



-By Wayne Wilson, PER/ER

Hello, Elks.  
Here it is, the Fall season. In this article I have a couple things that I want to highlight. First of all, I'm gratified to note that activities are gradually picking up at the Lodge. And in September, we have a few notable things to look forward to. In addition to our regularly scheduled Sunday Breakfasts, Pasta Nights and Burger Nights, there will also be a Paint Night on Sept

## Thoughts from our Exalted Ruler

19, a Whiskey Tasting & BBQ Steak Night on Sept 23, and a Visitation from our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Dennis Hunter, on Sept 28. The first two are purely for fun, and the other (the DD Visit) is an informative activity in which the DD visits each Lodge to communicate some of the latest info from Grand Lodge, as well as provide feedback on how we are doing. I hope as many people as possible will participate in all of these activities.

Secondly, I want to write about a thought that occurred to me when I attended the DD Clinic in Eureka last month... One of the presentations had to do with guidelines for posting on social media. There was list of do's & don'ts that contained such things as

avoiding postings that are hateful or mean-spirited, potentially libelous, obscene, or sexually explicit, personal attacks, involve profanity or insults, divulge Lodge business that may violate your Obligation, are not positive and informative.... Whew! But, reading thru this list, it occurs to me that these are (or should be) common sense guidelines that apply, not just to social media, but how we behave in our everyday lives. And, it got me to thinking about how we all behave when interacting with each other in the Lodge. I'm gratified to observe that, for the most part, our members do observe these guidelines. Which is why I personally enjoy coming to the Lodge and socializing with the members. After all, this is the exemplification of the

Initiation Ceremony; "To Do Unto Others As We Would, They Should, Do Unto Us" and "The Faults of Our Members We Write Upon The Sand, Their Virtues Upon The Tablets of Love and Memory". Thank you to all who practice these guidelines.

Finally, I'd like to reintroduce something that I have been remiss in doing this year. That is recognizing members who have gone above and beyond by awarding them the title of Elk of the Month. What I do is to have my Officers & Committee Chairs nominate and vote on the winners (it's called delegating, because I'm actually a lazy guy) and I'm playing catch up. So, without further ado, the Elks of the Months of July, August and September are:

### Elks of the Month

**July – Jim and Tammy Atwood** - These two are the masterminds of the annual Car Show Purple Pig Fundraiser. I cannot tell you how much time and energy they put in, but it shows in the result. All who attended will agree.

**August – Dennis and Angy Nowicki** - We could not run the kitchen without them, and Dennis even stepped up to ramrod the Lahaina fire Relief Dinner.

**September – Laurie Banks** - What doesn't she help with? Not only does she perform the duties of Leading Knight, but few events miss her touch at value added by recruiting team members, running raffles, organizing, etc.

Congratulations to all of you Elks of the Month. I will be more diligent going forward.

Well, that's it for this month. Have great month and thank you for all that you do as members of our Lodge.



## Elks National Foundation It's Scholarship Time

\*Legacy Awards (Scholarships for Elks' Families) - available 9/1/23

For details and applications for all scholarships, go to [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars).





## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project – CHEMPI

Serving children with disabilities since 1950.

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

*“Gifts that last beyond Tomorrow”*  
**Bequests & Living Trusts**  
 Learn how you can help the Purple Pig while helping your family in the process.  
**BEST LASTING THING YOU CAN DO**

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

Another of many ways to help... consider making a donation to the Major Project in remembrance/honor of someone.

Some send flowers, and some send a living, lasting/constructive token of love & respect that continues helping children long after flowers have wilted. What a beautiful way to honor someone.

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)



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**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

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We had a good month for donations and once again, Thank You for your donations. The total for the month of July was \$717.24, There was a total of 25 contributors with 10 being anonymous 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 July:

- |                 |                     |                         |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Jeff Kress      | Terry Minns*        |                         |
| Roy Smith       | Tony Morgan *       |                         |
| Ed Ricci *      | Frank Ternullo *    |                         |
| Kathy Mejia     | Richard Courier *   |                         |
| David Adams     | 10 Anonymous        | Dennis Nowicki * 3 pigs |
| William Kelly * | Mike & Tim McCarthy | Petaluma Elks RV Club * |



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

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### Lodge Number:

(707) 763-0901

### RV Reservations:

[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:	TBA
Chaplain:	Tim Sheehan
Inner Guard:	Lisa Ohman
Tiler:	TBA
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2 Year Trustee*:	Mike Martin
3 Year Trustee*:	David Baggentos
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. 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 Laurie Banks, Leading Knight & Major Project Chair



I will take this opportunity to explain the different levels of CHEMPI Club Recognition.

