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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FOOOD!!!

Happy Hour 4-5pm

Dine with us or order food to go

Breaded Pork Chops
Salad Bar
Veggies
Apple Mashed Potatoes
Carmel Apple Cake

Dinner 6pm

Members and Guests

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE LODGE BAR. BY CONTACTING LAYLA SCHACKNER AT 530-400-7074, LAYLAANNE@ME.COM OR BY CALLING THE LODGE AT 530-888-7111

Reservations Preferred

DONATIONS FOR BIRTHDAY DINNER RAFFLE

Please consider donating new or handmade items to be raffled off at the Birthday Dinners. Contact Lisa Haynes at 916-201-0715 if you have any questions or an item to donate.

Installation of Officers

Save the date
March 28, 2026
Doors Open at 4:00pm
Ceremony at 4:30pm
Dinner at 6:00pm
Honors at 7:00pm

More Details To Follow!

Sunday BRUNCH

March 8 \$15

9:30AM -12PM

Omelette Bar
Pancakes or Waffles
Sausage
Biscuits & Gravy
Seasonal Fruit
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

Reservations can be made by contacting Kathy Madeiros at ermadeiros@gmail.com or by calling the Lodge at 530-888-7111

GOOD TIME GOOD FRIENDS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MANAGE FOOD PURCHASING BY MAKING A RESERVATION

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From the Desk of the Secretary – Bill Chelonis

As most of you know by now, the new 2026-2027 membership dues statements have been mailed out. Dues have changed from last year; they are now \$179 for regular members. On Tuesday, April 1st, the card reader will reflect if you paid your dues with the new “Green” membership card. Please make sure you paid your dues to get into the lodge. As I have mentioned in times past, a member who is past due in their dues will NOT be permitted into the lodge. (GL 14.130)

Some questions that you may or may not know from a training manual:

1. When a member is expelled from the ORDER, the Secretary of the Lodge shall confiscate his or her membership card, and the paid dues shall be returned to the expelled member? Ans. False (no dues shall be remitted)
2. Playing for drinks is a practice of selecting an involuntary host and is not gambling, which is usually characterized by the exchange of money or token use therefore? Ans. True
3. A member owing one year’s past dues to the lodge shall be dropped from the rolls prior to April 1st without the vote of the lodge thereon..... ans. True
4. A member may be charged with conduct unbecoming an Elk either at the lodge, club, or elsewhere. Ans. True

As always, if you need to reach me, call my cell phone (530-570-8896) or email me b.chelonis@att.net and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Fraternally Yours
Bill Chelonis PDDGER,
Lodge Secretary

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Regular Lodge Meetings
2nd & 4th Thursday
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Meeting

Business Hours
Wednesday: 10:30-3:30
Thursday: On Lodge Meeting nights 3-7:30PM
Closed Monday
Bulletin Deadline
15th of the preceding month

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Exalted Ruler	Jim Darnell
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Lecturing Knight	Amy Brooks
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Tiler	June Darnell
Esquire	Charles J Cooper
Chaplain	Larry LaVerne
Inner Guard	Bill Costa
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Trustee - Two-Year	Terry Houk
Trustee - Three-Year	Paula Celick
Trustee - Four Year	Peggy Word
Trustee - Five-Year	Bill Convis



LEADING KNIGHT – KATHY MADEIROS

Hello Everyone

As another Elk year is soon to be ending, take a moment to think about how you can support your Lodge and the new slate of officers coming into place.

There are still a few officer positions that need to be filled. Be part of the team that guides the Lodge into another year of success. There are committees put in place that ensure that no stone is unturned in Elksdom. Being a committee chairman is not difficult; there are manuals that explain the responsibilities of the position. Auburn-Grass Valley also has 14 PERs that you can ask questions or get advice from. We also have three current Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers that you can reach out to.

We need to strengthen our Lodge and our country with dedication and support of the values of Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity, which we hold so dearly as Elks. As a recent E-blast tried to defend the challenges our Lodge faces: if we don't have our membership being part of the action, there will be no opportunities to continue helping those in need. We must start by helping ourselves to be able to help others.

