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JANUARY & FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAY DINNER

6 FEB | HAPPY 4-HOUR 5PM

KARAOKE BY AMANDA & JOE AFTER DINNER!!!!!!

CHERRY GLAZED CHICKEN
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DONATIONS FOR BIRTHDAY DINNER RAFFLE

Please consider donating new or handmade items to be raffled off at the Birthday Dinners. Contact Lisa Haynes at 916-201-0715 if you have any questions or an item to donate.

Sunday BRUNCH



February 8 \$ 15

9:30AM -12PM

Omelette Bar
Pancakes or Waffles
Sausage
Biscuits & Gravy
Seasonal Fruit
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

Reservations can be made by contacting Kathy Madeiros at ermadeiros@gmail.com or by calling the Lodge at 530-888-7111

GOOD TIME GOOD FRIENDS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MANAGE FOOD PURCHASING BY MAKING A RESERVATION

Reservations Preferred



\$2 Tacos



Taco Tuesday

Join us **February 17** for tacos and New Member Orientation

Happy hour from 4-5 p.m.
Food service at 5 p.m.
Orientation at 6:30 p.m.






From the Desk of the Secretary – Bill Chelonis

OLD TIMERS NIGHT

Thursday, March 12, 2026, will be our annual “Old Timers Night”. To honor the following, we invite them to be our guests for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, we ask them to stay for the meeting, which starts at 7:00 pm, and to receive their “year pin”.

20 YEARS

Charles Cooper
Donald Council

45 YEARS

Donald Blanscet
Dennis Gregory

Gary Hubbard
Jerry Langseth
John Marcella

25 YEARS

Albert Berry
Sharon Bettencourt
Billy Hanks

50 YEARS

Roger Griess
John Pratt

30 YEARS

Dan Sokol
Matthew Tribur

55 YEARS

Ervan Winschell

35 YEARS

Stephen Meade

60 YEARS

Ronald Harmon
Roger Imsdahl
G J Malmgren

40 YEARS

Vic Roumage
William Utley

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

LODGE BYLAWS

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

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>

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Regular Lodge Meetings
2nd & 4th Thursday
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Meeting

Business Hours
Wednesday: 10:30-3:30
Thursday: On Lodge Meeting nights 3-7:30PM
Closed Monday
Bulletin Deadline
15th of the preceding month

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Exalted Ruler	Jim Darnell
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Loyal Knight	Craig D. Collom
Lecturing Knight	Amy Brooks
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Tiler	June Darnell
Esquire	Charles J Cooper
Chaplain	Larry LaVerne
Inner Guard	Bill Costa
Organist	Christy Mata
Trustee - One Year	Patricia Hall
Trustee - Two-Year	Terry Houk
Trustee - Three-Year	Paula Celick
Trustee - Four Year	Peggy Word
Trustee - Five-Year	Bill Convis



LEADING KNIGHT – KATHY MADEIROS

Hi All,

The second Thursday of the month and the first meeting of the month is Piggy Bank Night. Bring in your full Piggy Bank to the meeting night and receive a free dinner. Your donations go to provide therapists for children with disabilities to be able to see, walk, talk, and play. We are a support service for the families of these children, especially those who do not qualify for other services. We step up for our children and always will.

I would again like to thank Rudy Pelzman, Larry LaVerne, Daphne Harmon, Paula Celick, and Harold McCoy for their dedicated support to our Veterans residing in Grass Valley. They really appreciated all the items given to them during a season that they don't normally have such opportunities. We have begun building the Adopt-A-Veterans Program, and I hope we can keep up the momentum. This program is specifically to support veterans who may be lonely and isolated. Not all veterans can get to a parade or a dinner where appreciation can be shown for their service. I firmly believe that it is the hand of friendship we extend, without asking anything in return, that brings joy to them. Veterans are proud men, and, just like all of us, gratitude for them and their service can be shown in so many ways. Thank you.

*Fraternally,
Kathy Madeiros
Leading Knight*



Sickness and Distress



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

Especially,

Sue Kirk, who is dealing with some health issues.

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 amybsvfc@gmail.com or (650) 787-4329.

