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THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE!



December is a month filled with holiday gatherings, delicious meals, tasty cocktails and gift giving. No matter what holiday you choose to celebrate and who you will spend it with, please know that all of your Lodge Officers, House Committee and Trustees wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with friends and family and good times. Stay safe and healthy and we will see you all in 2022!

BANDS EVERY FRIDAY ALL MONTH

PLEASE COME ON FRIDAY NIGHTS HAVE DINNER AND ENJOY THE BANDS.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. This year has gone by so fast. I can't believe it's already December. We have a lot of parties and activities going on this month, so please keep a safe distance, wear your masks and be kind and courteous to your fellow Elks.

If you haven't noticed there are "Toys for Tots" barrels around the Lodge so if you are able to, please bring an unwrapped toy to donate to the kids. On December 19th I will be having a Tom & Jerry party. Come on down and enjoy some drinks and get to know some of your fellow Elks.

We will be selling prepaid tickets for the New Year's Eve party. Be sure to purchase your tickets to get your seat before we sell out. It should be a great time and a fun way to ring in the New Year with a delicious prime rib dinner and dancing to the band, Almost Dangerous.

We are still looking for volunteers in all phases of the Lodge operations. If you think you have time to contribute please come down and sign up.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, Scott Reinsmith, Exalted Ruler



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS : We have many new members joining Lodge #652 but they will not be installed until January. If you see some new faces around the Lodge, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. Remember, you too, were once new and felt a bit nervous about attending events and dinners. We like to think of ourselves as one big Elk family!

Marta Martinez

Leading Knight

Hope you all had a great

Thanksgiving. Thank you to all our volunteers (members) who make our Lodge run. Please

continue to wear your masks whenever you are up and walking around in the Lodge.

Because of our members' generosity, Elks Lodge #652 sent \$4000 to Major Project/ Purple Pig this year. Thank you for your donations.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Men's Fashion show but I would like to thank all the businesses and people who donated items to be raffled or auctioned off. THANK YOU TO AA Bar and Grill, Babe's Pizza & Pasta, Bill Burton, Hole in the Wall, The Madrone, Myrtlewood Liquors & John's Cigars, Pierson Building Center, The Corn Crib/Sarvinski Farms for the pumpkins, Leon's Muffler, and b2squid.

I would also like to thank Joe DiLoreto, Silva Vader, Jennifer Johnston, Wendy Browne Sperou, Jackie Still, Shawn Doebel and all the men the who volunteered to be models. Stay tuned for a new date for the Fashion Show.

Merry Christmas and Happy Year!!! Looking forward to an awesome new year. Be safe and God bless.



happy
BIRTHDAY

- 1 Kathleen Dunn, Ingrid El Idrissi, Blake Massaro
- 2 Brian Franklin, Anthony Mantova,
- 3 Joe Costanzo, Carl Johnson Jr., Edgar Roberts
- 4 Melencio Pabalate, Leslie Selvage
- 5 Barton Crews, Mike Deck, Doug McIsaac, Loren Pancoast, Sherry Pavlich, Linda Puz, Tim Toste, Larry Ward Jr., Chad Younger
- 6 Thomas Rydz
- 7 Rebecca Crosby, Ryan Vodden
- 8 Gary Harner, William McCarthy, George Potamianos, Clinton Stannard,
- 9 Michael Landry, Michael Renner
- 10 Gary Greene, Daniel Herron, Hilda Landowski, Robert Martinez, Mike Thomas, Ray Thompson
- 11 Donald Cloney, Renee Cloney
- 12 William Christensen, Katherine Kirkpatrick, Jeanne O'Neale, Edward Wilkinson
- 13 James Freeman, Janelle Jackson, Jennifer Johnston, Don Richie
- 14 Janice Beach, John Prevost
- 15 Jay Bahner, John Frank, Richard Kehl, Jon Mell, Ken Suiker
- 16 Gary Crnich, Bryon Franco
- 17 Gary Bird, Arthur Bruga, Betsy Buchanan, Daniel Wilson
- 18 Patrick Andrews, Jeremy Lyon, Jerry Stewart
- 19 John Bertain, Frances Rapin, Craig Spjut, Wanda Wahlund, Linda Wise, Michael Yancheff
- 20 Lisa Denny
- 21 Paul King, James McBeth, Todd Morris, Tracy Stewart
- 22 Elisa Ashe, Treg Combs, William Gillespie, Dennis Reinholtsen, Jim Ryan
- 23 Robert Canevari, Chuck Ellsworth, Dana Fahey, Ernie Nunes, Christopher Powell
- 24 Jeremiah Cypert, Krista Freeman, William Phelps II
- 25 Yvette Ables, Jacob Bolton, Noelle Marak, Robert Tafe
- 26 Colleen Crotty, Thomas Livingston, Charles Tripoldi
- 27 Selina Cearley, John Stuart
- 28 William Goff, Howard Lahaie, Mark Mattax, Corrado Pinochi
- 29 Robert Jones, Dee McVay, Frank Woolsey
- 30 Warren Fowler, Brenda Nevers
- 31 Jonathan Dunn



