

-By Rich Spickler, ER

Thoughts from our Exalted Ruler

Well, the end of the Elks year is here. It's been fun, sometimes exciting, and sometimes stressful. We have put Covid in our rearview mirror, at least for the most part. Events are getting larger and more frequent. I would like to thank those of our lodge who have stepped up to make that happen. Please keep this trend going. Wayne is going to need all your help in the future. We have much

to do in the upcoming year. Membership growth should continue to be our priority. We are a large lodge, but we can be even larger. If half of our members bring in 2 candidates each, we double our size. That is very much an achievable goal.

Finally, I'd like to say it was easier the second time around as ER. It was not. It was a challenge to say the least, but I'm glad I did it. Not

only did I make friends in the Petaluma Lodge, I made friends all over the Great Northwest District. I've made lifelong friendships everywhere I've been in Elkdom and this year has been no different. I look forward to seeing you around the Lodge and District.

Growing Back Together

Thanks & Congrats!

Elk of the Month - February 2023 - Larry Sartori

Larry, Lodge Secretary, has been an asset to this lodge for many years. He does many things to help the trustees and all the officers. He assists our members every single day. Where Larry shines is in the community. He keeps aware of all the ongoing events and involves the Elks whenever possible. He has filled in for me while I am unable to attend.

Larry, thank you for all you do for Elkdom & this Lodge. Congratulations!

Volunteer of the Month - February 2023 - Jeff Potteet

Jeff has volunteered consistently throughout the year. He is a fixture at Wednesday Burger Night, and many other events as well. Especially at the recent Crab Feed and Officer Appreciation Night. And lets not forget he stepped up to fill a Trustees position even after two years as ER.

Jeff, thank you for all you do for Elkdom & this Lodge. Congratulations!



CHEA Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities



SCHOLARSHIPS - Deadline March 15th, Act Now...

In addition to the ENF scholarships (MVS, etc), our State Association offers a few grants/scholarships:

- Vocational Grant
- Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities- completed application packet **postmark deadline is March 15th & must be received in the Fresno office by April 1st.**

For more information regarding these opportunities, check out:

www.chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships



California-Hawaii Elks Major Project – CHEMPI

Serving children with disabilities since 1950.

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BEST LASTING THING YOU CAN DO

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BLT Legacy Giving & the Purple Piggy Bank work hand in hand to ensure that our therapists & vision screeners can continue to provide much needed services to children throughout California & Hawaii. Find out how you can support the work of the Major Project by making a gift in memory of a loved one or making a lasting legacy gift.

If you would like to learn more about BLT Legacy Giving, contact Lodge BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson Duane Sartori: Duane@boslawfirm.org

Purple Pigs are a Pot O’ Gold to the Kids Have You Turned In A Purple Pig Lately?



“Elks Give From The Heart”

Elks Give The Gift Of Life

Register as a Donor **Donate Life America**

For more info go to: www.donatelife.net

NOTE: UPCOMING EVENTS ARE LISTED ON THE BACK PAGE & INFO/FLYERS ARE THROUGHOUT

From Our Purple Pig Chairman

- By George Matt

Once again thank you for your heart felt support. The total for the month of January was \$644.91. There were 13 contributors. One of our members turned in 5 pigs.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for placing your names on the pig. Please keep up giving to help the children in need. Keep the coins coming and I’ll keep on counting. If you have any question about the Purple Pig fund please contact the Secretary’s office.

Turn in your full piggies and adopt another...then repeat often!

A Coin a Day... They’ll Walk, Talk, See and Play.



Contributors for the month of January:

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|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Kim Hall | Tony Morgan * | |
| Jim Edens | Mike Scholzen | |
| Tony Shiel | Marilyn Hoard * | Dennis Nowicki * (5 pigs) |
| Gloria Ruiz\ | William Silverira * | Charlene Gannon (2 pigs) |
| Roy Smith | Dave Bagenstos * | Petaluma Elks RV Club * |

(* Member that has turned in more than one pig in the past 12 months.

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www.elks901.org

Lodge Information:

Call (707) 763-0901

Office Hours:

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.

