

# VISALIA ELKS

# 1298 BULLETIN | “The Herd”

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



## Lodge Meetings

Wed October 9, 2024 – Business  
Wed October 23, 2024 - Initiations

## House Committee Meeting

Wed October 9, 2024

## Trustee Meeting

Wed October 9, 2024  
(You must call or e-mail in advance to be on the agenda)

## Bunco Night

October 8th – sign in starts at 5:30pm

## Taco Tuesday

October 8 – 5:30pm

## Poker Night

October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - Seat Cards handed out at 6pm - Cards are dealt at 6:30pm

**Veteran’s Breakfast** - October 13<sup>th</sup> – 8:30-11am

**Cook Your Own Steak Night – Country Music on the Patio by Johnny Young** - October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**Friday Lunches** – October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

## Visalia Elks Lodge Bulletin

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## News Submission Deadline

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## “EXALTED RULER’S CORNER”

October is here, and with it, we’re hoping for some cooler weather to complement the exciting month ahead at our lodge. We have events lined up practically every night throughout the month, so be sure to get out, enjoy the season, and make the most of what the lodge has to offer!

This is also a fantastic opportunity for our new members to get involved. Keep an eye on our Facebook page—if you spot anything that says “volunteer meeting,” that means YOU! Whether it’s your first time helping or you’ve been with us for years, every event can benefit from an extra pair of hands. Don’t hesitate to stop by and lend your support.

As the year draws to a close, we’re nearing our fundraising goals, including the final payments on our beautiful new parking lot. Please continue contributing to the \$365 fund! Every donation brings us one step closer to meeting our target. A huge thank you to all who have donated so far!

I look forward to seeing you all around the lodge this month. Have a wonderful October, Elks, and a spooky, fun-filled Halloween!

Kevin Colopy  
Exalted Ruler  
Visalia Elks Lodge

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## Lodge Officers 2022/2023

Exalted Ruler	Kevin Colopy
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Loyal Knight	Vacant
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	Eli Ledesma
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 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 October 23, 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 October 9, 2024

**Vanessa Collins** by Cristy Hoff  
**Blake Fishel** by Chuck Fishel  
**John Freitas** by Meghan Bates  
**Christopher Gill** by Alan Rodriguez  
**Ignacio Gonzalez** by Timothy Yarnel  
**Raul Gonzalez** by Lorraine Swain  
**Sundi Gregory** by Jamie Duncan  
**Lawrence Headley** by Terry Culotta  
**Leonard Maciel** by Judy Staley  
**Tony Manquero** by Marco Vaca  
**Anna Miller** by Clifford Miller  
**Ladean Pearce** by LaRuth Chance  
**David Preston** by Laurel Flores  
**Shanon Flores** by Laurel Flores  
**Charles Reynoso** by Frank Reynoso  
**Liquita Ann Russell** by Rico Castro  
**Damon Terstegge** by Curtis Hayes



**365 CAMPAIGN**  
VISALIA ELKS LODGE #1298 FUNDRAISING  
A MEMBER PLEDGE TO DONATE \$1 A DAY

### 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.

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## VISALIA ELKS COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Auditing Accounting	Jan Lee PER
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Beqs. & Living Trusts	Melanie McKimmons
Business Practices	Wendy O'Connor
Drug Awareness	Abel Lopez
Government Relations	Jordan Mulrooney
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Insurance & Safety	Rodney Jared
Lodge Activities	Wendy O'Connor
Membership Retention	Ron Marshall
National Foundation ENF	Melanie McKimmons
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Officers Training	Eli Ledesma PER
Public Relations	Kim Batty
Major Project	Melanie McKimmons
Ritual Training	Ray Lewis PER
Scholarships	Bill Flores
Youth Activities	Cheyenne Carrell

## Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks

### 9-4-24 Wednesday Dinner

**Team Leader:** Lori Jackson

**Crew:** Pam Nelson, Alvino and Sharon Lopez, Eric Bush, Scott Reeder, Jeff Turner, Mac Vaca, Laura Crawford, Vince Sanchez, Camille Fisher, Laurel Flores

### 9-8-24 Veteran's Breakfast - Served 291 guests

**Team Leader:** Brian Fishel

**Saturday Prep Crew:** Ed & Jane Shields, Ron Vasquez, Reuel Stevens, Chuck Fishel, Brian Fishel, Scott Reeder, Eric Bush, Eva Rasmussen

**Sunday Breakfast:**

**Hostesses:** Judy Staley, Stephanie Costa

**Front Lounge:** Eric Fishel and Chuck Fishel

**Omelet Cooks:** Scott Nelson, Lori Jackson, Kevin Colopy, Ron Marshall, Mike Saulque and Rodney Jared

**Kitchen Cooks:**

Jeff Turner and Scott Reeder – Gravy

Phil Fortney – Bacon

Brian Fishel and Russell McKinney – Sausage, Potatoes

**Servers:**

Maria Silva – Biscuits & Gravy

John Kennedy – Pancakes & French Toast

Amy Gordan Rae Crawford and Stacy Jared – Sausage, potatoes and bacon

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

**Back up Cooks:** Ron Vasquez, James Silva, Phil Maroney, Stacy West, Eva Rasumussen and Eric Bush

**Bussers:** Girl Scouts

### 9-10-24 Wednesday Dinner

**Team Leader:** Jamie Duncan

**Crew:** Bill and LaDean Pearce, LaRuth Chance, Stacey McNabb, Mike Wiebe, Laurel Flores

## Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks (cont.)

