WISALIA ELKS #1298 BULLETIN | "The Herd"

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



Lodge Meetings

Wed September 11, 2024 – Business Wed September 25, 2024 - Initiations

House Committee Meeting

Wed September 11, 2024

Trustee Meeting

Wed September 11, 2024 (You must call or e-mail in advance to be on the agenda)

Bunco Night

September 10th – sign in starts at 5:30pm

Taco Tuesday

September 10th - 5:30pm

Poker Night

September 5th and 19th - Seat Cards handed out at 6pm - Cards are dealt at 6:30pm

Veteran's Breakfast - Mother's Day

September 8th – 8:30-11am

Cook Your Own Steak Night

September 20th

Friday Lunches – September 13th and 27th

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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: kristv@rknstudio.com**



"EXALTED RULER'S CORNER"

I can't believe it's September already! There's so much happening at the Lodge right now! As I write this, we're gearing up for the rib cook-off, which is sure to be a blast. Plus, Cook Your Own Steak Night is back this month. We will also have some fantastic cooking teams preparing amazing meals for you throughout the month.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to Gary Bardonnex for the beautiful table he created for the members' bar. If you haven't seen it yet, you really need to check it out—it's an incredible piece of work.

We also have some exciting developments thanks to Elks grants. At our Veterans Appreciation Picnic, we'll have dog adoptions for veterans on site, funded by our Gratitude Grant. Additionally, we've secured a grant to purchase 67 copies of Lino Camacho's book, *Hope for the 22*, which raises awareness about veteran suicide. We'll be providing these copies to veterans who are interested, both at our Veterans Appreciation Day and at our Mental Health Awareness Clinics.

I would also like to thank Gary Castro and KRC Safety, who graciously covered the cost of trucking the equipment for paving the parking lot back to the Lodge, reducing our expenses. Thank you so much, Gary!

Please don't forget about Project \$365! We're writing a big check for our construction project, and every \$365 contribution helps us avoid borrowing money and paying interest. With each donation, we get closer to fully funding our project and moving on to the next one.

I look forward to seeing you this weekend and throughout the month at the Lodge. Have a great Labor Day, and thank you all for being part of our Elks family and making our Lodge great.

Kevin Colopy Exalted Ruler Visalia Elks Lodge

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Lodge Officers 2022/2023

Exalted Ruler Kevin Colopy Joe Paddock Leading Knight Loyal Knight Steve Williams Lecturing Knight. Chuck Fishel Esquire Eva Rasmussen Chaplain Keith Carlos Inner Guard Camille Fisher Tiler Mike Saulque Secretary Wendy O'Connor Treasurer 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 *

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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
Russell McKinney	2023-24

*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 September 25, 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 September 11, 2024

Brian Gallegos by Jim Abercrombie Brandon Graham by Jane Donald Terry Land by Jim Abercrombie Scott Reaves by Rolando Cardenas Joanna Rodriquez by Alan Rodriquez Ty Swift by Darrell Sisco Michael Wallace by Walter Aplegage



365 Campaign

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

Thank you to all who have donated their \$365 to help cover the cost of the parking lot. We are still behind our goal and really need more help. We will be calling everyone to remind them about the \$365 contribution and to see if there are any other tax-deductible donations you might like to make. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

This is just a reminder that there is absolutely NO washing your RV in our parking lot.

We are also requiring that you use Jack Pads so as not to ruin our brand new parking lot. Also please check in the day you arrive either in the office from 8 until noon, or the Bar after 12:00. If both are closed when you arrive, please check in first thing in the morning with the office. Thank you.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S NOT GETTING THE BULLETIN?

Help them get the info they need by visiting our website: www.visaliaelks.org and subscribing to the mailing list (on the home page on the right side). This is how you get the, they'll receive the monthly bulletin and the weekly **What's Happening This Week** and monthly bulletin emails.

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Youth Activities Cheyenne Carrell

Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks

8-7-24 Wednesday Dinner Team Leader: Lori Jackson

Crew: Scott Reeder, Pam Nelson, Lucille Kreps, Laura Crawford,

Jeff Turner, Mac Vaca, Eric Bush, Laurel Flores

8-11-24 Veteran's Breakfast - Served 313 guests

Team Leader: Scott Reeder

Saturday Prep Crew: Ed & Jane Shields, Ron Vasquez, Reuel Stevens, Chuck Fishel, Brian Fishel, Jeff Turner, Eva Rasmussen

Sunday Breakfast:

Hostesses: Judy Staley, Michelle Nelson Front Lounge: Eric Fishel and Chuck Fishel

Omelet Cooks: Scott Nelson, Janie Donald, Lori Jackson, Kevin

Colopy, Ron Marshall and Rodney Jared

Kitchen Cooks: Jeff Turner - Gravy Phil Fortney - Bacon

Brian Fishel and Russell McKinney - Sausage, Potatoes

Maria Silva - Biscuits & Gravy

John Kennedy – Pancakes & French Toast

Amy Gordan Rae Crawford and Stacy Jared - Sausage, potatoes and

Dishwashers: Nick Gordon, Richard Break and Shane Souza Back up Cooks: Ron Vasquez, James Silva, Ted Donald and Eva

Rasumussen

Bussers: Girl Scouts

8-12-24 Honor the Badge

Team Leader: Ted Donald

Crew: Jane Donald, Scotty Taves, Pam Taves, George Gimbill, Jelenia Crenshaw, Richard Greesom, Ronnie Vasquez, Karen

Lowrey

Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks (cont.)

