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AUBURN LODGE NO. 1691

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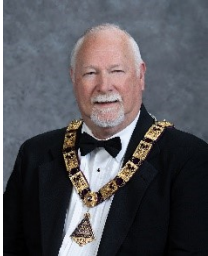
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### Exalted Ruler – Bill Chelonis



I really don't have much to say with the closures of bars, restaurants, and large meetings. October is going to be another month of the Lodge being closed because of the COVID-19 virus. The Lodge is still functioning with virtual meetings for the trustees, house committee, and general Lodge meetings. I am pleased to note that the Lodge will be serving "to-go meals" on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. Keep in touch with the weekly email newsletter. I believe our Chef Scott will help in cooking these meals. Tables, and the large canopy on the patio, have been set up for those who wish to eat there.

**Reservations are required** along with the number of meals ordered. Contact the Lodge via the email address: [auburnelks@gmail.com](mailto:auburnelks@gmail.com) or leave a message on the Lodge phone at 530-888-7111. Please note you must wear a face mask and keep social distancing if you plan on eating on the patio.

We hope to keep you informed via the weekly email newsletter. If you have email and are not receiving this newsletter tell Jack Meylink via his email address: [jackmeylink@yahoo.com](mailto:jackmeylink@yahoo.com)

We really want to get back to being together and enjoying each other's company. The House committee is continually looking at ways to restore the Lodge functions. Please continue to be safe and well with face masks and social distancing.

Regards,

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10	07	William G	Morgan
10	07	Robert	Roeder
10	08	Ronald H	Harris
10	08	Bruno	Pelc
10	09	Alan B	Morford
10	09	Rudolph 'Rudy'	Pelzman
10	09	Terrel	Peterich
10	09	Stephen T	Wilson
10	10	Janice M	Bouris
10	10	Roger	Johnson
10	11	James 'Jim'	Hammond
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10	11	Eugene	Vogel
10	12	Charles 'Bud'	Klingler
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10	13	Courtland D	Bradbury
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10	15	Ray	Cunningham
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10	15	Don	Whitaker
10	18	Michael G	Bielski
10	18	Manny	Martinez
10	18	Ward 'Chip'	Perley
10	19	Mark S	Capik
10	19	Donald L	Gardiner
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10	20	Richard H	O'Reilly
10	21	Robert N	Cain
10	22	Rodney	Borba
10	22	W 'Sandy'	Kasitz
10	22	Larry	Lipsmeyer
10	23	Patricia E	Waikel
10	24	Greg	Brazier
10	24	Tim	Kent
10	24	Louis	Leimbach

10	25	Michele	Calbi
10	25	Alvin G	Fairfield
10	25	Floyd	Fincher
10	25	Art	Jepsen
10	25	David	Knack
10	26	George A	Ramos
10	27	James 'Jim' H	Cowper
10	27	Carl W	Peck
10	28	James H	Lambert
10	29	Howard	Davidson
10	30	Justin D	Gregory
10	30	Sharon L	Townsend
10	31	Ernest J	Farinha
10	31	John A	Madeiros

### WINNERS!

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER DRAWING

SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> – 2416966 Red Ticket

SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> – 171253 Yellow Ticket

If you have either of these tickets bring it with you for a free meal on your next order.

### LODGE CLEAN UP REMINDER



Please remember Lodge Cleanup the 1st Wednesday each month at 9:00 am. The next one is on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Hopefully! Check emails from Lodge or call me.**

In September, we did some general cleanup inside & outside, cleaned ceiling fans, cleaned and dusted bar area, cleaned lobby, weed wacked, cleaned around coffee makers, blew leaves, sprayed weeds, and much, much more.

The Lodge would like to thank the members that worked in September: PER Dick Robart, PDD/PVP/PER Dave Provan, , PER/BHC Pres. Manny Martinez, Leading Knight Linda Lee Talso, Rudy Pelzman, Gary Cox, Jim Harris, Harvey Easley, Ed Rodriguez. Ron Bailey, Gary Beckes, Michael Van Hook and Mike Slattery.

