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### Exalted Ruler – Bill Chelonis



The Lodge is still partially closed for December. Yes, the COVID-19 virus is still with us, and Placer County currently has us in the "purple" phase, which means we still can't have Lodge or other meetings. However, we can serve food. With Chef Scott cooking, we can continue to do the "to-go meals" on Wednesday's from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Take out only – no dine in at this time.

In November, we did not have the Fashion show, Public Safety Dinner, the special Veterans Day parade, the Elks Veterans dinner, nor Thanksgiving Dinner. The Christmas parade and the New Year's Eve party won't happen either. All of these wonderful things, we as Elks supported, won't happen this year because of the Covid-19 virus.

Our Leading Knight, Linda Lee, is trying to put together a pig raffle to help support Calif Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI). She is purchasing two pigs and having them processed & wrapped for the January 2021 drawing - with four winners. Since we will not have the New Year's Eve party, we will draw the winners in early January and notify them how and when to pick up their  $\frac{1}{2}$  pig. Please support this function as it is a fundraiser for the Major Project and helps the children.

We are trying to put on a few outside events in December to raise money for the Lodge even though we usually would be packed with Elk and outside functions every week this time of year.

We still want to support the local charities by bringing an unwrapped toy to help make a child's dreams come true. Please bring your toy/gift to the Lodge early in December so we can give them to the charities in time to be distributed before Christmas.

The Lodge is still functioning with virtual meetings for the trustees, house committee, and general Lodge. If you wish to join any of these, please let me know via email or phone call so we can add your name to the meeting.

We really want to get back together and enjoy each other's company. Please continue to be safe and well with face masks and social distancing, and I hope you have a good month in December.

The Officers of Auburn Elks Lodge and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, even though we have to deal with such unpleasant issues at this time.

Regards,

Bill Chelonis PDDGER  
Exalted Ruler  
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#### LODGE BYLAWS

Auburn Lodge Bylaws are available on line at  
<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>



## **Leading Knight – Linda Talso**

Hi Elk Members,

Our Exalted Ruler, Bill Chelonis, talked at our last meeting about the pigs we are getting for our Pig Raffle. We will soon be mailing the tickets for you to sell for the January 2021 drawing. (no date yet)

There will be four halves to be raffled. Be sure to write your names and phone numbers on the ticket stubs.

It looks like we are back in the Purple Covid tier, with more restrictions. On the news tonight, they also mentioned a possible State wide curfew, so be sure to stay informed on any new changes. Masks should always be with you, social distancing and handwashing, of course.

I would like to start a "Call an Elk Campaign". Call someone you used to see at Taco Tuesday or other Elk functions, just to say Hi and see how they are doing. Keep busy, keep moving, Yoga on T.V., dancing to your favorite music, plant a winter garden, hang bird feeders... You could do some baking, play chess (virtual with a friend), pull out the cards (Solitaire if you are home alone). My grandmother taught me how to play several. One favorite was Clock Solitaire.

Above all else, stay healthy and look forward to seeing each other in the New Year.

In Love and Light

Leading Knight

Linda Lee Talso

### **GRAB N' GO DINNER DRAWING NUMBERS**

<b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>- 171264</b>
<b>November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>- 171341</b>
<b>November 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>- 2417081</b>
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Regular Lodge Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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### **Officers**

Exalted Ruler: Bill Chelonis

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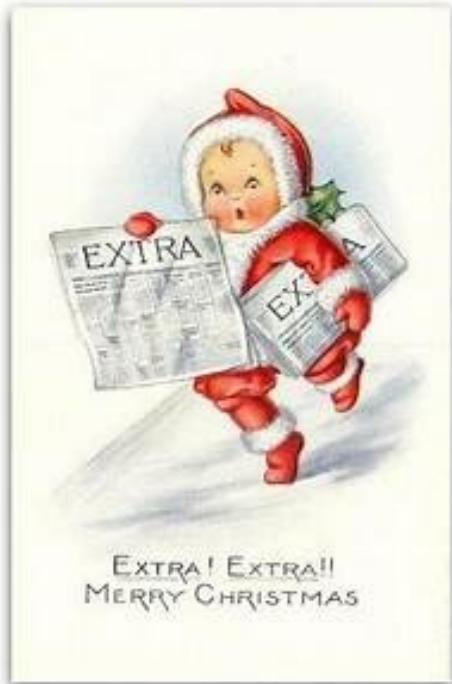
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## Grab N Go

### Menu List



#### 11/18 Chicken Alfredo

Linguini, Italian Beans, Tiramisu

#### 11/25 Ham Steak

Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, Cake

#### 12/2 Beef Stroganoff

Egg Noodles, Carrots, Rolls, Dessert

#### 12/9 Asiago Chicken Breast

Rice Pilaf, Caribbean Vegetables, Tiramisu

#### 12/16 Broccoli Beef

White Rice, Vegetables, Hawaiian Rolls, Dessert

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### ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Order of Elks decrees that the first Sunday in December be set apart as a day for Elks and families to gather to remember and honor those we have lost. Unfortunately, this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic and to ensure the safety of families and members, it has become necessary for the Auburn Lodge to postpone the December Ritual to a later date.