Join one of three exclusive clubs and receive a special thank you from the Major Project! Become a member of the 52 Club, Century Club and/or Millennium Club and receive a special Pin and a Certificate personally signed by the CHEA President.

### 52 Club



A member donates one dollar a week to the 52 Club. This can be done all at once by giving \$52, or in various increments as the Lodge sees fit, i.e., \$1 a week or any other amount until the Lodge receives \$52 from the individual. When CHEMPI Receives the money, a certificate will be issued, along with a special 52 Club silver pin. The certificate will be signed by the CHEA President and forwarded to the Lodge for presentation. The Lodge will get credit in its Piggy Bank account for this donation. The intent of this program is for a member to belong to the 52 Club by repeat donations.

### Century Club



The Century Club is an exclusive club for Elks and their spouses or friends of the Elks who donate \$100 to the Century Club. This is done either through the Lodge or directly to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. When received in Fresno, a certificate will be signed by the CHEA President and along with a special Century Club gold pin, sent to the Lodge for presentation.

### Millennium Club



The Millennium Club is an exclusive club for individuals who, beginning April 1, 2001, achieve an accumulated donation amount of \$1,000 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). This is accomplished when the Fresno office has received an accumulated total of \$1,000 directly to CHEMPI. Donations included in the accumulated total are memorial donations, general donations, magazine holiday greeting card donations, Century Club donations and 52 Club donations. Not included in the total are Bequest and Living Trust donations nor label/card program donations.

It's in your hands. Decide where you want to be. Put yourself in one of these CLUBS by your CHEMPI Donation. Receive your Pin & Certificate of acknowledgement.

Lodge Goal for CHEMPI this year is \$32,500.00

Last year the lodge raised \$29,102.26

This year, (April through June) our Purple Pig amount is \$ 2,473.78.

So, keep those piggies & donations coming in and remember...

**"A coin a day so our children with special needs can walk, talk, see and play."**



**"WE ARE The ELKS"**



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## September Birthdays

- By Susan Degive

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 George Sisemore     | Delane Patton        |
| 2 Charlotte Kobayashi | Craig Ward           |
| 3 Brian Murray        | 18 Lois Campton      |
| Susan Tomko           | Frank Cooper         |
| Donald Walsh          | Dennis Nowicki       |
| 4 Jim Kowalik         | Katina Repp          |
| Richard Landa         | 19 James Cates       |
| Julie Piazza          | Larry Johnson        |
| 5 Thomas Chelini      | 21 Don Finkbohner    |
| Steven Smith          | Barbara Galbraith    |
| 6 James Atwood        | Frederick Postel     |
| Cristin Fong          | Peter Williams       |
| Timothy Joyce         | 22 Chris Boutilier   |
| Roland Mellor         | Dave Einers          |
| Tennyson Tucker       | Philip Horton        |
| 7 Deborah Bronow      | William Kelly        |
| Larry Dunaway         | Jim Lee              |
| Joachim Kothe         | Jacqueline Logan     |
| 8 Brian Crandall      | Paul Maselli         |
| Marvin Hanson         | Sheryl Poteet        |
| Charlie Head          | Rodney Stone         |
| Victor Waterman       | 23 Joseph Liversedge |
| 9 Donald De Renzo     | Diane Parker         |
| Robert Muelrath       | Raymond Ramos        |
| Andrew Spalla         | 24 Deana Bolton      |
| 10 Kent Armbright     | Dennis Del Grande    |
| Dan Morrison          | Richard Keehn        |
| 12 Janean Fuller      | 25 James Filippo     |
| Daniel Libarle        | Larry Ford           |
| Lucinda Thomas        | Al Poehlmann         |
| 13 Tammy Atwood       | Catherine Reeves     |
| John Christensen      | Susan Simmons        |
| Kenny Drew            | Ron Smalley          |
| Michael Regan         | 26 Robert Ireland    |
| Katherine Talbot      | Ron Malnati          |
| 14 Jeremiah Rudder    | 27 David Brown       |
| 15 Larry Strain       | Roger Wehr           |
| 16 Steve Clifford     | 28 James Calonico    |
| Bob Palm              | 29 Loyde Johnson     |
| 17 Sean Gerrity       | 30 Robert Demo       |
| Bobbi Halvorsen       | Diane Perez          |
| Robert Jackson        | ♦                    |



