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**AUBURN GRASS VALLEY ELKS LODGE #538**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Join us for an Evening of Springtime Joy, Sweet Treats, and Good Company!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026**  
HAPPY HOUR 4:00 PM - DINNER 6:00 PM

Dinner is FREE with Birthday Exchange Ticket or \$20.00 per person  
Reservations preferred.  
Contact LayLa Schackner 530-400-7074  
laylaanne@me.com or the Lodge at 530-888-7111

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**MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME**

Happy Easter

**Volunteer Dishwasher NEEDED**

**Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538**

Join our team — help keep events running smoothly behind the scenes

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**\$25 with Reservations  
\$30 at the Door**

Members and Guests

**Easter BRUNCH**

Take a Picture with the Easter Bunny

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

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

Reservations can be made by contacting Kathy Madeiros at [ermadeiros@gmail.com](mailto:ermadeiros@gmail.com) or by calling the Lodge at 530-888-7111

**Cake Walk**

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

**\$2 Tacos**

**Taco Tuesday**

Join us **April 14** 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.



**From the Desk of the Secretary – Bill Chelonis**

Well, you voted me to be Secretary for another year. I hope I can continue assisting all of you with any membership-related issues that arise.

By now, all of you have received your 2026-2027 Dues Statement. Dues are \$ 179, and if you can't find your Dues Statement, just bring in a check for \$179 and earmark it with your name and state it's for dues. Life members' dues are \$104. You can also pay by credit card at the lodge bar. By April 1st, if you have not paid your dues, you are not allowed to attend any lodge functions. Just a reminder: widows and spouses only receive an identification card and will have to "Buzz" in to enter the lodge. Make sure you have your new card when you come.

As always, if you need to reach me, call my cell phone (530-570-8896) or email me [b.chelonis@att.net](mailto: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  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month

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**Elks Lodge Officers**

- |                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Exalted Ruler             | John Madeiros    |
| Esteemed Leading Knight   | Craig Collom     |
| Esteemed Loyal Knight     | Amy Brooks       |
| Esteemed Lecturing Knight | Layla Schackner  |
| Secretary                 | Bill Chelonis    |
| Treasurer                 | Chris Locken     |
| Chaplain                  | Larry LaVerne    |
| Esquire                   | Mike Kochis      |
| Inner Guard               | Jim Darnell      |
| Tiler                     | June Darnell     |
| Organist                  | Christy Mata     |
| Trustee - One Year        | Terry Houk       |
| Trustee - Two Year        | Paula Celick     |
| Trustee - Three Year      | Peggy Word       |
| Trustee - Four Year       | Jack Meylink     |
| Trustee - Five Year       | Tasha Valenzuela |

**No outside food or beverages allowed**

**BINGO Night**

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 4-5 P.M. BINGO STARTS 6:00 P.M.**      **APRIL 17**

Questions, please contact Jack Meylink at 530-305-9112 or [jackmeylink@yahoo.com](mailto:jackmeylink@yahoo.com)

## LEADING KNIGHT

Lodge Members,

April means a new Elk Year, a new cadre of Officers, and I am your new Leading Knight. I look forward to what this year brings. Including representing our Lodge at the Ritual Contest in Calpine on May 1st and 2nd, and additionally, as your Leading Knight, I am now required to go to the State Convention on May 14th to 16th. I look forward to participating in the Leading Knight education opportunities and to getting a deeper understanding of Elkdome.

Fraternally,  
Craig Collom,  
Leading Knight 2026/2027

## THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2026 – 2027

Exalted Ruler	John Madeiros
Esteemed Leading Knight	Craig Collom
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Amy Brooks
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Layla Schackner
Secretary	Bill Chelonis
Treasurer	Chris Locken
Chaplain	Larry LaVerne
Esquire	Mike Kochis
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## March New Member



## Sickness and Distress



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

Especially,

Ron Hall, who is recovering from his accident.  
Gary and Nadine Hubbard, who are having some health issues.  
Gordon Murdoch, who is having health concerns.  
Ron Harmon PDDGER, who is resting comfortably at home on hospice.  
Manny Martinez PDDGER, who is also resting.  
Lisa Haynes, who is recovering from brain surgery.