**New Year's Eve Party
&**

Prime Rib Dinner!

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.



Happy New Year

Band:

Almost Dangerous

Party favors

**Champagne toast
at midnight**

Pre-sale tickets-\$50

at the bar or the clerk's office



Eureka Elk's Lodge Drive-Thru

Children's Christmas Celebration

December 19th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We will give your child a stocking from Santa filled
with Christmas Cheer!

You must call the Lodge at 442-6652 by December
13th with child's age & gender in order to receive a
stocking!



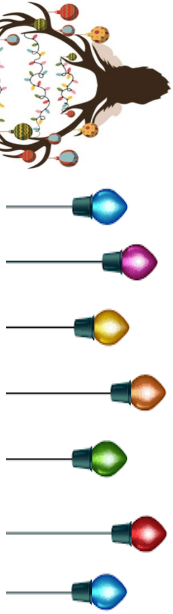
Please join us in honoring our fellow Elks that
we have lost this past year.

ELK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT NOON**

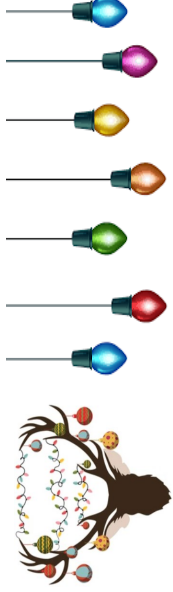
*In
Loving
Memory*

A light lunch will follow





DECEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Elks Memorial Service 12 PM Lunch to follow! LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-7PM	6 LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-7PM	7 Trustees Meeting 6PM LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-8PM	1 Lodge Meeting 7PM Fried Chicken Breast by Kathy & Crew LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-9PM	2 Redwood Roamers Christmas Potluck 4:30 PM	3 CYOS BY Jennifer BAND: Midnight Special	4 ESE 6PM LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-10PM
12 ESE 9AM ESE 5PM LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-7PM	13 House Committee Meeting 5:30PM LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-7PM	14	8 Fish N Chips Captain's Plate by The Fish Crew LOUNGE HOURS:	9 ESE 6PM LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-10:30PM	10 CYOS BY Jackie BAND: Dr. Squid LOUNGE HOURS:	11 LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-9PM
19 Kids Drive thru Celebration 10AM-1PM Tom & Jerry Party 1PM-4PM LOUNGE HOURS 2PM	20 LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-7PM	21 Emblem Club Meeting 6:30 PM LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-8PM	15 NO LODGE 1/2 Spaghetti 1/2 Ravioli Dinner LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-9PM	16	17 CYOS BY Jim & Girls BAND: Night Hawk LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-11PM	18 ESE 6PM LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-10PM
26 CLOSED	27 LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-7PM	28 LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-7PM	22 Soup & Salad Bar by Kathy & Crew LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-9PM	23 LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-7PM	24 CLOSED <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 CLOSED <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS</i>
	29 Jenga 7PM Tacos by Kathy & Crew LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-9PM	30	29 Jenga 7PM Tacos by Kathy & Crew LOUNGE HOURS: 2PM-9PM	31 NEW YEARS EVE PRIME RIB DINNER AND PARTY! PRESALE-\$50 BAND— Almost Dangerous		