Meeting Nights:

2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Initiation

noon-2pm

(Date TBA each month)

Lounge Hours:

*See calendar.

Note: meeting nites- bar closes at 6:30p.m. Then opens after meeting until 9:00pm.

Lodge 901 Officers: 2022-2023

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Exalted Ruler*: | Rich Spickler, PER |
| Est. Leading Knight*: | Wayne Wilson, PER |
| Est. Loyal Knight*: | Laurie Banks |
| Est. Lecturing Knight*: | Cindy Spickler |
| Secretary: | Larry Sartori, PER |
| Treasurer: | Gary Lassen |
| Esquire: | Rick Nadale |
| Chaplain: | Ken Conley |
| Inner Guard: | Tim Sheehan |
| Tiler: | Al Petrides |
| 1 Year Trustee*: | Jeff Poteet, PER |
| 2 Year Trustee*: | Tony Estes |
| 3 Year Trustee*: | Mike Martin |
| 4 Year Trustee*: | David Bagenstos |
| 5 Year Trustee*: | Tim Moore |
| House Committee: | Officers with * |

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All lodge notifications in this publication constitute an Official notification, and no other need be given. Committe Chairpersons should submit their new items in writing no later than the 15th of each month.

Lounge Hours*: Our ability to open the bar is dependant upon available volunteer staffing. Check calendar, verify with lodge.



Major Project Update

-By Wayne Wilson, PER & Major Project Chair



It's the end of the Elks Fiscal year, but it's not quite the end of the CHEMPI year for Purple Pig donations. So how are we doing? About \$1,000 better than last month! Our year-to-date total now stand at \$15,184.51! And we now have thirty-six 52-Club qualifiers and 16 Century Club qualifiers! I just love seeing the numbers add up!

And, hopefully, we can get in one more fundraiser before we talk the total to the California-Hawaii State Convention in May.

But, as I said last month, I need to let go in favor of Cindy Spickler who has stepped up to say that she will take on the chairmanship of the Major Project. That doesn't mean we won't be doing the fundraisers that we have in the past. I expect that the Pig Roast in November will still take place and know that the Car Show in July will, too. I know that Cindy will do a great job of carrying on and I look forward to what other imaginative ways she comes up with to help us continue to support this most worthy charity. So look forward to what new ideas get out there and lets all her continue to grow our support of the Purple Pig.

Well, Thanks for supporting me the last five years. And remember, as our motto goes;

"A Coin a Day So They Can Walk, Talk, See and Play."

CHEA CONVENTION May 17-20, 2023 - Palm Springs



Happy Birthday!

If your birthday is this month clip this coupon, fill in your name, card number & birthdate & present it with proof of your birthday at the bar for a couple of drinks.

Name: _____

Member Card Number: _____ B.Date ____/____/____

March Birthdays

- By Susan Degive

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 John Fredericks | 16 Gary Mertle |
| Robert Schram | 17 Terry Berardino |
| 2 Dave Foster | 18 Roger Jackson |
| Jon Kasper | Joseph Vella |
| James Pardini | 19 Christopher Newton |
| Shubert Yee | Shannon Petersen |
| 3 Raleigh Clark | Michael Pezet |
| Rob Mc Corkel | Joseph Ramirez |
| Ralph Sartori | 20 Phil Tripp |
| 4 Robert Bertolucci | 21 Domenico Carinalli Jr |
| Russ Mc Daniel | Fred Lucas |
| Frank Robin | Christen Minick |
| Gary Santero | 22 Paul Merrill |
| 5 Malcolm Doyle | Guy Walker |
| Timothy Wolfli | Warren White |
| 6 William Lewis | 23 Edward Bacci |
| Jonathan Nathe | Mike Kenney |
| Steve Nelson | Karren Newman |
| Steven Rubino | Ronald Pomi |
| 8 Patrick Ciocca | 24 David Brown |
| Dennis Lestanguet | Louie Cantarutti |
| Carrie Scott | Charmaine Ostrowski |
| Donald Wilson | Bruce Woodhouse |
| 9 Juan Llaverias | 25 Jerry Hansen |
| David Solis | Rick Pulizzano |
| 10 Leland Fishman | 26 Nick Bursio |
| Louise Hance | Katherine Mejia |
| Ben Rose | Nick Rado |
| 11 James Jorgensen | Roy Smith |
| 12 Ryan Calkin | Douglas Stevenson |
| Richard Jacoby | Michael Whooley |
| Justin Skov | 27 James Edens |
| 13 Hansjuerg Enz | Heather Galli |
| William Fowler | 28 Raymond Duca |
| Ken Goltermann | John O'Connor |
| Thomas Yannes | 29 Donald Belluomini |
| 14 Kerri Jensen | Brian Clary |
| Erik Kinsman | 30 Tom Reimer |
| Chris McCaffrey | 31 Darrell Anderson |
| 15 Michael Bordessa | Dennis Massara |
| Mark Kobe | Nancy Santero |
| Arden Perkins | ♦ |
| John Vogt | |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!!!