Raise your hand to volunteer or ask a question; it is all linked to positive action. Come to a meeting where the Lodge's business is conducted. Attend an event and enjoy the great food and friends. Come to a House Committee meeting to share some ideas that you would like to see at the Lodge. Listen to new ideas, meet new faces, explore new opportunities. We had Karaoke at the last Birthday Dinner, and I understand that everyone had a great time.

*Fraternally,
Kathy Madeiros
Esteemed Leading Knight*

LOYAL KNIGHT – CRAIG COLLOM

Lodge Members,

March is the last month of our fiscal year 2025/2026. That means this is my last article as your Loyal Knight. It has been a pleasure for me to be responsible for social and community welfare and, in that role, to inform the Trustees which organizations have requested donations and based on their direction, to then make motions on the Lodge floor during meetings to be able to send money to the places we all feel are most needed. I look forward to the opportunity to become your Leading Knight and to work with the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (Purple Pig). Additionally, this year I will be

Fraternally,
Craig Collom, Loyal Knight, Nominee for Leading Knight
(916)203-8049



Sickness and Distress



Sickness and Distress

Remember in your prayers the people of our Lodge who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering, or homebound.....

Especially,

Manny Martinez PDDGER, who has not been feeling well.

Gary Hubbard, who is dealing with some health issues.

Jim Hawkeswood's wife, Diane, is recovering from a broken kneecap.

Ron Hall, who had an accident on his tractor. He has many broken ribs and is spending time in the hospital in extreme pain.

Should you hear of anyone experiencing sickness or distress, please convey that information to me so that I can reach out on behalf of the Lodge to see if we can aid in any way, even if that aid is only to hold fellow members in our thoughts and prayers.

My contact information is amybsvfc@gmail.com or (650) 787-4329.

Sincerely,
Amy Brooks
Lecturing Knight

\$2 Tacos

Taco Tuesday

Join us **March 17** for tacos and New Member Orientation

Happy hour from 4-5 p.m.
Food service at 5 p.m.
Orientation at 6:30 p.m.



March is the last month of our Elk year. Then we start fresh in April with some new officers, while others move up the ladder. Look for some new and exciting times for all of us. Committee chairmanships will be changing. I, for one, will be stepping down after holding this position for about twenty years. With new blood comes new ideas. Let us all remember to support our incoming officers and committee chairpersons.

We have concluded the bulk of our Veterans activities for the year. Looking forward to our next Elk year, we will initially have our annual trek to Reno, NV., for a BBQ at the VA hospital in May. We'll need some volunteers to work that event. This is a very popular experience among our members; some look forward to returning to help out. Thank you in advance for your wonderful support.

Dates to remember looking back in our military history. March 19, 2003, the Iraq War began; March 23, 1953, the Battle of Pork Chop Hill began; May 25 is National Medal of Honor Day; and May 29, 1973, U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ends.

On the lighter side, how do you measure a snake? In inches. Ever seen a snake with feet? Here's another: Why is it always hotter in the sports stadiums after a game? All the fans have left. Okay, one last one. Consider this: When you put a bed in your bedroom, you have less bed room.

I would be remiss if I did not take this time to thank everyone who has helped me over these two decades with our Veterans programs. Without your help, my ship might have sunk. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. It has been a challenge and extremely rewarding for me.

In conclusion, let us all remember our service men and women serving all over the world, especially those in harm's way. Say a prayer for them and their safe return home. Remember your friends and family in your nightly prayers. God Bless America.

Rudy Pelzman
 Chairman, Veterans Service Committee
 Email: tahoebblue1946@gmail.com Cell: (916) 316-1530

BINGO Night

No outside food or beverages allowed

6 games total. 1st 5 games, Bingo sheets are \$1 each (each sheet has 3 separate Bingo cards on it). The 6th game will be blackout Bingo at \$5 per sheet (3 cards). Minors are not permitted to play. Kitchen opens at 5pm for limited food service. Bingo play starts at 6pm in the Lodge Room

FRIDAY **HAPPY HOUR** **MARCH**
 4-5 P.M. BINGO STARTS 20
 6:00 P.M.

