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BULLETIN

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

May 2026



A Coin a Day so they can Walk, Talk, See and Play!

AUBURN GRASS VALLEY
ELKS LODGE #538
CELEBRATE MAY BIRTHDAYS
RODEO NIGHT
Live Acoustic Country Music

Friday, May 1, 2026
HAPPY HOUR 4:00 PM • DINNER 6:00 PM

- BBQ Baby Back Ribs • Corn on the Cob
- Cornbread • Salad
- Baked Potato Bar
- Chili Beans

Dinner is FREE with Birthday Exchange Ticket
— or \$20.00 per person —

Reservations preferred. Contact LayLa Schackner
530-400-7074 • laylaine@mc.com
or the Lodge at 530-888-7111

MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME



Volunteer Dishwasher
NEEDED

Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538

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(530) 913-3474

What is an Unaffiliated Person

An unaffiliated person is one who has not paid their dues in one, two, or more years and/or wishes to drop their membership from the Elks. Also, a person who Dimits or has an Absolute Dimit is an unaffiliated Member GL Statues 14.120.

Grand Lodge Statues state in Section 14.190:
“An unaffiliated Member shall not be permitted to visit any lodge. An unaffiliated Member shall not join as an Elk in any public procession or display of the Order, display or use any emblem of the Order.”

OPINIONS 02:
Members of either gender who become unaffiliated Elks may not visit any Lodge’s Club or other facilities, nor does Section 14.140 allow issuance to them identification cards.

Since an unaffiliated Member can’t visit any lodge that means they can’t come into a lodge as a guest by a member. We hope this clears up some issues that came up recently at the lodge dealing with unaffiliated Members.

Bill Chelonis
Secretary

The Auburn-Grass Valley House Committee Members

- Pat Hall Chairman
- Kathy Madeiros
- Amy Brooks
- Peggy Word
- Jim Hawkeswood
- Daphne Harmon
- Val Berlin-Douglass
- Nancy Cremarosa
- Julia Thomas

If you have an idea for an event you would like to host or see come to the lodge, please see one of the people listed above.

PASTA, POOL & POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR PIGGIES! Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship as we raise money for a great cause!

Friday, May 8
Members and Guests Welcome!

\$15.00 per person

HELPING OUR "PURPLE PIGS"
Our Mission: "A Coin a Day so they can Walk, Talk, See and Play!"

Come for the pasta, stay for the pool, and help create endless possibilities for our kids.

Happy Hour: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Dinner Served: 6 PM

Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538 195 Pine Street, Auburn, CA 95603



Pursuant to G.L. Statutes 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 could not make the meeting.

We started the year with 484 members. We have initiated 34, affiliated by dimit 3, and reinstated 1. Stricken from the rolls for non-payment 41, granted transfer dimit 14, granted absolute dimit 6, and 14 members deceased during the year. This gives us a membership of 447, and a loss of 37 thus far. The Lodge received dues of \$56,283.00 for the 2026-2027 year. We have 152 members who are delinquent in paying their dues. We paid a per capita assessment to the California-Hawaii Elks Association of \$2,862, to the Grand Lodge of \$13,857.00, and to the Northeast District of \$3,129.00. There is 1 candidate pending initiation, 0 pending transfer in, and 1 pending transfer out of the Lodge. Pursuant to G.L. Statutes Section 12.050, the Secretary must read on the floor of the Lodge how we are doing twice a year.

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

ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT – AMY BROOKS

To my Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

It is with a deep sense of pride and humility that I write my first message to you as your Esteemed Loyal Knight. First and foremost, I want to thank you for the trust you have placed in me. Moving into the "progressive line" of officers is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I am eager to serve this Lodge and our Order to the best of my ability.

In our rituals, the Loyal Knight represents the cardinal principle of Justice. To many, justice is about rules and discipline, but as Elks, we look at it through a different lens. To us, Justice is about fairness, integrity, and the way we choose to see one another.

As I settle into this station, I am reminded of our beautiful charge: to write the faults of our members upon the sand, and their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory. My goal this year is to ensure that our Lodge remains a place where every member is treated with that level of respect and where the "good" we do in the community remains our primary focus.

Thank you for the warm welcome into this new role. Let's work together to ensure that Justice and Brotherly Love continue to guide everything we do.

Fraternally yours,
Amy Brooks
Esteemed Loyal Knight

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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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Elks Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	John Madeiros
Esteemed Leading Knight	Craig Collom
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Amy Brooks
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Layla Schackner
Secretary	Bill Chelonis
Treasurer	Chris Locken
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Inner Guard	Jim Darnell
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Organist	Christy Mata
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Trustee - Two Year	Paula Celick
Trustee - Three Year	Peggy Word
Trustee - Four Year	Jack Meylink
Trustee - Five Year	Tasha Valenzuela

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE – JOHN MADEIROS

May is here! For the Officers of your Lodge, we will be attending the Annual District Ritual contest at Calpine Lodge in Portola the first weekend in May.