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WITH ENTHUSIASM**



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3/16/23



COMPLIMENTARY STEAK DINNER FOR ALL
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Sunday Breakfast
At The Elks Club

9AM to 11:30AM

\$10 Includes:
 • Eggs to order • Sausage • Bacon • Potatoes
 • English Muffin • Fruit • Juice and Coffee
 \$2 extra for Pancakes
 The bar will be open.

EVERYONE WELCOME • NO RESERVATION NEEDED
 PETALUMA ELKS #901: 2105 South McDowell Blvd

...ALERT...

Some dinners are very popular. Ensure the meal you came for is waiting for you. Make your reservations online or call the office.

More March events on pages 5, 6 & 9

Secretary's Corner

-By Larry Sartori



Please check your email in March as the Secretary will be emailing out a short survey form. We are looking for your input in what you would like to see at the Lodge in the way of events, dinners etc. Do you have a favorite charity you would like to have a fundraiser for? A special event you would like to see happen? This is your Lodge, but we need your input to make/continue with our success.

Please welcome our New Members:

Nicholas Deisher
Francine Sprigel
Lucinda Thomas
Diana Yannes

Proposed for Membership:

John Glover - proposed by Steve Clifford

Reinstatement Proposal:

Jean Joerger - proposed by Larry Sartori
Jason Simmons - proposed by Hans Enz

See important message on page 7.



Transfers:

Richard Vincente - transfer from Fremont Lodge #2121

Lodge of Sorrow - "The chimes of memories will always recall..."



Patrick Grant - Born 11/15/1946. Died 12/20/2022. Initiated 3/23/2006. An Elk for 16 years.

William King - Born 10/23/1933. Died 12/15/2022. Initiated 9/27/1990. An Elk for 33 years.

Richard Martin - Born 9/25/1941. Died 3/28/2022. Initiated 11/20/1968. An Elk for 55 years.

PETALUMA ELKS
LODGE #901

Come Celebrate! Installation Of Officers

Saturday Mar 25

11:00am: Installation
11:30am: No Host Cocktails
Noon: Luncheon

- Baked Breaded Pork Chops
(vegetarian alternative available on request)
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Fried Green Beans
- Cheesecake

\$20 per person
RSVP by Mon Mar 20
call (707)763-0901 ext 0

Dress: Business Casual
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Quarterly Reports Due

A Reminder: Many of you have quarterly reports, for the quarter ending **Mar. 31st**, due to the District Chairperson by **Apr. 5th**. Please be prompt. Thanks for your participation!•

Lodge Meeting Nights' Bar Hours

On meeting nights, per rules of Elkdome, the bar closes promptly at 6:30 PM (the start of the meeting). Everyone must exit the bar at 6:30 PM. The bar will open after the meeting & close at 9pm. During Sunday Initiations, the bar will be closed (approximately 1 hour).

EVENT CHAIRS

1. Get your event plans on the T/HC meeting agenda for **Mar. 6th** (for approval).
2. Get approved info to the Newsletter Editor by the **15th**.
3. Then promote event!
4. After event, write your wrapup article about the event & thank yous. Send to both the Newsletter & the PR Chair to get published.