### 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_





**MONDAY Pasta NIGHT**

**5PM- 7PM**  
No Reservations Needed.

**SEPTEMBER MENUS**

Sep 4 - Exalted Ruler Wayne Wilson cooking. Baked Chicken Thighs on Fettucini with either Red Sauce or Alfredo Sauce, Salad & Garlic Bread \$15.00

Sep 11 - Raviolis, (Cheese or Meat), Pasta Gravy (Red Sauce Meat) or Pesto Sauce, Caesar Salad, French Bread with Butter. \$15.00

Sep 18 - *Casa Grande Boys Soccer Team serving!*  
▶ Spaghetti with Gravy or Pesto Sauce, Caesar Salad, French Bread and Butter \$12.00

Sep 25 - Minestrone Soup with Mixed Green Salad, Mixed Beans, Salami and Cheese. Family Style. \$12.00

**Something Different Each Week**  
*Because Pasta is Amazing!*

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**MONDAY Pasta NIGHT**

**SEPT 18 - \$12**



**Casa Grande Gauchos**  
Varsity Boys Soccer  
Petaluma, CA

CG Soccer will be serving dinner. All donations for their service help support their team! Plus ELKS 901 will present a check to the team for previous donations.



**WHISKEY TASTING**

**Sat Sep 23**  
3:30pm - 5pm

**\$15**  
for 3 Tastings

Join Member Bill Hart for this tasting event featuring Savage & Cooke's:

- \* The Burning Chair Bourbon
- \* Second Glance American Whiskey
- \* Lip Service Rye Whiskey.

Get your tickets early. Limited tickets available.

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**Paint Nite at the Elks**

**Tuesday Sep 19**  
**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 Sep 17 for guaranteed space. Limited walk-ins accepted.

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



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**...ALERT...**

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

**BBQ STEAK NIGHT**  
On the Patio  
**Saturday Sep 23**



**\$30**

Steak, Cowboy Beans, Corn on the Cob, Salad, & Dessert.  
5pm Cocktails 6pm Dinner

Get your tickets early. Only 75 tickets available.  
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# Secretary's Corner

-By Larry Sartori



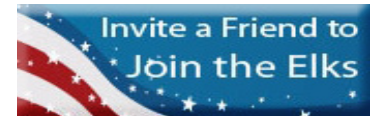
Membership Recap	
Members as of April 1, 2023	942
Initiated	22
Affiliated:	10
Reinstated:	3
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimit:	1
Deaths	5
Expelled	0
Net Change	27
Members as of Aug. 24, 2023	969
Delinquent	82
Delinquency Rate	8.70%
Honorary Life Members	2
Life Members	42
Life Percentage:	4.67%

### Proposed for Lifetime Member Status:

The following members have requested Lifetime member status:

1. Allan Barnes – Member for 48 years
2. Roy Bernard – Member for 41 years
3. Richard Calkin – Member for 42 years
4. Jerry Hansen – Member for 45 years

They will be voted on at the September 28th Lodge meeting.



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

John McChesney, PER- Born 4/19/1923. Died 7/9/2023. Initiated 6/16/1953. An Elk for 71 Years.

Warren White- Born 3/22/1946. Died 8/12/2023. Initiated 11/9/1982. An Elk for 41 Years.

You Are Cordially Invited To B.P.O. ELKS Petaluma Lodge #901



The Visitation of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

**Dennis Hunter & his wife Karen**  
**Thursday September 28, 2023**

- 4pm – Business Meeting (all Lodge Members are invited)
- 5pm – Social Hour
- 6pm – Dinner (\$20)  
 Ceasar Salad, Dinner Rolls  
 Italian Baked Chicken with mushrooms  
 Herb Rice, Carrots, Dessert
- 7pm – Lodge Meeting

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

Please RSVP (Acceptance Only) by Friday September 22nd  
 To office 707-763-0901 or online [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)

### To Do COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**DD Visitation reports due by/before Mon. Sept. 25th**

Send your reports to the ER  
 Email: [wwilson-elks901@outlook.com](mailto:wwilson-elks901@outlook.com)

Please be prompt. Thanks for your participation!

