If you have any questions please contact  
Sharron Cannon, PER/Trustee/By-law Committee Chair at [skcannon@aol.com](mailto:skcannon@aol.com).

*The growth of your Lodge sits in your capable hands. Our Lodge continues to progress forward through these challenging times through the resilience of Chula Vista Elks Lodge #2011 Members supporting goodwill in our community and continuing the business of the Lodge. I would like to send a challenge to each Member. Do you have one person (family or friend) that you feel is worthy of your proposition for Membership? Members can see the positive of our Community goodwill with our membership of 800. Imagine the goodwill impact your Lodge could bring to the Community if each of the 800 Active Members sponsored one proposition for membership? Each of you effectively represent our Lodge as an Ambassador. I encourage you to invite a family member or friend to come tour the Lodge, attend a Friday Dinner event, participate in a community goodwill. The growth and future of our Lodge is in your capable hands.*

**Propositions for Membership:**

Barbara Mae Barker by Greg Sacco  
Elizabeth Del Rosario by Patti-Linda Nelson  
Minerva Echavarría by Delina Valadez  
Dale Lusk by Bexaida Medina  
Alfredo Luna by Jon Ortiz  
Sylvia Mendez-Bordine by Richard Sanchez  
Monica Rodriguez by Tony Millan  
Guadalupe Tejada by Ysidro Cota

Balloting for candidates to become members of the Lodge will be held Wednesday October 16. Remember your vote does count.

**Transfer In:**

Steven Wilcomb from Yuma AZ #476  
Nikolas Simon from Gallatin, TN #2547

**Membership as of 04/01/2024 - 872**

Membership as of 10/24/2024: 954  
Initiated: 93  
Affiliated: 7  
Reinstated: 7  
Dropped: 12  
Transfer Out: 5  
Absolute Dimit: 1  
Deaths: 7  
Delinquent: 48  
Candidate applications in process: 11

**IN MEMORY:**

Michael Aragona  
Date of Initiation: 09/22/2004  
Date of Death: 10/02/2024

Richard Grayson  
Date of Initiation: 11/18/1982  
Date of Death: 10/23/2024

It is the duty of each member, under their obligation, to contact the Investigation Committee regarding any applicant who would not be a good member and a good representative of the Order and of our Lodge.

**New Members September**

Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011  
New Members who were initiated on  
Wednesday October 23, 2024:

Ronald Garcia  
Andrew Leggett  
Alfredo Luna  
Sean Robles



Please extend a warmest of Elkdom welcome to our new members when you meet them at any of the our dinner events or relaxing in our Social Quarters or supporting one or more of our community goodwill activities.

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Events listed in the calendar are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please read your weekly blast on email or call the lodge to check if there has been any changes if you are planning to attend an event.

## FACELIFT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to our Facelift Committee Scott Fialko, Kurt Kneeland and Frank Marchese for completing the foot rail on the Social quarters bar. It looks amazing. Can't wait to see the next phase.



## OCTOBER TEENAGERS OF THE MONTH

We had our first ceremony for our Teens of the Month at our second regularly scheduled meeting on October 16th.

**Gael Bravo** Our first Teen is Gael Bravo and goes to Castle Park High School. He has a 4.42 GPA and is second in his class. He plans to become an Aerospace Engineer and work for NASA at some point in time.



**Joshua Nungaray** Our Second Teen is Joshua Nungaray and has a 4.08 GPA. He is 13th in his class. Joshua is very involved in the fight to clean up the sewage problem in Imperial Beach being created by the Tijuana River. He hopes to become involved in environmental studies and to work to keep our air and water clean for future generations.

Both these students work to help support their families while going to school. The Lodge is proud to help such deserving students in their quest to go to College.

If you find the time, please make an effort to attend our 2nd regularly scheduled meeting each month through April. See for yourself tomorrow's leaders and what they plan to do. I promise you won't regret coming to see them.

Jack Strasser Chairman

## 52 PIN PRESENTATION

Lecturing Knight Brandon Fuentes and Member Kurt Kneeland receiving their 52 pin and certificate from Lisa Harris PER and Major Projects Chairperson.