Leading Knights Corner New Year Hi-lites

-By Wayne Wilson, PER & Leading Knight -
Email: wwilson-elks901@outlook.com

Well, this is it. My very last Leading Knights article. Next month you will be reading my musings under the heading "Thoughts from the Exalted Ruler". Exalted Ruler Rich Spickler will be retired from his year at the helm with our thanks for all he has accomplished. And you will see other changes, too, as the new crop of officers take on their new roles and responsibilities.

To that end, I am already working with our whole officer corps to take a look at where we want to be in 2023-2024. And there are a lot of challenges ahead. For one, we want to continue to grow our Lodge as we continue to leave the aftereffects of COVID behind us. This means getting back to regular dinners, and other meal services beyond just Burger Night. Although, that has proven to be quite popular. I'm hoping to have regular Friday dinners and that has already begun with the third Friday of each month being Karaoke Night with food available for purchase. What would you think about a 'personal pizza' night? Or bring back Taco Tuesday with a larger taco offering? How about a Steak Night? All good possibilities...

Working with our incoming Leading Knight, Laurie Banks, we are already building a calendar of Lodge Activities/Entertainment throughout the year. In addition to the standard ones we do, like Mothers Day, July 4th, etc..., we are contemplating a Family Night, an evening of dinner & a show, and others such as Dueling Pianos which will be a joint fundraiser for the Lodge and for Petaluma Youth Soccer.

But, there will be difficulties, too. One really big one is that the Grand Lodge has again challenged our Hall Association as needing to be compliant with Elk Statutes, beginning with 16.030 (you can look that up or come see me and I will explain). The trouble is that we, and the directors of the Hall, have always maintained that it is merely our landlord, a separate corporation, and does not fall under jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. The GL has made some strong arguments regarding why this is untrue. However, we are in productive dialog with them and expect to be able to wrap that up early in the Elk year. To that end, there will be a vote at the March 23 Lodge Meeting wherein the membership wishes the board to become compliant or not. I strongly urge you all to attend as that will be a milestone in the history of our Lodge.

There is also the issue of replacing our poor, tired walk-in refrigerator/freezer. A large and costly project. And, of course, the daily issues of doing everything we want for our members while maintaining a balanced budget. Whew! So, when you see your officers, try to see them as the proverbial 'ducks on the water'. Calm and collected on the surface. Paddling like crazy underneath!

So, let's have a good and productive year. I will try to keep you informed and I hope that you can feel free to come to me with anything that you think is important to our Lodge.

BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



Petaluma Elks Lodge
TUES, April 4 & WED, April 5
 10 am – 2:45 pm 10 am – 3 pm
Elks Lodge - Meeting Room
 2105 South McDowell Blvd
 Petaluma, CA 94954

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DINNER'S ON US!

Thu Mar 23

6:00pm Dinner & Presentation
Short Ribs, Polenta, & Dessert.
Lodge 901 Members Free
 (in good standing)
Spouses & Guests \$15

Food by
Rose Catering



RESERVATIONS for dinner
required by Mon Mar 20
elks901.org or call (707)763-0901 ext 0

Why: The Petaluma Elks Hall Association is conducting its annual general meeting. The agenda will include "State of the Association" update, financials and comments from the audience. All #901 members are urged to attend.



**PETALUMA ELKS
LODGE #901**

LODGE MEETING immediate follows with OFFICER STEP-UP.

PETALUMA ELKS HALL ASSOCIATION

The Hall Association owns and maintains our building and facilities, managing major improvements and the building tenants.