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](mailto:amybsvfc@gmail.com) or (650) 787-4329.

Sincerely,  
Amy Brooks  
Loyal Knight

The Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538

**PER FRIED CHICKEN DINNER**

Dinner at  
6:30pm

\$18

April 25,  
2026  
Doors  
open at  
4pm

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

### LODGE BYLAWS

Auburn Lodge Bylaws are available online at  
<http://www.elks.org/lodges/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>

# VETERANS CORNER



Happy New Year. This month begins our new fiscal year. We have new officers, while others are moving into new positions. Let us all welcome John Madeiros as our Exalted Ruler and his cadre of officers. We should all make an effort to support them, as this group aims to fulfill the wishes of all our members in the coming year.

This article is my last posting as your chairperson for the Veterans Committee. Twenty-plus years is long enough. It is time for some new blood and new ideas. My replacement will be Bill Convis. He will also be the Northeast District Vice President at the same time. Bill will do a great job in both positions. I look forward to helping whenever possible, giving my full support to Bill. Thank you again to everyone who helped me during my tenure as the chairman. Without your help, my job would have been much more difficult. Those of you who helped me on a regular basis know who you are. Thank you so much.

There has been a significant change at the Veterans Administration hospital in Reno. At this time, they are trying to replace the former supervisor of the recreation unit where the BBQs are conducted for the long-term patients. Joanne Farris, MSNH, ACC/MC, has retired after a long and rewarding career with the military and the V.A. Administration.

A couple of dates in history to recall are April 6, 1917, the U.S. entered World War 1; April 25, 1898, the U.S. declared war on Spain, and on April 28, 1952, our Occupation of Japan ended.

A final walk on the lighter side. A boy and his mother, looking through the family photo album, came across a picture of a handsome young man with a mustache. "Who's that?" the boy asked. "That's your father," the mother replied. "Then who's the bald guy living with us?"

My friend talked me into lending her some money for plastic surgery. I've been trying to get it back for months, but I have no idea what she looks like now. My last one had my doctor tell me that my sugar level is too high. So, I went home and moved it to a lower shelf...

As I finish, let us all take a moment to reflect on our good fortune here in America. Remember our military men and women serving all over the world, with many in harm's way. Pray they all return home safely. Keep our friends and family in your evening prayers. God Bless America

Rudy Pelzman  
Cell: (916) 316-1530

## 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:

Feb 26, 2026

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Kevin Tiernan  
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Robert Borberio  
The jackpot drawing of \$134 was lost by Gerry Brentnall

Mar 12, 2026

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Don Hay  
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by John Harbour  
The jackpot drawing of \$226 was lost by Karla Schackner

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.

## 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.

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# BINGO Night

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**BINGO STARTS 6:00 P.M.**

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## 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 – April 1st.**

In March, 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 March: PER Dick Robart, PER Bill Convis, Leading Knight Craig Collom, John Crawford, Kevin Tiernan, 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  
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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Danielsen, Rebecca
- 01 Farry, Michael
- 01 Schneider, Jessica
- 02 Jordan, Brett
- 02 Vander Linden, Kent Paul
- 02 Welz, Marilyn
- 03 Cupler, Gary Grant
- 03 Lemma, Bob
- 03 Smail, Robert
- 04 Lease, Steven Warren
- 04 Sabol, Dan
- 05 Lathuras, Robert
- 05 McCullough, Marvin
- 06 Fee, John A
- 06 Leidigh, Jamesh
- 06 Walker, Richard
- 07 Bailey, Bruce
- 07 Rodriguez, Benedicto
- 07 Shannon, Marrilee K
- 09 Young, Stephen
- 10 Wicks, Edward C
- 11 Gates, James
- 11 Quarry, Kenneth J
- 11 Supinger, Dennis
- 11 Tinley, William E
- 12 Obenoskey, Ty J
- 13 Pollock, Julie D
- 14 Johnson, Kevin
- 16 Leone, Joe
- 18 Lund, Mark
- 18 Nau, Jon Alan
- 19 Simpson,
- 20 Jones, Michael S
- 22 Kirk, Susan
- 22 Minyard, Ronald
- 23 Desrosiers, Michael R
- 25 Barnes, Rex
- 25 Berry, Albert E
- 25 Clemens, Reginald
- 26 Del Pozzo, Philip
- 27 Rose, David A
- 29 Barbeiro, Robert C
- 29 Ward, Steven
- 31 Nowak, Gary S

