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The Elkhorn



August 2024



Welcome to August and it's been great seeing many of you at our events and helping out around the lodge. Thank you to all who have donated towards the LED light project and the volunteers that installed them. THANK YOU ALL!! Volunteers are what keep our Elks lodges going into the future. If you want to volunteer, look at the events in this and all our bulletins, contact the office and let them know you would like to get involved. They will put you in touch with the chairperson for that event and you'll be contacted on what time to arrive. We had a great time at convention in Austin Texas, many resolutions passed and a few failed, this is common at Grand Lodge. Gathering information and enjoying time with over 6,000 Elks from across the country is an amazing site to see and be a part of. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler has been installed, Douglas

A. Schiefer and his wife Julia. Congratulations to them and we look forward to seeing what his year will bring. His theme this year is "Elkdom's Heart of America". It means recognizing all the honorable and charitable things Elks strive for and want to accomplish in their quest to make their communities and America a better place. What a great message to pass along.

Remember, August is our membership drive month. Application fees are only \$1. Spread the word about the good works that we do, and let's continue growing this lodge like never before.

Attempting to strengthen us so we can continue doing great things now and into the future, this month's members night dinner will be converted to a drive thru. We hope to see your continued support and see more of our members we haven't seen in a while.

The My Elks App is now up and running for Tracy Lodge. This app can be downloaded on your Android or iPhone. Download for free, create your login and you will have access to a multitude of areas. Our events are being listed, with more to come. You can sign up or volunteer right in the app. Once you choose Tracy Lodge, there is a banner under the location icon to contact our office for an overnight stay in the RV park along with directions to our lodge. You can also scroll down in this App and click on "Elks Lodges w/RV Parking". This will take you to elks.org, search a State for lodges with RV Parks and you will now see Tracy Lodge and all the details. Chat with other members and coordinate arrival times at each event. As we are adding more events, you will receive notifications you can add to your calendar if you would like.

We are down to 16 delinquent members. Great job once again to our office staff for getting in touch with our members and continuing to lower this number. Once again, if you have not paid your dues, please do so to avoid being dropped from our roles for non-payment.

Fraternally yours,
Steve McDonald



Welcome New Members: Jesse,
Manuel, Vicki



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GOVERNING BODY OF THE CLUB

The operation, management, and control of the Home Club shall be supervised and conducted by the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight and the Trustees of the Lodge.

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Beginning Membership 7/24/24 358**IN**

Initiated	9
Transfer Dimit	1
Affiliated	1
Reinstated	0
Total added to Roll	11

OUT

Absolute Dimit	0
Transfer Dimit	2
Deceased	5
Dropped	12
Total dropped from Roll	19

Total Members as of 4/1/24 351**Net Membership Gain -8****Life Members 18****Honorary Life Members 0****Total 1 year in arrears as of 6/24/24 22**

Waiting to read at next lodge meeting 2

Waiting for Investigation 0

Waiting for Balloting 0

Waiting for Orientation 0

Waiting for Initiation 1

Total 3**As of April 1st 2024 RV prices have changed per day.****50amp sites, \$35****30amp sites, \$30, (no 50amp rigs in these spaces)****Dry camping \$20****Extra vehicles charge \$20****Dump station \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Thank You**

August 2024

\$1 Application Membership Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 ENF Fundrasier \$25 Fish & Chips	3
4	5	6	7 Family Night \$ 18 Chicken Dinner Free Corn Hole	8 Meeting Night	9	10
11	12	13 Corn Hole Down load Scoreholio app	14	15 Member's Night \$ 20 Drive Thru Only Pork Chops	16 Bunco	17 Elvis & Car 5-6:30 \$40 Dinner. Show @ 7pm Car show only \$20 8- 1 pm Vendors \$25 1-4 pm
18	19 Trustee Mtg 5 Activity Mtg 6 House Committee Mtg 7	20 Corn Hole Down load Scoreholio app	21	22 Meeting Night	23	24 Paint party Tote bag \$35. 2 pm
25	26	27 Corn Hole Down load Scoreholio app	28	29	30	31

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Family Night \$18 Tri Tip House Mtg 5pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Meeting Night	13	14 Craft Fair \$45 10-4 Free Public Admission
15	16 Trustee Mtg 5pm Activity Mtg 6pm House Committee Mtg 7pm	17	18	19 Member's Night \$20 Chicken	20 Bunco	21
22	23	24	25	26 Meeting Night	27	28
29	30					

ANNUAL ELVIS & CAR SHOW AUGUST 17TH

TRACY ELKS LODGE #2031

\$40 ELVIS & CAR SHOW PAID IN ADVANCE.