### To Do COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS Quarterly Reports Due

A Reminder: Many of you have quarterly reports, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, due to the District Chairperson by **Oct. 5th**. Please be prompt. Thanks for your participation!•

### Lodge Meeting Nights' Bar Hours

On meeting nights, per rules of Elkdom, 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.

### TO DO EVENT CHAIRS

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

### Ray Lozano Youth Drug Awareness Tour Wed. Sept. 27, 2023

Watch for details via interim e-mail\*

**Parents bring your Teens, Tweens & Guests**

Special guest speaker & drug awareness advocate Ray Lozano visits us for an important & informative evening for you and your kids. Make it a family outing at the lodge with a Wednesday Burger!

(\*see March 2018 newsletter pg.6 on website for more info)



# Lodge Charity Car Show & Picnic

-By Laurie Banks, Leading Knight & Lodge Activity Chair



## Honary Guest Ali Afshar

Petaluma Elks Lodge #901 thanks Ali for coming to our Lodge Charity Car Show Picnic.

Presenting Director's Choice Trophy: Ali Afshar to Doug Hecker - 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback



ALI AFSHAR is an actor, producer and race car driver. Ali won 2 World Championships, 18 National Hot Rod Association championships and numerous world records, including his current title of World's quickest and fastest Subaru which inspired the first film he produced titled BORN TO RACE. He produced A CALIFORNIA CHRISTMAS which became the #1 film worldwide on Netflix.

Ali's next 6 holiday films for HBOMAX and NETFLIX all reached the #1 spot with one reaching #2! ESX has been housed on the Warner Bros lot since 2016.



Current release Casa Grande Series.

## Lodge Picnic Kids Area

Thank you Lindsay Calegari for Chairing the Kids Area- Lodge Picnic. GREAT JOB! Thanks to FFA Volunteers, to Lodge members Liz, Katrina and your family that worked in that area. You made it a fun place for the kids with decorations, games, face & rock painting, tattoos, cotton candy, popcorn & snow cones.



Great Job by the Petaluma Elks Lodge #901 Members. A huge success and FUN!

See Everyone Next Year

## CHEA Theme Child Aushay

Petaluma Elks Lodge #901 was honored to have at our Charity Car Show and Lodge Picnic CHEA Theme Child Aushay, his family, Nicole, Cameron, and Levi. CHEA Therapist Joycelyn Bishop. Aushay picked his car and gave the Trophy to his car choice. Joycelyn gave a presentation on The Purple Pig. Laurie Banks, Esteemed Leading Knight, on behalf of the lodge presented a Thomas Train Set to Aushay. Aushay and family met Ali Afshar actor, producer and race car driver! They enjoyed the car show and BBQ Picnic as well as all games and snack area!



## Picnic BBQ, Kitchen, Serving Team

Thank you to all the that helped in kitchen/serving. Larry Wagner & Team for the event's BBQ Chicken. Ron Green, Kitchen Team, BBQ Cooks & Servers. To the 7 FFA students from Petaluma High School that helped in many areas. To ALL the Lodge Members & Guest that VOLUNTEERED throughout the event to make it happen. Ken Conley for being the Tiler.



## Raffle Table & Ticket Sellers

Thank you to Susan, Pam, Andrea, Rita & Jane for running the raffle table and handing out Lodge Information. The raffle made almost \$1,600 for the Purple Pig.



## More Lodge Charity Car Show & Picnic

-By Laurie Banks, Leading Knight & Lodge Activity Chair



### Petaluma Elks Car Show

Thank you to Car Show Chairs Jim & Tammy Atwood for your hard work organizing and running the Car Show, with over 125 cars. This was a Sold-Out event. Kudos to all their helpers who helped make it possible. Awesome Event!



The day was an outstanding success with significant funds raised for the Purple Pig and a lot of fun for a huge crowd.

### Congratulations to all the Car Show Trophy Winners:

- 1st Place** - #89 - Ron McCullough - 1956 Ford Pickup
- 2nd Place** - #132 - Michael Umphenour - 1932 Ford 3-Window Coupe
- 3rd Place** - #111 - Ken Neles - 1962 Chevy
- ER's Choice** - #103 Model T - Jeanne Pellegrini
- Most Chrome** - #137 - Pete Rudometkin - 1932 Ford
- Friday Night Cruise** - #87 - Claude Schmies - 1965 GTO

