

VISALIA ELKS

1298 BULLETIN | “The Herd”

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



Lodge Meetings

Wed November 13, 2024 – Business
Wed November 20, 2024 - Initiations

House Committee Meeting

Wed November 13, 2024

Trustee Meeting

Wed November 13, 2024
(You must call or e-mail in advance to be on the agenda)

Bunco Night

November 12th – sign in starts at 5:30pm

Taco Tuesday

November 12th – 5:30pm

Poker Night

November 7th and 21st - Seat Cards handed out at 6pm - Cards are dealt at 6:30pm

Veteran’s Breakfast – November 10th – 8:30-11am

Cook Your Own Steak Night – None in November – Back next month

Friday Lunches – November 8th and 22nd

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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:**
kristy@rknstudio.com



“EXALTED RULER’S CORNER”

Happy November!

Once again, I’m writing to you from a convention—this time, we’re at our mid-term convention in Burbank, California. It’s been a great experience filled with fun and valuable information alongside Elks from all over the state.

We have an exciting month ahead at our lodge, packed with fun events as well as the holiday season to look forward to. I hope you’ll have a chance to attend some of these events, and also take time to enjoy a wonderful meal with family and friends.

In addition to our weekly meals prepared by our amazing cooking teams, we’ll be hosting the **Killer Dueling Pianos** on the 16th, along with a special meal by Kin Burchett. You won’t want to miss this one—it’s going to be epic!

Please note, due to the holidays, there will be no “Cook Your Own Steak Night” in November. But mark your calendar for **December 20!** We’ll have a fantastic live music performance lined up for you, with more details coming soon.

Come out, enjoy the lodge, and connect with our fellow lodge brothers and sisters. To borrow a phrase from our state president, Marty Mello: “Elkdom—love it, live it, promote it!”

See you soon!

Kevin Colopy
Exalted Ruler
Visalia Elks Lodge

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Lodge Officers 2022/2023

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Exalted Ruler | Kevin Colopy |
| Leading Knight | Joe Paddock |
| 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 November 20, 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 November 13, 2024

Karen DeGroot by Tracey Meader
Kelly Elkins by Jennifer Cawley
Higinio (Gene) Fernandez by Phil Kelly
Willy Ford by Charles Cornelius
Jeff Gatlin by David Coronado
Maria Hernandez by Stacey Ward
Jullie Hill by Brian Chance
Christopher Imes by John Tyler
Dominic Peluso by Brent Main
Damon Rolfo by Steve Howerton
Raymond Urmson by Kurt Salierno
William Swall by Carrie Annear



365 CAMPAIGN
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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.



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

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"A coin a day so they'll walk, talk, see and play"

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VISALIA ELKS COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Auditing Accounting | Jan Lee PER |
| Americanism | Richard Grissom |
| Beqs. & Living Trusts | Melanie McKimmons |
| Business Practices | Wendy O'Connor |
| Drug Awareness | Abel Lopez |
| Government Relations | Jordan Mulrooney |
| Hoop Shoot | Suzanna Aguilera-Marrero |
| Insurance & Safety | Rodney Jared |
| Lodge Activities | Wendy O'Connor |
| Membership Retention | Ron Marshall |
| National Foundation ENF | Melanie McKimmons |
| National Foundation Grants | Joe Paddock / Kevin Colopy |
| Nat Vets Service | Rebecca Peterson / Herb Schneider |
| 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

10-2-24 Wednesday Dinner

Team Leader: Lori Jackson

Crew: Pam Nelson, Marco Vaca, Lucille Kreps, Linda Hefke, Mercedes Leos, Jennifer Peck, Laura Crawford, Alex Huerta, Sharon and Alvino Lopez, Jeff Turner, Camille Fisher, Laurel Flores

10-8-24 Wednesday Dinner

Team Leader: Jamie Duncan

Crew: Bill and LaDean Pearce, Diana Martinez, Mike Wiebe, Laurel Flores

10-9-24 Wednesday Dinner

Team Leader: Danny Carrell

Crew: Lori Carrell, James Plough, LaRea Rivera, Ramiro Rubalcaba, Jose Marquez, Cheyenne Carrell and girls, David Smith, Devony Smith, Kim Batty, Sam Catillo, Cissy Archuleta Laurel Flores

10-13-24 Veteran's Breakfast – next column over to fit

10-16-24 Wednesday Dinner

Team Leader: Becky Kennedy

Crew: John Kennedy, Lauree Robinson, Holly Derrington, Vince Sanchez, Marco Vaca, Camille Fisher, Joseph Guzman, Denise Palmer, Shannon Clower, Shelley Hughes, Bill Palmer, Kendra Glick, Rebecca Mexicano, Laurel Flores

10-18-24 Cook Your Own Steak

Team Leader: JT Groover

Crew: Kevin Colopy, Tom O'Connor, Lisa Wheller, Cristi Hoff, Rebecca Mexicano, Sabrina and Robbie Shahan, Keith Carlos, Eli Ledesma, Steve Mulrooney, Steve Batty, LaRea Rivera, Marco Vaca, Cissy Archuleta, Laurel Flores

Kitchen & Event Volunteer Thanks (cont.)