Veteran's News

-By Tony Morgan,
Veterans Committee Chair



Back again for another month. To make a short story long (to fill out the column), some time ago, I was approached by Wayne Wilson who asked if I was familiar with the "Welcome Home Kit" program run by the Elks National Veterans Service Committee (ENVSC). "Nope" was my well thought out reply. Well, I quickly learned that the "Welcome Home Kit" is a program that encourages local Lodges to support Veterans, who for one reason or another, were basically homeless. I learned that the COVID pandemic caused a number of people to lose their homes and means of making a living. Many of these men and women are Armed Forces Veterans. Through the Veterans Administration, programs were established to find housing and employment for these individuals. The Elks, recognizing their promised duty to the Veteran, enlisted to assist in some of the programs. One that stands out is the "Welcome Home Project"

The WHP allows us to work with the various veteran's organizations seeking housing for those veterans who are or have experienced homelessness. If the vet successfully completes the screening process, they are referred to housing with the assistance of the V.A. for partial rent payment. In some cases, the vets have only the clothes on their backs and a few personal belongings. This is where the Elks step in. Through the ENVSC guidelines we are able to reach out to the vet and offer assistance in getting set up in their own residence. We are allowed to spend up to \$300 per vet on household supplies, clothing, sustenance and other items to get them settled in. With submitted receipts, the \$300 spent by the

Lodge is reimbursed by the ENVSC (which, undoubtedly, gets turned around to help another vet).

I found that the hardest part of getting started in this is establishing a relationship with the assisting agency. I eventually reached out to the Nation's Finest Organization. Our region's NFO is headquartered in Santa Rosa. Being short-staffed causes some considerable delays. Fortunately, an anonymous 901 member donated a huge box of clothing and other items for distribution to Rocca House and Hearn House, both which come under the umbrella of the Nation's Finest. I delivered it to the NFO and, voila, the doors were opened and I was put in contact with case workers who were thrilled for the support we propose to offer. I was placed in contact with a veteran and prepared myself to work with him. I will try and give you an update of my first recipient contact in a following issue. Once I get all the bugs worked out, I hope to open the project to other members to get involved. I look at it this way: "WE ARE NOT GIVING A HANDOUT, WE ARE GIVING A HAND UP."

While on the topic of donations, fellow Elk Butch Smith and I brought a good amount of items to Yountville on February 15th. My car was loaded with candies, microwave popcorn, peanuts, birdseed and other items to be used as bingo prizes. Two very large boxes of Depends were also dropped off. Thank you to all that contributed (and keep it up).

Finally, all Elk 901 Armed Forces Veterans will be honored with a dinner at the Lodge on THURSDAY,

LIQUOR LICENSE SALE

Vote at March 23, 2023 Meeting

-By Larry Sartori, Secretary



ATTENTION MEMBERS

To safeguard Local Lodges from financial difficulties, Section 16.050 of the Order's Statutes require Grand Lodge approval of certain Lodge financial transactions. Our application must be completed and submitted to the appropriate Building Applications Member of the Grand Lodge Trustees.

PROPOSAL

Our Lodge is offering our Special On-Sale General Liquor License #57-324064 to A&K Bowman Ventures LLC. They are located at 116 Main Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472.

The Lodge will be represented by Exalted Ruler Rich Spickler, Exalted Ruler-Elect Wayne Wilson and Lodge Secretary Larry Sartori.

We are selling Liquor License #57-324064. The purchase price is \$170,000.00 (One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars).

Our plan for the monies is to hold them in a Restricted General Ledger Account until approval. Then we will deposit the monies into our Edward Jones Investment Account.

We are selling "57" license because in 2018 Lodges were instructed to convert their license to a Private Club "51" license so as to be compliant with federal tax rules.

The vote to move forward will take place on March 23, 2023 in the Lodge Room at the Petaluma Elks Lodge during our regularly scheduled meeting.

The Veterans Wish List

Little Things Mean A Lot

Going shopping? Please remember the Yountville Veterans. Find a copy of the **VETERANS' WISH LIST** on our Lodge's website or at the Lodge office.

Thanks to all of you who have dropped off items at the lodge. Every item helps and is appreciated by all!



JUNE 1, 2023. Signups will be required and opened up in April. This is one of the reasons I have requested that all 901 Vets provide me with your email address. It really helps in keeping track of our own veterans. It appears likely that spouse/significant others and non-Vets will pay a nominal price for the cost of the meal (TBD). Oh yeah, the meal: pulled pork sandwiches with BBQ sauce, fresh cole slaw, french fries and dessert.