Gone, but not forgotten, are the members of Elks Lodge 1691 lost to us this year.

Douglas Avery  
Reginald A. Murray  
Bill Sommers  
James Dodson  
William D. Welch  
Gail G. Barker

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Joseph Dydynski  
Michael W. Zuccato  
Melvin 'Bob' R. Espinosa  
James L. Brown  
Jesse D. Thompson Jr.  
Kermit Jorgensen

## From the Secretary – Harlan Moore

COVID-19 continues to impact our lives, and especially during the holidays. Hopefully, all our members and friends could celebrate Thanksgiving safely and look forward to Christmas and the New Year. Hoping that 2021 will deliver the news of a better year going forward.

Just a reminder, as we consider year-end planning, we are significantly behind in collections for ENF "Elks National Foundation" and CHEMPI "California Hawaii Major Project. Our primary charities are something to be very proud of. They both have very low administrative fees, 8 to 9%. Very few charities can match that amazing record. Our Lodge closure will impact our collection efforts. Please check the respective web sites for ENF at Elks.org and CHEMPI at Chea-elks.org. Both sites offer the convenience to donate via credit card and receive personal and Lodge credit and recognition. Our work in service to children throughout our state, and Elks National Foundation "ENF", our support of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, as well as support and service to Veterans, continues, despite local restrictions. Our Lodge is mostly closed; however, our hearts should remain open toward our primary charitable activities.

Progress continues albeit slowly for receipt and processing of 2020-2021 dues. A third dues statement will be mailed soon, as well as a phone and personal contact effort to check on our members still delinquent.

The Wednesday curbside dinners have been a success. Our efforts have been well received. A sincere Thank You to all who have purchased meals, and a GIANT THANK YOU to Chef Scott and all the VOLUNTEERS who have made it possible. If you haven't been able to participate, PLEASE PUT Wednesday on your weekly calendar!

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we reopen in compliance with state and local requirements. We are complying with measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all our members and guests. Placer County has reverted to Red "Substantial" status slowing our efforts to open the doors for normal operations.

Hopefully, this message will be received with clarity and more GOOD NEWS when you all read this, be careful and stay safe, and you all receive this information in good health.

Questions or comments call 530-906-4765 or  
email [Harlan@hemoore.com](mailto:Harlan@hemoore.com)

See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,  
Harlan

## Veterans Corner

I just got home from a nice and free Veterans Day dinner with my wife. As I sit here and reflect on what Veterans Day means to me, I am grateful to those brave men and women who passed before all of us to keep our country free. What a great country we live in. We can travel, talk freely, and celebrate our religious diversity. The Veterans Day activities in Auburn were subdued due to the corona virus. A large contingency gathered at the clock tower at 11:00 am, where the annual ceremony took place (instead of the Gold Country Fairgrounds). No speeches or a parade this year. Just a few comments by Command Sergeant Major Terry Crouzon and a flyover along with the release of a couple of dozen doves. It is my opinion that everyone left there with a patriotic feeling in their hearts. I apologize for having to cancel all our Veterans activities at the Lodge this year. I am looking forward to 2021 as a new beginning for all of us.

Here are some interesting historical military facts that took place in December over the years. On December 7, 1941, Japanese aircraft attacked Hawaii. The next day the United States declared war on Japan as the Imperial military was attacking the Philippines. On December 11, 1941, the U.S. declared war on Germany and Italy. On December 24, 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was signed, ending the War of 1812.

Did you have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner recently? Well, we have another big holiday coming this month in which we can have another delightful meal with our family and exchange gifts with our loved ones: Christmas, that special time of the year when we pay homage to God, our creator. My wife and I have come a long way from buying gifts for everyone to just giving a set amount of cash to our family members. This cuts down on returns and any hurt feelings. We do have three great-grandkids, and we still buy gifts for them. We recently discussed with part of our family about providing an experience as opposed to cash. This is still in the discussion stage. How are you coming with your Christmas duties?

While we enjoy the holidays in the comfort of our homes, our military men and women are still putting up the good fight in the Middle East. It is cold there at this time of the year. Please keep them all in your hearts and prayers this month. May God hold you in the palm of his hand, giving you good health and lots of happiness, May God Bless America, and our military all over the world.

Have a Happy New Year. Celebrate safely, my friends.

