

-By Wayne Wilson, PER/ER

Well, that time has come. This is my last newsletter article as your Exalted Ruler for the Elk year 2023-2024. What an interesting and challenging year it has been for a number of reasons. I had anticipated that the fallout from the COVID pandemic would have finally subsided and that we would be back to normal. I had set some goals for the year that I had hoped to achieve. And I have seen both successes and some unanticipated challenges. Like what? Well, the probation of our Lodge has been very distracting, but I anticipate that will be resolved fairly soon. I hope before I turn over the gavel. We also had some big unanticipated expenses this year, so we were not able to end the year with a capital improvement fund that I anticipated. Nor were we able to get Friday Dinners back, as I had hoped. That is likely due to the still slow pandemic recovery. I targeted getting our membership back over one thousand and, as I write this, we may still be in danger of meeting that target. So close. Can we do it? March

## Thoughts from our Exalted Ruler

will tell. So, please everyone, stay healthy. But such is life. As they say in the military, no plan ever survives first contact. But, all in all, I think it was a positive year. Certainly not what I would have predicted. But I am honored to have been your Exalted Ruler.

### Elk of the Month

Back to business, I'd like to continue something that I try to do every month. That is to recognize an Elk of the Month. This time I want to call attention to Susan Degive as my choice for the month of February. If you don't know Susan, it's because she tends to work so much behind the scenes and what work she does! Susan is our Lodge webmaster for ELKS901.ORG. In this, she maintains that most forward facing point of contact for our members and the public to know all about our Lodge. She is also instrumental in the Lodge Facebook page. She produces the weekly email blast that goes out to all our members who subscribe to it. Did you know that she maintains the reservation system where folks can reserve and pay for our events ahead of time? What about the flyers that we see around the lodge advertising our events? Yep, that's Susan. She is also a key organizer of both the bi-annual Craft Faire and helps with the annual Car Show. And on top of that, she even

sits as a board member of the Elks Hall Association. I've probably missed some of the other things that she does, but I think that it's time she is recognized for all that she does. Congratulations Susan. Your dedication is appreciated.

Now, for a quick review of activities since my last article, I'd like to highlight a couple notable February events. These were the Law Enforcement Appreciation night and the annual Crab Feed. For Law Enforcement we fed around 100 of our 'Boys in Blue' and I was happy to note the satisfaction on their faces. In particular, I want to thank the crew of firefighters who cooked for the Law. The steaks were delicious and even my granddaughter (who is normally something of a vegetarian) enjoyed the food. By the way, I am looking forward to a similar great meal when we host the Firefighters on March 7, prepared by the law enforcement folks. Be sure to either come for a delicious meal, make a donation to support this cause, or even both! It's part of what we do as Elks for our community. Finally, the annual Crab Feed was also a huge success. It was well attended with over 250 members and guests. Of course, I stuffed myself silly, but not so much that I have not forgotten to thank the fine crew who made it happen. You folks rock!

Looking forward, there are

a few upcoming events to keep in mind. Please try to attend Old Timers Night, Firefighters Appreciation, St Paddy's, and the Installation of Officers for Laurie Banks and her incoming team for the next Elk Year. Of course, there will still be more Paint, Pasta, & Burger Nights, as well as Sunday breakfasts. There will even (hopefully) be a return of Trivia Night in April, which will feature Personal Pizzas & Salad. Our Lodge will continue to grow because our members continue to participate and enjoy everything our Lodge has to offer.

Lastly, my final message to all my fellow Elks is to try to remember that we are known as a Charitable & Fraternal organization. And note that the word 'charitable' comes first. While we all enjoy the camaraderie and social aspects of the Lodge, our primary purpose should be what we do for others. The social aspects help to support that. I try to remind myself that the motto of my last term as Exalted Ruler was "It's about Charity".