### Sponsors' Choice:

- Glenn's Auto & Truck Repair - #78 - Neil White - 1955 Chevy 210
- Lee's Body Shop - #1 - Doug Watson - 1969 Chevy Camaro
- Muffler Works - #139 - Ranzo Wrecks/Steve Johnson - 1955 Chevy Gasser
- Reyff Electric - #106 - Gerald & Jeanne Gerhardt - 1972 Ford Maverick Grabber
- Director's Choice: Ali Afshar - Doug Hecker - 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback
- 2023 CHEA Theme Child: Aushay's Choice - #36 - Bill Tennyson - 1932 Ford Tudor

### THANK YOU to the Sponsors:

- Boulevard Automotive • Lee's Body Shop
- Reyff Electric; Muffler Works • Neles Trucking
- Glenn's Auto & Truck • Doug Hecker • Coldwell Banker
- Tony Maestri • State Farm Insurance • Local Heroes Auto.

### THANK YOU to the Raffle & Silent Auction Donors:

- Adventure Recreation • Ali Afshar • Avid Coffee
- Cache Canyon River Trips
- Cal Skate of Rohnert Park • El Roy's Xpress Mex
- Flourish Plant Shop • Java Hut
- Lions & Tigers & Hair • Oakland A's
- Poppy Bank Epicenter • SF Giants & SJ Giants
- Snoop's Home Ice • Sonoma Canopy Tours
- Wilco Farm Store

THANK YOU to ALL the Volunteers that stepped up and made this event a HUGE Success.!



## Leading Knights Corner

### "It's About CHARITY"

-By Laurie Banks, Leading Knight

The following items were voted on the floor of the lodge and approved for a Charity Fund donation to be made to:

- Casa Grande High School Boys Soccer Team for uniforms, equipment, referees etc.
- Petaluma High School FFA for helping at the Car Show.
- Boy Scout Troop 274 for helping with Flag Day Ceremony.
- Mentor Me for school supplies and back packs for children in need.

A great feeling for the members of our lodge to be a part of the giving from our Charity Fund to the community.

Do you have a question or thought for Petaluma Elks to help support the community? Please contact me, let's help our community.

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND Sept 2023

Regular bar hours and events!  
The office will be closed on Sep 4.

- Sep 1: Friday Night Dinner 5pm-7pm Grilled Cheese Sandwiches (w/ ham or Turkey) and Salad Bar. \$10.
- Sep 3: Sunday Breakfast will be served with gusto 9am - 11:30am. \$10
- Sep 4: Monday Pasta Night with Exalted Ruler Wayne Wilson cooking. Baked chicken thighs on fettuccine with either red or alfredo sauce. Salad & garlic bread. \$15



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PETALUMA ELKS LODGE #901



## Wednesday BBQ Burgers

### Burger Specials\*

- Sep 6 - Onion Mushroom Burger w/Killer Sauce
- Sep 13 - Gary's Famous Big 901 Beanless Chili Dog
- Sep 20 - Western Bacon Cheese Burger
- Sep 27 - Patty Melt

\*all with choice of Fries or Macaroni Salad



**ELKS 901 Purple Pig POKER RUN**

**Sun Oct 15**

8:30-9:45am Registration  
(Breakfast available at the Lodge, \$10)  
10am Start your Motors & Go Gather your Hand  
12:30-2:30pm Lunch: Burgers & Dogs  
2:00pm Awards & Raffle Winners

**\$25 Register by Oct 6**  
(Registration after Oct 6 \$35)  
Includes Lunch & Donation to the Kids  
(Without Lunch or 2nd Play, \$20 before Oct 6, \$30 after.)  
EXTRA LUNCH for Spectators \$10

**PRIZES:**  
• **HIGH HAND \$250**  
• **LOW HAND \$50**

**Purple Pig Fundraiser**  
(provides supporting services to children with disabilities - at no cost to their families)

**IN-HOUSE (no run) GAME**  
\$20  
Donation to the Kids  
Breakfast or Lunch \$10 extra  
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN  
(but must be present to collect hand)  
**PRIZES: Lodge Meal Tickets**

**Register online [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)**  
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Details: This event has an element of skill. Prizes awarded on the hand, not on speed—please drive safely. In case of a tie, there will be a draw for High Card to determine the winner. Run Players MUST BE PRESENT to receive any winnings and must stop at each stop. Players will have the opportunity to buy one extra card for \$10 (only best 5 cards play). Run stops will be revealed at Start of Run.