Sincerely,
Amy Brooks
Lecturing Knight

LOYAL KNIGHT

Lodge Members,

As we move into February, the Lodge inches closer to the end of its fiscal year on April 1st. This also marks the changeover of the Lodge Officers. All Lodge positions are for a 1-year term, after which the position is either elected or appointed at the beginning of the next year. There are 16 total officers: 11 Lodge Officers and 5 Trustees (who are also officers). 11 of the positions are elected (Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, and 5 Trustees). The other 5 are appointed by the ER at the beginning of his/her year (Esquire, Chaplain, Inner Guard, Tiler, Organist). Personally, if elected, I will be moving from the position of Loyal Knight to that of Leading Knight. Amy Brooks, if elected, will be moving from Lecturing Knight to that of Loyal Knight. That will leave an opening for the Lecturing Knight position. If you were not aware; the Lecturing Knight is responsible for keeping our attention on members that are dealing with sickness and distress, the Loyal Knight, is responsible for social and community welfare, and the Leading Knight is responsible for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (Purple Pig) and is learning what it takes to run the Lodge (as the role of Exalted Ruler is typically the next step after Leading Knight). I believe that the elected positions of Exalted Ruler, Secretary, and Treasurer are self-explanatory. The 5 Trustees are responsible for the financial aspects of the Lodge. The ER appoints the Esquire, who keeps order in our meetings and manages the flow of initiations, the Chaplain, who leads all our prayers, the Inner Guard, who watches the door during Lodge meetings from the inside, the Tiler, who watches the door typically from the outside (but is also inside at our lodge), and an Organist. Many of the roles are already planned for, but all still must be voted on or appointed. However, it would be great if we could get new bodies in 5 positions: Lecturing Knight, Esquire, Inner Guard, Tiler, and Trustee. If you are interested, please contact me, and I'd be happy to help or to answer any questions you may have.

Fraternally,
Craig Collom, Loyal Knight
(916)203-8049

Bulletin Pictures

Please take pictures at the Elks Lodge Events
send to the

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Welcome to February, everyone. For those of us who receive wages, pensions, etc., once a month, February is good to us.

There are no planned Veteran activities this month. We have one national holiday (President's Day) and Valentine's Day. Do I need to remind everyone that a card is appropriate on Valentine's Day, as are flowers and candy?

Keeping this article brief, let me share some humor with you. Which building in New York City has the most stories? The public library. Here's another one. When interviewing for a job, always tell them you're willing to give 110%. Unless you're applying to be a statistician.

As this edition concludes, remember our service men and women around the world serving in harm's way. Say a prayer for them and their safe return to their family and friends. Don't forget your family and friends as well. God Bless America.

Rudy Pelzman
 Chairman, Veterans Service Committee
 Email: tahoebblue1946@gmail.com Cell: (916) 316-1530

Elks Crying Corner

The following members can start crying for not attending a Lodge meeting. Why? Because their names were drawn, and they were not present to receive the money:

Jan 8, 2026

The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Gene Foiles

The jackpot drawing of \$187 was lost by Bob Barberio

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.

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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 – February 4th.

In January, we did some general cleanup inside & outside, cleaned, dusted, and dusted all fans, cleaned bar, took down Christmas Decorations, vacuumed carpets, cleaned coffee bar area, cleaned windows, cleaned windows in the men's restroom, cleaned the floor drains, and much more.

The Lodge would like to thank the members who worked in January: PER Dick Robart, PER Jack Meylink, Loyal Knight Craig Collom, John Crawford, Kevin Tiernan, Rudy Pelzman, and Bill Convis.

Turnout was SMALL! 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
lib.dick.robart@gmail.com

No outside food or beverages allowed

BINGO Night

6 games total. 1st 5 games, Bingo sheets are \$1 each (each sheet has 3 separate Bingo cards on it). The 6th game will be blackout Bingo at \$5 per sheet (3 cards). Minors are not permitted to play. Kitchen opens at 5pm for limited food service. Bingo play starts at 6pm in the Lodge Room

FRIDAY **HAPPY HOUR** **FEBRUARY**
 4-5 P.M. **BINGO STARTS** 20
 6:00 P.M.

