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APRIL BIRTHDAY DINNER
FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023
COCKTAILS AT 5:00 DINNER AT 6:30

Menu

TERIYAKI GLAZED CHICKEN
HAWAIIAN WHITE FISH W/ HOISIN GINGER AOILI
POTATO HALVES
ASIAN FRIED RICE
SEASONAL VEGETABLES
SALAD BAR, HOT ROLLS
AND DESSERT
\$15 per person

Put on your grass skirts and your best leis and join us for the celebration of April Birthday Members.

There will be a raffle and Anniversaries will be honored.

Exalted Ruler Robert Souza

As of April 1st, I will be the new Exalted Ruler of this Elks Lodge. As we begin the new Lodge Year, it is the end of an era for two Lodges and the beginning of a new era for the Auburn - Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538. While I write this article in March, I assume that our Grand Lodge will approve the merger of Auburn and Grass Valley Lodges or will be approved soon. I am sad that the Grass Valley Elks Lodge had to end their over one-hundred-and-fifty-year history. We welcome all of their members to our Lodge and hope they will become active members of the new Lodge. Why did this happen, you ask? Grass Valley was a small lodge in membership and needed help getting the required number of members involved as Officers, Trustees, and committee members to continue, so they voted to merge with Auburn.

We will gain their members, who wish to join us, and their assets and liabilities. It is unfortunate to see such an old Lodge with many years of history in this situation. I hope they will join us and help us prosper as a new Elks Lodge. To make our Lodge a success, I cannot do it alone. Yes, I am responsible for what happens this year, good or bad, but it is up to the members to make this a memorable year! This is your Lodge, and we need to work together as a team to accomplish our goals this year. One goal is to open the Lodge for more activities of your choice. With more activities and your participation, we will be able to keep our cost of operation low.

As you know, the cost of goods and services has risen to an all-time high. We had to raise our prices recently to stay afloat, and with your help, we can avoid raising them again. So, this challenge I give to you; be active! If you do not participate by supporting our activities, working on our committees, serving as an officer, or helping where needed, then we cannot continue as an Elks Lodge. The more you get involved, the more you will become a proud member of the Auburn - Grass Valley Elks Lodge # 538. This is your Lodge. Make it happen!

Robert Souza
Exalted Ruler

Dear Loyal Members:

Technically, I am the Exalted Ruler. There was some mix-up in the merger with Grass Valley and my official position will end on April 13, 2023. I want to announce the awards I presented at the March 23, 2023, meeting. The following were presented with certificates; Bob Souza PDDGER was presented with Officer of the Year; Kathy Madeiros PER and Jack Meylink PER, for Outstanding Service Commendation. Lisa Haynes was presented with Elk of the Year. Elk of the Month for October, Jack Meylink PER; November, Michael Bielski; December, Craig Collom; January, Jimmy Mullenix; February, Lisa Haynes; March, Rudy Pelzman.

All members are eligible for these awards when you participate in Lodge activities.

Bill Costa Exalted Ruler PER
Auburn-Grass Valley Elks



From the Desk of the Secretary – Bill Chelonis

Well, you voted me to be Secretary for another year. I hope to continue helping all of you with any issues with membership etc., that arise.

By now, all of you have received your Dues Statement for 2023-2024. Dues are \$175; if you can't find your Dues Statement, bring in a check for \$175, earmark it with your name, and state it's for dues. As a reminder, widows and spouses only receive an identification card and must "Buzz In" to enter the Lodge.

We are getting very close to the merger with Grass Valley Lodge. Most of the documentation has been approved and moving forward. We will be getting a new charter and Lodge seal shortly that shows "Auburn/Grass Valley #538".

As always if you need to contact me, please 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



Easter Brunch
Sunday April 9th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$25.00.

Children 6 to 12 years of age - \$15.00

Children 5 and under - free!

Easter egg hunt with Golden Eggs at 11:00 AM

Menu details available soon.



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Regular Lodge Meetings

2nd & 4th Thursday – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-Lodge Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Business Hours

Tuesday: 3-6:30PM

Wednesday: 9AM-4PM

Thursday: On Lodge Meeting nights 3-7:30PM

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

Closed Monday

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Exalted Ruler – Robert Souza

Leading Knight- Court Bradbury

Loyal Knight – Jim Boston

Lecturing Knight – Mike Bielski

Secretary – Bill Chelonis

Treasurer – John Madeiros

Tiler - Rudy Pelzman

Esquire – Craig Collom

Chaplain – Nancy Cremarosa

Inner Guard – Terry Holm

Organist - Linda Wismar

5th Year Trustee – Gary Cupler

4th Year Trustee – Jimmy Mullenix

3rd Year Trustee - Pat Hall

2nd Year Trustee – Jack Meylink

1st Year Trustee – Calvin Kulas



Sickness and Distress

Lodge of Sorrow

Joanne Saunders, wife of member Lloyd Saunders, passed away on 1/30/23.

Walt Brown-Silva, husband of member Elly Brown Silva, passed away on 3/9/23.

Member **Rodney "Rod" Borba** passed away on 3/11/23

Member **Frank Goldstein**, 100 years old, passed away on 3/17/23

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.