### November Birthdays

01 Rubin Hernandez Jr	06 Daniel Martinez	13 Rhonda Addington	18 John Gagliani	21 Kelvin Lujan
01 Richard Watkins	06 Christopher Maurer	13 Luis Enriquez	19 Emma Castillo	22 Scott Donaghe
02 Emelita Ferraris	06 Colin Osberg	13 Randolph Hunt	19 Jerry Felley	22 Juan Hueso
02 Pamela Gonzalez	06 John Scott	13 David Nelson	19 Geraldine Hill	23 Robert Dawson
02 Juan Gutierrez	07 Robert Cunningham	13 Mac Schroeder	19 James Oxford	23 Dean Scott
02 Sara Turner	07 Claudia Thiltgen	14 Curry Long	19 Thomas Rosenberger	24 Arnold Gonzales
02 Martha Wiltse	07 Fernando Vasquez	15 Irene Greene-Grant	19 Rose Starr	24 Lisa Harris
03 Bryan Butcher	07 Vernon White	15 Jennifer Ramirez	19 Hung Truong	25 Angela Robles-Bray
03 Paul Caesar	08 Al Hanson	15 Tom Sandoval	20 Sybil Cale	25 Joseph Williams Jr
03 Jim Lohse	08 David Torres	16 George Beal	20 Hilario Flores	26 Sal Covarrubias
03 Frank Marchese	09 Howdiel Baloy	16 Jose Charles	20 Brandon Fuentes	26 Helen Galvan
03 Michael Smull	09 Mitchell White	16 Sandra Martinez	20 Francisco Gallegos	26 Enrique Molina
03 Kenneth Velasquez	09 Frank Peralta	16 Dr Edward Oxford Jr	20 Ronald Hite	27 Michael Foster
04 Robert Lawry	10 Shirley Pennington	16 Michael Pacheco	20 M Sosa	28 Dan Hernandez
04 Kelli Louis	11 Catherine Rodriguez	16 Derek Watson	20 Martha Van Vranken	29 Russell Stein
04 Chris Manroe	12 Charles McCandliss	17 George Knoll	21 John Abriel	30 Humberto Peraza Jr
04 Dennis Sylliaasen	12 Miguel Mendez	17 Harold Ollier	21 William Canedo	
05 Daniel Cunniff	12 Victor Nunez	17 Kenneth Reed	21 L Drew	

### VAGABONDS



Hello Vagabonds!

The October meeting was canceled since most officers were attending the Hemet Rally at the Golden Village Palms RV Resort October 3rd-6th. We, as a group, made a contribution to Chempi for that event.

Activities for most of the remainder of the year are planned. Rio Bend (El Centro) or Westwind RV & Golf Resort (sister park of Rio Bend) in Yuma are options for campouts in November. We are currently trying to get an update on the golf situation for those interested.

Sweetwater Summit Regional Park is scheduled for December 8th-12th, with the Christmas party planned for December 11th in the Community Center. We are also planning a Taco Tuesday on the 10th. All Vagabonds are welcome to attend any and all events whether you are camping or not. So far 16 rigs have registered, with options for more. If you are interested in camping and enjoying the festive activities, contact a Vagabond Officer ASAP.

Plans to go to the Lake Havasu Balloon Festival being held January 9-12, 2025 are in the works. A suggested itinerary is to stay there through the 15th and then travel to Westwind RV & Golf Resort in Yuma for a few days before continuing on to Quartzsite for the RV Show being held January 18-26th.

It's time to start thinking about more camping opportunities beyond January of next year.

Elks Lodge/ Vagabond flags are available for sale. At \$5 each this is a great fundraiser for our Vagabond coffers. Remember to check updates on the Vagabond Facebook group site named Chula Vista Elks Vagabonds RV Group if you are a Facebook follower. Pictures of events and additional information can be found there.