So, thank you all for your support for me and for our Lodge in the past year. And for your continued support of the Lodge in EY24-25 and beyond. I appreciate you and I know that the management team, our committees, and our volunteers do too. Keep up your participation and I will (still) see you at the Lodge.





## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project – CHEMPI

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### Make A Difference In A Child's Life



More info on BLT at [www.chca-elks.org](http://www.chca-elks.org)

The Purple Piggy Bank & BLT Legacy Giving 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.

If you would like to learn more about BLT Legacy Giving, contact Lodge BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson Duane Sartori:  
[Duane@boslawfirm.org](mailto: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](http://www.donatelife.net)

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

## From Our Purple Pig Chairman

- By George Matt

Here we are and winter is upon us. Thank you for your continued support to the Purple Pig Fund. The total for the month of January was \$676.61 There were a total of 18 contributors.

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:**

Tony Morgan *	Richard Mejia *	Roy (Butch) Smith*
Scott Davis	Charles Head *	Cebra Graff* (2 Pigs)
John Glover	Thomas Gilardi	Bonnie & Lavinta Koagedal *
John Lane *	Bob Carpenturer	Dennis Nowiciki * (4 Pigs)
Gary Ham *	Richard Courier *	Petaluma Elks #901 RV Club*

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

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[www.elks901.org](http://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.

#### Lounge Hours:

\*See calendar.

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

#### Lodge 901 Officers: 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler*:	Wayne Wilson, PER
Est. Leading Knight*:	Laurie Banks
Est. Loyal Knight*:	TBD
Est. Lecturing Knight*:	Ken Conley
Secretary:	Larry Sartori, PER
Treasurer:	Gary Lassen
Esquire:	Priscilla Burgi
Chaplain:	Tim Sheehan
Inner Guard:	Lisa Ohman
Tiler:	TBD
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2 Year Trustee*:	Mike Martin
3 Year Trustee*:	David Baggenstos
4 Year Trustee*:	Tim Moore
5 Year Trustee*:	Bill Lewis
House Committee:	Officers with *

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All lodge notifications in this publication constitute an Official notification, and no other need be given. Committee 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.



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**PETALUMA ELKS LODGE #901**

**CLYDE GIBBY'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL**

**FIRE FIGHTERS**  
**APPRECIATION NIGHT**

**Thu Mar 7**

Our annual event, where generous Elk members and local businesses sponsor dinner for these worthy groups who give their time and effort to protect our communities.

Honoring **Active-Duty, Retired, & Volunteer**  
**Fire Fighters & First Responders.**

5PM No-host Social Hour,  
 6:30PM Dinner: New York  
 Steak, Baked Potatoes,  
 Green Beans w/Bacon,  
 Salad, & Dessert.

Your donation will help offset the cost of the dinner for the  
**Fire Fighters. The meals are at NO COST to them.**

**COMPLETE THE FORM or donate online at [www.elks901.org/store](http://www.elks901.org/store)**



NAME: _____		PHONE #: _____	
Cc# _____ EXP Date _____ Zip Code _____			
		HOW MANY OF EACH?	
DINNER FOR ONE		_____	@\$25 \$ _____
SPONSOR A TABLE OF 8		_____	@\$160 \$ _____
SPONSOR DINNER FOR 20		_____	@\$400 \$ _____
DONATION OF ANY AMOUNT		_____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL DONATION:</b>		_____	\$ _____

Questions?  
 Contact Laurie Banks,  
 LMDbanks@yahoo.com  
 707-696-3520

Please return form, with cc  
 info or check payable to:  
 Petaluma Elks Lodge #901  
 2105 S. McDowell Blvd Ext  
 Petaluma, CA 94954

Donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Our 501(c)8 tax ID is 94-0317220.

## March Birthdays

- By Susan Degive

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!!!**



**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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



Bring your filled Purple Pigs



**MAR 16**  
**CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE**  
**\$25/PERSON**

5:00pm Appetizers  
& No-host Bar  
6:00pm Dinner

Keenan Irish Dancers Will Perform!  
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# DINNER'S ON US!