The third weekend in May is the State Convention in Palm Springs. There are many workshops and training sessions for the officers attending this 4-day event.

Upon return, the Lodge will host the 40th Annual Public Safety Night on May 22nd. This event honors our Public Safety and First Responders of Placer County who serve us all. There are several opportunities to volunteer for this event. Please contact me at 530 273-4988 if you are interested.

We will be making plans for us to be in the community, both in Placer and Nevada counties. If you have any ideas for our Lodge to make it a better world, reach out to me.

See you in the Lodge.

John Madeiros
Exalted Ruler

LEADING KNIGHT – CRAIG COLLOM

Lodge Members,

We have had our share of April showers, so I hope we get to see many May flowers. Included in these May flowers; on May 8th, the Lodge will be having a Pasta Dinner Night, for the purpose of raising money, for children with disabilities, via the California Hawaii Major Project Inc (CHEMPI) AKA, the Purple Pig. Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship as we raise money for a great cause!

As I mentioned in the April bulletin, your Officers perform in the Ritual Contest in Calpine on May 1st and 2nd. Hopefully, we'll see some flowers grow from their efforts, in the form of very meaningful initiation ceremonies for new members. Additionally, some of the Officers will be at the State Convention May 14th to 16th. The flowers from educational offerings there may take a little longer to grow, but I'm sure our Lodge will benefit from their growth. Thank you for your continued support of our Lodge and the Purple Pig.

Fraternally,
Craig Collom, Leading Knight



Sickness and Distress



As your new Loyal Knight, I will be reporting on sickness & distress within our Lodge.

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.

Layla Shackner
Loyal Knight
laylaanne@me.com

ADVERTISING RATES

MEMBERS: \$100.00 per year

Non-Members: \$200.00 per year

12 issues to all members monthly

*Business Card size advertisement *

Website Exposure

Contact Bill Chelonis at 530-570-8896

Happy Mother's Day

Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge

195 Pine Street, Auburn, CA

Sunday May 10, 2026

9:30am to Noon

Buffet

Carving Station with Italian Beef

Twice Baked Breakfast Potato

Mini Dutch Baby Pancakes with Strawberry Jam

Spinach Frittata with Gruyere Cheese

Meat lovers Breakfast Casserole

Build It Yourself Yogurt

Strawberry Shortcake

Reservations 530-888-7111 or ornadeiros@gmail.com

\$25.00 per person with reservation \$30.00 without

Price includes a breakfast beverage.

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>

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** **MAY**
4-5 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 15 & 29

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



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 – May 6th.

In April, we did some general cleanup inside & outside, cleaned dusted and dusted all fans, vacuumed carpets cleaned coffee bar area, cleaned windows, cleaned the floor drains, installed new flags on the pole in front of the Lodge and much more.

The Lodge would like to thank the members who worked in April: PER Dick Robart, PER Bill Convis, Leading Knight Craig Collom, Jim Harris, Kevin Tiernan, Rudy Pelzman, Bryon Johnson, Charles Hants, and Chris McCracken.

Turnout was better 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
lib.dick.robart@gmail.com

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:


Mar 26, 2026
 The jackpot drawing of \$300 was won by Ron Harmon

Apr 08, 2026
 The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Doug Gridley
 The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Janice Bouris
 The jackpot drawing of \$300 was lost by Brad Tellman

It pays to attend a lodge meeting. Meetings are the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month. Dinner is 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

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.



Auburn-Grass Valley Elks Lodge
 195 Pine Street
 Auburn CA 95603

**Invites you to the
 40th ANNUAL
 May 22, 2026
 PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS**

HONORING:
 Auburn City Fire, Auburn Police, CAL Fire, CHP,
 Foresthill Fire, Newcastle Fire, Penryn, Fire, Placer
 County Sheriff, Placer Hills Fire, US Forestry/
 American River Ranger District

