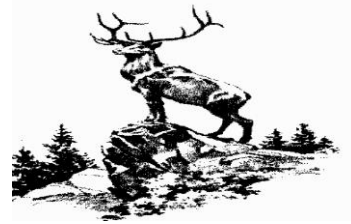


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The Elkhorn



JUNE 2024



We are back, back from our Association Convention that was held in Fresno. What a great time with 1,584 Elks in one location! Many, many things take place during this convention and we can learn new things going on within Elksdom. Our very own Jim Akers has officially been sworn in as our Central District Association Vice President (CDAVP). Congratulations to Jim and his wonderful wife Irene as our CDAVP's First Lady!! As Jim's traveling companion, Lisa and I look forward to traveling around our District with him. It's going to be a great year. Congratulations to our new CHEA President Marty Mello and his wife and First Lady Debra. His motto for this year is Love it, Live it, Promote it! Let's love what we live and tell everyone about it and promote what we do! Give yourselves a BIG round of APPLAUSE!!! We donated \$11,149.39, THANK YOU and most

importantly the children and their families THANK YOU!! That is just from our little lodge and all your generosity! This is what we do, our amount helped the Central District reach \$128,491.39 and contributed to our California-Hawaii Elks Association grand total for last fraternal year 2023-2024, at \$4,045,762.04!!!! Well done Tracy Lodge, and thank you again. 2025 will be the 75th anniversary of our Major Project, and we won't see this again. Lets make this a great Purple Pig/Major Project year and lets surpass last year's total. We are down to 41 delinquent members. The office emailed out the final reminder to those of you who have not paid yet. If you are one of the 41 please reach out to the office and pay your dues to receive your new membership card.

Many things happening in June, the first day of summer, it's also PTSD Awareness month, our Flag Day ceremony along with all you can eat spaghetti dinner Major Project fund raiser, which is fast approaching. Please sign up and come out to a beautiful ceremony and dinner. If you have never made it out to a Flag Day ceremony, you may have never heard the history of our Flags as you will hear in this ceremony. Sign up for a great night of history and supporting our Major Project.

Our first corn hole night was a success. Great job to Mike Sciortino "Shorty" for getting Tracy Corn Hole started at our lodge. This first event SOLD OUT. This is now 3 Wednesday's a month. Thank you to all that cooked the food, worked the bar and helped clean up, to make this a very successful event. We also received 3 new applications for prospective new members. Remember, the ONLY way to register and play is to download the Scoreholio app on your iPhone or Android cell phone and create a free profile. Then search for Tracy, and register to play.

Looking forward to seeing you around the lodge. Take care and God bless.

Fraternaly yours,
Steve McDonald



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Beginning Membership 4/1/24 358**IN**

Initiated	2
Transfer Dimit	0
Affiliated	0
Reinstated	0
Total added to Roll	2

OUT

Absolute Dimit	0
Transfer Dimit	2
Deceased	2
Dropped	5
Total dropped from Roll	9

Total Members as of 4/1/24 351**Net Membership Gain -7****Life Members 18****Honorary Life Members 0****Total 1 year in arrears as of 5/22/24 41**

Waiting to read at next lodge meeting	1
Waiting for Investigation	0
Waiting for Balloting	0
Waiting for Orientation	6
Waiting for Initiation	0
Total	7

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

JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Family Night Country Style Ribs \$18	4 HAPPY 4 TH	5	6
7	8 Trustee Mtg 5 Activity Mtg 6 House Committee Mtg 7	9 Taco Tuesday \$20	10	11 DARK	12	13 AVP Homecoming Jim Akers Dinner \$18 RSVP
14	15	16	17	18 Member's Night \$20Tri Tip	19 BUNCO	20 Cook Your Own Steak \$20
21	22	23	24	25 Meeting Night Initiation	26 Fish & Chips ENF Fundraiser \$15	27
28	29	30	31			

JULY 2024

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01	Ray Borges
02	William Holsapple
02	Nancy Milani
03	Nicholas Davis court
06	Alex Alvarez
06	Arnold Bellini
06	David Philpott
08	Zachary Dennis
08	Donald Thorvund
09	Dave Dellenback
11	Craig Banyasz
11	Jerry Crowe
12	Mark Dimon
13	Steven Avila
13	Deriel Hayes
14	Barbara Adams
15	Gregory Selna
16	Ray Yamada
17	Lisa McDonald
17	Dean Richardson
18	Steven Hunger
18	William Lay
20	Ann Marie Gedney
20	John Thompson
21	Donald Busser
22	Harold Wubben
23	Thomas Brigman
23	Michael Cowley
23	Walter Mobley
23	Douglas Zirpel
25	Daniel Brown
25	Lucy Orsi
26	Anthony Munoz
28	Richard Fletcher
29	Lori Raboy

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Leading Knight's Corner

Hello everyone. Summer has arrived! School is out and kids are starting their break from school. Be sure to keep an eye out as they run and play when you are out and about. Speaking of running and playing, I am sure you all are familiar with the purple pig slogan "filling a purple pig with a coin a day so they can walk, talk, see, and play." Our charitable organization The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc. (CHEMPI) has been serving children with disabilities since 1950. Fund raising for the CHEMPI is through our purple pigs.

This month and for the next few months, I will be focusing this part of the newsletter on Rudy Augustus, the 2024 Theme Child for our California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Below is the first of a three parts about Rudy's story as provided by CHEMPI.