**Thu Mar 28**

6:00pm Dinner & Presentation  
Menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes,  
salad, and dessert.

**FREE to Lodge 901 Members**  
(WITH RESERVATION and in good standing)  
**Spouses & Guests \$16**



RESERVATIONS for dinner required by  
Mon Mar 25 (very limited at door)  
[www.elks901.org/store](http://www.elks901.org/store)

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.

LODGE MEETING immediate follows.



PETALUMA ELKS  
LODGE #901

## PETALUMA ELKS HALL ASSOCIATION

The Hall Association owns and maintains the Elks #901 building and  
facilities, managing major improvements and the building tenants.

### ...ALERT...

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

Come for Pasta, stay for Paint!

# Paint Nite at the Elks

**Monday**  
**Mar 25**  
**6PM - 8PM**  
**\$30**



Join local artist Lisa Pedrani for a fun evening of  
creativity. All skill levels welcome. Lisa will guide you  
step-by-step for a fun, relaxing time.  
All supplies provided.

Pre-register by Mar 20 for guaranteed space.  
Limited walk-ins accepted.

Register online [www.elks901.org/store](http://www.elks901.org/store)



MONDAY is Pasta Night at the lodge -- get  
there early and enjoy dinner! Pasta Served 5-7



[www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)

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## Come Celebrate! Installation Of Officers

PETALUMA ELKS  
LODGE #901



**Saturday**  
**Apr 6**

4:00pm Installation Ceremony  
5:00pm Appetizers &  
No Host Cocktails  
6:00pm Dinner  
followed by Dancing

- BBQ Steak with Creamy Garlic Shrimp
- Twice Baked Potato
- Roasted Vegetables
- Caesar Salad & French Roll
- Cheesecake

**\$35 per person**  
**Tickets Presale only by March 29**  
[www.Elks901.org](http://www.Elks901.org)



Dress: Business Casual

For all Elk Members and Their Family & Guests • [elks901.org](http://elks901.org)

More March events on page 3 & 7





## Remember ENF & The Major Project

When you send in your BPOE dues for 2024-2025, just \$5 (or more) to each help us meet our goals, achieve grants, help children, veterans and our community. The dues statement has line items for donating to both charities. You can then check it off your to-do list.



**Together We Make A Difference!**



## Welcome our New Members

Let's welcome our 7 newest members into our growing "901" family. At the meeting of February 22, 2024, we had the pleasure of the initiation of these 7 new members.

Our congratulations to each of them and we know that we will be seeing much more of them here at the Lodge.



Welcome (in alphabetical order)

Dave Comeaux, Julie Dillingham, Therese Eldred, John Fuetsch, Cathleen Llorence, Cathy Millar and Todd Watson.

Welcome and congratulations to all! We look forward to seeing you and your families at the lodge.

## Running A Bit Behind, Don't Miss Out -

We are down to the wire, Although the number of delinquents (2023-2024 dues) have been reduced over the past months, there are still too many delinquents remaining and at risk of losing their membership in the Elks.

Unless payment is received for the 2023-2024 dues, or a request for Lodge assistance in paying is not made prior to March 28, 2024, those past due members will be dropped from the rolls for nonpayment on/by March 31, 2024. This will then place them in a non-affiliated membership status and theoretically each may not enter the Lodge for any future activities.

Please do not let this happen. At least call the office if you are unable to pay at this time.