10-24-24 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Kim Burchett

Crew: Christina Ritchie, Mindy Welker, Jane Shields, DeeDee Rains, Debbie and Harry Buckner, Don Smith, Cissy Archuleta, Danny Ludlum, Laurel Flores

10-30-24 Wednesday Night Dinner

Team Leader: Ted Donald

Crew: Jane Donald, Mike Saulque, Jane Mitchell, Camille Fisher, Russell McKinney, Richard Grissom, Eva Rasmussen, Ron and Stacey Marshall, Jan Lee, Michelle Nelson, Cissy Archuleta, Laurel Flores

10-13-24 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

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 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

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:



Veteran's Breakfast – November 10th

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



THE KILLER DUELING PIANOS
November 16th – tickets on Sale 10/4



Bunco Night – November 12th - check-in starts at 5:30pm



Christmas Paint Party – Nov 17th



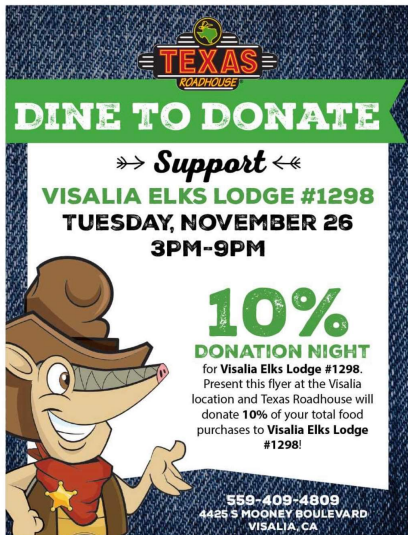
1298 Cigar Club – November 14th at 6:30pm

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.



Casino Night – November 23rd
More details will be posted in the Member's FB Group

Upcoming events (cont.)



TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER NIGHT - DINE TO DONATE – November 26th



SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 15TH Kid's Christmas Party

VAGABONDS TRAVELS



The Vagabonds most recent rally was October 17 to 21 at the Orange Grove RV Park east of Bakersfield. Twenty-two rigs participated. Two members offered open house for the members to see their new rigs – one a travel trailer for Bill and Linda Lawley and the other a motorhome for Ernie and Kim Harmon. Both open houses were fun with lots of time spent talking and getting to know members a little better. The weather was perfect to sit outside and chat and chat and chat, maybe weather was a little warm but better warm than cold. Thank you Lawleys and Harmons for extending such hospitality to all of us.

The rally, as always, offered the BEST food – hot dogs and beans on Thursday evening, Friday evening pot luck, Sat morning eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy and Saturday evening absolute delicious pulled pork, salad and pilaf topped off with Robert's famous homemade ice cream! Thank you to those who helped make everything good for all.

During the day and evenings many games were enjoyed and, of course, lots of teasing to the participants. One thing is certain, the Vagabonds do ALWAYS have a memorable time. We had new members, Randy and Judy Jordan, Denise Karr and Kent Stone join us for their first rally and also had the pleasure of Phil and Jane Garcia's family from Southern California including an almost 95 year-old relative. It is a treat to see everyone visiting and enjoying time with others.

The Annual Vagabond Christmas Party is December 21, 2024, at the lodge. Then the **calendar for 2025** includes rally at River run February 5-12. Next is rally at Casa De Fruta March 13-17, next Orange Grove Resort in Bakersfield April 4-10, and Eddie is working on two different bookings for Merced Elks rallies and those will be shared when available and then back to Orange Grove November 6-10.

Happy travels to those on the road and see you at the November RV meeting.

Kathy and Frank Kelly

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NOVEMBER 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 Matthew Carter
John Karbo
Scott Taves
- 2 Randall G Hall
Ricky E Johnson
Russell L McKinney
John C Salgado
Jesse Benjamin Vidito
- 3 Carol Robles
- 4 Greg Feaver
Vincent Muto
- 6 Christal Derington
Kenneth Wayne Dodson
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George Pfefferkorn
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Daniel David Dieterich
Monica Peterson
Liliana Saballa
- 9 Garrett Dean Weese
- 10 Brian C Andrew
Robert Casey
Todd Son
- 11 Mike Mellema
Ronald Pugh
Diana Velasquez
Eric Wertman
- 12 Ron E Greenall
Jennifer Peck
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Rosalie Maldonado
John H Threadgill
- 14 Wayne M Atkins
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- 15 Robert Hoskins
Brian Kennemer
Roger Tyler
Frank Weekly

- 15 Ken Williams
- 16 Eric Bush
Rusty Lantsberger
John Skaggs
- 17 Robert DeMichellie
Nadia Fahoum
Thomas Friedberg
Marshall Lapp
William McAlister
Jeff Morris
Brian Thoburn
- 18 Justin Carrillo
Rilla Epling
Eddie Renteria
Eric Ritchie
Joseph Tudor
Tom Henry Van Gronigen
Robert Vaughn
- 19 Toni Coop
Manish Patel
Ryan Samuels
- 20 Sylvia Peralta
- 21 Larry Cotta
Eric Lentz
Steve W Marin
Tyler S Veyna
- 22 Daniel Marquez
- 23 Ray Ensminger
George Gambill
Brad McDonald
Jeffrey B Parlier
Suzanne Kathleen Sa
- 24 Frank B Kelly
Ronald Maciver
Ronald James Marshall
Stacee Ward
- 25 Matt Lee
Karen Lowrey
Belinda Roberts
- 26 Steven Chamalbide
Rusty Johnson
- 27 Tony Aldaco
Allen A Branco
Donald R Brown
Jeffrey Gruber
Mike Harrell
Michael McPhail
Daniel Ortiz

- 28 Terry Dodson
Kelly Lloyd
Richard McGovran
Ashlie Miles
David L Rumbaugh
Herbert P Schneider
Ray Tanaka
- 29 Duane Jordan
Matt Wallace
- 30 Ian Bakke
Dennis Clevenger
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