Rudy was born at 9:59 in the evening on March 2 nd , 2023. Due to his positive prenatal screening for Down syndrome, his family knew that his birth story may be a challenging one. Family back in Wyoming were standing at the ready to help as his planned home birth began in case support was needed with Rudy's early care. Rudy's midwife suggested transferring to the hospital when he was not tolerating contractions well. Despite a vigorous first appearance following a natural birth, Rudy went into respiratory failure approximately an hour after birth, and after multiple failed helicopter transfer attempts, he was eventually transferred to Loma Linda NICU the following day via ambulance. The family scrambled to pick up Rudy's grandma at the LA airport, transport Rebecca, Rudy's mom, to be with Rudy at Loma Linda, and drop Grandma in Ridgecrest to care for Rudy's then 3-year-old sister, Evy, all before Tom, Rudy's Dad, returned to be with his son, and Rebecca. Rudy's 26-day stay in the NICU was eventful with a blood transfusion, a diagnosis of two heart defects, support for low muscle tone, and feeding challenges. He received assistance with calorie intake by way of a tube, which delivered Mom's precious breastmilk. Rudy also received oxygen around the clock in those first few weeks, as his body grew stronger, and became more capable of supplying and maintaining his own oxygen flow. On the 29 th of March, Rudy had mastered the bottle, was breathing on his own, and was generally deemed strong enough to make the trek home to the high desert in Ridgecrest. It was however, determined that Rudy would need oxygen going over the Cajon Pass, which has an elevation of approximately 4,000 feet.

Rudy and his family loaded up their Subaru, looking a bit like the Clampetts, after living in the Ronald McDonald house for nearly a month, and headed home to the sound of Rudy's oxygen desaturation bell dinging almost incessantly. Fast forward a year later, and Rudy is thriving, thanks to having all his in-home therapy in place, and the support of an exceptional host of specialists at Children's Hospital of Orange County. Included in Rudy's extraordinary therapy team is CHEMPI speech pathologist, Michelle Bychek, who travels over an hour each direction, to provide Rudy with feeding therapy, as well as speech therapy.

Check back next month for more on Rudy and his journey along with how Michelle's expertise and experience is helping Rudy and his family.

Our purple pig spaghetti dinner is on 15 th, plan to attend, and bring your filled purple pig so we can continue to raise funds for our major project.

The Boy Scouts will have a flag ceremony before the dinner. Bring a friend to the event and introduce them to the Elks, our purple pig and the good works the Elksdom does for the community and kids.

God Bless and keep well.

Fraternally yours,

Rick Nogueira

Esteemed Leading Knight

Purple Pig Chairman

From the Desk of the Secretary

Hello June, the beginning of summer also the beginning of all those great BBQ.

I would like to welcome all the new members and also would like to remind you all that we still have over 40 members that still have not paid their DUES.

I would like to say congratulations to family night winner Chris Blis for winning a free meal and to blue ticket winners Bill Kaska, Justice Hernandez & Luci Orci.

Also, congratulations to the members night winner of a free meal Woody Souza and blue ticket winner Anthony McGrath & Mary M.

Also don't we are still in need of volunteers to help at all our events.

Thank you so much,

Your secretary,

Dessaray



ELKHORN BUZZ

Oh Boy, Oh Boy, if you were not at the first cornhole night, you missed one heck of a showing. Tracy Cornhole brought 58 players to our Lodge. The kitchen sold out and the bar did not stop. Great job Mike Sciortino.

How great it was to see all the smiling faces and love poured out to all moms at our Mother's Day Brunch. Thank you to all the volunteers and the Officers who performed the ceremony.

Taco Tuesday continues to thrive, thanks again to Gus, Diane, Rick, and Bill for all your hard work in the kitchen. Raffle winners were Stephanie Toth, Lisa McDonald, and Sarah Ornellas.

Many thanks go out to Alan Keigley and his crew for the chicken fried steak dinner. And a big thank you to our Loyal Knight, Les Rowe for taking the reins in the ER's absence. Great job!

We saw 7 full tables at Bunco in May. Tell your friends and bring them out on June 21 st . Check the June and July calendars. We have some fundraisers coming up for both the Major Project (PurplePig) and the ENF (Elks National Foundation). This is what the Elks are about. Please RSVP and join us!

Cook your own Steak is also on the calendar. Get your reservations early, so that you don't miss it.

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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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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Sickness & Distress: Nancy Milani, Spanky Rathjen, Gary DeWolf for health concerns

UPCOMING EVENTS: COME JOIN US !!

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

New prices: Family Night \$18

Member's Night: \$20

6/1 Paint Party \$35 2pm

6/5 Family Night Dinner \$18 Steak Sandwich

6/10 Trustee Mtg 5pm Activity mtg 6pm House Mtg 7pm

6/11 Taco Tuesday

6/12 Corn Hole

6/13 Meeting Night Open 5:30

6/15 Flag Day & Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser \$15 ceremony @ 4 dinner to follow

6/16 Happy Father's Day

6/19 Corn Hole

6/20 Member's Night \$20 Pork Loin Dinner

6/21 Bunco open @ 5:30

6/26 Corn Hole

6/27 Meeting Night open @ 5:30

7/3 Family Night Country Style Ribs \$18

7/8 Activity Mtg 6pm House committee Mtg 7

7/9 Taco Tuesday \$20

7/10 Corn hole

7/13 AVP Homecoming \$18 RSVP

7/17 Corn Hole

7/18 Member's Night Tri Tip \$20

7/19 BUNCO

7/20 Cook Your Own Steak \$20

7/24 Corn Hole

7/25 Mtg Night Initiation

7/26 Fish & Chips ENF Fundraiser \$15

Bunco Winners:

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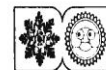
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