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### **EXALTED RULER – JIM DARNELL**

Hello Folks,

The Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge is pleased to announce that the Lodge has been released from our Advisor. We are grateful to the State Sponsors and our Advisor for the guidance and patience that have been shown, and for the help that we have been given. We look forward to a stronger future and continued community service.

The President's visitation and dinner were held in the Alturas Lodge, the home lodge of our Association Vice President, Danny Parker. The kitchen crew made the crowd a wonderful BBQ dinner. Trustee Allana Tinnel from Susanville was awarded the President's Award for Outstanding Service to Elkdom. Auburn-Grass Valley was also thanked for the large donation made to the Major Project/Purple Pig this year.

Our Lodge was fully represented at the District Deputy Clinic with me as the Exalted Ruler, Kathy Madeiros, Leading Knight, Bill Chelonis, Secretary, and Bill Convis as Trustee. We reviewed information given to the group assembled by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Tom Tinnel. If you haven't gone to a clinic, you might consider attending to see the inner workings of the District.

Exalted Ruler,
Jim Darnell AVP



# From the Desk of the Secretary - Bill Chelonis

Why do the doors of the lodge need to be "locked" and controlled with a membership card for entry during an Elks event or function?

There are two reasons for this. First, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) is a private club with dues-paying membership. The Second is because we have a Club License with the Alcohol Beverage and Control (ABC).

Let's discuss the first one. The preamble of the BPOE states: "To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; and cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government." Membership is a privilege.

The Second reason is that with a Club License from the Alcohol Beverage and Control (ABC) it states: "The holder of a club license may exercise all of the rights and privileges permitted by an onsale general license but may sell and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption with the licensed establishment only to bona fide members of the club and their bona fide guests."

We have a lot of guests coming into the lodge during a function who are NOT with their bona fide member, nor is the member signing them in the guest register book, which is required.

Members, please be present to sign your guests into the lodge. Guests are not to sign in for themselves. And please don't "TAILGATE" (meaning leaving the door open for someone else to follow you into the lodge) unless you know them. We are finding guests coming in behind other members who don't know these people. We could lose our Club License. This is very serious. Please be aware of who follows you into the lodge and question them if you don't know them.

As always, if you need to reach me, 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

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# **Elks Lodge Officers**

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# **LODGE CLEAN-UP REMINDER**

Please remember Lodge Cleanup is on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on Wednesday – September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

The Lodge would like to thank the members who worked in August: PER Dick Robart, Loyal Knight Craig Collom, Trustee Bill Corvis, Michael Van Hook, Jim Harris, Rudy Pelzman, Kevin Tiernan,

John Crawford and Carrie Bottarini.

Turnout was mixed but we could use more people.

PLEASE !!!!!! Come out and give us a hand next time.

Dick Robart Lodge Cleanup Chair 530-906-1945 cell or text <a href="mailto:lib.dick.robart@gmail.com">lib.dick.robart@gmail.com</a>



# **Sickness and Distress**



# Sickness and Distress

Remember in your prayers the people of our Lodge who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering, or homebound......

Especially,

Our ER Jim Darnell, who had Knee Surgery, but is recovering very well,

Nadine Hubbard, who had a stroke, but is recovering quite well, and

Ron Harman, who had surgery on his leg, is also on the mend and doing well.

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.

My contact information is <a href="mailto:amybsvfc@gmail.com">amybsvfc@gmail.com</a> or (650) 787-4329.

Sincerely,
Amy Brooks
Lecturing Knight

# **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:

# July 24, 2025

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by #Martine Harmon The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by #Gary Norman The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by #Bob Roth The jackpot drawing of \$211 was lost by #Jackie Conci

# Aug 14, 2025

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by #William Tinley The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by #Mike Bashore The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by #Paul Balyns The jackpot drawing of \$260 was lost by #Joseph Lotza

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.