Look What's Coming...

**-Elks 901-
SOCIAL
CLUB**

**It's BACK &
All Are Welcome**

**Fri
Apr 21
12:30**
(at the Lodge)

**MENU
to come.**
Watch your
Elks weekly email
or check next
Whisperings.

Please RSVP & mail by Apr 11
Make check payable to & mail to:
Norine (Bobby) Gervasi
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Questions?
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**CINCO
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Friday May 5th

Fun celebration with games, music, &
good food

Watch for details

**Mother's
Day**

Breakfast/Brunch

Sunday May 14

Mark Your Calendar, Watch for Details

Honoring our Mothers
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supports Veterans, Communities & Children.
Please support ENF



Last chance to get your ENF 2022 fiscal year donation in so we can make a difference. If you have donated this past year, we thank you, if you haven't yet, please act now. In addition to the good it initially does, if our lodge makes the National President's **per-member-giving goal of \$4.80** before March 31st we will qualify for a \$2k Gratitude Grant to help our community in the grant year beginning April 1st. Donation deadline is 3/31/23- it must be received by/before, postmark doesn't count.

How Do You Look In A Black Suit?

We are looking for members to step up, join the Officer Corp. If interested, contact Wayne Wilson, Leading Knight, at wwilson-elks901@outlook.com



Dues Due!

Your dues statements for the upcoming year have been mailed. Don't forget that in order to get an Early Bird sticker, you need to submit your dues by 4/1/2023. If you need a copy of your statement, please call the office at 707-763-0901 ext 0 or email secretary@elks901.org. Also, this is an opportunity to support Elks National Foundation (ENF) and Major Project (Purple Pig) with your donations included with your dues payment. It's easy/convenient... Check out your statement for more information about each. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful generosity.



We Can Make A Difference!



Daylight Savings Time Begins

It's time to "Spring Forward"
Sunday
March 12th at 2:00 A.M.

Change your clocks **One Hour AHEAD** when you go to bed Saturday night



**Kitchen Korner...
What's Cookin'**
-By Ron Green



Menus for Wednesday and Thursday through the end of March

- Mar 1 - W - Special - Gary's Famous Big 901 Chili Dog
- Mar 2 - Th - Cheesesteaks
- Mar 8 - W - Special - Western Bacon Cheeseburger
- Mar 9 - Th - Pulled Pork
- Mar 15 - W - Special - Patty Melt
- Mar 16 - Th - Firefighter Appreciation Dinner (Reservations)
- Mar 22 - W - Special - Onion Mushroom Burger
- Mar 23 - Th - Hall Association Annual Meeting/Dinner (before Lodge meeting)
- Mar 29 - W - Special - Gary's Famous Big 901 Chili Dog
- Mar 30 - Th - BLT/Club Sandwich



**We are looking for Helping Hands...
How About Yours?**



Have some fun, Do some good...Get involved!
Help make it happen.



KUDOS, Applause & Thanks To...

- Fire Fighters-** for diligently striving to keep our communities safe.
- 2022-23 Officers & Trustees-** for your leadership this past year.
- 2022-2023 Committees & Chairs-** for all you do to keep our projects/events running smoothly.
- Lodge Staff-** for all you do to keep our lodge running smoothly.
- Volunteers-** for your injection of goodwill, energy & "can do" attitude.
- Members-** for your support to our lodge & the community.

Petaluma Elks 901 Food Drive



**Charitable Help
to our
Community**

Since COVID, the need has grown

Together We Can Make A Difference!

Bring your donations to the

"Drive Thru Food Drive" at

721 S. McDowell Blvd.

Monday thru Friday 9am to 12pm



Editor's Note - Article Deadline

The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month for the upcoming issue **(March 15th for the April newsletter)** 

Info must be in writing.

Event Chairpersons: Don't delay, meet with the T/HC 4 months in advance to approve event budget & ticket prices (only approved prices will be posted). Promote event at least 3 months in advance.

Email your approved details, articles, flyers, etc to: **bgalbraither@gmail.com**

NOTE!