8-14-24 Wednesday Dinner

Team Leader: David Coronado Smokin 45 BBQ Crew: Adrianna Coronado, Amber Rose, Rick Rose, Christy Hoff, Angela Hernandez, Camille Fisher, Laurel Flores

8-21-24 Wednesday Dinner

Team Leader: George Gambill

Crew: Jelenia Crenshaw, Angela Hernandez, Eric Bush, Laurie Robinson, Angela Hernandez, Camille Fisher, Julie Sayer, Jim Clarke, Mac Vaca, Victor Sanchez, Cissy

Archuleta, Laurel Flores

8-28-24 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Kim Burchett

Crew: Debbie and Harry Buckner Gerri Giotta, Dee Dee Rains, Mindy Morgan, Rae Crawford, Jane Shields, Phil Moreno, Cissy Archuleta, Danny Ludlum, Don Smith, 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.



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"



Upcoming events:



Veteran's Breakfast - September 8th

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



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL DINNERS ARE COMING BACK!! – September 9th



check-in starts at 5:30pm



1298 Cigar Club - September 12th 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.





TEXAS ROADHOUSE
- DINE TO DONATE – September 24th

Upcoming events (cont.)



Registration Forms Available in Members FB Group

Visalia Elks Golf Tournament – Sept 27th

SAVE THE DATE: Registration now open – forms in the Members FB Group



Trailer Trash Murder Mystery Party - October 4th



6th Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic
- October 5th



Halloween Party – Friday, October 25th Tickets go on sale October 1st in the Bar

VAGABONDS TRAVELS



Vagabonds are trailing a little behind. I guess one would say the summer heat has slowed some of us down club-wise and not much activity at this time of year.

The next rally is set for Orange Grove RV Park in Bakersfield from October 16-21. Sign-up are ongoing now and need to be confirmed with payment at the September 18 RV meeting. Nothing on the calendar for November but the Christmas Part is Saturday, December 21.

Vagabonds extend a **warm welcome** to new members Tony and Lisa George and Randy and Judy Jordan!

Wishing you a safe and blessed Labor Day.

Frank and Kathy Kelly

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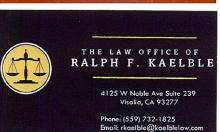


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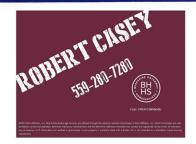












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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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	Eugene Bueno
	Matthew Crawford
	Jeff R Lawson
	Ralph David Smith
	Jeffery G Weinert
2	Oscar Barcenas
_	Gloria Couchman
	Dianna Lynn Fauvor
	Melinda Kae Morgan
	Gene Murphy
3	Rodney C Bennett
3	James Leon Boswell
	Ashley Kirksey
4	Michael McDaniels
4	Kim Burchett
	Danny Freitas
_	Dan McCarthy
5	Lonnie Butterfield
	Zachary Fehlman
	Andrew Holdbrooks
	Wayne B Ingram
	Scott Manley
	Robert Robledo
	Eddie Monroe Shields
	Thomas G Weddle
6 7	Jennifer Creech
7	Charlie C Glenn
	Patrick James Stover
8	Alexander Barss
	Shawn C Corley
	Joann Pereira
9	Thomas Higgins
	William Mueller
	Miguel Vasquez
	Wayne E Villines
10	Thomas M Gruber
11	Debra Maxwell
12	Louie J Shepherd
12	Jeffery Wilkinson
13	Danny L Jones
10	Maria Reyes
	Ralph Vargas
1 1	Rod Adam
14	
	Charles F Davis
4.5	Steve Williams
15	Raymond Baca
	Josef Greene
16	Robert Brown

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16	Mike Cook
.0	Stacey Jared
	Jeffery Elton Lusk
	Marvin M Meske
17	Kimberly Batty
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	Kristy Cooper
	William G Flores
	Shawn Martin
	Thomas L Sigler
18	Sam Castillo
	Michael Davidson
	Joel Glick
	Cynthia Ward
19	Samuel Baldivia
	Gary D Gallian
	Joshua S Jump
	Larry Nelson
	Jeremiah Ruiz
20	Ted Donald
21	Robert Chavez
	Kathy Ashford
	Tim Brown
	Larry Kelley
	Michael Villalba
	Adam Wheeler
22	Ernest Alvarado
	Pauline Archuleta
	Barbara Louies Ellis
	Julie Gilbert
	Dennis Krohn
	Joe Pugh
	Kathy Row
	Wayne Tilley
	Gregory Whitney
23	Perry B Miller
24	Suzanne Aguilera-Marrero
	Craig Barnes
	Eric MacBean
	Floyd Martinez
	Ramiro D Ruvalcaba
25	Louis Biglieri
	Russell David Bradford
	Del Hardin
	Ray V McCarty
	Robin Lynn Meyst
00	James Sigler

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Oscar Acevedo

26 Glenn Crookshanks Pat Dugan Osvaldo (Ozzy) Gallardo Chester Grammer Donald David Heisey John T Place Melissa Pritchett Cooper Watt 27 Greg Bardonnex Scott Glidden Larn Duke James James R Mathis Jane Shields Dennis Stimson 28 John Babb Matthew Dean Bither Joseph M Freitas Al Hack Rodney Jared David A Reid Darrell Smith 29 Ron Dodson Michael Edwards Miquel Reynoso 30 Terry Culotta Ruben Juarez Darlene Mata Brenda Kay Nagel Anita Underwood



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