Our next meeting will be November 3, 2024, at 11:30 am in the Lodge.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Shirley Bradstreet, Secretary

## SCOUTS TROOP 895



This month, Troop 895 hosted our semi-annual spaghetti dinner. The scouts served an amazing meal and raffled off some great prizes. In total, over 150 tickets were sold and over 4000 dollars were raised to help support ongoing scout activities, to include camping trips and summer camp. As we approach the holidays, Troop 895 will celebrate with pot lucks, gift exchanges, and our yearly visit to Royal Homes in El Cajon. Thank you to all those who continue to support our Troop!



YIS,  
Mike Strzeppek  
Troop 895

## **HUSTLERS BREAKFAST**

A big thank you to all the volunteers who provided service during the October 6th breakfast! You did a smashing job of serving 90 customers which included one breakfast winner and two veterans from the Cal Vet home.

The free Omelet breakfast winner for the November breakfast is Eva Valdez. How to win a free breakfast? Come to breakfast, write your name and number on the reverse side of your ticket. The ticket is put in a basket with all other tickets from that morning. At the end of breakfast a ticket is pulled and the winner notified that they won a free breakfast for the following month's breakfast. Come out and join us! Don't miss out on a great omelet and the chance to win a free breakfast!

This breakfast is the only full-service meal currently offered at the Chula Vista Lodge. Volunteers greet you with smiles, silverware, coffee and orange juice, take your order then serve your order. The Hustlers Omelet Breakfasts are on the first Sunday of every month with the first order taken at 9:00 am and last order at 11:45 am, sooner if the food runs out. You can't beat the price. Come and join us; eat, meet other members, socialize and have fun!

The Hustlers Breakfast will not be held in December. Instead the Hustlers are hosting the lodge Kid's Christmas Party on December 14, 2024.

Details on the Kid's Christmas Party are provided on the form included in this Stag. Forms are also available in the entry way table of the Lodge.

## VETERANS BINGO



Bingo was a blast on Monday October 14, 2024 at the California Veterans Home. We were met by 19 Veterans eager to play, win a little cash, have some treats, but mainly to enjoy the social time with the 6 volunteers (Linda Dingledine, Dean Baloy, Enrique Molina, Claudia Thiltgen, Jane Fairbrother, and Pam Acevedo attending that evening. Unlike most bingo parlors that are serious and quiet, Bingo at the California Veterans Home is fun and filled with laughter. Jokes, shared by Jane Fairbrother, filled the time between games which brought many smiles, groans and laughter to the crowd. Once again, Volunteers and CalVet Home Veterans together laughing and enjoying each other's company. The next Bingo will be held on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024. Join us, we are always looking for volunteers.



To Greg, Veterans Committee Chairman: We miss you and look forward to your return.

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## **ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

### **“NOVEMBER IS ELKS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH”**

Chicago, IL, October 24, 2024: Elks National President Douglas A. Shiefer has proclaimed November to be Veterans Remembrance Month to honor the men and women who have faithfully served our country as members of the armed forces.

Elks pledge “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” This month and every month, Elks members give generously of their time, energy and resources to serve veterans and military members in need of support. Last year, the Elks’ time and support of veterans is valued at \$55,654,802.

In VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, and communities across the country, Elks are helping veterans access the healthcare, housing and community connection they need every day.

One way Elks care for veteran is through the Elks Emergency Assistance Fund, which helps veterans prevent or exit homelessness. Recently, we paid a security deposit for a 91-year-old Korean War veteran moving into a new home, when his longtime residence was no longer available for rent. Just a few hundred dollars of assistance offered this veteran a new path.

“Thank you to the Elks team and all supporting members,” his VA Social Worker shared. “The veteran wanted me to share his gratitude for the assistance in a very challenging time. It made a great difference. The funds made rehousing not merely a hope, but made it possible!”

From supporting the children of deployed National Guard members to helping Korean War veterans stay stably housed, veterans and their families know that they can count on the Elks, no matter what stage of their life they are in.

We urge all Americans to join us in service to the veterans in your community. Our nation’s veterans have served their time. Now, it’s our turn to serve.

