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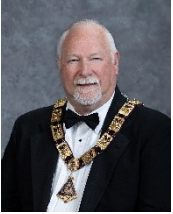
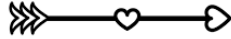
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Exalted Ruler – Bill Chelonis



Yes, the Covid-19 virus is still with us. Placer County has us in the "purple" phase, which means we can't have Lodge meetings or other gatherings; however, we can serve food with Chef Scott cooking. We can continue to do the "to-go meals" on Wednesday's from 4pm to 6:00pm with NO eating at the Lodge. Please support the Lodge as we need to continue paying bills, and this is our only income.

I spoke to a few of you who indicated that since the Covid-19 virus basically shutdown our Lodge, with no social gatherings or events this whole year, you probably won't renew your membership. I would like to state that if you decide to do this PLEASE tell/notify Secretary Harlan Moore that you would like to take an "ABSOLUTE DEMIT". This way, when you decide to come back after the virus is gone, you won't have to go through a lot of paperwork, and we will have all your information on file to reinstate you quickly.

On a lighter note, Valentine's Day is this month. Wish those we hold close a Happy Valentine's Day. I wish we could have an event with all the trimmings to celebrate at the Lodge, but alas, it won't happen.

February 7th is SUPER Bowl LV (55) Sunday, officers' nominations on the 11th, and voting on new officers on the 25th. If you would like to follow our virtual meetings, you can log in to ZOOM (if you have a webcam), or if just your phone, you can call in and listen to the meetings. I can give you all the information needed to join these meetings.

Old Timers night is in March. We plan to contact our long-time members and send them their pin for years of service to the Elks. Names and years of service are printed elsewhere in this bulletin.

As I have stated each month: Please continue to be safe and well with face masks and social distancing, and I hope you have a good month in February.

Regards,

Bill Chelonis PDDGER
Exalted Ruler
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LODGE BYLAWS

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<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>



LEADING KNIGHT – LINDA LEE TALSO

Hi All,

The year 2021 is a number five; $2+0+2+1 = 5$, which is all about changes, some amazingly good and others challenging. I've already been experiencing some amazingly good changes as well as the more challenging (as have many other people). With the challenges come adjustments.

I have made some adjustments in my life, and I am in the process of making more. Since the pandemic began, it has been frustrating trying to do the Elks scheduled bulletin articles and Zoom meetings, but I did what I could. As you all know, I've been having difficulties with signals and connections; (and I thank all of you for what patience you did have).

With a heavy heart, I state I will not be available to finish out my term as Leading Knight nor to move to the position of ER. I am sorry for the timing on this. I considered doing this in December, as some of you heard, but decided to try new equipment first, which did not help. I will continue supporting our Elks Lodge, paying my dues as a member, and continuing to serve our community, as I did before being asked to become an officer.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as an officer.

In Love and Light
Linda Lee Talso



LODGE CLEAN UP REMINDER

Please remember Lodge Cleanup the 1st Wednesday each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on February 3rd. **Hopefully!**
Check emails from Lodge or call me.

In January, we did some general cleanup inside & outside, cleaned ceiling fans, cleaned and dusted bar area, dusted, cleaned sink drains, vacuumed, wiped down, and much, much more.

The Lodge would like to thank the members that worked in January: PER Dick Robart, PER/Lecturing Knight Jack Meylink, Ed Rodriguez, Tom Eastman, Michael Van Hook, Ron Bailey, Harvey Eisley, Rudy Pelzman and Garry Sanchez.

Turnout was NOT good. We can always use a few more.
PLEASE come out and give us a hand next time.

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Regular Lodge Meetings

2nd & 4th Thursday – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-Lodge Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Business Hours

Tuesday thru Friday

9 a.m. to 6 p.m

Bar hours: 11 a.m until 8 p.m.

Closed Monday

Bulletin Deadline

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Exalted Ruler: Bill Chelonis

Leading Knight: LindaLee Talso

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Lecturing Knight: Jack MeyLink

Secretary: Harlan Moore PER

Treasurer: John Madeiros

Tiler: Open

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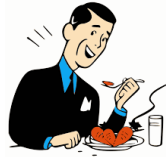
See Lodge Email for details

Send a note to Auburnelks@gmail.com if you
do not receive these emails and wish to be added



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UPCOMING GRAB N GO DINNERS



February 3, 2021

Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, roll, dessert.