Questions, please contact Jack Meylink at 530-305-9112 or jackmeylink@yahoo.com

LODGE CLEAN-UP REMINDER

Please remember Lodge Cleanup is on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on Wednesday – March 4th.

In February, we did some general cleanup inside & outside, cleaned, dusted, and dusted all fans, cleaned bar, vacuumed carpets, cleaned coffee bar area, cleaned windows, cleaned windows in the men's restroom, cleaned the floor drains, and much more.

The Lodge would like to thank the members who worked in February: PER Dick Robart, PER Jack Meylink, Loyal Knight Craig Collom, Jim Harris, Rudy Pelzman, and Will Waldron.

Turnout was **SMALL!** We could use more people. PLEASE !!!!! Come out and give us a hand next time.

Dick Robart Lodge Cleanup Chair
 530-906-1945 cell or text
lib.dick.robart@gmail.com

LODGE BYLAWS

Auburn Lodge Bylaws are available online at

<http://www.elks.org/loдges/bylaws.cfm?lodgeNumber=538>

A username and password are required, and access through this link is restricted to Lodge members only. Members who don't yet have a Password may register by giving their membership number and name To Grand Lodge online at:

<http://www.elks.org/members/registration.cfm>

\$25 with
Reservations
\$30 at the Door

Members and Guests



Take a Picture with
the Easter Bunny

Easter BRUNCH

Sunday, April 5th
9:30am - 12pm

Reservations can be made
by contacting
Kathy Madeiros at
ermadeiros@gmail.com
or by calling the Lodge at
530-888-7111

A Carving Station for Ham
Spinach Quiche
Sausage
Egg Casserole
Waffles or Pancakes
Everything Bagels
Breakfast Burrito Options
Mini Egg Salad Sandwiches
Deviled Eggs
Braided Onion Bread with Cream Cheese
Fruit Compote
Carrot Cake

Coffee
Tea
Orange Juice



Cake Walk

THANK YOU FOR HELPING
US MANAGE
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A RESERVATION

The Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538

PER FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Dinner at
6:30pm

April 25,
2026
Doors
open at
4pm

\$18

Reservations
required
by 4/20/26

Please call
530-888-7111

Tickets will be sold
at the Lodge too!



Fried Chicken, Mashed
Potatoes & Gravy, Corn on
the Cob, Salad, Rolls,
and Dessert



COME EARLY AND PLAY SOME GAMES

E O G B H K L C T L
Q R X Q T D E F L U
C A H C J L P G U C
P I S H A M R O C K
H O P T X B E L K P
O N C A C Y C D Y I
T B Z R F P R S D R
O T C M O T H Y J I
S O P H V B A C I S
I W G R E E N S G H

St. Patrick's Day Word Search

Words to Find:

rainbow luck green pot
shamrock jig gold Irish
leprechan lucky



Elks Crying Corner

The following members can start crying for not attending a Lodge meeting. Why? Because their names were drawn, and they were not present to receive the money:

Jan 22, 2026

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Jeff Childers
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Richard Bernard

Feb 12, 2026

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Jim Inman
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Alvin Fairfield
The jackpot drawing of \$99 was won by Terry Houk

It pays to attend a Lodge meeting. Meetings are on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month. Dinner is at 6:00 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

JANUARY SHUFFLEBOARD

January 7th

- 1st: Julie Pollock
- 2nd: Michelle Ellison & Moe Borg
- 3rd: Nadine Hubbard & Ann Council
- Attendees: Ellen Whitty & Jan Quarry

January 14th

- 1st: Nadine Hubbard & Barbara Hewitt
- 2nd: Michelle Ellison & Ann Council
- 3rd: Moe Borg & Jan Quarry
- Attendee: Julie Pollock

January 21st

- 1st: Moe Borg & Michelle Ellison
- 2nd: Julie Pollock & Ellen Whitty
- 3rd: Sue Kirk & Kris Cosby