Hi there,

I hope that you are all coping with the heat coming upon us. However, when we have someone who is cold in the lodge, there is a crocheted afghan representing the American Flag in the coat closet. When you are done using it, please put it back for the next set of chilly hands. David Pickett donated this beautiful blanket. If you haven't met him, David comes into the lodge for Wednesday lunch hang out with his sister, Nancy Cremarosa, one of our pool sharks.

I am cooking for an event to be held at the Grass Valley Fairgrounds on September 6, 2025. We will be partnering with the Nevada City Elks Ladies as a fundraiser for both of us. We are serving breakfast from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, featuring pancakes, bacon, and coffee for \$12.00 per person.

We still need three people to step up for this event. Jack Meylink and Daphne Harmon have both committed to helping. Peggy Word is donating supplies from her stockpile for us to use. We will have our pop-up tent and use the large grill from the Grass Valley Event Center to cook the pancakes. Please contact me at 530-263-4909.

In case you didn't hear the great news, we now have a fully functioning freezer. Yippy.

Please follow your bulletin and e-blast for information regarding lodge events.

I hope to see you at the Lodge.

Kathy Madeiros District Leader Leading Knight

LODGE BYLAWS

Auburn Lodge Bylaws are available online at <a href="http://www.elks.org/lodges/bylaws.cfm?lodgeNumber=538">http://www.elks.org/lodges/bylaws.cfm?lodgeNumber=538</a>

A username 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



# **VETERANS CORNER**

Here it is September, and the kids are now back in school. Be aware of them. Do you remember when we all returned to school the day after Labor Day? Times have changed.

Last month, we held a Hoe Down in which a steer was raffled off (with half going to two individuals). Ron Harmon was one of those winners. He decided to donate his half to the Veterans Fund. He sold his share and then donated the proceeds to the Veterans Committee. Thank you, Ron.

We have a couple of upcoming activities that are expensive to put on. The first event is the 15th Annual Veterans luncheon, scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025, at our Lodge. Remember, this event is always free to our Veterans. We will be serving BBQ Tri-tip steak, chicken, rolls, scalloped potatoes, a vegetable, salad, and dessert. For those of you who are not Veterans, the cost of this meal for you is a mere \$20.00. Remember, it is a time for all Veterans to come together and share their experiences as past service members. This event is open to the public; if you know a Veteran, please invite them. Maybe you could drive that individual to our Lodge. Adult libations will be available from about 11 am throughout the luncheon. So that you know, this event begins at 11 am with lunch served at 12 noon. Take your time and enjoy this event. Talk it up with your fellow Veterans. Donations to offset the cost of this event will be accepted.

This year, we plan to provide the Placer County Veterans Service office with \$50.00 VISA cards for the homeless Veterans in Placer County. The number of Veterans in that category has yet to be identified but will be before Christmas. The goal is to provide gift cards by early December. The Veterans Service Office goes to great lengths to identify those who are homeless in our county. Two years ago, the count in the entire county was 43, with only one identified in Auburn. With that said, be aware that there may be individuals out there posing as homeless Veterans attempting to play on your sympathies.

Daphne Harmon is working on a Christmas food basket for our Veterans in the Auburn area. If you would like to help her in this wonderful endeavor, contact me or Daphne at the Lodge.

The Northeast District held its annual BBQ luncheon on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the Reno VA hospital. Two members from the district membership attended and helped out significantly. They were Stephen Haydn (District Leader) and Danny Parker (Association Vice President). An Elk member from the Reno Lodge helped out as well. There were four from our Lodge: Judi Billey, Lisa Haynes, Patty Pelzman, and me. We all enjoyed the Veterans, especially when we were able to interact with them. Music was provided by a DJ. He was very entertaining. Outside, the Reno Corvette Club put on a car show. Wow! There were some great Vettes on display. We served 85 Veterans, with the rest being staff, guests of the patients (Veterans), and volunteers. Total served was approximately 165. No one went with food that day.

