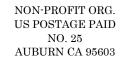
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December 2024







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From the Desk of the Secretary – Bill Chelonis



Under G.L. Statues Section 12.050, the Secretary must read on the floor of the Lodge how we are doing twice a year. I will summarize this report for most of you who did not make the meeting.

We started the year with 535 members. We have initiated 32, affiliated by dimit 2, and reinstated 2. Stricken from the rolls for non-payment 15, granted transfer dimits 5, granted absolute dimits 3, and 9 members deceased during the year. Giving us a membership of 539, a gain for the year of 4 thus far. The Lodge received for the 2024-2025 year dues of \$77,670.00. We have 55 members who are delinquent in paying their dues. We paid a per capita assessment to the California-Hawaii Elks Association and Grand Lodge of \$19,943.00 and the Northeast District \$2,675.00. One candidate is pending initiation, 0 pending transfer in, and one pending transfer out of the Lodge.

As always, if you need to get a hold of 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

EXECUTIVE RULER – JIM DARNELL

Dear Fellow Elks

The work done getting the Lodge ready for the visit of DDGER Kathy Wasson on November 14th was outstanding. The Lodge successfully passed inspection. Even though this is the last month of 2024 and a short one, we at the Auburn-Grass Valley Elks have many activities to look forward to, including the combination of December Birthday Dinner & Christmas Dinner, Holiday Crafts, & our regular Lodge activities. The Christmas Light parade will be on Saturday, December 7th. Join in the fun and see our Christmas Float decorated by members of our Lodge. In addition, the Lodge will be open following the parade to warm up and enjoy the company.

We still need members to attend meetings, events, and volunteer for activities. It is still your Lodge, and we need your participation.

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VETERANS CORNER

Christmas is just around the corner, and it is time for me to thank all of you who so generously donated to the Veterans Luncheon. You have my heartfelt thanks for your generosity. We had a large number of those who donated a hundred dollars. They were as follows: Paula Celick, Ken Gregory, Gary Hubbard, John Maderios, John Owens, & John & Carrie Bottarini. Others who donated were Bob & Murriel Oles, Pat Hall, Doug Milliken, Karla Lardner, Jim Boston, Bob Souza, Ty Obenofsky, Gary Nowak, Ron Harmon, Jim Harris, Jack Meylink, Bill Costa, Jimmy Mullinex, the Arnold family, Larry LaVerne, Sue Kirk, Vern Zitky, Jon & Danielle Loberg, Bill Chelonis, Larry & Fran Irwin, Christine Scott, Yvonne Edwards, Gary & JoAnne Dusky, David Rose, Mark Lund, and Mike Kochis. Please accept my apologies if I forgot to include your name or misspelled it. Again, thank you everyone. It was you who made this the success it was.

We served 41 Veterans, 14 guests, and a total of 12 volunteers, along with 3 employees. Everything flowed smoothly, and everyone ate all they wanted. Many of our Veterans went back for seconds on the smoked tri-tip. There were smiles everywhere after the meal. Thank you, Lisa Haynes, for your smoked tri-tip. It was a hit (just like last year). After this delicious meal, there was a raffle. Debbie Owens designed and made a beautiful patriotic lap blanket that Gary Neighbours won. Thank you, Debbie, for your beautiful work and generosity.

Next year, we will have a much bigger turnout for this event. The attendance in previous years far exceeded this year's luncheon. I was out of state for a good part of October. That will never happen again! Our Veterans deserve the best treatment we can give them for all that they did. Volunteers who served our Veterans were Val Provan, LaVerne Moran, Lisa Haynes, Patty Pelzman, Jack Meylink (he did a great job carving the tri-tip), Donna Kasica, Kathey Zick, Ellen Nordstrom, Craig Collom, Jim Nordstrom (what a bartender), Bob Oles, and Yvonne Edwards (she provided a beautiful opening prayer). My job was to get in everyone's way. I'm sure I did.

On Veterans Day, Auburn held its annual Veterans Day Parade, followed by a ceremony in the Placer Building at the Gold Country Fair. It rained cats and dogs for a while, and the parade participants and observers were briefly drenched. It ended well with everyone getting inside the Placer Building and having a pizza, cookies, chips, and a beverage for a light lunch. Members of our Lodge served all the food. Thank you to Mark & Debbie Lund, Lisa Hayne, Patty Pelzman, and myself. There was a slight snafu due to the heavy rainfall. The parade had to start half an hour early, or everyone would have been drenched by the heavy (atmospheric river) rain. But, in the end, everyone dried off, had a meal, and enjoyed themselves. The parade will be back again next year. If you can, please come and see it. You will be proud of our community as it shows respect to all our veterans.

For those who ventured to our Lodge in November, did you notice the far wall where pictures of many of our Lodge Veterans were posted? Everyone was with their respective branch of the service: Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force. In the corner behind the organ was the wall of remembrance for those who have passed away. That particular board is filling up rapidly and will have to be expanded by next year.

As I conclude this episode, let us remember everyone in our lives. Our evening prayer should include family and friends, as well as our military serving around the world. Many are away from their loved ones during this time of year. Pray for their good health. God is everywhere, and he does listen to everything we say. I have often said here that we should put on a smile first thing in the morning. You would be surprised at how often it reappears throughout your day. Thank you for your time and indulgence. God Bless America.