January 28th

- 1st: Barbara Hewitt & Kris Cosby
- 2nd: Ann Council & Michelle Ellison
- 3rd: Jan Quarry & Moe Borg

JANUARY POOL TOURNAMENT

Jan 7th

- 1st Chuck Cooper
- 2nd Gary Hubbard & Julia Thomas
- 3rd Rick DeKnoop & K J
- Attendees:
- Don Council
- Jack Meylink
- Nancy Cremarosa
- Bill Costa

Jan 14th

- 1st Chuck Cooper
- 2nd Jack Meylink & Don Council
- 3rd K J & Gary Hubbard
- Attendees:
- Julia Thomas
- Bill Costa
- Rick DeKnoop
- Nancy Cremarosa

Jan 21

- 1st Jack Meylink & Julia Thomas
- 2nd Chuck Cooper & Mike Cosby
- 3rd Don Council & Nancy Cremarosa
- Attendees:
- Rick DeKnoop
- Bill Costa

Jan 28

- 1st K J
- 2nd Chuck Cooper
- 3rd Julia Thomas
- Attendees:
- Bill Costa
- Mike Cosby
- Nancy Cremarosa
- Don Council

Spring Word Scramble

	RINSPG	_____	
	WOLFSE	_____	
	NENUSSIH	_____	
	MOSLOSB	_____	
	SIDRB	_____	
	INLAFARL	_____	
	SEEVAL	_____	
	RIPSONGUT	_____	
	RETSETUBFIL	_____	
	DUSB	_____	
	ERNGE	_____	
	EBE	_____	
	DYGUBAL	_____	
	SHREF	_____	
	INWORAB	_____	

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March Birthdays

01 Birks, Royce A
 02 Arfsten, Scott John
 02 Fulenwider, Karl
 02 Gailbreath, Gary
 02 Tade, Cheryl
 03 Thomas, Julia
 04 Oles, Robert F
 04 Stirtz, Ed
 04 Wolfe, Victor
 06 Graves, Janice J
 06 Inman, James L
 07 Gridley, Doug
 08 James, Jeffrey
 12 Campbell, Shelton
 12 Phipps, Brian
 13 Ellis, Edward J
 13 Schroeder, Karla
 14 Council, Donald 'Don' B
 15 Azevedo, Richard
 15 LaFave, John
 16 Brechtel, Patrick M
 16 Nickens, Craig H
 17 Foiles, Eugene P
 18 Conover, Sally J
 19 Ciccarelli, Mike
 19 Robertson, John P
 20 Risser, Larry
 21 Bury, George J
 21 Painter, Dean
 22 Brooks, Amy E
 22 Convis, Bill
 22 Cravens, Kenneth
 22 Schlichting, William J
 22 Stokes, Jim
 22 Wire, Bob J
 23 Gregory, Kenneth
 23 Roeder, Susan
 24 Larcina, Luis
 24 Willick, Nicholas
 27 Pickett, David J
 27 Shewmon, Donald
 30 Van Hook, Michael

