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Exalted Ruler – Sharon Bettencourt



Greetings from your Exalted Ruler,



Happy 4th of July and enjoy your summer. I am spending the 4th in Tampa, FL attending Grand Lodge Convention, so I will let you know what they have to say when I get back.

This year is moving along quickly, and things are changing. The Lodge is finally open, and events are being added, so make sure you read Jack Meylink's daily blasts. The details will be there until the bulletin can catch up to all the changes. There will be Tuesday events and Wednesday lunches, and other events are being planned. You will see some pricing changes as we all know everything is going up, so we have to go with the flow to make ends meet. Come down and support your Lodge and the Officers who are working hard to make this all happen. They are volunteers, and we need to have more as that is how we will operate for a while, so please, if you have some time to help with a function, let us know. We greatly appreciate your help.

Lodge meetings have returned to the Lodge on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. We hope to see you there. You will learn what is going on around the Lodge.

On July 24, we will celebrate our 75 Anniversary as a Lodge. We are having a party with raffles and music. All members and their spouses are invited to come. The Committee is working very hard on this project and sprucing up inside and outside to make this a great event.

We are trying to make some improvements around the Lodge so we can all work easily together in the space we have. I hope you all will attend the meetings and see what is happening around the Lodge.

Our Trustees and House Committee are working as a team to get these things accomplished.

We had a nice turnout for our Wednesday lunch on the 16th, and the pool players were back, as were the ones who play shuffleboard and cards. Everyone was having a good time. Hope to see more of you back at the Lodge for our events.

Fraternally,

Sharon Bettencourt PDDGER
Exalted Ruler



MONTHLY BIRTHDAY DINNER

Monthly Birthday Dinners will resume once the Lodge has fully reopened.

Auburn Elks Lodge

Celebrates

Our 75th Jubilee Anniversary

July 24, 2021

4:30pm Bar opens

5:30 pm Dinner

BBQ Ribs

Corn on the cob

Baked Bean

Corn Bread

Dessert

Come partake in the fun and comradery with your fellow members.

There will be a raffle for an outdoor fire pit and other gifts,

an apple Pie Contest and music.

The meal is free to our membership and their spouses. Reservations are required and we will abide by any Placer County requirements.

Please call 530-888-7111 to make your reservations
or contact Kathy Madeiros at ermadeiros@gmail.com

Grab N Go says Good Bye!

I would like to thank the Grab N Go Team, who worked tirelessly every Wednesday since August 2020. We are now stepping aside so our Lodge can come back to life. As of June 3rd, the Lodge has slowly started to bring back some events that we used to do and will continue to do so.

I would also like to thank the members of Auburn Elks Lodge who supported this event. You not only helped to keep the doors open, but you helped to keep the Team's spirits up during this very trying time. We looked forward to seeing you. Your cars became an extension of the Lodge, and we will never forget the love and friendship you shared with us.

Kathy Madeiros, PER



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A user name 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>

LODGE CLEAN UP REMINDER

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Please remember Lodge Cleanup the 1st Wednesday each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on July 7th.

In June we did some general cleanup inside & outside, cleaned and dusted bar area, dusted fans, cleaned windows, vacuumed carpets cleaned & sanitized tables & chairs, and much, much more.

The Lodge would like to thank the members that worked in June: PER Dick Robart, Ed Rodriguez, Michael Van Hook, Gary Cox, Ron Bailey, Harvey Easley, Kent Kirby, John Marcella, Pete Rau, Rudy Pelzman and Bryan Johnson.

Turnout was much better. We can always use a few more. PLEASE come out and give us a hand next time. We should be open to some actives in July so there will be much to do.

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Regular Lodge Meetings

2nd & 4th Thursday – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-Lodge Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Business Hours

Tuesday thru Friday

9 a.m. to 6 p.m

Bar hours: 11 a.m until 8 p.m.

Closed Monday

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Lecturing Knight– Jim Darnell

Secretary - Harlan Moore

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Sickness & Distress & Good News

William "Bill" Muselin passed away on 4/8/2021. Bill was a long-time member of our Lodge and he and his wife Kay were always at Tacos.

Keep all the people in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember to let me know if you hear of any sickness or distress and good news is always welcome also.

916-415-9062 or 916-759-8961 cell

Fraternally,
Sharon Bettencourt PER PDDGER
Sickness & Distress & Good News

From the Secretary – Harlan Moore

GOOD NEWS! Our Lodge celebrates 75 years this month! Better yet, we are open!

We have beautiful 75th Anniversary Coins available for just \$10.00. I will have some with me every time I'm at the Lodge. They will be available at the bar as well. Coin sales will assist with celebration expenses.