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Fraternally,
 Sharon Bettencourt PDDGER
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Veterans Corner

April is the beginning of the new Elk year. Welcome to our new Exalted Ruler, Bob Souza, and his wife, Sybella. Bob has many ideas for moving our Lodge forward, especially regarding our social calendar. Let's all support him and his Officers.

The Visa cards are now a done deal. The Veterans Service Office currently has 40 (\$50) gift cards to distribute among the 38 identified homeless Veterans in Placer County. The funding for this event came from our Lodge Veterans account. This was money well spent. Thank you to those of you who have donated to this fund.

Next, we'll discuss the upcoming Veterans BBQ luncheon at the Reno VA hospital. To this date, I have been unable to travel to the VA hospital to discuss this matter. I have, however, been able to discuss it on the telephone with some of the appropriate officials there. At best, I may have to drive to Reno the day before and deliver some of the food for them to refrigerate for the BBQ. They are willing to provide food for the hospital patients leaving us to provide for the staff and volunteers. I am planning to feed about 100 people in total. The hospital will provide someone from Food Services to BBQ the meat for everyone. That alone relieves me from having the burden of assigning someone from our group to do the cooking. Unfortunately, no one in our group knows how to BBQ meat to the hospital's specifications before giving their patients the hot dogs and hamburgers. We will forge on. Stay tuned.

April has been a busy month in our armed forces' history and personal lives. Good Friday is April 7; Easter is April 9; April 13, Passover ends; April 22 is Earth Day. Now, on the military side, April 6, 1917, the U.S. entered World War 1; April 9, 1942, U.S. forces on Bataan surrendered; April 9, 1987, Special Forces became a separate branch of the Army; and on April 28, 1952, the Occupation of Japan ended.

As we enter Spring (hopefully soon), take time to enjoy the outdoors, taking in the fresh air that we all enjoy. Unfortunately, there are those with serious health issues who are unable to come outside.

Say a prayer for our military personnel serving worldwide in harm's way. Remember your friends and family this Spring. Visit with them. My wife and I recently did that with ten of our closest Elk friends. What a wonderful evening it was, dinner and cards. I wish you all good health and much happiness. God Bless America.

Rudy Pelzman
Chairman, Veterans Service Committee
E-mail: laketahoe@attnet
Cellphone: (916) 316-1530

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following prospective Candidate(s) have submitted applications for membership in Auburn Elks to become members:

Jim Blair	Ken Danielsen
Cool	Cool
Proposer: Tim Palmer	Proposer: Tim Palmer

The above candidate(s) applications were sent to the investigation committee and will be balloted on Thursday April 13th while initiation is scheduled for Thursday April 27th.

BIRTHDAY DINNER RESERVATIONS

Kathy Moyer
Birthday Chairman
Phone: 831-332-6044
Email: kathy_moyer@yahoo.com

Auburn Elks Lodge
Invites you to
The Inaugural Ball and Installation of Officers
PDDGER Robert Souza as Exalted Ruler
and Officers for 2023-2024

April 15, 2023

Social Hour ~ 4:00pm

Installation Ceremony ~ 5:00pm

Dinner ~ 6:00pm

Dancing to follow

Menu

Chicken Marsala

Buttered Egg Noodles

Vegetable

Bob's Salad

Garlic Bread

Tiramisu

\$27.00 per person

Please RSVP to Kathy Madeiros at

ermadeiros@gmail.com or 530-263-4909 by 3/20/23



AUBURN ELKS RV CLUB

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
HAROLD McCOY, CLUB PRESIDENT
(530) 346-8672 thereelmccoys87@gmail.com

Auburn Elks RV Club Meeting

May 1, 5pm

Interested in joining our club?

Come and join us for pizza.

RSVP by April 20th

to Harold McCoy 530 346-8672

President Auburn Elks RV Club

Our 1st RV outing this year is scheduled for

May 18 in Redding, CA

Fun for all & all for fun!



SUNDAY BRUNCH
MAY 14TH
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- 1 Marcella, John L
- 3 LeDoux, Ronald L
- 4 Boston, Joanne L
- 6 Burgard, Douglas L
- 7 Baird, Willis Lee
- 8 Amos, Merle A
- 8 Schermerhorn, Randall
- 9 Bizal, Thomas A
- 9 Collins, Chris
- 10 Anderson, Anna B
- 10 Coleman, Carl
- 10 Dow, Jacqueline S
- 12 Franzen, Ralph A
- 12 McGeary, Linda S
- 13 Boston, Jim
- 13 Costa, Joyce L
- 13 Talso, Linda Lee
- 15 Smeja, Robert E
- 17 Whitty, Howard Cameron
- 18 Payne, Lawrence J
- 20 Jones, Shirley
- 20 Nodes, Robert R
- 21 Stoltenburg, Craig D
- 22 Bettencourt, Sharon A
- 23 Cooper, Charles J
- 23 Sprowl, Vincent Paul
- 24 Utley, William R
- 25 Bothello, Clarence J
- 26 Linker, Mike T
- 27 Campbell, Maureen
- 27 Kopp, Wayne
- 28 Elkin, Barry J
- 30 Naill, Gary P



LODGE CLEAN UP REMINDER

Please remember Lodge Cleanup on the 1st Wednesday each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on April 5th.