The month of September is always an active month in our American history, beginning with September 1, Labor Day; September 2, 1945, Japan formally surrenders (V-J Day); September 11, 2001, Patriot's Day, and the War on Terrorism begins; September 18, 1947, US Air Force Birthdate; September 19 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day; September 23, 1949, the Berlin Airlift ends; September 24, Gold Star Mother's Day; and on September 26, 1941, the Military Police Corps was established.

As we wrap up this month's activities, we should all think about our military serving around the world, with many serving in harm's way. Pray for their safe return to their loved ones. Remember your family and friends in your nightly devotions. Keep in mind your smile. Use it, as we all know that it is a powerful tool. God Bless America.

**Rudy Pelzman** 

**Chairman, Veterans Service Committee** 

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### **LOYAL KNIGHT**

All,

I wanted to provide the latest updates related to Social and Community Welfare.

- We took our Elk-branded pop-up to the Auburn Youth Soccer Association SoccerFest on August 23 at Railhead Park in Auburn. There, we had our Elks Soccer Shootout and awarded many young people with Elks-branded soccer balls. This year, we had many volunteers, and I think they had as much fun as the kids.
- Donations from our Charity Fund

In August, our Lodge authorized a \$100 donation be made to the Placer County Sheriff's Association.

Fraternally, Craig Collom Loyal Knight



HARVEST

ABOR DAY

# JOIN THE ELKS RV CLUB



The Elk's RV club is always looking for new members. For fun outings and the chance to get to better know your fellow Elks members, contact Club President Harold McCoy at (530)346-8672

or thereelmccoys87@gmail.com

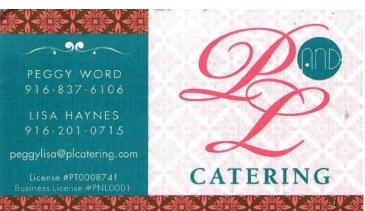
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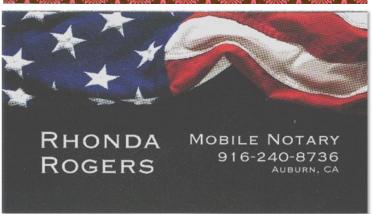
Auburn Seventh-Day Adventist Church Community Services desperately needs men's clothing and shoes. Specifically, men's sizes Medium & Large Shirts & Pants sizes 30 to 36. Please drop off at the back of the church at 12225 Rock Creek Road, Auburn, on Mondays or Tuesdays from 9:am to 1:00 pm. This church is a food bank and clothing distribution center. They also provided showers and meals for the homeless and those in need. Thank you in advance.

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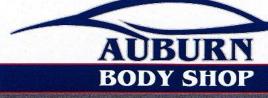
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# SHUFFLEBOARD RESULTS FOR JULY

July 2nd

1st: Julie Pollock

2nd: Michelle Ellison & Moe Borg 3rd: Kris Cosby & Jan Quarry

Attendees: Ellen Whitty & Nadine Hubbard

July 9th

1st: Moe Borg & Jan Quarry 2nd: Ann Council & Kris Cosby 3rd: Nadine Hubbard & Julie Pollock

**Attendee: Michelle Ellison** 

July 16th

1st: Jan Quarry & Moe Borg 2nd: Kris Cosby & Julie Pollock

3rd: Michelle Ellison & Yvonne Edwards

July 23rd

1st: Barbara Hewitt 2nd: Moe Borg 3rd: Julie Pollock

Attendees: Jan Quarry, Michelle Ellison, &

**Ellen Whitty** 

July 30th

1st: Barbara Hewitt 2nd: Moe Borg 3rd: Julie Pollock

Attendees: Jan Quarry, Michelle Ellison, &

**Ellen Whitty** 



# September Word Scramble

1. PESALP	
2. OSOLHC	
3. PSEISUPL	
4. LLFA	
5. KEJTAC	
6. OERCLO	
7. OBRLA AYD	
8. UNMAUT	
9. EDSRFNI	
10. HRSEFTAC	

# **JULY POOL TOURNAMENT**

July 2nd.