*Dinners, Bar & Events

are dependent upon & follow COVID regulations & CDC & Sonoma County Health guidelines.

Rules change according to public risk.

Event info is based on the status at press time.

Watch for interim e-mail alerts & check our website for latest updates.

Be safe, be socially responsible, get your vaccination & boosters & follow mask & safety rules.



Mon - Friday
3-5 pm
\$1.00 off -
Draft Beer & Booze
(Excludes, Soda, Wine,
Bottles, Cans)

Hungry? We've got you covered! Yum...

Check the calendar for "food nights".

**Support our volunteer cooks,
they are cooking for you!**



Outings & Hosts

**"Springtime is the land
awakening.**

**The March winds are the
morning yawn."**

- Lewis Grizzard

Time to wake up your RV and join our happy throng on a Spring adventure.

Check out the RV outings we've got scheduled for the first part of 2023.

We love welcoming new RVers!

- **By Gordon Cox, PR Officer**

Our Elks 901 RV Club has monthly outings which include group dinners (both pot luck and at nearby eateries), happy hours, games (corn hole, spinners, etc.) and visits to local attractions (wineries, river boat excursions, golf, etc.).

If you are a member or associate member of the BPOE 901 and would like to take your RV on one of our outings, please contact the host of the outings shown in the schedule below. Please call early as most RV parks require a list of attendees at least two weeks in advance of arrival.

2023 Outing Schedule:

March 15-19 (Wed.-Sun.)

Red Bluff KOA Journey, Red Bluff, CA.
Jim 707-321-2392 & Kris 707-338-1748
Foster, Gail McGovern 707-318-1811 &
Gordon Cox 707-364-4647

April 12-16 (Wed.-Sun.)

Heritage RV Park, Corning, CA.
Wayne & Roberta Thomas 707-217-8390
& Chuck & Paulie Clark 707-480-1444

May 10-14 (Wed.-Sun.)

Almond Tree RV Park, Chico, CA.
Ed & Sally Jensen 707-542-3900, Ron
Lunsford 707-479-9891 &
Diane Bergeron

June 12-16 (Mon.-Fri.)

Gilroy Garlic Festival, Gilroy, CA.
Tenny and Linda Tucker 707-762-5775 &
Dee Jones 707-481-5248



Veterans Bingo Wish List

Out Shopping?

Please pick up a few items for the Yountville Veterans.



They play bingo.

**Items needed for their
Bingo prizes:**

Candy, Chips, Jerky, Peanuts in the Shell, Microwave Popcorn, Cup of Soup, Tea Bags, Instant & Regular Coffee, Stationery, Envelopes, Stamps.

Drop items off at the lodge. We will get them to the Veterans.

T/HC Meetings' Times

Meetings are held on the Monday prior to the Lodge Meeting.

- House Committee
6:30pm - 7:15pm
- Trustee Meeting:
7:30pm - 8:00pm

All members are welcome to the T/HC meetings. But to be placed on the agenda of a T/HC meeting please send your request into the lodge office no later than the Wednesday before the meeting. Members wishing to speak at these meetings, but not on the agenda will be heard on a time available basis. Remember all members are invited to the T/HC meetings & we need to hear from all of our brothers & sisters.

EVENT CHAIRS



1. Get your event plans on the T/HC meeting agenda for **March 6th** (for approval).
2. Get approved info to the Newsletter Editor by the **15th**.
3. Then promote event!
4. After event, write your wrapup about the event & thank you. Send to both the Newsletter & the PR Chair to get published.