Rudy Pelzman

Chairman, Veterans Service Committee

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BIRTHDAY DINNER RAFFLE PRIZES

Birthday Dinner Coordinator Lisa Haynes is collecting raffle items - new items, handcrafted items, and cash (to purchase raffle items). Please contact her about donating at 916-201-0715.

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OCTOBER SHUFFLEBOARD RESULTS

October 2nd:

1st: Moe Borg & Jan Quarry

2nd: Nadine Hubbard & Ann Council 3rd: Ellen Whitty & Julie Pollock Attendees: Kris Cosby & Sue Kirk



October 9th:

1st: Julie Pollock & Ellen Whitty (mostly)

2nd: Barbara Hewitt & Kris Cosby

3rd: Sue Kirk

Attendees: Jan Quarry, Nadine Hubbard, Ann Council & Moe Borg

October 16th:

1st: Jan Quarry & Moe Borg

2nd: Ellen Whitty & Mabel Schuettge 3rd: Nadine Hubbard & Julie Pollock

Attendees: Ann Council, Kris Cosby, Barbara Hewitt & Joyce Costa

October 23rd:

1st: Jan Quarry & Kris Cosby

2nd: Barbara Hewitt & Ellen Whitty 3rd: Nadine Hubbard & Moe Borg

Attendees: Joyce Costa, Sue Kirk, Mabel Schuettge & Julie Pollock

October 30th:

1st: Kris Cosby & Jan Quarry 2nd: Sue Kirk & Moe Borg

3rd: Ellen Whitty & Barbara Hewitt

Attendees: Joyce Costa & Michelle Ellison



Elks Crying Corner

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:

Oct 24, 2024

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Jim Murphy
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Rhonda Rogers
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Bill Peters
The jackpot drawing of \$105 was lost by Roger Imsdahl

Nov 11, 2024

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Bill Utley
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was WIN by Gary Kirk
The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Ty Obenoskey
The jackpot drawing of \$123 was lost by John Cardinale

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.

OCTOBER POOL RESULTS

Oct 2nd

1st Don Council & Gary Kirk 2nd Jack Meylink & Julia Thomas

3rd Chuck Cooper & KJ

Attendees:

Bill Costa Mike Cosby

Nancy Cremarosa

Gary Hubbard



Oct 9th

1st Gary Hubbard & KJ

2nd Manny Martinez& Nancy Cremarosa

3rd Julia Thomas & Bill Costa

Attendees:

Rick DeKnoop

Gary Kirk

Chuck Cooper

Oct 16th

1st Bill Costa

2nd Gary Hubbard

3rd Chuck Cooper

Attendees:

Don Council

Mike Cosby

KJ

Nancy Cremarosa

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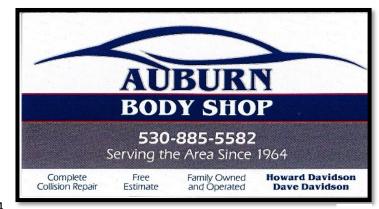
Attendees:

Gary Kirk

Rick DeKnoop

Bill Costa

Mike Cosby





LODGE CLEAN-UP REMINDER

Please remember Lodge Cleanup on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on December 4th.

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

The Lodge would like to thank the members who worked in October: PER Dick Robart, Michael Van Hook, Rudy Pelzman, John Crawford, Jim Nordstrom, and Peter Rau

Turnout needs to be <u>better</u>. Only 6 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



LEADING KNIGHT – KATHY MADEIROS

I hope that you are doing well. The holidays are here, and the new year is just around the corner.

The lodge e-blast let you know that the Birthday Dinner for December has been combined with the Lodge Christmas party welcoming Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please make sure that you make your reservations so we can provide food for everyone choosing to attend.

The Community Chest dinner was very successful. Quite a few members and their guests attended and shared their thoughts on what we can do to help our community. This was a very low-key meeting with dinner and great conversation. We reviewed events that we have done in the past and came up with some new ideas for our future. We will continue to hold these meetings to renew our dedication to Elkdom. I am personally inviting you to come to the next Community Chest dinner event. A special thanks goes out to Daphne Harmon, Bob Souza, Jim Boston, and Michael Bielski for their help with dinner.

Please remember to donate to the Purple Pigs on our dining room tables when you see one. We donate to our major project so children can walk, talk, see, and play. The Amazon Smile Works has a charity program that provides a percentage of your purchases to a charity of your choice. This is a wonderful program that will contribute to our Purple Pig Project. We all shop, so why not make your money go further?

I look forward to seeing you at the lodge.

Fraternally,
Kathy Madeiros PDDGER
Leading Knight

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

November Birthday Dinner

Thank you to all who attended the November Birthday Dinner. It was a great evening celebrating those November Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Many of you asked about raffle items and if you can donate. Our answer is yes. Handmade items and new items are greatly appreciated. Gift cards are fun too.

Please contact Lisa Haynes 916-201-0715 if you'd like to donate an item or make dinner reservations.



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





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.



Sickness and Distress

Good news – nothing new to report.

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



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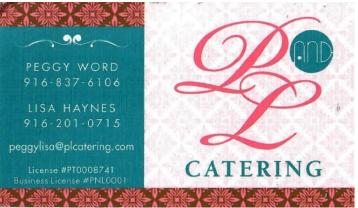
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