**ENF News**  
**Service That Inspires**

-By Larry Sartori, PER,  
901 Secretary & ENF Chair



The 2023 Winter Elks Scholar Service Trip took place in Tampa, Florida, from January 3 to January 6, and for the first time since 2020, there was a full cohort of 20 scholars. Spearheaded by Elks Scholar Fellow and 2017 Most Valuable Student scholar Raleigh Cury, the service trip focused on disaster relief efforts post-Hurricane Ian, which hit Florida in September.

In preparation for the scholars' arrival, Tampa Lodge No. 708 leaned on its community for clothing donations to take to Pine Island, which was hit hard by the hurricane. Under Exalted Ruler Rita Smith's leadership, the Tampa community outdid itself, amassing dozens of bags for the scholars to sort and deliver to Pine Island. "I thought we'd never get done with that collection," said Smith. "But [the scholars] were so incredibly good and efficient, and they had it all done in about three hours." The next day, amidst the visible decimation of nature, property, and the Pine Island way of

life, the scholars cleared debris from a local tree farm, the yard of a community member, and Greater Pine Island Lodge No. 2781. Despite the destruction of the Lodge, the Greater Pine Island Elks prioritized aiding their community, showing the scholars what it means to have hearts for service.

"I learned so much about the strength of Elks communities as well as disaster relief," said Nishitha Karumuri, a 2019 Most Valuable Student scholar and current Scholar Advisory Board member.

When the scholars returned to Tampa, they served at Feeding Tampa Bay, a food warehouse, and Metropolitan Ministries, a shelter for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. They had dinner with the Tampa Elks and learned more about disaster relief from a disaster relief management specialist. Both staff and scholars expressed enthusiastically how special the trip was. "One week is not a long time," said Cury, "but our Elks scholars participated in and created something bigger than themselves."

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**2024 Scholarship Season**

**The 2024 Legacy Awards application opens 9/1/23**  
It's time for action.

- For scholarship information and applications, go to [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). Openings and Deadlines vary:
- \*MVS/Most Valuable Student Scholarships - application available 8/1/23
- \*Legacy Awards (for Elks' families) - available 9/1/23
- \*Emergency Educational Grants (see online)
- \*More opportunities online.

**Think of Our Veterans**

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



**Oktoberfest**  
A Fundraiser for Elks National Foundation (ENF)

**Oct 21**  
**5PM - 9PM**  
**\$35**

**Dinner by Chef Hans:**  
**Schnitzel & Bratwurst**  
and all the sides

**Dancing to Blowmusik**  
(a German Oompah Band)

**A Festival of Fun**  
Featuring:

- Oktoberfest Beer Special
- German Soft Pretzels
- Costume Contest
- Beer Stein Holding Contest
- Photo Booth
- Silent Auction & Raffle

Reserve Online at [Elks901.org](http://Elks901.org) by OCT 14  
or call the office 707-763-0901  
Questions? Contact [laurie901elks@gmail.com](mailto:laurie901elks@gmail.com)

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Volunteering is fun & rewarding...  
Give it a try! Give a hand!  
Be part of the team!



# YOUNTVILLE VETERANS APPRECIATION NIGHT

Our annual event, where generous members and local businesses sponsor dinner for residents of the Veterans Home of California-Yountville (a residential care facility).

As always, thank you for your support of Veterans.

## Fri Oct 27

5PM No-host Social Hour,  
6PM Dinner.  
Menu: Salad, Dinner Rolls,  
BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Potatoes,  
Dessert. All graciously and  
expertly prepared by our  
volunteer in-house chefs.



Some 1,000 aged or disabled veterans from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and Operation Enduring Freedom/ Operation Iraqi Freedom now live at Yountville -- the largest Veterans' Home in the US.

**Please buy a dinner for you and sponsor a table for a Vets**  
**COMPLETE THE FORM** or get tickets online at [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ck Enclosed  or  
 CC# \_\_\_\_\_ EXP Date \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Special Honor Of (choose 1): Army Marine Corps Navy Air Force Coast Guard National Guard POW/MIA



Questions? Contact Tony veterans\_chair@elks.org

	HOW MANY OF EACH?	Subtotal
DINNER FOR YOU/GUEST _____	_____ @\$18	\$ _____
SPONSOR A TABLE OF 8 YOUNTVILLE VETS _____	_____ @\$140	\$ _____
Purchasing a table for the Vets does not include your meal. Any additional funds raised by sponsored tables will provide needed supplies to Yountville Veterans.		
<b>TOTAL DUE BY OCT 23 noon</b> (No tickets sold at the door):		\$ _____



## Veterans News

-By Tony Morgan,  
Veterans Committee Chair



Well, here we are, 2/3s of the way through 2023. The annual late Summer-early Fall heat will, undoubtedly, make it's annual appearance and we will be watching the hills and grasslands for any signs of fire. Thinking of the recent Lahaina conflagration causes many of us to look a little closer at our own surroundings. Now is a good time to check out the area around your home, stock up your emergency supplies and update phone numbers of family and friends. Please take then effort to stay safe.

