VISALIA ELKS # 1298 BULLETIN | "The Herd"

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



Lodge Meetings Wed April 10, 2024 – Business Wed April 24, 2024 - Initiations House Committee Meeting Wed April 10, 2024 Trustee Meeting Wed April 10, 2024 (You must call or e-mail in advance to be on the agenda)

Bunco Night April 9th – sign in starts at 5:30pm

Taco Tuesday April 9th and 23rd

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

Veteran's Breakfast – April 14th – 8:30-11am

Cook Your Own Steak Night April 19th - 6pm – 7:30pm

Friday Lunches - April 5th and 19th

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News Submission Deadline Submissions must be received on the 20th of each month to be included in the next newsletter. Send to: <u>kristy@rknstudio.com</u>

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"EXALTED RULER'S CORNER"

Dear Members of the Visalia Elks Lodge,

It is with immense gratitude and determination that I step into the role of Exalted Ruler for our esteemed lodge. I extend my sincerest thanks for your trust in me and for the opportunity to serve our lodge in this capacity. As we embark on this new journey together, I want to emphasize the vital role that fundraising will play in achieving our collective goals this year.

Our lodge has ambitious plans for the year ahead, including crucial infrastructure improvements such as repaying the parking lot, repairing underground utilities, and upgrading our ballroom. Additionally, we aim to enhance the comfort and enjoyment of our members by refurnishing the lounge and attending to other essential areas of improvement.

However, none of these aspirations can become a reality without the unwavering support of our membership. That is why I am passionate about driving home the message of our "365 Campaign." By pledging just \$365 per member annually, the equivalent of a dollar a day, we can unlock the resources necessary to fulfill our lodge's needs and aspirations.

Let us not underestimate the power of collective action. With almost 1300 members united in purpose, we possess the strength and means to overcome any challenge and realize our shared vision for the future of our lodge. Together, we can turn our dreams into tangible achievements.

I am inspired by the generosity and dedication of our members, and I am confident that, with your continued support, we will surpass our fundraising goals and pave the way for a brighter future for the Visalia Elks Lodge.

Thank you for your commitment to our lodge and for your unwavering belief in our potential. Together, let us rise to the occasion and make this year one of unprecedented success and accomplishment.

Fraternally yours,

Kevin Colopy Exalted Ruler Visalia Elks Lodge #1298

Lodge Officers 2022/2023

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Exalted Ruler Leading Knight Loyal Knight Lecturing Knight Esquire Chaplain Inner Guard Tiler Secretary Treasurer	Kevin Colopy Joe Paddock Steve Williams Chuck Fishel Eva Rasmussen Keith Carlos Camille Fisher Mike Saulque Wendy O'Connor Russell McKinney				
Trustees:					
1-Year	Victor Perez				
2-Year	Tom O'Connor				
3-Year	Ron Marshall				
4-Year	Scott Taves				
5-Year	Rodney Jared				
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 Wagone					
Joe Alberti	2004-05,				
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Ray Lewis					
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Ron Marshall	19-20 2020-21				
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*Active in Good Standing

Past Exalted Rulers from other lodges:Ken BridgesTulare # 1424Pat DuganTulare # 1424

Member News:

Orientation and Initiation. Next Orientation is April 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, "T-SHIRTS OR JEANS DURING THE INITIATION...

Candidates for voting this April 10, 2024

Natalie Azparren by Jeff Richardson Ross Carlisle by Phil Berry Greg Davis by Ray Lewis Brian Lucas by DeeDee Rains Jessica Moody by Ted Donald Wesley Kent Stone by Alan Rodriguez Adam Wheeler by Michael Vaca

Reinstate: **Kelly Lloyd** by Dwayne McGovran

Transfer: Geri M Lefler (from Hanford Lodge)



365 Campaign

– Kevin Colopy, ER is initiating this campaign for 2024.

Read more about it in the ER Corner on Page 1. "By pledging just \$365 per member annually, the equivalent of a dollar a day, we can unlock the resources necessary to fulfill our lodge's needs and aspirations."

