

VISALIA ELKS

1298 BULLETIN | "The Herd"

Visalia, California – January 2024 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



Lodge Meetings

Wed January 10, 2024 – Business
Wed January 24, 2024 - Initiations

House Committee Meeting

Wed January 10, 2024

Trustee Meeting

Wed January 10, 2024
(You must call or e-mail in advance to be on the agenda)

Bunco Night

January 9th – Check-in starts at 5:30pm
and dice start rolling at 6pm

Taco Tuesday

January 9th and 23rd

Poker Night

January 4th and 18th - Seat Cards handed out at 6pm - Cards are dealt at 6:30pm

Veteran's Breakfast –

January 14th – 8:30-11am

Cook Your Own Steak Night

January 19th - 6-7:30pm

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"EXALTED RULER'S CORNER"

Dear Members of the Visalia Elks Lodge,

As we bid farewell to the old and welcome the promise of the new, I extend warm wishes to each and every one of you. May the coming year be filled with joy, prosperity, and camaraderie within our cherished lodge.

It has been an honor serving as your Exalted Ruler, and I look forward to continuing our shared journey in the spirit of Elkdom. Let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead, supporting one another in friendship and service to our community.

Let us reflect on our accomplishments over the past year: installation of our outside Elks, merchandise galore, upgrade of the Fireside Room, Hoops Shoot, countless dinners and Veterans breakfasts, Crab feed and Bayoufest. Too many to list!!!

May 2024 be a year of renewed enthusiasm, strengthened bonds, and meaningful contributions to the well-being of those around us. Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy New Year filled with health, happiness, and the enduring spirit of Elkdom.

Come support your local lodge and remember, We Are THE Elks!

Yours in Elkdom,

Fraternally,
Russell McKinney
Exalted Ruler
Visalia Elks Lodge #1298

Lodge Officers 2022/2023

Exalted Ruler	Russell McKinney
Leading Knight	Kevin Colopy
Loyal Knight	Joe Paddock
Lecturing Knight	Steve Williams
Esquire	Eva Rasmussen
Chaplain	Camille Fisher
Inner Guard	Pam Taves
Tiler	Keith Carlos
Secretary	Wendy O'Connor
Treasurer	Chuck Fishel

Trustees:

1-Year	Rodney Jared
2-Year	Victor Perez
3-Year	Tom O'Connor
4-Year	Ron Marshall
5-Year	Scott Taves

Past Exalted Rulers *

Ronald Mathis	1976-77
Larry Paxton	1978-79
John Peters	1989-90
Jim Hay	1991-92
Robert Casey	1992-93
Al Hack	1995-96
Rob Van Wagoner	1999-2000
Joe Alberti	2004-05, 05-06, 15-16
Ted Donald	2006-07
Jan Lee	2016-17, 17-18
Ray Lewis	2018-19, 19-20
Ron Marshall	2020-21
Eli Ledesma	2021-22
Mike Saulque	2022-23

*Active in Good Standing

Past Exalted Rulers from other lodges:

Ken Bridges	Tulare # 1424
Pat Dugan	Tulare #1424

Member News:

Orientation and Initiation.

Next Orientation is January 24, 2024 at 5:30pm. Ball Room #2

Orientation is MANDATORY for all candidates. Because of our current situation, only candidates and sponsors will be allowed to attend.

This is the beginning of the learning process of the BPOE and what we are all about.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and candidates will have dinner on us.

Only members and candidates are allowed in the lodge room. The members lounge will be closed during the initiation and lodge meeting. Expect about an hour. No beverages are allowed in the lodge room.