april

march

april	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	(26) Breakfast 9am-11:30am	(27)	(28)	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday BLT/Club Sandwich 4pm-7pm	(31)	Craft & Vendor Faire 10am-3pm
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 4-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	
	Craft & Vendor Faire 10am-3pm	3	4	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Menu TBA 4pm-7pm	7	8
		Bar 3-7pm	BLOOD DRIVE 10am - 2:45pm	BLOOD DRIVE 10am - 3pm	Meeting Night* 7:00pm	14	15
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Comm. Meetings 6:30pm	11	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Menu TBA 4pm-7pm	21	22
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 4-6:30/9pm*	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Comm. Meetings 6:30pm	18	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Menu TBA 4pm-7pm	21	22
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 4-6:30/9pm*	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Comm. Meetings 6:30pm	25	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Menu TBA 4pm-7pm	28	29
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 4-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Comm. Meetings 6:30pm	30	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Menu TBA 4pm-7pm	28	29
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 4-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Comm. Meetings 6:30pm	30	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Menu TBA 4pm-7pm	28	29
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 4-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm


march	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	(26) No Breakfast	(27)	(28)	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Dinner 4pm-7pm	3	4
		February	Bar 3-7pm	Gary's Famous Big 901 Chili Dog	Thursday Dinner 4pm-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Committee Meetings 6:30pm	7	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Dinner 4pm-7pm	10	11
	Daylight Savings Time Began 2AM	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Western Bacon Cheeseburger	Pulled Pork Meeting Night 7:00pm	Bar 3-7pm	* DST * Set Clock AHEAD 1 Hour Tonight At Bedtime
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Committee Meetings 6:30pm	14	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Firefighters Appreciation Nite 6pm	17	18
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Patty Melt	Bar 4-6:30/9pm*	Bar 3-7pm	St Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage 6:30pm \$25.00
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Committee Meetings 6:30pm	21	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Hall Assoc. Annual Meeting 6pm	24	25
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Onion Mushroom Burger	Complimentary Dinner for Members Catered by Paul Pedroni RSVP a Must	Bar 3-7pm	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS Ceremony 11am Luncheon follows
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Committee Meetings 6:30pm	28	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Dinner 4pm-7pm	31	(1)
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Gary's Famous Big 901 Chili Dog	BLT/Club Sandwich 4pm-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	----April----
	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	Trustee & House Committee Meetings 6:30pm	30	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	Thursday Dinner 4pm-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm
		Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Gary's Famous Big 901 Chili Dog	BLT/Club Sandwich 4pm-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm



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Fire Fighters Appreciation Night 
Thurs. Mar. 16th
(See pg.4 for details)

Support Your Lodge & Community...
Participate!
Have some fun, Do Some Good
Enjoy!

St. Patrick's Party 
Sat. Mar. 18th
Bring filled Purple Pigs
(See pg 4 for details)

Sunday Breakfast 
9:00am - 11:30am


MARK YOUR CALENDAR, BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE at
store.elks901.org
Don't Miss Out
As Known at Press Time

Current Events

Lodge Meeting #1	Mar 9th
DayLight Savings Time	Mar 12th
Firefighters Appreciation Night	Mar 16th
St Patrick's Day	Mar 18th
Hall Assoc Meeting/Free Dinner	Mar 23rd
Lodge Meeting #2	Mar 23rd
Officer Installation	Mar 25th


Upcoming Events



Craft Faire	Apr 1st-2nd
Blood Drive	Apr 4th - 5th
Social Club Luncheon	Apr 21st
Karaoke Friday Nite	Apr 21st
Dualing Pianos - Elks 901 & PYSL Benefit	Apr 22nd
Cinco De Mayo	May 5th
Mothers Day Brunch	May 14th
Karaoke Friday Nite/Dinner	May 19th
901's Veterans Appreciation Nite	Jun 1st
Car Show	Jul 8th

Installation Of Officers 
Sat. Mar. 25th
(See pg.5 for details)

Burgers 
Wed. Nights
5pm-7pm
Weekly specials TBA via website & interium e-mail

Craft & Vendor Faire 
Open to the Public
Apr. 1st & 2nd
10:00am - 3:00pm
(See pg 8 for details)

Thursday Dinner 
Menu is Changing-TBA (see pg 9)
4pm-7*pm
(*6:30pm meeting nights)

BLOOD DRIVE
 **Tues. Apr. 4th**
 **Wed. Apr. 5th**
Because of you, life doesn't stop
(See pg 6 for details)

Free Dinner for Members
Thurs. Mar. 23rd
RSVP a must
(See pg 6 for details)