For the first time in over a year, current membership cards are a required first step in returning to our normal lodge-hosted activities. A BIG thanks to all of you who renewed their membership early. To date, I have mailed out 2 statements this Lodge year. If you haven't renewed your membership, avoid disappointment; please return one with your payment as soon as possible. I need to update our records for mailing and card key validation, plus any updates to emergency information noted below.

One issue that will be a priority is to correct and improve upon the change of address, phone, and emergency contact information. Most important is emergency information for our singles. Please call, email, or send a note to me regarding your emergency contact information, children, siblings, extended family, neighbor.

Please contact me directly at **530-906-4765**, email Harlan@hemore.com, or a brief note to the lodge mail address 195 Pine Street, Auburn, CA 95603.

I would like to hear from you, AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE LODGE.

Fraternally,
Harlan

Two Cents from the Trustees

We have been working very closely with the House Committee and have come up with a temporary budget for the upcoming events. It is not complete because we are in the process of putting back income and expenses for events that the House Committee has decided to bring back. There will be more additions to come. But for now, there is a copy of the Budget posted on the bulletin board in the Lodge.

Please note that there may be some changes to the event itself and the cost per person. These changes have been approved by the House Committee in order to keep our Lodge doors open. Each member of the House Committee and Trustees has been assigned a task to ensure that our Lodge is in compliance in opening and for our future.

I hope to see many of your smiling faces very soon.
Kathy Madeiros, PER
Trustee Chairman



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Veterans Corner

The year is half over. July is the middle of our summer, with everything mainly open with minimal restrictions. The pandemic is largely controlled but not yet fully defeated. Our Lodge is now open for your enjoyment, and many of our former activities have resumed. There is more to come. Remember to attend the 75th Jubilee at the Lodge. You must make your reservations ahead of time.

A bit of military history shows that on July 12, 1862, the Medal of Honor was established. July 26, 1948, Executive Order 9981 ended segregation in the U.S. Armed Forces. July 27, 1953 was the Korean War armistice and July 4 is Independence Day. It is historically a great day to BBQ and then watch fireworks just after dark. For those of you who choose to enjoy your own fireworks, please do so safely and legally.

This month is a fairly quiet time for this committee. We will probably be looking for some volunteers to help out with the Treats for Troops program when it starts up again.

The end of this article has always been an admonishment to remember our troops in harm's way. Please keep them in your prayers. Stay healthy, happy, and young at heart. God Bless America.

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LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

We have awarded our local Lodge Scholarships. The scholarship applications were judged in Mid-February and sent to the winners at the end of the school year.

The winner of the Looby Scholarship was Emma Owens of Rocklin High School and the granddaughter of member Patricia Alwan. The Thomas Scholarship was won by Noelani Takei of Irvington High School in Fremont, CA.

Congratulations to these two outstanding young ladies.

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07 01	Thomas M	Fox
07 02	Gary R	Beckes
07 02	John	Bennett
07 02	Roger E	Lloyd
07 04	Frank A	Gottstein
07 05	John P	Cardinale
07 05	Michael E	Enzler
07 05	Joseph	Gruber
07 05	Kent	Kirby
07 06	Barry G	Duck
07 06	Nick	Mecham
07 07	Kevin	Manning
07 07	Stephen C	Wages
07 08	Sonja	Conklin
07 08	Richard A	Sutherland
07 10	Troy	Ratliff
07 11	William M	Chelonis
07 11	L K	Graniel
07 11	Dennis H	Gregory
07 12	Nancy A	Cremarosa
07 12	Henry E	Gonzales
07 12	Cheryl A	Gray
07 12	Jimmy	Mullenix
07 13	Terrel B	Jackson
07 14	Ronald L	Bailey
07 14	Gary	Shaw
07 15	Dan E	Crutchfield
07 15	Paul W	Ross
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07 17	Eugene S	Scherer
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07 20	John N	Carr
07 20	James D	Harris
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07 21	Paul	Jones
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07 24	Alan R	Bartlett
07 24	Richard	Huntley
07 25	Dennis L	Martello
07 25	Robert	LeVine
07 25	Charles W	Watkins
07 26	Lawrence H	LaVerne
07 27	Vic	Roumage
07 27	Karla	Wood
07 29	Jerome	Blommer
07 29	Joe F	Mathe
07 29	John A	Panelli
07 30	Paul C	Klein
07 30	William R	Thomas
07 30	Charles J	Twardus
07 31	David	Altstadt
07 31	Pamela	Bobson
07 31	James M	McClernon
07 31	Wesley A	Scott
07 31	Michael A	Sipe

A BIT OF LODGE HISTORY

The Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Elks chartered Auburn Lodge Number 1691 on July 11, 1946, with James Brennan, a Past Exalted Ruler from Grass Valley Lodge No. 538 as its Charter Exalted Ruler and held charter member number 001. John Raffetto, Jr., charter member number 003, was a Past President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. PDDGER Bob Oles, member number 1198, held the position of CHEA Secretary for a three-year term.