Note to Sponsors: Please make reservations for your candidates and notify them of the above listed times. Sponsors should escort their candidates to orientation, dinner and initiation. **Attire is business casual.**

**NO SHORTS, FLIP FLOPS,
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DURING THE INITIATION...**

Candidates for voting this month

Jeremy Allen by Christie Clements
Robert Brown by Steven Williams
Erika Gomez by Terry Culotta
Christina Jordan by John Peters
Ashley Kirksey by Jeff Wilson
Tricia Marie Kirksey by Jeff Wilson
Tiffane McRoberts by Terry Culotta
Perry Miller by Clifford Miller
Cherylene Robertson by Dan Helzer
Jessica Souza by Brock Robertson
Steven Sweet by Dale Burke
Wendy Walters by Pedro Ferreria
Frank West by Gregory Lopez

Scholarship Update from Bill Flores.

Our team has scored and processed the apps for the Most Valuable Scholar program. Six seniors will move up to the next level. Laurel and I have also volunteered to help score at the District level and will announce our Lodge recipients later in the month of January.

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VISALIA ELKS COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Auditing Accounting	Ray Lewis PER
Americanism	Richard Grissom
Beqs. & Living Trusts	Melanie McKimmons
Business Practices	Wendy O'Connor
Drug Awareness	Thomas Higgins
Government Relations	Ray Lewis PER
Hoop Shoot	Suzanna Aguilera-Marrero
Insurance & Safety	Ron Marshall / Rodney Jared
Lodge Activities	Wendy O'Connor
Membership Retention	Ron Marshall
National Foundation ENF	Melanie McKimmons
National Foundation Grants	Kevin Colopy
Nat Vets Service	Rebecca Peterson
Officers Training	Eli Ledesma PER
Public Relations	Stacey Marshall
Major Project	Melanie McKimmons
Ritual Training	Ray Lewis PER
Scholarships	Bill Flores
Youth Activities	Diane Rouse

Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks

12-10-23 Veteran's Breakfast - Served 241 guests

Team Leader: Tom Hansen

Saturday Prep Crew: Ed & Jane Shields, Rae Crawford, Ruel Stevens, Ron Vasquez, Eric Bush, Scott Reeder and Phil Maroney

Sunday Breakfast:

Hostesses: Judy Staley, Eva Rasmussen and Melanie McKimmons

Front Lounge: Eric Fishel

Omelet Cooks: Janie Donald, Lori Jackson, Scott Reeder, Tim Penton, Becky Kennedy and Shane Souza

Kitchen Cooks:

Jeff Turner – Gravy

Phil Fortney - Bacon

Russell McKinney – Sausage, Potatoes

Servers:

Sark Davidian (Bacon)

Amy Gordon and daughter (Sausage & Potatoes)

John Kennedy (Pancakes & French Toast)

Rae Crawford (Biscuits and Gravy)

Dishwashers: Nick Gordon, Richard Break & Ted Donald

Back up Cooks: Eric Bush, Jorge Montano, Ron Vasquez & Phil Maroney

Bussers: Girl Scouts

12-12-23 Taco Tuesday

Team Leader: Jamie Duncan

Crew: Bill & LaDean Pearce, Mike Wiebe, Dianna Martinez, Laurel Flores

12-13-23 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Danny Carrell – Smokin' Hot

Crew: Bill Meyst, George Gambil, Jelenia Crenshaw, Johnny Babb, Devony Smith, LaRea Rivera, James Plough, Patty Meeker, Lori Carrell, Cheyene Carrell, Jose Marquez, Kim and Nathan Stoll, Laurel Flores

Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks (cont.)

12-15-23 Cook Your Own Steak Night

Team Leader: Jamie Duncan

Crew: Bill & LaDean Pearce, Mike Wiebe, Stacy McNabb, LaRuth Chance, Toni Coop, JT Groover, Kevin Colopy, Phil Moreno, Marco Vaca, Eva Rasmussen, Laurel Flores

12-20-23 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Ruckin' Fidiculous

Crew: Rod Jared, Stacy Jared, Michelle Nelson, Debbie Chavez, Bobbie Chavez, Chuck Fishel, Cissy Archuleta