**We don't want to lose you and don't want you to lose your membership.**



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

**William "Bud" Morgan-PDDGER- Born 5/2/1933. Died 1/26/2024. An Elk for 57 years.**

## Secretary's Corner

-By Larry Sartori



## Proposed for Membership

Candidate:	Sponsor:
Richard Higgins	Art Benedetti
Loretta Kruusmagi	Fred Bartow
Thomas Kruusmagi	Tony Estes
Shellie Seyer	David Adams
Anthony Voight	Hans Enz
Thomas Jackson	transfer from Redding Lodge #1073

## Membership Recap

<b>Members as of April 1, 2023</b>	<b>942</b>
Initiated	67
Affiliated:	10
Reinstated:	4
Dropped	12
Transferred Out	7
Absolute Dimit:	5
Deaths	17
Expelled	0
Net Change	41
<b>Members as of Feb. 23, 2024</b>	<b>982</b>
Delinquent	51
Delinquency Rate	5.41%
Honorary Life Members	2
Life Members	61
Life Percentage:	6.48%

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

### Quarterly Reports Due

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



## EVENT CHAIRS

**TO DO**

1. Get your event plans on the T/HC meeting agenda for **Mar. 11th** (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.

## Lodge Meeting Nights' Bar Hours

On meeting nights, per rules of Elkdome, the bar closes promptly at 6:30 PM (before the start of the 7PM meeting). Everyone must exit the bar at 6:30 PM. The bar will open after the meeting & close at 9pm.





## Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner

-By Laurie Banks, Leading Knight

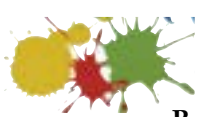


Law Enforcement Night was a huge success even with the horrible rain and wind storm. The officers had a break in the weather and time for dinner. We served over 160 meals in a combination of officers, the Firefighter cooks, to-go orders, members and guests who purchased a meal. I was told by a guest the steaks were wonderful as well as the rest of the meal.

All seemed to enjoy their dinner. Thank you to the sponsors within the lodge and community to make this happen.

Check out the pictures on our Facebook page.

Sponsors are being accepted now/still for Firefighters Night, March 7. Please Donate, we still need your help!xxx



## Paint Nite February at the Lodge

-By Laurie Banks, Leading Knight



Wow, 60 painters for Paint Night! A sold-out event! A raffle prize giveaway by Lisa Pedrani, the Queen of Paint Nite at the Petaluma Elks Lodge, was a nice touch. The earlier Pasta Dinner was also a huge success along with this event. The pairing made for a full, fun evening. Everyone had so much fun painting, socializing, enjoying the music and some drinks. Check out more pictures on our Facebook page.

Next one is Monday, March 25th. Check out the Flyer.

Why cook? Come for Pasta and Paint!



## Crab-Delicious Dinner

-By Gary Lassen & Larry Sartori,  
Crab Feed Co-Chairs



The 2024 sold-out Crab Feed was a delightful evening for all the Elks members and guests who attended. The fresh and delicious crab from Justin's reminded us of how fortunate we are to reside in Northern California.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Anita for the fantastic appetizer spread that set the perfect tone for the evening. The fresh salad with the iconic Elks 901 Doug Frampton dressing, accompanied by homemade garlic bread, was simply delightful. The abundance of crab, served with fresh-cut lemons and melted butter, was a true delight. Additionally, coffee with Jack and Jill's and cheesecakes provided a wonderful conclusion to the dinner.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard-working volunteers who dedicated their time and efforts to make this event a success. From setting up tables and decorations the day before, to the kitchen crew on the day of the feed, the Doug Frampton dressing crew, and the diligent bartenders, their contributions were invaluable.

Furthermore, I would like to express our gratitude to the FFA high school students, whose dedication ensured that everyone enjoyed a fulfilling meal. Thanks to the generous donations from the diners, we were able to donate \$1,749.00 to their chapter.

I would like to extend special thanks to Ron Green, Don Woods, Tony Morgan, Al Martinez, Laurie Banks, Pricilla Burgie, Scott Beiswanger, Heather Huff, Dennis and Angie Nowicki, John and Cindy Lane, Joanne Satori, Cheryl Potet, Bonnie Koagedal, Bob Lopez and crew, and Sue Lassen. Your contributions and support were instrumental in making this event a resounding success.