April Birthdays

01 Birks, Royce A
 02 Arfsten, Scott John
 02 Fulenwider, Karl
 02 Gailbreath, Gary
 02 Tade, Cheryl
 03 Thomas, Julia
 04 Oles, Robert F
 04 Stirtz, Ed
 04 Wolfe, Victor
 06 Graves, Janice J
 06 Inman, James L
 07 Gridley, Doug
 08 James, Jeffrey
 12 Campbell, Shelton
 12 Phipps, Brian
 13 Ellis, Edward J
 13 Schroeder, Karla
 14 Council, Donald 'Don' B
 15 Azevedo, Richard
 15 LaFave, John
 16 Brechtel, Patrick M
 16 Nickens, Craig H
 17 Foiles, Eugene P
 18 Conover, Sally J
 19 Ciccarelli, Mike
 19 Robertson, John P
 20 Risser, Larry
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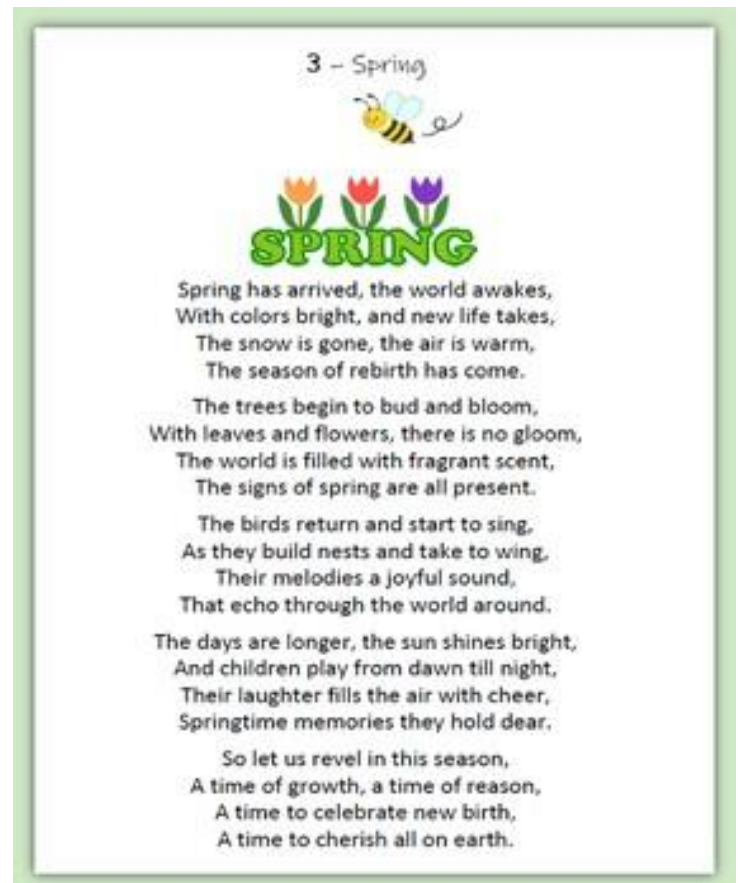


JOIN THE ELKS RV CLUB

The ELKS RV club is always looking for new members. For fun outings and the chance to get to better know your fellow Elks members, contact Club President Harold McCoy at (530)346-8672 or thereelmccoys87@gmail.com

Cleaning Out Your Closet?

Auburn Seventh-Day Adventist Church Community Services desperately needs men's clothing and shoes. Specifically, men's sizes include Medium & Large shirts and pants, sizes 30 to 36. Please drop off at the back of the church at 12225 Rock Creek Road, Auburn, on Mondays or Tuesdays from 9:am to 1:00 pm. This church is a food bank and clothing distribution center. They also provided showers and meals for the homeless and those in need. Thank you in advance.



MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		11:00 AM Rotary Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM ECH-Sportsmen Meeting	9:00 AM Lodge Cleanup 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	11:00 AM Sirs 6:00 PM Building Hall Meeting	5:00 PM Birthday Dinner	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	11:00 AM Rotary Lunch Meeting 5:00 PM Taco Tuesday/New Member Night 6:00 PM Line Dancing	11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting			7:00 AM Rooster Tails 6:00 PM Bingo Night	11:30 AM Private Event
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	11:00 AM Rotary Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM House Committee Meeting	11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	5:00 PM Trustees Meeting 5:00 PM Social Time 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting			4:30 PM Officer Installation Ceremony 6:00 PM Officer Installation Dinner
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APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 AM Lodge Cleanup 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	2 11:00 AM Sirs 6:00 PM Building Hall Meeting	3 5:00 PM Birthday Dinner	4 12:00 AM ARD-Easter Egg Hunt with popup
5 12:00 AM Easter 9:30 AM Elks Brunch	6	7 11:00 AM Rotary Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM House Committee Meeting 6:00 PM IECH-Sportsmen Meeting	8 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	9 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting 5:00 PM Social Time 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting	10 12:00 AM Nevada County Public Service Awards Dinner 6:00 PM Hunter Safety	11 9:00 AM Hunter Safety
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