12-27-23 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Kim Burchett

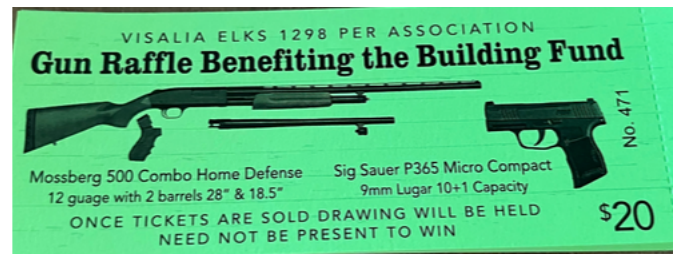
Crew: Gerri Giotta, DeeDee Rains, Debbie Buckner, Holly Derrington, Christina Ritchie, Phil Moreno, Danny Ludlum, Don Smith, Cisy Archuleta, Laurel Flores

Please note: If you'd like your cooking team to get credit in the bulletin, please be sure to fill out the form and turn it into the office. We only publish what we get submitted.

ELKS LODGE UPDATES

TACO TUESDAY PRICE CHANGE

Price for Taco Tuesday will now be \$12 a plate beginning January 1, 2024.



VISALIA ELKS 1298 PER ASSOCIATION

GUN RAFFLE BENEFITING THE BUILDING FUND

Tickets for the raffle are \$20 each. Please see Mike Saulque at reach out to him at 559-679-7013 for more info.

Upcoming events:



Bunco Night – January 9th

Check-in 5:30pm – Game starts at 6pm sharp



1298 Cigar Club – January 11th at 6:30pm

If you enjoy a good cigar or you're just curious about cigars, this will give members an opportunity to meet at least once a month. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.



*Veteran's Breakfast
- 8:30-11:00am*

Veteran's Breakfast – January 14th

Eggs/Omelet bar, Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage, French toast, Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy