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Marcella, John
- 06 Burgard, Douglas L
- 07 Baird, Willis Lee
- 07 Williams, Russell C
- 09 Collins, Chris
- 10 Anderson, Anna B
- 10 Dow, Jacqueline S
- 10 Quillman, Leeanne
- 11 Maxwell, Gerald R
- 12 Franzen, Ralph A
- 13 Boston, Jim
- 13 Costa, Joyce L
- 13 Talso, Linda Lee
- 14 Daniell, James
- 15 Smeja, Robert E
- 18 Payne, Lawrence J
- 20 Jones, Shirley
- 20 Nodes, Robert R
- 21 Collins, Lauren
- 21 Stoltenburg, Craig D
- 22 Bettencourt, Sharon A
- 22 Murphy, James
- 23 Cooper, Charles J
- 23 Sprowl, Vincent Paul
- 24 Utley, William R
- 26 Groves, Brian
- 26 Linker, Mike T
- 28 Bennett, Darryl
- 28 Elkin, Barry J



### 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](mailto: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.

### FEBRUARY SHUFFLEBOARD

February 4th

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

February 11th

- 1st: Kris Cosby & Julie Pollock
- 2nd: Barbara Hewitt & Ellen Whitty
- 3rd: Sue Kirk
- Attendees: Michelle Ellison, Moe Borg, Nadine Hubbard, & Ann Council

February 18th

- 1st: Julie Pollock
- 2nd: Moe Borg
- 3rd: Barbara Hewitt
- Attendees: Chuck Cooper & Michelle Ellison

February 25th

No shuffleboard

### FEBRUARY POOL TOURNAMENT

Feb 4th

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

Feb 11th

- 1st Chuck Cooper
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Council
- 3rd Julia Thomas
- Attendees:
- Gary Hubbard
- Nancy Creamarosa
- Mike Cosby
- Bill Costa

### ADVERTISING RATES

- MEMBERS: \$100.00 per year
- Non-Members: \$200.00 per year
- 12 issues to all members monthly
- \*Business Card size advertisement \*
- Website Exposure
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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 Monthly Private Lunch 6:00 PM Building Hall Meeting	3 5:00 PM Birthday Dinner	4
5 9:30 AM Easter Brunch	6 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM ABHC Annual Meeting 6:00 PM House Committee Meeting 6:00 PM ECH-Sportsmen Meeting	7 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM ABHC Annual Meeting 6:00 PM House Committee Meeting 6:00 PM ECH-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 6:00 PM Hunters Safety	11 9:00 AM Hunters Safety
12	13 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting 5:00 PM Taco Tuesday/New Member Night 5:30 PM ECH-Sportsmen Meeting	14 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting 5:00 PM Taco Tuesday/New Member Night 5:30 PM ECH-Sportsmen Meeting	15 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	16	17 7:00 AM Monthly Private Breakfast 3:00 PM Craft Class 6:00 PM Bingo Night	18
19	20 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM House Committee Meeting	21 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM House Committee Meeting	22 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	23 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting 5:00 PM Social Time 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting	24	25 5:00 PM PER Chicken Dinner
26	27 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting	28 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting	29 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	30		

# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00 AM Ritual Contest in Calpine 5:00 PM Birthday Dinner	2
3 12:00 AM DD Clinic in Calpine	4	5 11:00 AM Weekly Private Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM ECH-Sportsmen Meeting	6 9:00 AM Lodge Cleanup 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	7 11:00 AM Monthly Private Lunch 6:00 PM Building Hall Meeting	8	9
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