**Turnout was Not good. We can always use a few more. Please come out and give us a hand next time.**

Dick Robart Lodge Cleanup Chair  
530-889-1779h 530-906-1945c  
[lib.dick.robart@gmail.com](mailto:lib.dick.robart@gmail.com)

## Sickness and Distress



*Member Jesse Thompson Jr. passed away on September 12 of a massive heart attack. Jesse had been our host for our picnic for many years.*

*On the bright side of things, PER Anna Anderson has been making a lot of masks for folks, and it is appreciated. I got a phone call about this and being we can't be together to say thank you, we will do it this way. Thanks, Anna*

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

*Fraternally,  
Sharon Bettencourt PDDGER  
916-415-9062 or 916-759-8961 cell  
Sickness & Distress & Good News  
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Regular Lodge Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-Lodge Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday thru Friday

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month

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## Officers

Exalted Ruler: Bill Chelonis

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Lodge: Open

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Station of the Leading Knight – Linda Lee Talso

Greetings!

It is that time again, Loyal Knight Bill Costa, and his wife Joyce, went to the 4H Livestock Auction with me on September 12th. Since there were about half as many participants and bidders, and online bidders, prices were a bit out of our range. Exalted Ruler Bill Chelonis was nice enough to contact the student we bought from last year, and she gave him the name of someone who might be able to help us get a pig for our Pig Raffle this year. I will update you on our progress in next month's bulletin.


We had a GREAT turnout for our "Thanksgiving in September" Dinner, on September 16th, with 201 reservations. I hope you participated! Thank you, Scott. By the time you read this, we will also have had our "A Taste of Italy" dinner on September 23rd with Scott's famous spaghetti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and dessert.

We are looking for more volunteers to rotate with the people we have right now to help our dinners succeed. Please email [auburnelks@gmail.com](mailto:auburnelks@gmail.com) or call our Elks Lodge 530-888-7111 and leave a message with your name and phone number, letting us know you would like to be part of our crew.

Hope to see you at our Wednesday night dinners at Auburn Elks Lodge #1691.

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See Linda.



## Veterans Corner

Fall has made an appearance, and October is Halloween month. The issue at this time is whether or not the Lodge will open any time soon. We have moved back and forth in the stages of this pandemic. With all of this, we do have some good news to share.

But first, some historical military events. October 1, 1943, the Women's Army Corps was established, and on October 25, 1983, U.S. forces invaded Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury).

We just completed our second dinner take out. With the success of our first two efforts to provide take out dinner meals, it looks like we'll continue doing so as long as there is a profit. Our Chef, Scott, is now preparing the bulk of the meals. Everyone has enjoyed Scott's cooking at the Lodge. Plan to make a reservation and come by and pick up a meal or two. At this time, it appears the meals will be a mere \$15 each. If you desire, you can dine on the patio with your meal and visit with fellow members. Beer and wine are available for those eating on site.

November is National Veterans & Military Families Month. As of now, the Veterans luncheon is still in limbo. A final decision on whether or not we will go forward with the annual luncheon will be made before the next bulletin is published. So far, it does not look good. As for the Veteran's Day Parade, that too is up in the air. A final decision will also be made before next month's bulletin is printed.

Life continues to go on around the world. We are all still enveloped in the Coronavirus pandemic. Our military has a function to perform no matter the world's health, even with the conflicts in the Middle East, our military needs to stay as safe as possible. Please keep all our military in your prayers. Pray also for their safe return to their families.

God Bless our Military, Family, and Friends. God Bless America.

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## From the Secretary – Harlan Moore

October, and hopefully some Fall weather along the way. The smoke from statewide fires has been difficult for all. Included in GOOD NEWS is the Wednesday curbside meal has been a success, so much so that as of mid - September, the House Committee and Trustees are working toward a weekly Wednesday curbside dinner, as stated it is basically a drive-by pickup, but limited patio seating is available and will continue so long as weather permits. Thanks to the many who have planned, organized, and staffed the effort to open the Lodge in some form. We are looking forward to more events as State and Local governments relax restrictions as COVID-19 conditions improve.

MORE GOOD NEWS regarding our charities. Our Lodge and our district are the only mainland organizations that have already met the Pearl Harbor Memorial Restoration Project's per capita goals and continue to collect funds. Ongoing is our affiliation under the umbrella of State and National, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, B.P.O.E., also sometimes referred to as the "Best People on Earth" our efforts continue through our California-Hawaii Major Project "C.H.E.M.P.I.". Our work in service to children throughout our state, and Elks National Foundation "E.N.F.", our support of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, as well as support and service to Veterans, continues, despite local restrictions. Our Lodge is mostly closed; however, our hearts should remain open toward our primary charitable activities.

Progress continues, albeit slowly, for receipt and processing of 2020-2021 dues. A third dues statement will be mailed, followed by phone and personal contact efforts to check on our members still delinquent.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we reopen in compliance with state and local requirements to ensure all our members' and guests' safety and well-being.