Auburn Lodge has been in the North District, North Central District and in July of 1978, along with eight other lodges from the North District and North Central District was assigned as the southernmost lodge to the newly formed Northeast District of CHEA which runs East to the Nevada state line and North to the Oregon border.

During the early years, the Lodge met at Charlie Fink's Auburn Drug where members, seeing the need for a permanent home, incorporated the Auburn Building Hall Co. for that purpose. Stock was issued and plans were under way. Through the efforts of many volunteers, including the hand selection of the cedar boards that comprise the interior walls, construction was completed, and 195 Pine Street has been our permanent home since that time. In time the ABHC added rental properties on Pine Street.

Many modifications have been made to our home since its initial construction. Those include the drop ceiling which hides the exposed beam vaulted cedar original, installation of walk-in coolers and freezer, removal of the stone fireplace, expansion of the storage spaces, enlarging of restrooms, patio enclosure, and construction of dedicated secure office space as needed for the Lodge Secretary and Treasurer and ABHC. Modifications to the parking lot include the donation of the Elk Statues at the entrance donated by PER George Williams, who chaired our 50th Anniversary two-day celebration in 1996.

Gone are the days when there was one sole employee, the Lodge Steward, when the bar was occupied end-to-end from happy hour to close, and all lodge meeting meals, Friday night dinners and one Saturday party per month were prepared and served entirely by volunteer Elks. At those times, at 11:00 o'clock there would be a short pause for the Toast, and it was not unusual for the Lodge Steward to announce "Last Call" at 1:45 AM. No longer do we camp in the sand and cow pies at Lawson's Landing or the High Sierra at Woodchuck Flat. It has also been some time since we have visited neighboring lodges to hold some treasured item for ransom or loaded a couple of chartered busses for a two-day gambling trip to Reno and Carson City.

Many traditions (pre-Covid) have remained. Those include the Crab Feed, Luau, and the Fashion Show. Those traditions added are monthly Sunday, Easter and Mother's Day Brunches, Taco Tuesdays, and Wednesday Lunch and Game Day.

The first State Vice President from Auburn was the Ralph Enzler* when we were in the North Central District. The first District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler was Charles Casebeer* in our current District. *Indicates deceased.

Currently serving are CHEA Board of Trustees PDDGER Rick Sutherland, District Leader and CHEA Drug Awareness Vice Chair PDDGER Dave Provan, Association Vice President Manny Martinez and District Secretary PER Kathy Maderios. PER Yvonne Edwards served two terms as CHEA Association Vice President. PDDGERs Bob Oles and Bob Souza hold the distinction of being District Leaders Emeritus

Auburn Elks who served Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers are Chuck Wuesthoff*, Niel Bielski*, James Cowper, Phil Bettencourt*, Ron Harmon, Marvin Fetzer, Bill Chelonis, Sharon Bettencourt (the current three-peat Exalted Ruler) and Jimmy Louis.

In addition to those mentioned above, many Auburn Elks have served Auburn Lodge No. 1691, CHEA, the Northeast District and other districts as volunteers, committee members and chairmen. Those dedicated members are too numerous to mention here. Know that your service to Elksdom has not gone without notice. You know who you are.

Twenty-five years ago, we celebrated our 50th and Golden Anniversary. We now celebrate our 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary, and, God willing, some of us will be around in 25 years to celebrate our Centennial Anniversary. And if we are not, please remember that Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

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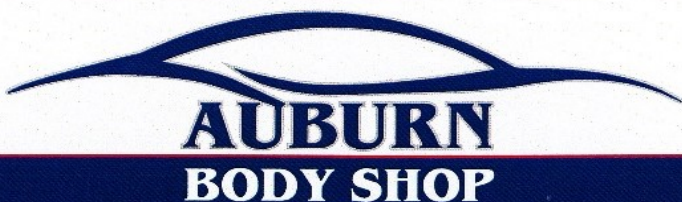
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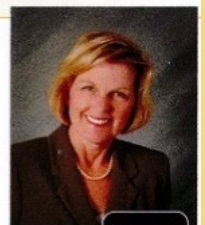
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