Once again, thank you to all who participated and made the Crab Feed event a memorable experience.



## KUDOS, Applause & Thanks To...

**Fire Fighters-** for diligently striving to keep our communities safe.

**2023-24 Officers & Trustees-** for your leadership this past year.

**2023-2024 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 "rolling up your sleeves", your injection of goodwill, energy & "can do" attitude.

**Members-** for your support of our lodge & the community.



"WE ARE The ELKS"



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## Petaluma Elks' Members - Come on, Get Involved Explore The Opportunities for 2024-2025



We still have many positions available that need your help. Some take very little time; others require more. Some are very simple, some more involved. All rewarding.

If curious about any of the positions available, talk to us. And there are manuals available in the office. Explore the opportunities. Find something you are good at or something you want to learn. Be a Committee Chair or a team member. Get involved!

Members, this is your lodge and we need your help to support it. Here's your opportunity to get involved. Help get the new year off to a good start.

**It may be the most rewarding thing you ever do as an Elk!**

## How Do You Look In A Black Suit?

We are also looking for members to step up, join the Officer Corp.



Please Contact Laurie Banks with any questions or interest in any of these areas. 707-696-3520.

Laurie Banks, Esteemed Leading Knight: [Lmdbanks@yahoo.com](mailto:Lmdbanks@yahoo.com)

## Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame  
and it's not for any personal gain  
It's just for love of fellow man  
It's just to lend a helping hand  
It's just to give a tithe of self  
It's something you can't buy with wealth

It's not the medals worn with pride  
It's just for that feeling deep inside  
It's that reward down in your heart  
feeling that you've been a part  
of helping others far and near  
that's what makes you  
a **VOLUNTEER**



## Volunteering Builds a Better Lodge & Community



### Volunteers needed...

Cooks, prep cooks, kitchen help, dishwasher, set up, servers, clean up, cashier, and bartenders!

No experience needed. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Bonnie Koagedal at

[bonnie@koagedalproperties.com](mailto:bonnie@koagedalproperties.com) or 707-480-6224.



Hello Dear Elks,

Bonnie Koagedal (Volunteer Coordinator)

Writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity in March.



Elks 901 will be hosting a Petaluma Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours"

Thursday March 21st from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

No host bar and light snacks.

Opportunity for Chamber Members to become reacquainted with all we/#901 do for our community and ask the business folks to promote our membership, Hall rentals and RV park rentals.

Any questions Please reach out to me:

[bonnie@koagedalproperties.com](mailto:bonnie@koagedalproperties.com)

707-480-6224

## Daylight Savings Time Begins

*It's time to "Spring Forward"*

**Sunday**

**March 10th at 2:00 A.M.**

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



## VETERANS Fought For Us, Let Us Not Forget Them



Please pick up a few items for the Yountville Veterans. Find the **VETERANS' WISH LIST** on our Lodge's website: [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org) or at the Lodge office.

Thanks to all of you who have dropped off items at the lodge. Your thoughtfulness & generosity are appreciated by all!

**Thank a Veteran for Their Service  
To Our Country**

## ENF

### Elks National Foundation

Supports Veterans, Communities & Children.

Please support ENF





# Thu April 18 TRIVIA NIGHT



Activities begin 6:15PM

# AND PIZZA!

Served 5 - 7PM

Personal Pizza with a side salad for \$15  
Choose:

- Plain cheese
- Pepperoni or ground Sausage
- Veggies (onion, bell pepper, tomatoes, mushrooms, olives)



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# Candle Workshop at the ELKS

Thu May 2



A local artist will guide you step by step through the process of creating your own handcrafted candles. At the end of the workshop, you'll leave with your own personalized set of soy wax candles, ready to illuminate your space with warmth and fragrance.

\$35 per person Includes instruction and material to create two 6oz custom scented and dyed soy wax candles

Register online [www.elks901.org/store](http://www.elks901.org/store). Tickets must be purchased in advance by Apr 29 (no walk-ins).