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## Sickness and Distress

Joe Mathe is getting ready to have shoulder surgery this month. His son Mike is recovering from a liver transplant and doing well.

PDDGER Ron Harmon had heart surgery on 11/11/2020 and is recovering and will be released in the next few days to a rehab facility in Roseville.

Hugh Allen fell and broke his ankle and is recovering. Hugh is moving in to assisted living his new address is Atria Senior Living.

## Lodge of Sorrow

Louis 'Tony' Oliveira May 18, 1935 - October 27, 2020  
The family of Tony Oliveira sadly announces his peaceful passing October 27th related to metastatic prostate cancer.

Kermit Jorgensen suffered a stroke and then a heart attack and passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2020

## Good News

On a brighter note Steve and Cailey Merschel recently had their first baby. A "little" boy at 9lbs 11 oz congratulations to the proud parents.

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

Fraternally,  
Sharon Bettencourt PDDGER  
916-415-9062 or 916-759-8961 cell  
Sickness & Distress & Good News  
Trustee

## AUBURN ELKS LODGE 1691 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020 – 2021

This year there are two scholarships for seniors graduating in the Spring of 2021. The scholarships will be available beginning October 22, 2020.

Because of Covid-19, seniors must send an email requesting an application to James Harris at [jnvtoad@att.net](mailto:jnvtoad@att.net). Applicants must indicate which scholarship application they are applying for. However, they can apply for both. Applicants will receive one or both applications by return email.

### **Wil Thomas Educational Scholarship**

This is the second year for the Wil Thomas Educational Scholarship. This scholarship's value is \$1000.00 and is for family members of past or present members of the Auburn Elks Lodge 1691. It is offered to seniors who plan to attend a university, college, or vocational school in the Fall of 2021. Last year's winner graduated from a California high school.

### **Looby Scholarship**

This is the fifteenth year the Looby Scholarship has been offered to graduating seniors planning to attend a university or college in the Fall of 2021. The value of this scholarship is \$1250.00. The senior must be a child, stepchild, or grandchild of an active Elk in Auburn Lodge 1691. Previous winners of this scholarship have graduated from high schools in California (last year), Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Questions regarding either scholarship should be directed to James Harris at [jnvtoad@att.net](mailto:jnvtoad@att.net). Again, applications will be available starting October 22, 2020, and must be returned (postmarked) by February 28, 2021.

**Winners will be notified during March 2021.**

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Please remember Lodge Cleanup the 1st Wednesday each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on December 2nd. [Hopefully!](#)  
[Check emails from Lodge or call me.](#)

In November we did some general cleanup inside & outside, cleaned ceiling fans, cleaned and dusted bar area, dusted, vacuumed, wiped down, and much, much more.

The Lodge would like to thank the members that worked in November: PER Dick Robart, PER Harlan Moore, Ed Rodriguez, Gary Cox, Tom Eastman, Gary Dusky, Michael Van Hook, Mike Slattery, Gary Beckes and Mike Enzier.

**Turnout was NOT good. We can always use a few more. PLEASE come out and give us a hand next time.**

Dick Robart Lodge Cleanup Chair

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**LEADING KNIGHT – LINDA LEE TALSO**



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12 02 Suzanne	Hall	12 17 Barbara L	Eichhorn
12 03 Richard H	Bernard	12 18 Thomas H	Hart
12 03 Patrice	Dickinson	12 19 Kenneth R	Carlson
12 03 Joseph A	Grinnell	12 20 Robert D	Eckard
12 03 Donald E	Lewis	12 20 Al L	Hewitt
12 03 Donald R	Roby	12 21 John	Harbour
12 05 Dennis A	Belisle	12 22 Gary	Alenza
12 06 Clay P	Cowan	12 22 Carrie	Bottarini
12 06 Robert	Schroeder	12 22 William D	Hopper
12 07 John N	Imrie	12 22 Michael J	Peters
12 09 Tony	Pisanu	12 22 Ervan C	Winschel
12 11 Geri R	Bray	12 23 Rebecca D	Bowman
12 11 James L	Fuller	12 23 Joseph	Cascarelli
12 11 Ronald A	Harmon	12 25 Lawrence F	Jacobsen
12 12 Dennis G	Peyton	12 25 Dan	Sokol
12 12 Lloyd	Saunders	12 26 Eugene C	Henggele
12 13 Gerald	Elenberger	12 27 Earl R	Flick
12 14 William	Wilkinson	12 29 Mary C	Hobbs
12 15 Wayne	Lyndon	12 29 William	Waltz
12 15 Mark	Sandoval	12 31 Gene S	Mapa
12 16 Richard A	Johnson	12 31 Nelson B	McAfee
12 16 Robert D	Souza	12 31 David	Timpone





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Saturday, December 19th: National Wreaths Across America Day

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