There are nearly 1,800 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership of nearly 800,000. To learn more and to join us in service, visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org). For membership information visit [Join.Elks.Org](http://Join.Elks.Org).

# CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER



• FRIDAY •  
NOVEMBER 8, 2024

• TIME •  
5 PM – 7 PM

• LEADING KNIGHT  
CHALLENGE •  
PURPLE PIG FUNDRAISER

**\$20 • DINE IN OR TAKE-OUT**

On the menu: delicious chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, a roll, and dessert. Yum! All for just \$20—

# CHILI COOKOFF

Chula Vista Elks Lodge celebrated the bringing back of the annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a hot and spicy day on the patio. We had five entrants with their homemade (secret) chili recipes ranging from mild to hot and spicy and made with various types of protein including Elk meat. Special hot dogs were prepared by chef Daniel Rieger with all the fixings. We had about 50 guests of which many did the judging. First Place: Event Chair Lisa Harris and Mo Harkleroad, Second Place: Kurt Kneeland & Mike Hamanaka; and Third Place Pam Acevedo and Jane Fairbrother. Runner ups were Pat Nelson and Ronda Addington with George. Mike Hargis made a personal donation of \$100 (thank you) for a total of \$470 for our Major Project Piggy Bank charity.



# Kid's Christmas Party

**Saturday December 14, 2024**

**11:00am – 1:00pm**

Sponsored by The Hustlers

Arts & Crafts, Hot Dogs & Light Refreshments



**For Members Kids and Grandkids Ages 12 and Under**

**Deadline for submittal is Sunday, December 8, 2024**

Turn in ALL submissions to the Lodge Secretary at the office or via email at CVELKS2011@gmail.com

Kid's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_ F: \_\_\_\_

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No: \_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Must include Member Information)**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* Reserved Christmas bags not picked up by December 17, 2024 will be donated to another family**

# ***249TH MARINE CORPS***

## ***BIRTHDAY BALL***

***NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>***



### ***Celebrate the 249th Marine Corps Birthday Ball! Hosted by Marine Corps League #1207 Mitchell Paige Detachment***

**Location:** Elks Lodge

901 Elks Ln. Chula Vista Ca.

**Ticket Prices:** \$70.00

**Time:** Doors open at 3:45PM

Cocktail Hour 4-5PM

Cake Cutting Ceremony 5-5:45PM

Dinner 5:45-6:30PM

Music/Dancing 7-10 PM

**Band:** Blue Zone Band

**Purchase Tickets:**

**[www.eventbright.com](http://www.eventbright.com) key word Marine Corps League 1207 Location Chula Vista**

**or call Hank Schanstra phone: (916)221-2709**

**\$13 on the 13<sup>th</sup> T-Bone Steak Night**

**Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Reservations Recommended at**

**[billgoulet2011@gmail.com](mailto:billgoulet2011@gmail.com)**

**(Only 50 steaks available)**

**5:00 – 6:30 PM**



**It has come to my attention the last Steak Night I hosted in October was not a good experience for some of you. The meat was tough and unsatisfactory. I apologize for that and have decided to only do T-Bone Steaks from now on.**

**This offering is a thin cut and should be a lot more tender to eat. I will also offer potato and a vegetable to go with the meal.**

**This event is on a non-meeting Wednesday night. I hope you have time to come down and try it out. These cuts should cook quickly and we will serve right from the Kitchen Grill. Sides will be handed out after your steak is delivered to you.**

**Bill Goulet, PER**

# LODGE TRUNK OR TREAT CAR SHOW EVENT

Chula Vista Elks Lodge put on an outstanding Trunk or Treat Car Show Event. There were lots of cars, a basket raffle, 50-50 drawing, breakfast burritos, hamburgers, Elvis impersonator, costume contest, Spiderman and Elsa, a blood bank mobile, hoop shoot contest, tee shirts for sale, a Drug Awareness booth plus lots of booths with wonderful items for sale. Enjoy a few pictures.