[www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)

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# ~Elks 901~ SOCIAL CLUB

All Are Welcome



**Fri  
Apr 19  
12:30**

(at the Lodge)

**MENU:  
Italian  
\$16**

Please RSVP & mail by Apr 9  
Make check payable to & mail to:  
Norine (Bobby) Gervasi  
1074 Santa Clara Lane  
Petaluma, CA 94954



Questions?

Contact Bobby Gervasi (707)762-0724

Have Some Fun,  
Do Some Good, Get Involved!

# Cinco de Mayo!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US  
**SUN MAY 5**  
& DRESS IN STYLE WITH YOUR BEST SOMBRERO  
**Lounge Opens 4pm \* Dinner 5pm - 7pm**

**Margaritas & Tequila Specials!**  
MENU: - Fresh Pico de Gallo & Fresh Chips  
- Two Tacos (Ground Beef or Breaded Shrimp)  
- Homemade Refried Beans & Spanish Rice

**\$18** Tickets [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)  
Reservations Recommended  
Limited Tickets at the Door!

PETALUMA ELKS LODGE #901

ELKS 901 CHARITY

# Craft & Vendor Faire

SAVE THE DATE

**April 27 & 28**



## Looking Ahead...

Fri May 3  
**BUNCO NIGHT**



Activities begin 6:15PM

Buy in \$10

Payouts: Most Buncos,  
Most Wins, Most Losses

**AND SOUP!**

Served 5 - 7PM  
Clam Chowder & a Roll \$8  
(Sandwich option to be announced)

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY  
online at [www.elks901.org/store](http://www.elks901.org/store)  
(limited at door)



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**We Need You!**

**TWO FUN OPPORTUNITIES**  
Sign Up Now



Elks 901 will again  
be serving Tri-Tip  
sandwiches to

raise funds for the Lodge. Volunteers needed for  
setup, prep, and at the booth. Contact Wayne  
Wilson, [wwilson-elks901@outlook.com](mailto:wwilson-elks901@outlook.com),  
707-799-5094



**NASCAR** June 7,8,9  
**HR Races** July 26,27,28

Come one day or every day to serve & stock beer at  
the races to raise money for the Elks 901 (previous  
years raised over \$10,000 for the Lodge)! Must be 21+  
and complete an online training before May 15.  
Please sign up now - we can't proceed without a  
committed group. Who? ELK Members, Family,  
Friends, Neighbors.

Laurie Banks, [Imdbanks@yahoo.com](mailto:Imdbanks@yahoo.com), 707-696-3520

## Hungry? Got Ya Covered...

**Sunday  
Breakfast**  
*At The Elks Club*

9AM to 11:30AM

**\$13 Includes:**

- Eggs to order
- Sausage • Bacon
- Potatoes • Fruit
- English Muffin
- Juice and Coffee

**\$3 extra for Pancakes**



NO RESERVATION NEEDED • THE BAR WILL BE OPEN



**WEEKLY PASTA  
NIGHT RESUMES  
MAR 18**

Watch for menus in the  
weekly eblast or check  
the website calendar.

*Because Pasta is Amazing!*

5PM - 7PM

**Wednesday BBQ Burgers**

**\$13 • 5pm - 7pm**

Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Veggie  
Burgers, or the BIG 901 Hot Dogs.  
Choice of fries or macaroni salad.



**WEEKLY SPECIALS \$15 For March:**

Mar 6 : Gary's Famous Big 901 Beanless Chili Dog

Mar 13 : Western Bacon Cheese Burger

Mar 20: Patty Melt

Mar 27: Onion Mushroom Burger w/Killer Sauce

PETALUMA ELKS  
LODGE #901



MAR 13: PHS GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM will help  
serve for donations - COME FOR A BURGER!