In March, we did some general cleanup inside & outside, cleaned and dusted bar area, dusted all fans, cleaned kitchen, cleaned & dusted windows, cleaned bar, vacuumed carpets, cleaned coffee bar area, cleaned the bar stools and bar front, and much more.

The Lodge would like to thank the members that worked in March: PER Dick Robart, Tiler Rudy Pelzman, Mark Sandoval, Michael Van Hook, John Marcella, Chuck Terrigno, Ray Simoneau, Diane Parker, Edward Rodriguez, Bryan Johnson, Dan Sokol, John Gubbels and Peter Rau.

Turnout was better but we can always use a lot more. PLEASE come out and give us a hand next time.

Dick Robart Lodge Cleanup Chair
530-906-1945 cell or text (NOTE I shut off our land line only use the cell number)
lib.dick.robart@gmail.com

POOL TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY



Feb 1st

- 1st Nancy Cremarosa & Mike Cosby
- 2nd Chuck Cooper & Gary Kirk
- 3rd Gary Hubbard & Roger Imsdahl

Feb 8th

- 1st Chuck Cooper
 - 2nd Mike Cosby & Roger Imsdahl
 - 3rd Manny Martinez & Rick de Knoop
- Attendees:
Mark Sandoval & Don Council
Gary Hubbard & Gary Kirk
Bill Costa & Nancy Cremarosa

Feb 15th

- 1st Roger Imsdahl & Gary Hubbard
- 2nd Rick de Knoop & Mike Cosby
- 3rd Chuck Cooper

Feb 22nd

- 1st Manny Martinez & Rick de Knoop
 - 2nd Gary Hubbard & Roger Imsdahl
 - 3rd Mike Cosby & Chuck Cooper
- Attendees:
Don Council
Nancy Cremarosa
Bill Costa & Mark Sandoval

FEBUARY SHUFFLEBOARD RESULTS

Feb 1st

- 1st Ann Council & Sue Kirk
- 2nd Nadine Hubbard & Sally Imsdahl
- 3rd Maureen Borg & Julie Pollock

Feb 8th

- 1st Barbara Hewitt & Kris Martinez
- 2nd Ellen Whitty & Joyce Costa
- 3rd Sue Kirk

Feb 15th

- 1st Ellen Whitty
- 2nd Barbara Hewitt & Sue Kirk
- 3rd Nadine Hubbard & Mabel

Feb 22nd

- 1st Ann Council & Sally Imsdahl
- 2nd Ellen Whitty & Maureen Borg
- 3rd Kris Martinez & Nadine Hubbard



MAY BIRTHDAY DINNER

Friday May 5, 2023
Cocktails 5pm Dinner 6:30pm

Menu

Chile Rellanos
Chicken Fajitas
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar, Tortillas
& Dessert

\$20 per person

There will be a Raffle, a presentation of May Birthday Members and Anniversaries will be honored



LODGE BYLAWS

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<http://www.elks.org/lodges/bylaws.cfm?lodgeNumber=1691>

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>

APRIL 2023

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Apr 1
		Rotary Lunch Meeting	11am Elks Lunch		5pm Pizza & Spaghetti	5pm Trilodge Dinner
2	3	Rotary Lunch Meeting 6pm Building Hall Meeting	9am Lodge Cleanup 11am Elks Lunch	Sirs	5pm Birthday Dinner	8
9am Easter Brunch	10	Rotary Lunch Meeting	11am Elks Lunch	4:30pm House Committee 5:30pm Cocktails 5:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	14	Installation of Officers
16	17	Rotary Lunch Meeting	11am Elks Lunch	20	Rooster Tails 6pm Hunter Safety	22 8am Hunter Safety day 2
23	24	Rotary Lunch Meeting	11am Elks Lunch	4:30pm House Com. 5:30pm Cocktails 5:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	28 5pm Pizza & Spaghetti	29
30	May 1 5pm Elks RV Club Meeting	Rotary Lunch Meeting	9am Lodge Cleanup 11am Elks Lunch	Sirs 5:30pm Building Hall Meel	5pm Birthday Dinner	6

MAY 2023

SUN 30	MON May 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
	5pm Elks RV Club Meeting	Rotary Lunch Meeting	9am Lodge Cleanup 11am Elks Lunch	Sirs 5:30pm Building Hall Meel	5pm Birthday Dinner	
7	8	Rotary Lunch Meeting	11am Elks Lunch	4:30pm House Committee 5:30pm Cocktails 5:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	12	13
14 Mothers Day Brunch	15	Rotary Lunch Meeting	State Convention - Palm Springs 11am Elks Lunch	18	19 Rooster Tails	20
21	22	Rotary Lunch Meeting	11am Elks Lunch	4:30pm House Com. 5:30pm Cocktails 5:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	26 5pm Pizza & Spaghetti	27
28	29	Rotary Lunch Meeting	11am Elks Lunch	Sirs 5:30pm Building Hall Meel	2 5pm Birthday Dinner	3