**Dinner
 Homemade Lasagna
 Salad/Garlic Bread
 Dessert
 \$18.00**

All Honorees are complimentary

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- 01 Danielsen, Rebecca
- 01 Farry, Michael
- 01 Schneider, Jessica
- 02 Jordan, Brett
- 02 Vander Linden, Kent Paul
- 02 Welz, Marilyn
- 03 Cupler, Gary Grant
- 03 Lemma, Bob
- 03 Smail, Robert
- 04 Lease, Steven Warren
- 04 Sabol, Dan
- 05 Lathuras, Robert
- 05 McCullough, Marvin
- 06 Fee, John A
- 06 Leidigh, Jamesh
- 06 Walker, Richard
- 07 Bailey, Bruce
- 07 Rodriguez, Benedicto
- 07 Shannon, Marrilee K
- 09 Young, Stephen
- 10 Wicks, Edward C
- 11 Gates, James
- 11 Quarry, Kenneth J
- 11 Supinger, Dennis
- 11 Tinley, William E
- 12 Obenoskey, Ty J
- 13 Pollock, Julie D
- 14 Johnson, Kevin
- 16 Leone, Joe
- 18 Lund, Mark
- 18 Nau, Jon Alan
- 19 Simpson, Linda S
- 20 Jones, Michael S
- 22 Kirk, Susan
- 22 Minyard, Ronald
- 23 Desrosiers, Michael R
- 25 Barnes, Rex
- 25 Berry, Albert E
- 25 Clemens, Reginald
- 26 Del Pozzo, Philip
- 27 Rose, David A
- 29 Barbeiro, Robert C
- 29 Ward, Steven
- 31 Nowak, Gary S



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Miller, Mark Ralph
- 02 Hunter, Emita
- 03 Perkins, David
- 04 DeWolf, Steven Lloyd
- 05 Zander, William
- 06 Meek, Walter
- 08 Slover, Robert C
- 09 Bashore, Mike
- 09 Blanscet, Donald R
- 09 Letcher, Jim
- 09 Vitello, Michael A
- 10 Diaz, Robert
- 10 Henricks, Kevin M
- 11 Murschel, Stephen
- 11 Watson, Les
- 12 Meade, Stephen C
- 13 Baldoni, Dan
- 13 Crawford, John W
- 16 Koehn, Dennis L
- 16 Lacer, Jerry W
- 18 Ross, John
- 19 Cosby, Michael
- 19 Costa, William F
- 20 Berlin-Douglass, Valarie
- 21 Gouldthread, Rex
- 23 Smith, Mark A
- 24 Coon, Robert
- 24 Jordan, Lawrence A
- 24 Wakefield, Shawn
- 24 Williams, Sylvester Sal
- 26 Rogers, Rhonda
- 28 Edwards, Yvonne
- 29 Madeiros, Kathy
- 29 Weber, Darol D
- 30 Havnes. Lisa G



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

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.

MARCH SHUFFLEBOARD

March 4th
 1st: Michelle Ellison
 2nd: Jan Quarry
 3rd: Moe Borg
 Attendees: Ann Council, Ellen Whitty, Barbara Hewitt, Sue Kirk

March 11th
 1st: Krissy Whitty & Julie Pollock
 2nd: Michelle Ellison
 3rd: Nadine Hubbard & Sue Kirk
 Attendees: Jan Quarry, Barbara Hewitt, Ann Council, & Moe Borg

March 18th
 1st: Jan Quarry
 2nd: Julie Pollock
 3rd: Michelle Ellison
 Attendees: Yvonne Edwards, Moe Borg, & Nadine Hubbard

March 25th
 1st: Julie Pollock
 2nd: Moe Borg & Sue Kirk
 3rd: Ann Council & Jan Quarry
 Attendees: Barbara Hewitt & Michelle Ellison

MARCH POOL TOURNAMENT


Mar 4th
 1st KJ
 2nd Rick DeKnoop
 3rd Chuck Cooper
 Attendees:
 Nancy Cremarosa
 Jack Meylink
 Bill Costa

Mar 11th
 1st Rick DeKnoop & Don Council
 2nd KJ & Nancy Cremarosa
 3rd Gary Hubbard & Bill Costa
 Attendees:
 Julia Thomas
 Chuck Cooper

Mar 18th
 1st Rick DeKnoop
 2nd Chuck Cooper
 3rd Bill Costa
 Attendees:
 KJ
 Nancy Cremarosa
 Gary Hubbard

Mar 25th
 1st Chuck Cooper
 2nd Rick DeKnoop
 3rd KJ
 Attendees:
 Don Council
 Bill Costa
 Julia Thomas
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MAY

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3 12:00 AM DD Clinic in Calpine	4 5:30 PM Lodge Officers Meeting	5 11:00 AM Weekly Non-Elk Lunch 6:00 PM Private Meeting at the ECH	6 9:00 AM Lodge Cleanup 11:00 AM Elks Lunch 6:30 PM Scout Meeting	7 11:00 AM Monthly Private Lunch 6:00 PM Building Hall Meeting	8 5:00 PM Pasta Dinner	9
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JUNE

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