**Elks 901 Food for the Community**

*"When you're down at the lodge remember to drop off canned goods in the lobby food barrel."*

The Petaluma Salvation Army food pantry is open to all in the community:  
Tuesday thru Thursday  
Emergency food boxes available all week long.

To volunteer call (707) 769-0716  
721 S. McDowell Blvd.

*Students making food boxes for those in need. The need in our community grows each day.*



### 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**



### Get The Latest Updates...

via interim e-mails "e-blasts" regarding events, schedules, etc. that come in after press time, be sure the lodge has your e-mail address. Don't miss out. Also check our website: [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)

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

Check the calendar for "food nights".

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

**Bring family and friends for a relaxed evening and enjoyable meal.**



### Outings & Hosts

**- By Gordon Cox, PR Officer**

Mars is named after Martius, the Roman god of war, who seemed to favor the campaigns of one Julius Caesar. Caesar's luck ran out, however, on the Ides of March, the 74th day of the Julian calendar (March 15th) which was traditionally marked by religious celebrations and the settling of debts, but in 44 BC became known for his assassination in Rome. Beware of snakes in the Senate ("Et tu, Brute?!").

Come campaigning with our happy little RV gang—we won't stab you in the back!

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 outing.

### 2024 Outing Schedule (partial):

#### March 13-17 (Wed.-Sun.)

Mountain Gate RV Club, Redding, CA. Ron Lunsford 707 479-9891, Diane Bergeron 843-338-5266 & Ed & Sally Jensen 707-542-3900.

#### April 19-23 (Fri.-Tues.)

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

#### May 8-12 (Wed.-Sun.)

Almond Tree RV Park, Chico, CA. Ed & Sally Jensen 707-542-3900, Ron Lunsford 707-479-9891, & Diane Bergeron 843-338-5266.



### 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 **Mar.11th** (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 yous. Send to both the Newsletter & the PR Chair to get published.



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Don't Miss Out  
As Known at Press Time

***Current Events***

Firefighters Appreciation Nite	Mar 7th
DayLight Savings Time	Mar 10th
PHS Girls Softball serves Burgers	Mar 13th
Lodge Meeting #1	Mar 14th
St Patricks Day Dinner	Mar 16th
Petaluma Chamber After Hours at 901	Mar 21st
Paint Nite	Mar 25th
Hall Assoc Meeting/Free Dinner*	Mar 28th
Lodge Meeting #2	Mar 28th

***Upcoming Events***

Installation of Officers	Apr 6th
Trivia Nite & Personal Pizzas	Apr 18th
Social Luncheon	Apr 19th
Butter & Eggs Day	Apr 20th
GNWD Ritual Contest - Lakeport	Apr 26th-27th
Craft Faire	Apr 27th-28th
DD Clinic- Lakeport	Apr 28th
Candle Night (like paint nite)	May 2nd
Bunco Night & Soup	May 3rd



**Fire Fighters  
Appreciation  
Night**  
**Thurs. Mar. 7th**  
(See pg.3 for details)



**Sunday  
Breakfast**  
9:00am - 11:30am  
(See pg 9 for details)



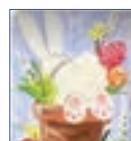
**St). Patrick's Party**  
**Sat. Mar. 16th**  
Bring filled Purple Pigs  
(See pg 4 for details)



**MONDAY  
Pasta  
NIGHT** 5pm - 7pm  
Weekly specials TBA via  
website & interim e-mail  
(See pg 9 for details)



**Paint  
Night**  
**Mon. Mar 25th**  
6pm - 8pm \$30  
(See pg 4 for details)



**Burgers**  
**Wed. Nights**  
**5pm-7pm**  
Weekly specials TBA via  
website & interim e-mail  
(See pg 9 for details)



**Installation Of  
Officers**  
**Sat. Apr. 6th**  
(See pg.4 for details)



*Support Your Lodge  
&  
Community...  
Participate!  
Enjoy!*