

VISALIA ELKS

1298 BULLETIN | “The Herd”

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



Lodge Meetings

Wed December 11, 2024 – Business
Wed December 18, 2024 - Initiations

House Committee Meeting

Wed December 11, 2024

Trustee Meeting

Wed December 11, 2024

(You must call or e-mail in advance to be on the agenda)

Bunco Night

No Bunco in December

Taco Tuesday

No Taco Tuesday in December

Poker Night

December 5th & 19th - Seat Cards handed out at 6pm - Cards are dealt at 6:30pm

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

Cook Your Own Steak Night – December 20th

Friday Lunches – December 13th (no lunch on 27th)

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“EXALTED RULER’S CORNER”

Happy Holidays, Elks!

Can you believe 2024 is almost behind us? What an incredible year it has been—full of adventures, camaraderie, and cherished memories with our members. Looking ahead, we have even more exciting times awaiting us in 2025!

This month, I’m thrilled to announce the return of **Cook Your Own Steak Night**, featuring a very special musical guest presenting a festive Christmas program. It’s the perfect opportunity to enjoy a great meal and soak up the holiday spirit with friends.

We’ll also be hosting **Ugly Sweater Karaoke**, so dust off those outrageous holiday sweaters and join the fun! And don’t forget about our delicious dinners prepared by our amazing cooking crews throughout the month. With Christmas and New Year’s falling midweek, we’ll have plenty of chances to celebrate together.

Stay tuned to the members-only Facebook page for updates and event details as they unfold.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge soon!

Fraternally yours,

Kevin Colopy
Exalted Ruler
Visalia Elks Lodge #1298

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Lodge Officers 2022/2023

Exalted Ruler	Kevin Colopy
Leading Knight.	Joe Paddock
Loyal Knight.	Scott Nelson
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, 05-16
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
Stephen Nelms Watsonville #1300

Member News:

Orientation and Initiation. Next Orientation is December 18, 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 December 11, 2024

Lupe Aguilar by James Silva
David Andres by Doug Hanson
Brooke Camarena by Natalie Azparren
Sonia Fontana by Sherry Maze
Eric Gonzales by Fred Staley
Christine Hernandez by Brian Fishel
Darrin Hughes by Mike Saulque
Angel Leon by Javier Camacho
Arthur Nez by Earl Deppe
Beatriz Parham by Joenell Sandoval
Mark Perry by Gary Amon
Michael Portillo by Clifford Miller
Anthony Proulx by Arnel DeLos Santos
Benjamin Resa by Arnel DeLos Santos
Maria Silva by James Silva
Patrick Vaca by Marco Vaca
David Vartanian by James Abercrombie
Sam Winter by John Tyler



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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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.

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
Natl 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

11-6-24 Wednesday Dinner

Team Leader: Lori Jackson

Crew: Pam Nelson, Scott Reeder, Eric Bush, Linda Hefke, Marco Vaca, Sharon Lopez, Al Lopez, Laura Crawford Mercedes LeeYohs, Cissy Archuleta, Steve Mulrooney, Camille Fisher

11-10-24 Veteran's Breakfast - Served 366 guests

Team Leader: Brian Fishel

Saturday Prep Crew: Ed & Jane Shields, Ron Vasquez, Reuel Stevens, Scott Reeder, Eva Rasmussen, Phil Marooney

Sunday Breakfast:

Hostesses: Judy Staley, Stephanie Costa, Michelle Nelson

Front Lounge: Eric Fishel and Chuck Fishel

Omelet Cooks: Scott Nelson, Rodney Jared, Mike Saulque, Stacey West, Ron Marshall and Janie Donald

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
Stacy Jared, Cristy Hoff and Lisa Morehouse – Sausage, potatoes and bacon

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

Back up Cooks: Ron Vasquez, Eva Rasmussen, Eric Bush, Phil Marooney and James Silva

Bussers: Girl Scouts

11-12-24 Taco Tuesday

Team Leader: Jamie Duncan

Crew: Bill and LaDean Pearce, Stacy McNabb, Laruth Chance, Mike Wiebe, Laurel Flores