### The Elks 901/Yountville Dinner

The planning of the Elks 901/Yountville Dinner continues (and it will probably do so until the hour before the dinner). We are trying to take care of as much as possible so we don't get bogged down at that last hour. Volunteer Coordinator Bonnie Koagedal is already contacting members asking if they would like to contribute a few hours setting up the dining rooms, serving dinners and cleaning up afterward. So, if you want to help, send Bonnie an email at [bonnie@koagedalproperties.com](mailto:bonnie@koagedalproperties.com) This is also a great opportunity for new members to meet other members. Our new members are always encouraged to help and they are much appreciated. Remember, a good many of us started out as volunteers years ago and are still at it

A couple days after submitting this article for the Whisperings I received notification from the Elks National Foundation that the Beacon Grant Application Lodge Treasurer Gary Lassen and myself submitted a couple weeks ago was approved. The money we will receive will cover the cost of the dinners our Lodge provides to the Yountville Vets and their

accompanying staff. Of course, the approval is always "subject to change". So, what does that mean? As of right now, it means that we will not be asking our members to buy a table or an individual meal for the Yountville Veterans. If, for some reason, the ENF exercises their "Subject to Change" right and withdraws full or partial funding, we may return with our hats in hand and ask that you reconsider and help us out.

If you plan on attending the dinner you will still have to purchase a separate tickets for yourself and guest. The purchase deadline is still Monday, October 23, 2023, NOON. We have to buy food and other amenities. So please, do yourself a favor (and mostly the Yountville Vets) and buy your tix in that 7 week period.

Now, to all the ticket buyers and volunteers. The greatest rewards you will reap from this event are the smiles, handshakes and "thank yous" from our Yountville Vets

### The Veterans Day Parade

Rain or shine, the Annual Petaluma Veterans Parade will be held on Veterans Day, November 11, 2023. We plan on meeting at the Lodge to decorate our vehicles at about 10:30 A.M. If you want to drive your classic car or motorcycle in the parade, let me know. We'll get you lined up. I'm sorry to say that I will not be able to bring my ultra classic 1973 Ford Maverick, 2 door, decked out with faux authentic vintage naugahyde seats, shag carpets, lizagator semi-vinyl top, and, of course, the requisite AM radio with pushbutton and knob controls. Once again, I will attempt to get a good spot closer to the front of parade (we were #28 last year).

It would be great to have at least 50 Elks participating.

See you around the Lodge.

**ENF - Elks National Foundation**  
 supports Veterans, Communities & Children.  
 Please support ENF



**Are You Ready...?**

**October is ENF Month**

A good month to make your donation!  
(help us make the goal)



We thank you, our members, for helping us qualify for the ENF Grant with your continued support of ENF.





### Editor's Note - Article Deadline

The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month for the upcoming issue **(September 15th for the October 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**

### 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.*

## ~Elks 901~ SOCIAL CLUB

All Are Welcome

**Fri Oct 20 12:30**  
 (at the Lodge)

**MENU: Hawaiian (pork & chicken) \$15**

Please RSVP & mail by Oct 10  
 Make check payable to & mail to:  
 Norine (Bobby) Gervasi  
 1074 Santa Clara Lane  
 Petaluma, CA 94954

Questions? Contact Bobby Gervasi (707)762-0724

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## ELKS 901 CHARITY Craft & Vendor Faire

Find unique gifts, support our community.

**Sat & Sun Nov 4 & 5 10AM-3PM**

Back by popular demand in time for the holidays!

All indoors at the Elks Lodge 901  
 2105 So McDowell Ext, Petaluma  
 More info: Elks901.org/craft



### Outings & Hosts

September shows us how beautiful it is to let things go. We bid farewell to summer and embrace the fall. The vineyards are harvesting grapes to help lubricate the transition. Try an outing with our friendly group.

