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From the Desk of the Secretary – Bill Chelonis



GL Statutes 12.050 deals with the duties of the Secretary of the Lodge. While there are many duties listed, opinions and decisions are also listed. A couple of the opinions of interest that some wonder about are:

#5 Both the Secretary and Exalted Ruler have the right to collect mail, but the Exalted Ruler cannot demand a key to the Secretary's office nor the combination to the safe nor password to the Secretary's computer, which has all the membership records.

#6 While the Secretary may collect all mail for the Lodge, any mail addressed by name to the Exalted Ruler or other person of the Lodge should be delivered to them unopened unless each has given the Secretary permission to open. Lodge mail not bearing a name can be opened by the Secretary as the Lodge's correspondent.

#8 All Lodge records should be open for inspection by a member at all reasonable times.

#15 If the office of the Lodge Secretary is vacant, necessary continuity in the signing of issuance of membership cards and other Secretarial duties should be exercised by an Acting Secretary appointed with full power and authority by the Exalted Ruler until an election can be held. (side note: I'm not leaving as Secretary).

As always, if you need to contact me, call my cell phone (530-570-8896), or email me at 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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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

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Exalted Ruler



VETERANS CORNER

October is upon us, and the biggest national holiday is fast approaching this month (my birthday!!!!). I cannot attend the birthday dinner for October as we'll be out of state for most of the month. Meanwhile, we have to plan for the upcoming Veterans luncheon on November 4, 2024, at the Lodge. If you are a Veteran, plan on attending.

Before reporting further, I would like to say that a very close friend of ours passed away on Friday, September 13, 2024. He was Past Exalted Ruler Dave Provan, our current Northeast District Leader. Dave left us due to cancer. Rest in peace.

Upcoming is our 14th annual Veterans luncheon. As usual, we will serve BBQ Tri-tip steak, chicken, and everything that goes with a great meal, including a dessert. The Lodge will be open for a cocktail hour at 11 am, with lunch being served promptly at noon on Monday, November 4, 2024. We hope to have a free raffle for our Veterans. Remember, the lunch is free to our Veterans, while all others will be requested to donate \$20 for their meal. Because this meal is fairly expensive to provide, I will be in the Lodge and at the various meetings seeking donations to help offset the overall costs. The Lodge does not participate in sharing any costs for this event. All costs are absorbed in the monies garnered at the door and through donations by you wonderful Lodge members who enjoy supporting our Veterans and their causes.

For many of you Veterans, the month of October holds significant dates that we should all remember and honor: October 7, 2001, Operation Enduring Freedom began in Afghanistan; October 13, 1775, is the birthday of the U.S. Navy; October 25, 1983, U.S. forces invaded Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury). Let's not forget these important dates as we also celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31 this year.

As I close this month's article, please remember all those who have passed to realms on high or were close to you. Remember our Service members on duty in harm's way around the world. May God keep you and your loved ones protected within his hands. Don't forget to wear that smile when you get up in the morning. God Bless America. .

Rudy Pelzman

Chairman, Veterans Service Committee

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NORTHEAST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

FEEDING OUR FRATERNAL SIDE

As the Northeast District's Vice President this year, I have had the opportunity to visit all the lodges in our district. I have made a simple and, in my opinion, striking observation about the lodges that are doing fairly well compared to those that are not. The ones doing well are active in their communities.

Speaking solely for what was originally the Auburn Lodge, we were extremely active in the community. Yes, COVID hit, and you all know that dynamic that followed. The problem is we barely bounced back when it came to our "community chest." Besides COVID, we are losing the people who saw us out in the community. We just had an extremely stark reminder of that, and as everyone who knew him knows, he will be greatly missed. Dave Provan was a leader, consular, mentor, and, most importantly, a worker and volunteer extraordinaire. We need to generate the next wave of folks like him.

Yes, many of the people I'm addressing are getting up there in age, me included. What that means to me is we need to get to work right away. As members of the lodge, I believe it is now time to not just be consumers—yes, we need consumers—but also volunteers and leaders.

If you can walk unattended into the lodge, I would ask that you volunteer, if only twice a year, to help the lodge do something. Be it Dick Robarts Cleanup committee or cooking, planning, setting up, and cleaning up on an event. Every member should at least twice a year think about helping the lodge in some way. We all know what JFK said a little over 60 years ago, and it wasn't about going to the moon.

Now, as Elks, we should strive to be a fraternal organization lucky enough to have a kitchen and bar, not a club with food and booze. This was stressed this year at the state and national levels.