COSTUME WINNERS



CAR SHOW WINNERS





## Old Timer's Dinner Event

Chula Vista Lodge #2011 Members, Officers, and PER's attended the OLD TIMERS DINNER EVENT held on Friday, October 4, 2024. Steve Fialko, chef for the evening, provided a delicious pork loin entrée' with mashed potatoes, Italian medley vegetables, dinner roll, and dessert. We had 50 members attend to help us honor our 41 Old Timers.

PER Sharron Cannon performed the M.C. duties, E.R. Claudia Ayala did the opening comments, Chaplin Liz Santiago performed the opening and closing prayers. Pam Acevedo was our photographer for the evening and she led the opening pledge. A good time was had by all.

Old Timers Committee Chairperson, Andrea Kurilchick



## Drug Awareness Program

Exalted Ruler Claudia Ayala along with Drug Awareness Committee (DAP) Chair Kimberly Akina and members of the DAP committee attended the Red Ribbon Luncheon Awards Banquet, hosted by the Drug Enforcement Administration in partnership with the Center for Community Research, held at the Admiral Baker Golf Course on October 9, 2024.

Honored were surviving family members of the late DEA Special Agent Enrique Camarena who gave his life in service protecting our community from the Drug Cartels.

San Diego District Attorney Summer Stephan along with County Judge Enrique Camarena were awarded for their commitment and support for keeping drugs off our streets.

The keynote speaker was Chief Scott Wahl.

It was a wonderful experience for all who represented our lodge, learning and sharing ideas with all in attendance including our brothers and sisters from the San Diego Elks Lodge #168.



Thank you to the DAP committee for all your efforts over this past year.



In Memory  
Of  
Becky Munoz



# END OF SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL AND PICNIC PURPLE PIG FUNDRAISER EVENT



This year's End of Summer Music Festival was held Sept. 29th on our back patio. The event was dedicated to the memory of Becky Muñoz with all proceeds after expenses going to the Purple Pig. This was an afternoon of great music, dancing, mouthwatering scooter burgers with all the fixings, fun drawings, and the camaraderie that makes our Lodge so special. We sold 119 meals. The music began with a High School Mariachi Band followed by four other local bands playing all afternoon. When it was over we contributed \$968 to the CHEA Major Project Fund (Purple Pig).





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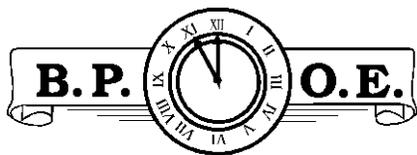
## Memorial Garden

Pleasure is the flower that passes; remembrance, the lasting perfume

Feb 24	Mary Dora Garcia	\$30	In Memory of Gilbert Garcia "July 16, 1950"
Apr. 24	Elizabeth Foster	\$50	In Memory of Jim Fuson "91 Years Young"
May 25	Faith Ugricich	\$25	In Memory of M. Vince Ugricich "Magic Man"
May 24	Fialko Family	\$20	Dave and Carole Fialko to "55 years"
June 25	Joanna Davis Gaines	\$100	In Memory of Thomas Gaines "In My Heart Forever"
July 25	Larry Phillips Family	\$50	In Memory of Dale & Wanda Phillips "Miss you both"
Nov 25	Lorraine Silva	\$25	In Memory of Roger Hawker "Always in our Hearts"
Dec 24	Mely Eckert	\$25	In Memory of Ted Eckert, PER, "Love you, and Miss you"



Memory messages are accepted using the donation slip below and will continue for one-year. For those that have already donated, remember donations need to be renewed after one-year if you wish to continue placement in the Stag. As with all input for the Stag the deadline in the 10th of the month for the following month's bulletin. (i.e. renew by January 10th to be in February bulletin)



Stag sponsored Memorial Garden. Help the garden grow with the seeds of memories. Your annual donation will help to offset the Lodge expense for the monthly bulletin. If you wish to add to the Memorial Garden, please place the slip with your donation in the Stag mailbox.

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