\$20 CAR SHOW ONLY ENTRY FEE

\$25 FOR VENDORS

CALL THE ELKS LODGE FOR TICKETS 209-835-4413



DINNER & RAFFLE 5-6:30
TRI TIP, SHRIMP, ROASTED POTATOES, SALAD
ELVIS SHOW @ 7PM

CAR SHOW
10-1PM
SET UP 8AM
FREE ADMISSION



VENDORS SET UP BY 10AM

Hello,

The past two months I have shared Rudy's story in my area of the newsletter. Rudy Augustus is the 2024 Theme Child for our California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc. (CHEMPI). CHEMPI speech pathologist, Michelle Bychek, and his family have attainable goals for Rudy as you'll read. Below is the last segment about Rudy's story as provided by CHEMPI.

Rudy's family feels that he is destined for success, with an active lifestyle, and a kind heart. Outdoor exploration, community involvement, and a lot of reading are among family focuses that will hopefully help Rudy to be a motivated, kind and curious person. Rudy's sister was on her pedal bike prior to her third birthday, so Evy will be excited to help Rudy catch up on his specialized Hotwalk bicycle, once he starts walking in order to enable the family to do more adventuring via bike. And of course, eating is an American family tradition so being able to anticipate Rudy sitting at the table and eating the same meal as his family in the very near future, is a reality that is coming true thanks to Michelle and CHEMPI.

Rudy's family will be forever grateful for the immense impact the very generous members of Elks have had in their lives. As well as the lives of all the other children, and families who benefit from our Major Project here in California and Hawaii. If you all could see the joy on little Rudy's face when he sits in his highchair, and tries a new food, only then would you truly understand the significance of your seemingly small contribution. Rudy's family is immensely appreciative of your support of the Purple Pig and of thousands of children under your aegis so they can walk, talk, see, play EAT, and ride bikes!!!

There are some purple pigs around the lodge, feel free to drop your spare change in them and we will get it to CHEMPI. Purple Pig full, bring it to the lodge!



Fraternally yours,
Rick Nogueira,
Major Projects

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 Michael Brenkwitz
 01 Joseph Terra
 03 Kuupua Costa
 03 Gustavo Covarrubias
 04 Philip Blach
 04 Alvin Perry
 04 John Philpott
 05 Anne Langley
 05 Christian Lavagetto
 06 Eugene Birk
 06 Claude Flucas
 10 Michael Stroz
 11 Wayne Kampfen
 11 Linda Pastrikas
 14 Diane Edwards
 14 Cheryl Folla
 14 Emily Knox
 14 Robert Ornellas
 14 Michael Swanson
 15 James Alves
 15 Kris Gedney
 15 Robert Tanner
 16 Guy Martinez
 19 Sandra Agee
 19 Gregory Eaglin
 20 Don Laurenti
 20 Alfred Perio
 21 David Agee
 21 Cathy Knox
 21 Timothy Wilson
 22 James New
 22 Stephen Thatcher
 22 Donald Volden
 24 Stanley Morri
 25 Caroline Gott
 25 Gilbert Rodrigues
 26 Jesse Holquin
 26 Eugene Mullen
 30 Chantal Ebarle
 30 Rosemary Hallat
 31 Albert Murray

REMEMBER YOU GET A FREE MEAL ON
 FAMILY NIGHT ONLY.

Leading Knight Corner



Welcome to summer. Heat waves seem to be the theme of this summer. July had its share of over 100° days, and I am positive August will have few too! Stay hydrated and cool. Check on family and friends often and especially any elderly neighbors to be sure they are ok.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who donated to get the lights replaced in the hall. A total of 24 lights were ordered and installation was completed in the hall the second week of July by a group of volunteers and some of the officers. It looks amazing and if you haven't seen the lodge update, please come out to an event and check it out. Soon, we will finish installing lights in the lobby, kitchen and storage room. I am so appreciative of our members who donated their time, efforts and money to make this project happen! Together we can accomplish things! You all rock and are what being an Elk is all about. Together we can accomplish much in our lodge and community.

We are still in need of additional donations so we can move the light project into the meeting room. Changing all the lights in the meeting room to LED lights is planned to occur as soon as we have enough funds to do the project. Converting the lights to ceiling fans with lights is under consideration. This will allow air movement and make heating and cooling efficient and help save energy costs. Please consider donating to complete this project. We have six lights in the room and the estimated cost for ceiling fans and lights is about \$700.00. With your help and donations, we can improve the look and the feel of our lodge, be more energy efficient and improve your lodge.

In the coming weeks you will also see some changes to the exterior with some general cleanup along with plant and tree pruning. I would like to thank our own Jim Ackers for cleaning up the RV area and knocking down all the weeds, it looks great! Stay tuned for more improvements to come. And as always, if you want something done or have questions or any ideas on events, please come to an activities meeting on the third Monday of the month. All are welcome. We like seeing new faces and listening to new ideas.

I want to give a shout out to the behind-the-scenes folks around the lodge, Dessaray, Cindy, Cathy, Mike and Kiona – thanks for all you do.