### 9-11-24 Wednesday Dinner

**Team Leader:** Danny Carrell (Smokin' Hot)

**Crew:** Lori Carrell, LaRea Rivera, Jonathan Meeker, Angela Hernandez, Ramiro Rubalcava, James Plough, Cheyenne Carrell & girls, Jelenia Crenshaw, Cissy Archuleta, Laurel Flores

### 9-18-24 Wednesday Dinner

**Team Leader:** George Gambill

**Crew:** Sam Castillo, Phil Moreno, Jelenia Crenshaw, Eric Bush, Vince Sanchez, Laurie Robinson, Holly Derrington, Mac Vaca, LaRea Rivera, Julie Sayer, Mercedes Leo, Camille Fisher, Laurel Flores

### 9-20-24 Cook Your Own Steak

**Team Leader:** Kevin Colopy

**Crew:** Keith Carlos, Steve Mulroney, JT Groover, Phil Moreno, Ted Donald, Russ McKinney, Eli Ledesma, Eva Rasmussen, Rebecca Mexicano, LaRuth Chance, Cissy Archuleta, Laurel Flores

### 9-25-24 Wednesday Night Dinner

**Team Leader:** Kim Burchett

**Crew:** Don Smith, Jane Shields, Kristy Ritchie, Rae Crawford, Mindy Morgan, DeeDeeRains, Phil Moreno, Christy Hoff, Holly Derrington, Debbie and Harry Buckner, Cissy 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.



*A Coin a Day so they can  
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

## 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"

## Elks Scholarship Update

We're in the middle of applications for the MVS scholarships now. All high school seniors graduating in 2025, just go to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)

Click on "Our Programs", then "scholarships", then to the "Most Valuable Student application".

The deadline to apply is **November 12, 2024**. Spread the word -- last May we presented \$4000 to deserving kids in our area. **Elks Care and Elks Share !!**

## Upcoming events:



Trailer Trash Murder Mystery Party – October 4<sup>th</sup>



Bunco Night – October 8<sup>th</sup> - check-in starts at 5:30pm



1298 Cigar Club – October 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.



6<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic – October 5<sup>th</sup>



Veteran's Breakfast – October 13<sup>th</sup>

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



1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show – October 6<sup>th</sup>



Cook Your Own Steak Night with Country Singer Johnny Young - October 18<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming events (cont.)

VISALIA ELKS LODGE PRESENTS

**FRIDAY 10/25/24**

**BEST COSTUME  
COMPETITION WITH PRIZES**

**LIVE BAND (NO STRINGS ATTACHED)  
- BRAHMA FOOD TRUCK - COSTUME  
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TICKETS: \$20

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Member/Member Guest Event

**Adult Halloween Party – Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Tickets now Available in the Bar



*Elks Kids Halloween Event*  
*Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>*

Chicken Fingers, French Fries and Chili from  
4:30-6pm

Trunk or Treating w/ the Vagabonds in their RV's  
approx 6pm

We encourage the kids to wear their costumes  
Watch the Member's FB Group for more details.

**Elks Kids Halloween Party – Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>**



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**- DINE TO DONATE – October 29<sup>th</sup>**



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Dinner & Show \$60 per person

Tickets go on sale October 4, 2024

**SAVE THE DATE – THE KILLER DUELING PIANOS**  
November 16<sup>th</sup> – tickets on Sale 10/4

## VAGABONDS TRAVELS



At the time of writing this column, Vagabonds will be looking forward to the next rally at Orange Grove RV Park in Bakersfield, October 17-21, and then the annual Vagabond Christmas Party on December 21 here at the lodge.

We are happy to welcome new members to the Vagabonds - Manuel Domingos, Susie Domingos, Denise Karr and Kent Stone.

The days just fly by. All at once summer collapsed into fall and the days and months all run together so take advantage of opportunities to have fun and make memories. Vagabonds always manage to do that at the rallies and we are looking forward to our time together soon in Bakersfield!

Safe travels to those on the road and reminder the next meeting is October 15. See you there.

Kathy and Frank Kelly

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# OCTOBER 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 Alfred Darmousseh  
Lora Lee Griffith
- 2 Leslie B Caviglia  
Kristopher Dollinger  
Megan Rhea
- 3 Joseph R Argyle  
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- 17 Samantha Junio  
Joanna Parra  
Natalie Smith
- 18 Charlie Bakker  
Christina Crawford  
Bruce Margosian  
Zora Lee Miller  
Jason Potts  
Neal Wallis
- 19 David J McGovran
- 20 Darren Aldaco  
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Shawn Cooper  
Todd McGuyer
- 21 Jeff Merrill  
Willard Williams
- 22 Peter Albanese  
Bryan Helin  
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Mark James  
Ryan Jon Miller  
John R Silvas  
Wesley Kent Stone
- 23 Ed Desrosiers  
Tom Felsted  
Cruz Huerta  
Lisa Walsh
- 24 Cheyenne Nichole Carrell  
Brad Jackson  
Ray Sailer  
Joseph 'Rob' Spahn
- 25 Chelsea DelRio  
Holly Derington  
Kurt Salierno  
Mitch Visser
- 26 Eloy Castro

- 26 Mark Jones  
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