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Help them get the info they need by visiting our website:

<u>www.visaliaelks.org</u> and subscribing to the mailing list (on the home page on the right side). You can even do this from your phone. Once they enter their name/email into the subscription form, they'll get an email to confirm their subscription. After it's confirmed, they'll receive the monthly bulletin and the weekly **What's Happening This Week** email that is sent out on Mondays. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The **Kentucky Derby** party is coming up fast on May 4th.

We're having a volunteer meeting on Monday, April 8th at 5:30pm. If you've been wanting to get more involved in events going on at our lodge, this is a great one to be a part of.

VISALIA ELKS COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks

03-07-24 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Lori Jackson Crew: Pam Nelson, Scott Reeder, Tony & Tina Aguilar, Eric Bush, Jeff Turner, Laura Crawford, Lucille Kreps, Peggy Gruber, Marco Vega, Alvio & Sharon Lopez, Eva Rasmussen, Laurel Flores

03-8-24 CCCFCA Dinner

Team Leader: John Peters Crew: Phil Moreno, Sam Castillo, Steve Sobko, Rea Crawford, Reuel Stevens

3-10-24 Veteran's Breakfast - Served 298 guests

Team Leader: Brian Fishel Saturday Prep Crew: Brian Fishel, Eva Rasmussen, Phil Moreno, Rae Crawford, Ron Vasquez, Jane & Ed Shields, Reuel Stevens, Chuck

Fishel, Scott Reeder Sunday Breakfast:

Hostesses: Judy Staley, Michelle Nelson and Melanie McKimmons Front Lounge: Chuck Fishel and Kevin Colopy Omelet Cooks: Scott Nelson, Rodney Jared, Mike Saulque, Ron

Marshall, Lori Jackson, Janie Donald

Kitchen Cooks:

Scot Reeder & Jeff Turner - Gravy

Phil Fortney - Bacon Russell McKinney and Ron Vasquez – Sausage, Potatoes

Servers:

Rae Crawford, John Kennedy, Amy Gordon, Stacey Jared, Phil Moreno

Dishwashers: Nick Gordon, Richard Break, Shane Souza & Ted Donald

Back up Cooks: Eric Bush, Rodney Jared, Ron Vasquez & Phil Maroney, James Silva and Eva Rasmussen **Bussers:** Girl Scouts

Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks (cont.)

3-12-24 Taco Tuesdav

Team Leader: Jamie Duncan Crew: Bill and LaDean Pearce, Mike Wiebe, Stacy McNabb, Laurel Flores

3-13-24 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Danny Carrell – Smokin' Hot Crew: Lori Carrell, Cheyenne Carrell, Bill & Robin Meyst, Jelenia Crenshaw, Cesar Vargas, LaRea Rivera, Devony Smith, James Plough

3-15-24 Cook Your Own Steak Night

Team Leader: Jamie Duncan

Crew: Kevin Colopy, Bill & LaDean Pearce, Mike Wiebe, Rob Shahan, Stacy McNabb, LaRea Rivera, Eli Ledesma, JT Groover, Keith Carlos, Russel McKinney, Cesar Vargas, Cissy Archuleta, Laurel Flores, Eva Rassmussen, Camile Fisher

3-20-24 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Ruckin' Fidiculous Crew: Scott Nelson, Michel Nelson, Joe Paddock, Anna Paddock, Pam Taves, Debbie Chavez, Melanie McKimmons, Holly Derington, Cissy Archuleta

3-22-24 Installation Dinner

Team Lead: Kim Burchett Crew: Harry and Debbie Buckner, Gerrie Giotta, DeeDee Rains, Holly Derington, Jane Shields, Don Smith, Phil Moreno, Rae Crawford, Reuel Stevens, Danny Ludlum, Mindy Morgan, Laurel Flores, Christina Ritchie

3-26-24 Taco Tuesday

Team Leader: Jamie Duncan Crew: Bill and LaDean Pearce, Mike Wiebe, Stacy McNabb, Laurel Flores

3-31-24 Kids Easter Party

Team Leader: Jamie Duncan/Jamie Ensminger Crew: Bill and LaDean Pearce, Mike Wiebe, Peggy Gruber, Melanie McKimmons, Skip Nugent, Laurel Flores, Jamie Ensminger with Ray, Justin, Larry, Lou, Tiffany, Heather, Craig and Dora

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.