The Lodge is always in need of volunteers for the kitchen, bar, set up and tear down for events, landscaping and maintenance. Any help would greatly benefit the lodge. Reach out to me or any officer with what you would like to help out with, and we'll make it happen.

And one last PSA, lol, schools will start soon in our area. Please be careful driving around schools, backing out of driveways and always keep your head up and eyes open for the kids.

Practice BPOE principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity and I hope to see you around the lodge, God Bless and keep well.

Fraternally yours,
 Rick Nogueira,
 Esteemed Leading Knight



AVP Jim Akers & Wife
 Irene

Bunco Winners: Jane , Chris, LaNell,
 Mandy, Jeanne, & James



From the Desk of the Secretary

Hello August to me the hottest month of the year I'm so excited for \$1 month for app fee and I'm also excited to introduce our new youth program call antler for ages 12-20 if you know off any youth interested in join feel free to reach out to me at the office for application to join, also I'm sad to report we are still 16 member still have not paid their dues please get those dues in. We are still in need of volunteers for our events so don't forget to sign up with me in the office. Friendly reminder the office is also in charge of the RV Park so call the office for those reservations or with Steve after office hour we have lots of upcoming event like the Elvis car show and family night, members night which has been changed to DRIVE THRU ONLY and much more. Don't forget there is a 1 week prior cut off for all events.

Your secretary,
Dessaray

Welcome New Member; Gary



Tracy Elkhorn Travelers RV.

We are planning more outings. If you are an RV'er and would like to attend one of our outings with a wonderful group of fellow Tracy Elks members, feel free to contact me.

Your Tracy Elkhorn Travelers Wagon Master.

Jim Geibig

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ELKHORN BUZZ

Wow, our future is bright thanks to everyone who donated to our Light Upgrade Project. You are the shining stars of our Lodge. And to the crew who installed them. A big thank you to Rick and Zelig Nogueira, Dave Dellenback, Alan Keigley, Steve McDonald, Jim Akers, Jesse Villalovoz and his nephew.

Bunco continues to grow each month. Thank you to all who come and bring their friends and family.

Cornhole is also thriving. If you've never played before, come out and join the fun. This game is for all ages. Download the free app Scoreholio to get registered to play. And if you don't think you can throw the bag that far, come out to watch and enjoy the food. Dave Dellenback and Rick Nogueira have been making some delicious meals.

This month is our Membership Drive. We all know that Membership is the backbone of our Lodge. Do you know at least 1 person you can invite to join? If each member brings in just 1 member, can you imagine how strong we can be. Initiation will be August 22 nd . Let's fill that Lodge Room with new faces.

We will be bringing back Drive-thru dinners this month for all those who just want to grab a great dinner on their way home and enjoy with their family in the comfort of your home. We understand there are many families who are busy and can't come and sit in the dining hall with their family for dinner, so this is for YOU. Please sign up and support us. It will be Thursday, August 15 th . We will serve from 5pm to 7:30pm. These have been a great success in the past and we hope will be a great addition again.

Until next month, be kind.

Past Due: Michael Bruckner, Donald Busser, Richard Denman, Brian Foisy, Corrin Geibig, Paul Lenart, Guy Martinez, James Pap Rocki, Brian Ramsey, Jack Rasore, Tammy Reames, Jim Rice, Rolland Skarloken, Johnny Velasquez, Zackary Williams, Curt Zaccagnini. PLEASE PAY TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Volunteers needed at the lodge. Bartenders, kitchen, cooks, servers, clean up. If you want to volunteer for any event, please call the office to sign up. 209-835-441 or email us tracyelks@gmail.com

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Death of A Member: Jim Merservy's wife Marene passed in June. Joe Cathey Member for 6 years . Scott Barham passed 6/2024 member for 44 years. Keep their families in your prayers
Sickness & Distress: Nancy Milani & Spanky Rathjen

UPCOMING EVENTS: COME JOIN US !!

New Hours: Doors open @ 5:30 Dinner @ 6:30 pm

New prices: Family Night \$18

Member's Night: \$20

8/7 Family Night Chicken \$18

8/8 Meeting Night

8/13 Corn Hole

8/15 Member's Night Pork Chops \$20 DRIVE

THRU ONLY

8/16 Bunco

8/17 Elvis & Car Show \$40

8/19 Trustee Mtg 5pm, Activity Mtg 6pm,

House Committee 7pm

8/20 Corn Hole

8/22 Meeting Night & Initiation

8/24 Paint Party Tote Bag \$35

8/27 Corn Hole

9/4 Family Night Tri Tip \$18

9/14 Craft Fair \$45 Reservations call Office

9/16 Trustee Mtg 5pm, Activity Mtg 6pm

House Committee Mtg 7pm

9/19 Member's Night Chicken Dinner \$20

9/20 Bunco

9/26 Meeting Night

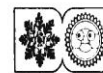
We are taking Donations for Led light bulbs to replace the old lights. Thank you for all your support.

AVP Night, Welcome Jim Akers



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