Along those lines, a few of us are going to organize while working with and through the House Committee, a monthly event that will have a working title of "The Community Chest." Each month, we will select a worthwhile charity or organization that needs help and put on a dinner in their honor. It will be open to members and the public. The profits from the dinner and bar will go to the lodge. We will also have all the (legal) drawings and raffles that many members miss. Why can we now? Because we will design them so that the required percentage go to the charity we are helping that month.

We will expand what we do annually for "first responders," the toy drive, school supplies, and food drives so that we help the community at least once per month. Along those lines, we would like to let members propose which organization would be worth helping. The mechanism for final selection has yet to be worked out.

The lodge is in a precarious financial position. The Elk organization at the state and national levels believes the way for the organization to survive is to be relevant to the community. To do that, we need a lot more than the 20% of membership that volunteers currently.

Finally, anyone who claims that paying your dues is enough should come and talk to me. I'd love to have that conversation.

Jim Boston
Northeast District AVP

AUGUST SHUFFLEBOARD RESULTS

August 7th:

1st: Jan Quarry & Nadine Hubbard 2nd: Julie Pollock & Moe Borg 3rd: Ann Council & Ellen Whitty Attendees: Sue Kirk & Joyce Costa



August 14th:

1st: Moe Borg & Ellen Whitty

2nd: Sue Kirk

3rd: Joyce Costa & Jan Quarry

Attendees: Kris Cosby & Julie Pollock

August 21st: No Shuffleboard

August 28th:

1st: Moe Borg & Sue Kirk

2nd: Barbara Hewitt & Kris Cosby 3rd: Nadine Hubbard & Ann Council

Attendees: Mabel Schuettge, Ellen Whitty, Julie Pollock

& Jan Quarry





Elks Crying Corner

The following members can start crying for not attending a lodge meeting. Why? Because their name(s) were drawn, and they were not present to receive the money:

Aug 22, 2024

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Keith Kertson The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Gary Nowa The jackpot drawing of \$296 was lost by Bill Threlkel



The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Sue Skrabo
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Julia Thomas
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Tristyn Armstrong
The jackpot drawing of \$25 was lost by Julie Barrett

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.

AUGUST POOL RESULTS

Aug 7th
1st Don council
2nd Gary Hubbard
3rd Nancy Cremarosa
Attendees:
Chuck Cooper
Gary Kirk
Jack Meylink
Roger Imsdahl
Bill Costa
Rick DeKnoop

Gary Kirk

Aug 14th
1st Jack Meylink & Gary Hubbard
2nd Chuck Cooper & Bill Costa
3rd KJ & Mike Cosby
Attendees:
Nancy Cremarosa
Craig Collom
Julia Thompson

Aug 21st
1st Chuck Cooper & Bill Costa
2nd Gary Hubbard & Rick DeKnoop
3rd Gary Kirk & KJ
Attendees:
Mike Cosby
Nancy Cremarosa
Julia Thompson
Ernie Eggink

Aug 28th
1st Chuck Cooper & Don Council
2nd Gary Hubbard & Gary Kirk
3rd Julia Thomas \$ Mike Cosby
Attendees:
Nancy Cremarosa
KJ
Rick DeKnoop
Bill Costa







Sickness and Distress

LODGE OF SORROW:



Murray Arnold passed away on June 21, 2024, at the age of 98. He also recently lost his wife. A Lodge of Sorrow was held at the Lodge Meeting on September 12th.

District Leader, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman, PDDGER, PSVP, PER, and Elk Member Dave Provan passed away peacefully Saturday morning (9/13). His virtues are written upon the tablets of Love and Memory. An Elks Memorial will be held for him at the Lodge on October 26th from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. All are welcome.

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. Contact info is: craigcollom@sbcglobal.net or (916) 203-8049.

Fraternally, Craig Collom Lecturing Knight

Oct	ober
1. IMKNUPP	
2. OTECROB	
3. ERSTAHV	
4: EOAHENLLW	
5. VASLEE	
6. FOCLULRO	
7. ASHSUQ	
8. EDRCI	
9. LESAPP	
10. TLAOLFBO	
11. USMBOLCU DYA _	
12. UMNATU	
13. AGREON	
14. LLFA	



AUBURN ELKS RV CLUB

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



LODGE CLEAN-UP REMINDER

Please remember Lodge Cleanup on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on October 2nd.

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

The Lodge would like to thank the members who worked in September: PER Dick Robart, Jim Harris, John and Carrie Bottarini, Kevin Tiernan, Michael Van Hook, John Marcella, Rudy Pelzman, John Crawford, and Ken Hopkin.