11-13-24 Wednesday Dinner

Team Leader: Danny Carrell

Crew: Lori Carrell, David and Devony Smith, LaRea Rivera, Jelenia Crenshaw, James Plough, Laurie Robinson, Ramiro Rubalcaba, Cheyenne Marques and girls, Cissy Archuleta, Laurel Flores

11-16-24 Dueling Pianos Dinner

Team Leader: Kim Burchett

Crew: Mike Burchett, Harry & Debbie Buckner, Gerri Giotta, DeeDee Rains, Phil Moreno, Christina Ritchie, Jane Shields, Rae Crawford, Don Smith

Event Crew: Kim Batty (lead), Steve Mulrooney, Cissy Archuleta, Sam & Keri Castillo, Jennifer Cawley, Laurel Flores

11-20-24 Wednesday Dinner (Initiation)

Team Leader: Becky Kennedy

Crew: John Kennedy, Shannon Clower, April West, Holly Derrington, Bill & Denise Palmer, Camille Fisher, Sam Castillo, Joseph Guzman, Laurie Robinson, Cissy Archuleta, Laurel Flores, Vince Sanchez

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!*

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Upcoming events:



Veteran's Breakfast – December 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



1298 Cigar Club - December 12th
If you enjoy a good cigar or you're just curious about cigars, this will give members an opportunity to meet once a month. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.



Ugly Sweater Karaoke Party - December 13th
Karaoke will start at 7:00 and go til 11:00. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater! Bring a snack to share if you want to eat!



Kids Christmas Party December 15th
1pm - 4pm
Crafts, food, gifts and a special visit from Santa!



Cook Your Own Steak Night with Entertainment - December 20th
7:00pm - \$45 Steak | \$40 Chicken
Must RSVP by Thurs 12/19



🎄 Merry Christmas from Visalia Elks #1298! 🎄

As the holiday season wraps us in its warmth and cheer, we want to take a moment to wish all our Elks members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This season, let's remember to take a step back from the hustle and bustle, to pause, and truly be present.

Whether gathered with family or finding peace in quiet moments, let's cherish the memories we're making today. For in the company of those we love, we find the true spirit of Christmas.

May your hearts be filled with joy, your homes with laughter, and your days with the comfort of being surrounded by those who matter most.

From all of us at the Elks, we wish you a season full of peace, love, and unforgettable moments.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



VAGABONDS TRAVELS

🎄 Season's Greetings from the Vagabonds RV Group! 🎄

As we roll into the holiday season, we want to take a moment to send warm wishes to all of our fellow RV adventurers! Whether you're parked under a blanket of snow or soaking up the sun, we hope your travels are filled with joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Here's to cozy campfires, festive decorations, and the special moments shared with friends, family, and fellow Vagabonds. May the road ahead be smooth, the destinations exciting, and the spirit of adventure always in your heart.

Happy Holidays and safe travels from our Vagabonds family to yours! 🚐🌟

We will see you in 2025!

Kathy and Frank Kelly



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DECEMBER 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 Herschel C O'Brien
John E Peters
Eric Salvidr
Kristen Williams
Jack H Wilson
- 2 Rodney A Aguiar
Vanessa Muro
- 3 Laura L Gomez
Cynthia Montano
Sharon Preston
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Lidia Van Es

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- 19 Riley S Hiatt
Denny McCowan
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- 20 Larry D Hutton
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- 21 Harry Buckner
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Heidi M Enos
- 22 Ryan Cochran
Glen Conley
Dale Fugate
Robert L Malone
Cherylene Robertson
Alcario Sosaya
- 23 Greg Baskovich
Magen Fawkes
Dwayne Lee Petersen
George E Shelton
Darrell Sisco
- 24 Raul Gonzalez
James T Groover
Justin Wayne Montooth
Charlie Thum
- 25 Ronald A Bueno
Emmanuel Camaquin
Kelly Elkins
Sal Sanchez
Cesar Vargas
Erik H Wasse
Thomas L Williams
- 26 Eaarl Ed Lucas
- 27 Tyler Adam de Asis
Louie Gonzalez
Tamara Johnson
Matthew Ritchie
Tim Spiotta
Stanley Trimble
- 28 Vanessa Collins
Curt Hupp

- 28 Therese Kapaun
Rick W Lotenero
- 29 Tom Casares
Danielle Marie Ford
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- 30 Christopher Barrett
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