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Upcoming events:



7th Annual Visalia Elks Tea Party – April 6th – SOLD OUT



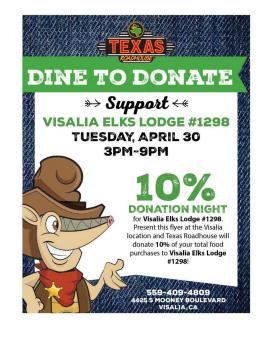
Sunco Night – April 9^{...} check-in starts 5:30pm



1298 Cigar Club – April 11th at 6:30pm If you enjoy a good a 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 – April 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



TEXAS ROADHOUSE - DINE TO DONATE -April 30, 2024



PURPLE PIG THANK YOU'S

Major Project/Purple Pig

THANK YOU and a Tip o' the hat from the Purple Pig " A coin a day so they'll walk, talk, see and play "



VAGABONDS TRAVELS



The annual St. Patrick's Day Rally at Case De Fruta March 14-17 proved to be another enjoyable rally. Julie Burger shared a beautiful morning Irish Blessing and following in the tradition of the corned beef and cabbage dinner Saturday evening, Frank Kelly sang his family's Kelly Song about "Knocking the "L of Kelly, he will surely knock the L out of me."

Sharon Lamb, one of the newer Vagabond members, described the rallyThe Elks Vagabonds recently had their annual St. Patrick's Day gathering at Casa De Fruta in Hollister. There was a great turnout with 25 RVs attending. Trail bosses Neville and Marian put on a fabulous corned beef and cabbage feed with all the trimmings. There were a lot of helping hands and many who brought fabulous desserts. After dinner the Horse Races followed which stirred up a whole lot of excitement with some big winners. The weekend was also filled with great breakfasts followed by baseball games, LRC game and Blackout game. The evening usually ended with a campfire at Eddie and Danette's sharing stories and laughter. Such fun...

Thank you Sharon Lamb, for your paragraph summarizing the March rally. It is always good to read someone else's take on the weekend activities.

Vagabonds also welcome new members Brian and Jo-Ann Andrew, Bob and Betty Brown, Brad and Brenda McDonald, Alan and Diane Tarp.

The next Vagabond outing will be **April 11-15** at Orange Grove RV Park in Bakersfield. Then, mark your calendar to join the group at San Lorenzo Park in King City **June 20-24** and then back to Orange Grove RV Park in Bakersfield **October 16-21**.

Safe travels to those on the road and see you at the next RV meeting April 17.

Frank and Kathy Kelly

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These good folks have donated to help keep our monthly newsletter coming to each and every one of our members. We appreciate their consideration. If you are interested in being a sponsor in future bulletins, please contact the office. The cost is \$100 a year and it can be prorated if needed.

APRIL 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 <u>on your birthday</u> in the lounge.		
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0	Jeffery Staley William Palmer		Raul Ortega John C Rivera	Birthday!	
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	James Shaw	22	Kirk Ray		
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-	Cynthia Lynch		Eva Rasmussen		
	Paul McDonald		Kenneth Whiteside		
	Joe Paddock	24	Thomas Clevenger		
8	Damon J Sigman		Jacob Donald		
	Jared Whaley		Jim Hay		
9	LaRuth Chance		Kris Herd		
	Brooke Clevenger		Cindy Howell		
	Guillermo Salinas		Loraine Swain		
	Debra L Winegarden		Andrew Trevino		
	Larry L Yocum	25	Richard H Clevenger		
10	Joe Andrada		Deanna Souza		
	Kayla Brown		John V Swanson		
	Jacob Eugene Fulton	26	Rodney A Serpa		
	Robert Reyes		Bill Slack		
11	Mike Hodges	27	Henry Van Heeringen Jeffery B Fenske		
12	Michael Paul McLennan Judi Ellebracht	21	Pennie Kay Graham		
12	James Preston Castelman		Camron Martin		
15	Tony Perez		Chad Nelsen		
14	Bob Ausherman		Skip Nugent		
17	Chuck Lovenburg	28	Rick Krikorian		
	Robert Tays		Johnny Mora		
	Marco Vaca		Larry Owsley		
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