GRAB N' GO WINNING DINNER DRAWING NUMBERS

Jan 20th – Ticket # 966482

Jan 13th – Ticket #2417149

Jan 6th - Ticket #966441

Dec 16th - Ticket #168760

Dec 9th - Ticket #9167434

Dec 2nd - Ticket #9167360



AUBURN ELKS LODGE 1691 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020 – 2021

This year there are two scholarships for seniors graduating in the Spring of 2021. The scholarships will be available beginning October 22, 2020.

Because of Covid-19, seniors must send an email requesting an application to James Harris at invtoad@att.net. Applicants must indicate which scholarship application they are applying for. However, they can apply for both. Applicants will receive one or both applications by return email.

Wil Thomas Educational Scholarship

This is the second 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 Elks Lodge 1691. It is offered to seniors who plan to attend a university, college, or vocational school in the Fall of 2021. Last year's winner graduated from a California high school.

Looby Scholarship

This is the fifteenth year the Looby Scholarship has been offered to graduating seniors planning to attend a university or college in the Fall of 2021. The value of this scholarship is \$1250.00. The senior must be a child, stepchild, or grandchild of an active Elk in Auburn Lodge 1691. 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 starting October 22, 2020, and must be returned (postmarked) by February 28, 2021.

Winners will be notified during March 2021.

From the Secretary – Harlan Moore

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a 153-year-old fraternal organization of nearly 770,000 fellow Americans, with almost 2,000 subordinate lodges, continues the primary mission supporting veterans, scholarships, youth activities including drug awareness, and much more. The California-Hawaii Elks Association alone represents 88,300 members in 168 lodges.

Auburn Lodge #1691 will celebrate the 75th anniversary since our Charter was Granted July 11, 1946. Most important for the new Lodge year will be planning and implementing a celebration to honor our charter's 75th anniversary as an Elks Lodge dedicated to Elks' mission and service nationally and within our community.

Our 2020-2021 Lodge year has been far from normal. In fact, the pandemic has affected most of this year's calendar and activities. That said, we are planning for a new Lodge year, recognizing that goals not set are not met. Typical end of year activities will be accomplished. February includes nomination and officers' elections for the 2021-2022 year and recognition of our long-time members', our Old-Timers with 20 or more years an Elk in 5-year increments. As our last regular meeting was March 12, 2020, and was already impacted by the virus, this bulletin includes a reprint of last year's Old Timers as well as the current year.

With the new Lodge year comes the new dues statements. I'm sure you will all be pleased there will be no increase, life and regular dues remain the same. You may not be surprised that we are receiving notice from some vendors announcing price increases due to lower sales volumes. Our dues provide support to national, state, and district for our core mission as Elks. Our primary charities operate with less than a 10% administrative fee, and of course, the operation of our Lodge.

Our goal for the new Lodge year will be 100% renewal rates with 0% lapsation. Continuing membership in our order is a personal decision. Our desire would be for all to stay and bring a friend. If you are considering leaving for any reason, please contact me regarding the best options for your return. Absolute Demit is an option for members in good standing, i.e., current dues paid, allowing a return \$25.00 fee plus dues. Members 65+ old with 30 years an Elk may want to inquire about Life membership. Please email or call me with any questions you may have.

Our roster at the beginning of April 1, 2020, was 658. Our current membership is 643, with several candidates in queue for membership, several transfers out this year, and several have passed away. We may be down a bit, but our goal will remain no net loss for the new year.

Last month I included a lengthy pitch for ENF and CHEMPI; sincere thanks for your responses. Keep up the good work!

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we reopen in compliance with state and local requirements. We are complying with measures to ensure all our members' and guests' safety and well-being. Hopefully, the pandemic news and information will improve as vaccine delivery picks up.

Questions or comments call 530-906-4765 or email Harlan@hemoore.com

See you at the Lodge!



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Sickness and Distress

Jackie Shook, widow of Clarence Shook, fell and broke her wrist.

Judi Billey, wife of Dempsey Billey, has been ill but is on the mend at this time.

Lodge of Sorrow

Eugene D. Gregerson passed away 12/05/2020.

Remember to let me know if you hear of any sickness or distress and good news is always welcome also.

916-415-9062 or 916-759-8961 cell

Fraternally,
Sharon Bettencourt PDDGER
Sickness & Distress & Good News
Trustee

Veterans Corner

Welcome to February 2020. Valentine's Day, the 14th, is fast approaching. Do not forget to give a Valentine to the love of your life. Dining out is good, even if it is a drive-thru. Splurge. We also celebrate President's Day this month. There are too many military actions that occurred in this month to mention.