Turnout needs to be <u>better</u>. Only 10 counting me. <u>PLEASE!!!!!</u> 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

Kick Off The Holidays
With
The Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge
November 15, 2024
Social Hour ~ 5:30pm
Dinner ~ 6:30pm
Pork Tenderloin
Twice Baked Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Homemade Bread
Glazed Peaches with Vanilla Ice Cream
Bring your ideas how to help our Community. Chest
For Reservations: Kathy Madeiros 530-263-4909

LEADING KNIGHT – KATHY MADEIROS

Hello Everyone,

In the next few months, we will be having a lot of events at the Lodge for you to participate in. Please plan to attend in order to make our Lodge successful. Let us know if you have any ideas you would like to see happen, and I am sure that people would be willing to work with you.

This year, I am responsible for Officer Training in the District. I intend to have one-on-one meetings, lodge officer meetings at any given lodge, and Zoom meetings. There is a lot of information to be presented from Grand Lodge, but I hope this training will make the current officers in the district feel more comfortable in their duties. Each Lodge does things just a little differently. For example, the Lecturing Knight handles all the Sickness and Distress in our Lodge. That is usually with a card, but definitely notifying the members who attend lodge meetings. In other lodges in our District, the Secretary does the job of making the announcements.

This year, I will be working very closely with Michael Bielski, our Loyal Knight, regarding the Major Project or Purple Pig. When you have a purple pig at your table, please make sure you deposit the change in your pocket. Our children are counting on us!

Fraternally,
Kathy Madeiros PDDGER
Leading Knight





October Birthdays

- 01 Hobson, Vickie
- 02 Johnson, Eugene
- 03 Irwin, Larry
- 03 Palmer, John T
- 04 Barrett, Mike
- 05 Brady, Patrick R
- 05 White, Dennis L
- 06 Clement, Susan J
- 07 Roeder, Robert
- 08 Pelc, Bruno
- 09 Morgan, William G
- 09 Pelzman, Rudolph 'Rudy'
- 10 Bouris, Janice M
- 10 Johnson, Roger
- 11 Vogel, Eugene
- 12 Gubbels, John A
- 12 Klingler, Charles
- 12 Thompson, Francis R
- 13 Bradbury, Courtland D
- 14 Huntington, Robert C
- 15 Whitaker, Don
- 16 Johnson, Michael C
- 18 Bielski, Michael G
- 18 Kinnear, James Bill
- 18 Martinez, Manny
- 19 Capik, Mark S
- 19 MacDonald, Kent
- 20 O'Reilly, Richard H
- 22 Lipsmeyer, Larry
- 23 Waikel, Patricia E
- 24 Kent, Tim
- 25 Fairfield, Alvin G
- 25 Fincher, Floyd
- 28 Bryant, Cliff
- 28 Kertson, Keith
- 28 Lambert, James H
- 29 Davidson, Howard
- 30 Gregory, Justin D
- 31 Farinha, Ernest J
- 31 Madeiros, John A

Auburn – Grass Valley Elks Lodge 538 Scholarships for 2024-2025

This year there are two scholarships for seniors graduating in the Spring of 2025. The scholarship applications will be available beginning October 10, 2024.

Seniors must send an email requesting an application to James Harris at jnvtoad@att.net. Applicants must indicate which scholarship they are applying for. However, seniors can apply for both. Applicants will receive one or both applications by return email.

WIL THOMAS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

This is the sixth 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 – Grass Valley Elks Lodge 538. It is offered to seniors who plan to attend a university, college, or vocational school in the Fall of 2025.

CLIFFORD LOOBY SCHOLARSHIP

This is the 19th year that the Looby Scholarship has been offered to graduating seniors planning to attend a university or college in the Fall of 2025. The value of this scholarship is \$1250.00. The senior must be a child, stepchild, or grandchild of an active Elk in Auburn – Grass Valley Lodge 538.

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 invtoad@att.net. Again, applications will be available beginning October 10, 2024, and must be returned (POSTMARKED) by February 28, 2025. Do not return your application by EMAIL.

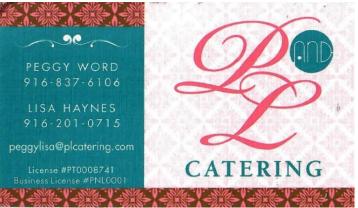
Participants will receive the results of the competition in March 2025.

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Nancy Cremarosa 3rd, Chrissy DeWolf 1st, Candy Kelleher 2nd

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OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fil	Sat
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