**- 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:
- September 13-17 (Wed.-Sun.)**  
 Flag City RV Resort, Lodi, CA.  
 Neal & Diane Parker 707-495-1810 & Dee Jones 707-481-5248
  - October 15-19 (Sun.-Thurs)**  
 Bodega Bay RV Park, Bodega Bay, CA.  
 Larry & Denise Calvert 707-280-0980
  - November 8-12 (Wed. - Sun.)**  
 Monterey County Fair RV Park, Monterey.  
 Carole Cavin 702-499-5192, Dorothy Riddle 707-539-3959, & Ted & Sherri Adams 415-328-5542.

December: (member's Christmas Party; no outings).  
 January 10-14, 2024 (Wed.-Sun.)  
 Vineyard RV Park, Hartley/Vacaville, CA.  
 Shirley Hill 707-484-4006 & Pat Rotell



### 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 **Sep. 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 you. Send to both the Newsletter & the PR Chair to get published.



# october



day	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	Breakfast 9am-11:30am & Football	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm	3	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	4	5	7
8	Breakfast 9am-11:30am & Football	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm Trustee & House Meetings 6:30pm	10	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	11	12	14
15	Breakfast 9am-11:30am & Football POKER RUN	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm	17	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	18	19	21
22	Breakfast 9am-11:30am & Football	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm Trustee & House Meetings 6:30pm	24	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	25	26	28
29	Breakfast 9am-11:30am & Football	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm	31	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm			

# september

day	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
27	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm Fundraiser Lahaia Fire Relief	(29)	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm BLOOD DRIVE 10am - 1:45pm	(31)	1 \$10 Grilled Cheese & Salad Bar Scholarship-Legacy application online	2
3	Breakfast 9am-11:30am	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm Wkly Specials-pg 4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Wkly Specials-pg 7	7	8	9
10	Breakfast 9am-11:30am & Football	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm Trustee & House Meetings 6:30pm	12	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	14	15	16
17	Breakfast 9am-11:30am & Football	SPECIAL MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm Cash Grubbe Ganchies Health Spa-Scor 11am-6pm \$12	19	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Paint Night 6pm - 8pm \$30	21	22	23
24	Breakfast 9am-11:30am & Football	MONDAY GARDIA NIGHT 5pm-7pm Trustee & House Meetings 6:30pm	26	BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Ray Lozano's Youth Drug Awareness Tour Watch for details	28	29	30





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**GRILLED CHEESE & SALAD BAR**  
*New!!*  
  
**Friday Sep. 1st 5 - 7pm**  
 (See pg 7 for details)

Support Your Lodge & Community... Participate!

**Sunday Breakfast**  
  
 9:00am - 11:30am  
 Football's Back!

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

**Current Events**

Legacy Scholarship- available online	_____	Sep 1st
Grilled Cheese & Salad Bar	_____	Sep 1st
Labor Day Weekend- Food events	_____	Sep 1st-4th
Lodge Meeting #1	_____	Sep 14th
Monday Nite Pasta- Special- CG	_____	Sep 18th
Paint Nite	_____	Sep 19th
Whiskey Tasting	_____	Sep 23rd
Steak Nite	_____	Sep 23rd
Ray Lozano's Drug Awareness Tour	_____	Sep 27th
DD Visitation- Petaluma	_____	Sep 28th
Lodge Meeting #2	_____	Sep 28th

**Upcoming Events**

Poker Run	_____	Oct 15th
Social Lunch	_____	Oct 20th
Octoberfest	_____	Oct 21st
Yountville Veterans Dinner	_____	Oct 27th
Craft Faire	_____	Nov 4th-5th


**Paint Nite at the Elks**  
  
**Tues Sept. 19th**  
 6pm - 8pm \$30  
 (See pg 4 for details)

**MONDAY PASTA NIGHT**  
 5pm - 7pm  
 Weekly specials TBA via website & interim e-mail  
 (See pg 4 for details)

**WHISKEY TASTING & BBQ STEAK NIGHT**  
  
**Sat. Sept 23rd**  
 (See pg 4 for details)

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

**DDGER Visitation Dinner**  
  
**Thursday Sept. 28th**  
 (See pg 5 for details)

**Drug Awareness & Kids Ray Lozano Speaks Wed. Sept. 27th**  
  
 Parents bring your Teens, Tweens & Guests  
 (See pg.5 for details)