1st. Gary Hubbard 2nd. Rick DeKnoop

3rd. Jack Meylink

Attendees:

K.J.

Mike Cosby Chuck Cooper

**Bill Costa** 

**Nancy Cremarosa** 



July 9th.

1st. Chuck Cooper & Mike Cosby

2nd. K. J. & Nancy Cremarosa

3rd. Julia Thompson & Rick

DeKnoop

Attendees:

**Don Council** 

**Gary Hubbard** 

July 16th.

1st. K.J.

2nd. Mike Cosby

3rd. Julia Thompson

Attendees:

**Chuck Cooper** 

**Don Council** 

July 23rd

1st. Chuck Cooper

2nd. Bill Costa

3rd. Don Council

Attendees:

K. J.

**Nancy Cremarosa** 

**Julia Thomas** 

**Jack Meylink** 

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1st. Chuck Cooper

2nd. Rick DeKnoop

3rd. K.J.

Attendees:

**Don Council** 

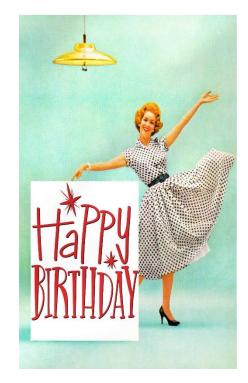
**Bill Costa** 

**Gary Hubbard** 

**Nancy Cremarosa** 

# **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Lessiak, Dennis
- 01 Roth, Robert M
- 02 Huggins, William 'Bill'
- 02 McNabb, David
- 04 Reeves, Robert
- 06 Ferreira, Paul
- 07 Horvath, Mike
- 09 Bailey, John D
- 09 Oliveira, Anthony
- 10 Buck, Jerry R
- 10 Cebollero, Michael
- 11 Harri, Mark
- 14 Robart, Richard
- 15 Clark, William J
- 15 Eggink, Ernie
- 15 Nogleberg, Richard
- 16 Johnson, Marvin W
- 16 Thomas, Robert J
- 17 Crum, Edward
- 17 Garcia, Kelly
- 17 Stoll, E Allan
- 18 Dusky, Gary Wayne
- 19 Celick, Paula
- 19 Leek Jr, Kenneth F
- 20 Ferencik, David R
- 22 Nordstrom, Wanda
- 22 Van Ness, Carol Lee
- 23 Thurber, Scott
- 24 Caudle, Mildred Ann
- 24 Eberhardt, Ray
- 24 Kelleher, Candice K
- 24 Kelsey, Gary
- 24 Langseth, Jerry
- 25 Hall, Ronald Alan
- 26 Disney, Tim



# **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

ОСТО	DBER BIRTHDAYS
01	Hobson, Vickie
02	Johnson, Eugene
02	Sgro, Nino M
03	Irwin, Larry
03	Palmer, John T
04	Barrett, Mike
06	Clement, Susan J
06	Dick, Gabriel
07	Roeder, Robert
09	Pelzman, Rudolph 'Rud
10	Bouris, Janice M
10	Johnson, Roger
12	Gubbels, John A
12	Klingler, Charles
13	Bradbury, Courtland D
14	Huntington, Robert C
15	Hamilton, Donald R
15	Whitaker, Don
16	Johnson, Michael C
18	Kinnear, James Bill
18	Martinez, Manny
19	Capik, Mark S
19	MacDonald, Kent
20	O'Reilly, Richard H
22	Lipsmeyer, Larry
23	Pellow, Tyler
23	Waikel, Patricia E
24	Kent, Tim
25	Fairfield, Alvin G
25	Fincher, Floyd
28	Bryant, Cliff
28	Kertson, Keith
29	Davidson, Howard
30	Gregory, Justin D
31	Auwinger, Donald
31	Farinha, Ernest J

31

Madeiros, John A

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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