I scheduled three Veterans events for this calendar year. The first is the Veterans BBQ at the Reno VA hospital in Nevada, to be held on Monday, May 10th. We arrive there at 10 am, set up and serve by 11:30 am. Clean up is at 1 pm, and we're gone before 2 pm to return to Auburn. We always need volunteers. Call me. The second Veterans event is on Monday, August 2nd, at the Reno VA hospital. Technically, this is a Northeast District event and assisted by members from all the Lodges. The time and events are the same as when the Auburn Lodge puts on the May 10th BBQ. The third event is our Lodges Veterans Luncheon to be held on Monday, November 8th, at noon. There will be a cocktail hour beginning at 11 am, with lunch being served promptly at noon. Please support our bar. There will be the usual set-up and following clean-up. Remember, this luncheon has always been free to all Veterans and a nominal charge for non-Veterans (\$10.00). We'll need volunteers to set-up, serve, and clean-up. Please call me.

As I write this article, I have to add that all of the above is based on the COVID-19 19 pandemic situation. Hopefully, all this will change sufficiently to allow us to open and proceed with our Veterans activities as planned. I'll keep you posted.

Because our Lodge is closed due to the pandemic, we are faced with difficult financial times. As a Veteran, you can help by participating in the Wednesday grab and go dinners prepared at our Lodge. The cost remains \$15 per meal, with dessert, and is a good deal. Almost everything is done on a volunteer basis. We continue to have monthly bills that must be paid for us to remain in business. Please consider helping out by purchasing a Wednesday dinner. Call the Lodge and make a reservation. Dropping by makes it hard as only so many meals are prepared. Thank you for your consideration in this important activity.

Here is a quiet word from my pulpit. We are nearing renewal time for the next Elk year. The dues are the same. The current year was a bust thanx to the corona virus pandemic. Hopefully, it will come under control soon, allowing us to return to pre covid times. With that said, I would highly recommend that you continue your membership in this Elks Lodge. Don't let this pandemic win. Plans are underway now, setting the stage for Lodge events for the new year. Remember, you have to be a member to participate and enjoy those affairs. Think positive. I will be here next Elk year, won't you?

Our armed forces men and women are still serving in harm's way in the Middle East. They are wearing a protective mask as they seek out the enemy. Pray for them and their safe return to their loved ones.

May God keep you and yours safe in the palm of his hands. I wish you good health and much happiness. God Bless America.

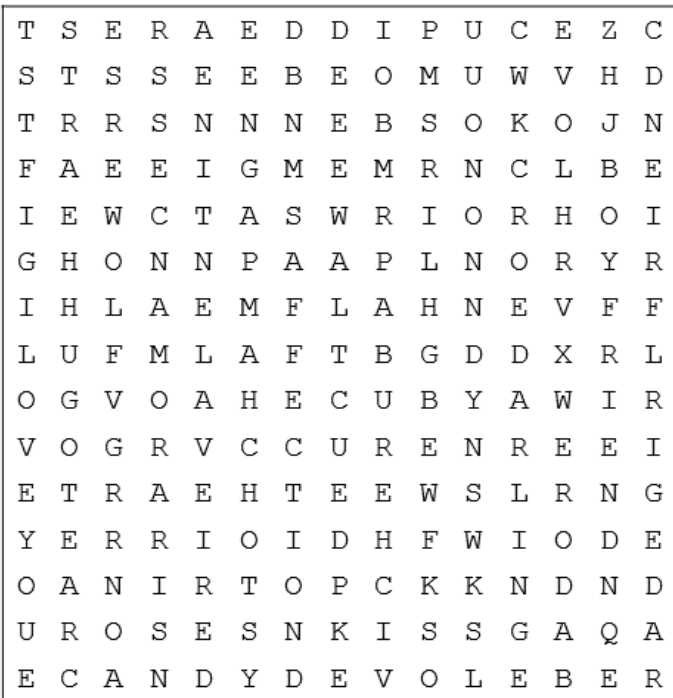
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Valentine's Day

February 14th



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AFFECTION
ARROW
BE MINE
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DEAREST
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HEARTS
HUG
I LOVE YOU
KISS