Questions, please contact Jack Meylink at 530-305-9112 or jackmeylink@yahoo.com

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01 Gregersen, Mark C
01 Krall, F Michael
02 Bengston, Perry M
02 Borden, William 'Bill' A
02 Golden, Hershel Foster
02 Stillens, Jack
04 Billey, Dempsey J
04 Killinger, William L
05 Jordan, Matt
05 Tucker, Lea Ann
05 Word, Peggy
08 Fasse, Dale B
08 Kawahata, Ron
13 Bennett, Robert James
13 Bischoff, William
14 Staats, Elizabeth A
15 Eisley, Harvey
16 Brennan, James
16 Johnson, Bryan D
16 Tiernan, Kevin
17 Newsom, Stephen Craig
18 Kulas, Calvin
18 Stout, Chad
18 Tribur, Matthew J
20 Hawkeswood, Jim A
21 Calhoon, Ken E
22 Houseman, Imoagene
22 Williams, George E
23 DiPuccio, Gregory Julian
25 Armstrong, Tristyn
25 Bacon, Denny
25 James, Tommy
27 Albright, James Edward
27 Tallman, Ray C

March Birthdays

01 Birks, Royce A
02 Arfsten, Scott John
02 Fulenwider, Karl
02 Gailbreath, Gary
02 Tade, Cheryl
03 Thomas, Julia
04 Oles, Robert F
04 Stirtz, Ed
04 Wolfe, Victor
06 Graves, Janice J
06 Inman, James L
07 Gridley, Doug
08 James, Jeffrey
12 Campbell, Shelton
12 Phipps, Brian
13 Ellis, Edward J
13 Schroeder, Karla
14 Council, Donald 'Don' B
15 Azevedo, Richard
15 LaFave, John
16 Brechtel, Patrick M
16 Nickens, Craig H
17 Foiles, Eugene P
18 Conover, Sally J
19 Ciccarelli, Mike
19 Robertson, John P
20 Risser, Larry
21 Bury, George J
21 Painter, Dean
22 Brooks, Amy E
22 Convis, Bill
22 Cravens, Kenneth
22 Schlichting, William J
22 Stokes, Jim
22 Wire, Bob J
23 Gregory, Kenneth
23 Roeder, Susan
24 Larcina, Luis
24 Willick, Nicholas
27 Pickett, David J
27 Shewmon, Donald
30 Van Hook, Michael



JOIN THE ELKS RV CLUB

The ELKS 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

Auburn – Grass Valley Elks Lodge 538 Scholarships for 2025 -2026

This year, there are two scholarships for seniors graduating in the Spring of 2026. The scholarship applications will be available beginning October 9, 2025.

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 seventh 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 2026.

CLIFFORD LOOBY SCHOLARSHIP

This is the 20th year that the Looby Scholarship has been offered to graduating seniors planning to attend a university or college in the Fall of 2026. 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 jnvtoad@att.net.

Again, applications will be available beginning October 9, 2025, and must be returned (POSTMARKED) by February 28, 2026. Do not return your application by EMAIL. Participants will receive the competition results in March 2026.

Cleaning Out Your Closet?

Auburn Seventh-Day Adventist Church Community Services desperately needs men's clothing and shoes. Specifically, men's sizes include Medium & Large shirts and 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.

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 11:00 AM Rotary Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM ECH-Sportsmen Meeting	4 9:00 AM Lodge Cleanup 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	5 11:00 AM Sirs 6:00 PM Building Hall Meeting	6 5:00 PM Jan/Feb Birthday Dinner	7
8 9:30 AM Elks Brunch 3:00 PM Superbowl Sunday Potluck	9	10 11:00 AM Rotary Lunch Meeting 5:30 PM ECH-Sportsmen Meeting 6:00 PM House Committee Meeting	11 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	12 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting 5:00 PM Social Time 6:00 PM Pig Roundup and Dinner 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting	13	14
15	16	17 11:00 AM Rotary Lunch Meeting 5:00 PM Taco Tuesday/New Member Night	18 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	19	20 7:00 AM Rooster Tails 6:00 PM Bingo Night	21 6:00 PM Casino Night
22	23	24 11:00 AM Rotary Lunch Meeting 6:00 PM House Committee Meeting	25 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	26 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting 5:00 PM Social Time 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting	27	28

MARCH 2026

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