8:30 to 11:00am

Adults - \$15.00 | Kids under 12yrs - \$12 |

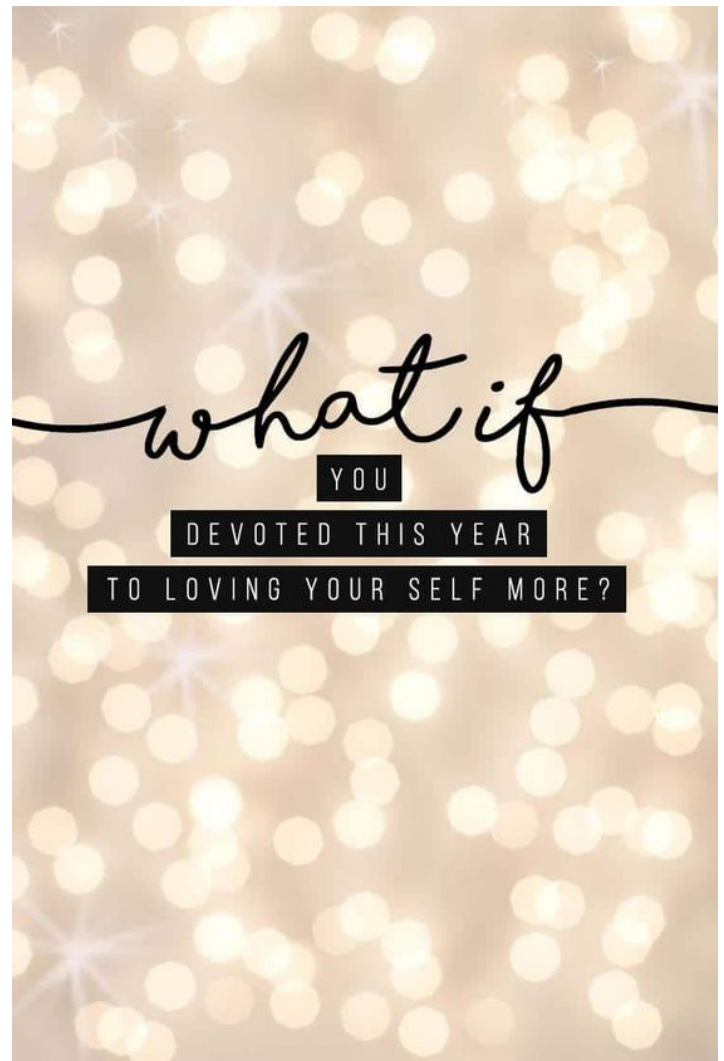
Veterans - \$8.00



SAVE THE DATE

Crab Feed – February 23, 2024

Tickets go on sale, Tuesday, January 23rd. There are no pre-sales or reserving before that date. More information to come so watch your bulletin and members page for more information.





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VAGABONDS TRAVELS



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As 2024 approaches, the Vagabond ended the year with a bang! The Christmas Party on December 2 was amazing, thanks to the planning and coordination by Ladean Pearce. The food was phenomenal. The menu consisted of shrimp cocktail, salad of crisp romain lettuce, mandarins, red onion, cranberries, candied walnuts and spicy vinaigrette dressing. The main course was Chateaubriand and Monterey Chicken Rolls, Twice Baked Potato, Sauteed Zucchini, Onions, Tomatoes, Carrot Puree and Parmesan Garlic Crusty Bread. The meal was topped off with small bite desserts of either thumb print cookies, velvet cake, chocolate mousse, lemon mousse, pumpkin roll and cream puffs. The lucky door prize winners were Lloyd Cooper, Robert Bane, Steve Egbert, Pat Mires and Phil Moreno. The party was lots of fun and many danced their legs off. So many members commented what a great party – one of the best ever. Thank you, Ladean.

For **2024 mark your calendars** for future rallies: We will start off 2024 with a rally to enjoy the Super Bowl Sunday at the Lodge on Sunday, February 11. More details about the activities will be provided at the January 17 RV meeting. Then March 13-17 will be the Annual Casa De Fruta Rally, next to San Lorenzo Park in King City June 20-24 and Orange Grove in Bakersfield October 16-21.

Frank and Kathy Kelly

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Members with a birthday this month get a FREE dinner on any dinner of the month, including Friday Steak Night. (Excludes Prime Rib, Rib Nights, Fireside Dinners, Crab and Shrimp Feeds. Get A Free Beverage on your birthday in the lounge.

- 1 Chris Hash
Dexter L Patton
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William R Pearce
Raymond Prado
Linda Silveira
- 3 Luvern Blaszak
Sherry Lynn Estabrooks
Randall Bruce Hardcastle
Calvin D Wallis
- 4 Kimberly Wertman
- 5 Monique Prado
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Diana Rouse
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Pamela Nelson
Michael Pierce
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Tom O'Connor
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Patti Reed
Richard Rios
Darrell Shaw
Mark Vincent
- 15 Donald Chambers

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- 18 Jim Eager
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Larry Tucker
Vince Vasquez
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Gary D Lee
Alexander Martin
Jorge Montano
Marcus E Vaughn
- 20 Douglas Hanson
Cecile Scossa
Oak Smith
Jeff Turner
- 21 Willie Case
Nathan Hop
- 22 Linda Hefke
Dalton Roy Miller
- 23 Brad Bridges
Mark Allen Jones
Sean Vedenoff
- 24 Thomas D Annear
Rebecca Burford
Michael Elick
Steven McCarter
Frances Nelms
Rachel Anne Purkiss
Kirk Sargent
- 25 Brock Dias
Larry Kapigian
Kami Martin
Robert Van Wagoner
- 26 Michael R Alvarez
Gary D Castro
Larry Castro
Jason Glick
Gene Hofer
Gerardo Rodriguez

- 27 Richard Hoffman
John Michael Roth
- 28 Allen Judkins
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- 29 John Madruga
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