LOVE
PINK
POEM
RED
ROMANCE
ROSES
SWEETHEART
VALENTINE



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Dutra, Michael A
- 01 Gregersen, Mark C
- 02 Krall, F Michael
- 02 Bengston, Perry M
- 02 Eastman, Irving
- 02 Nordstrom, William
- 04 Billey, Dempsey J
- 04 Killinger, William L
- 04 Tiemann, A Lawrence
- 05 Frazier III, Samuel Jefferson
- 05 Jordan, Matt
- 05 Tucker, Lea Ann
- 07 Simoneau, Raymond Emile
- 11 Tukloff Jr, Henry A
- 12 Darling - Bliss, Carolyn
- 12 Goldie, George
- 12 Knorp, William H
- 12 Streif, Ed
- 13 Bennett, Robert James
- 13 Bischoff, William
- 13 LaBoa, Raymond E
- 14 Broughan, Russell S
- 14 Staats, Elizabeth A
- 15 Bauman, Martin A
- 15 Eisley, Harvey
- 16 Brennan, James
- 16 Causie, Duane C
- 16 Johnson, Bryan D
- 16 Waugh, Geoffrey
- 17 Newsom, Stephen Craig
- 18 Kulas, Calvin
- 18 Tribur, Matthew J
- 19 Mohammed, William 'Bill'
- 20 Schifando, Jack Peter
- 20 Steinhart, Angeline
- 21 Calhoon, Ken E
- 22 Jackson, Sandra Faye
- 22 Williams, George E
- 23 Caldwell, Leon C
- 23 DiPuccio, Gregory Julian
- 24 Petruk, Jim
- 24 Thompson, Oscar A
- 25 Bacon, Denny
- 25 James, Tommy
- 26 DiBiaso, Shawna V
- 26 Shaffer, Dan
- 27 Albright, James Edward
- 27 Tallman, Ray C



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Monthly Birthday Dinners will resume once the Lodge has fully reopened.

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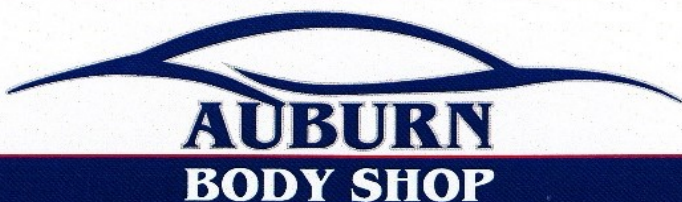
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See
Linda.



THE FOLLOWING LONG TIME LODGE MEMBERS FOR 2019 – 2020 AND 2020 – 2021 WILL BE RECEIVING PINS. UNFORTUNATELY, WITH THE LODGE CLOSED FOR MEETINGS OUR OLD-TIMERS WILL BE CONTACTED ON HOW TO RECEIVE THEIR PIN.

Old-Timers 2019 – 2020

20 Years

Harry L. Bedell Jr.

Janice M. Bouris

Max E. Brenneman

Dennis L. Koehn

Mike T. Linker

William E. Rockefeller

Dirk Van Stralen

Peter Vogt

Edward C. Wicks

John Floyd Ziegler

30 Years

Eugene P. Foiles

Al L. Hewitt

Louis A. Oliveira

35 Years

James L. Brown

Kent MacDonald

Dennis L. White

40 Years

Marvin Cornett

Oscar A. Thompson

25 Years

Thomas A. Bizal

Patrick R. Brady

Ronald T. Cardiff

James A. Chapman

Charles R. Fisher

William D. Hopper

Jim D. Jordan

Jon R. Loberg

Troy Ratliff

Richard A. Sutherland

Rudy Velik

45 Years

Ken E. Calhoon

Walter F. Drysdale

James E. Hunter

Michael B. Kamps

Michael P. Lake

Ronald L. LeDoux

50 Years

Leroy J. Conley

Bob J. Wire

55 Years

Nicholas A. Gerenday

Ronald H. Harris

OLD TIMERS 2021 – 2022

20 Years

Hugh W. Allen

Ronald L. Bailey

Gary R. Beckes

Albert E. Berry

Sharon A. Bettencourt

Warren L. Haase

Thomas W. Millward

Larry E. Rolufs

Gary L. Thomasson

25 Years

Alan R. Bartlett

Harry F. Benzie

Thomas E. Eastman

Eugene D. Gregerson

William H. Peters

Anthony Prowense

Wilford D. Roe

Dan Sokol

Matthew J. Tribur

Richard Wingeier

30 Years

Stephen C. Meade

35 YEARS

Leon C. Caldwell

Vic Roumage

William R. Uteley

40 YEARS

Dennis H. Gregory

45 YEARS

Roger W. Griess

Richard A. Hansen

John A. Pratt

50 YEARS

Eugene C. Henggeler

Ervan C. Winschell

55 YEARS

Robert N. Cain

Ronald A. Harmon

Roger L. Imsdahl

60 YEARS

Duane C. Causie

John 'Jack' Mc Afee

John F. Schance

65 YEARS

Henry E. 'Hank' Gonzales