Hopefully, this message is received with clarity and more GOOD NEWS, and you all receive this information in good health. Be careful and stay safe.

Questions or comments call 530-906-4765 or email [Harlan@hemoore.com](mailto:Harlan@hemoore.com)

See you at the Lodge!  
Fraternally,  
Harlan



**National Wreaths Across America Day is happening this year!!**

### Important Dates

**Monday, November 30th: Cutoff Date for Wreath Orders**

**Saturday, December 19th: National Wreaths Across America Day**

### How to Order Wreaths

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Our Elks group website is:

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0187P](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0187P)

You can also order wreaths through the mail by sending a check and a completed [wreath sponsorship form](#) to WAA HQ. Be sure to put your Group ID and Location ID on the form!

*Please make checks payable to:*

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PO Box 249

### PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS CANCELED FOR 2020

The PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS and dinner scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020, has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Of all years, there would have been many award recipients for both fire and police individuals who have worked tirelessly throughout this pandemic.

We look forward to putting on this traditional event again next November 2021.

Dempsey Billey  
Tom Hart  
Public Safety Night Committee



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## From the Secretary – Harlan Moore



September is here and still no firm word on when and how we can reopen our Lodge. In the preview department, let's hope the soft opening for curb or patio meals scheduled for late August was successful and will help us with some income and, more importantly, some useful tips on alternate event planning.

I do hope we will be able to reopen at least in some limited fashion we have 15 plus candidates in the system for membership, we are working to initiate soon.

What is still very much in place is our affiliation under the umbrella of State and National, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, B.P.O.E. also sometimes referred to as the "Best People on Earth". Our efforts continue through our California-Hawaii Major Project "C.H.E.M.P.I.". Our work in service to children throughout our state, and Elks National Foundation "E.N.F.", our support of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, as well as support and service to Veterans, continues, despite local restrictions.

Progress continues, albeit slowly, for receipt and processing of 2020-2021 dues. Response to the second billing has revealed some members have moved, changed activity levels, and even passed away. Before long, we will begin phone and personal contact with members that are still delinquent.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we reopen in compliance with state and local requirements. Ensuring the safety and well-being of all our members and guests is a priority.

Hopefully, this message will be received with clarity and better news when you all read this, be careful and stay safe, and you all receive this information in good health.

Questions or comments call 530-906-4765 or email [Harlan@hemoore.com](mailto:Harlan@hemoore.com)

See you at the Lodge!  
Fraternally,  
Harlan

### 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>

## Veterans Corner

Here we are entering September with no real tangible definition of our future as an Elks Lodge. Let me expand on this from early August when I composed this literary work. Remember, things change daily to weekly to monthly.

In mid-July, we were anticipating opening the Lodge after having completed some cleaning issues. Bam! Placer County shut us down again, and it's not yet ready to meet the standards to reopen in mid-August. We still have to get written permission from the county health department before going forward with any plans. We had to dispose of all the goodies for the "Treats for Troops" as some unwanted trespassers entered our facility and had a heyday in the back-storage room. I thought we got rid of the vermin in the kitchen while overlooking the back-storage area. It is cleaned up now, and there is nothing in the back-storage area to attract any verminous creatures.

With all this shared with you, we're still wondering how to proceed. Specifically, I am interested in planning for this fall's Veterans activities. At the rate we are going, I am not so sure that we'll be able to formulate anything for November. Stay tuned in case we have significant changes that would allow us to rocket forward for our deserving Veterans.

As you read this, our kids and grandchildren are back attending school. It is distance learning at its finest. Help out whenever you can, as this might take a village (or a vineyard!). Get my drift? Our summer may not have been what we wanted but know that next year will be better.

The world continues to rotate, and we must carry on with a positive attitude. Our brothers in arms serving in harm's way have been doing their best. Pray that they will return home unharmed. Keep all our troops in your prayers.

God Bless our Military, Family, and Friends. God Bless America.

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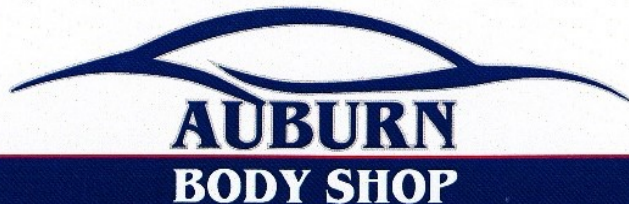
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