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:

6:00 PM \$15

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

707-442-6652

FRIDAY NIGHT CYOS: 6:30 PM

STEAK: \$25 CHICKEN: \$18 STEAM: \$15

RESERVATIONS BY 3PM

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 1st**– Lodge Meeting 7PM
Fried Chicken Breast by Kathy & Crew
- 2nd**– Redwood Roamers
Christmas Potluck 4PM
- 3rd**– Cook Your Own Steak
by Jennifer
- Band– Midnight Special 7:30PM-10:30PM
- 4th**-ESE
7th– Trustees meeting
8th– Fish N Chips
by The Fish Crew
- 9th**– ESE
- 10th**- Cook Your Own Steak by Jackie
- Band– Dr. Squid 7:30PM-10:30PM
- 12th**– ESE 9AM
ESE 3PM
- 13th**-House Committee Meeting 5PM
- 14th**– Trustees Meeting 6PM
- 15th**– NO LODGE MEETING
1/2 Spaghetti 1/2 Raviolis
- 17th**-Cook Your Own Steak by Jim & Girls
Band– Night Hawk
7:30PM-10:30PM
- 18th**– ESE– 6PM
- 19th**– Kids Drive Thru Christmas Party with Santa
10AM-1PM
- Tom & Jerry Party 1PM
- 21st**– Emblem Club Meeting 6:30PM
- 22nd**– Soup & Salad
by Kathy & Crew
- 24th**– CHRISTMAS EVE– **CLOSED**
- 25th**– CHRISTMAS!!- **CLOSED**
- 26th**– **CLOSED**
- 29th**– Tacos by Kathy & Crew
- 31st**– New Years Eve
Prime Rib Dinner & Party
Pre-Sale \$50

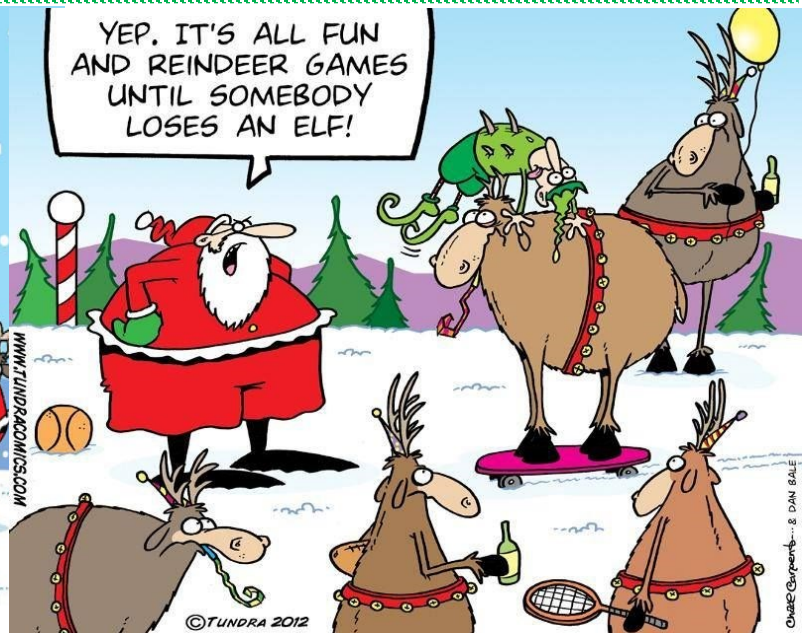
Join our Exalted Ruler, Scott Reinsmith, for a hosted

Tom and Jerry party

Sunday, December 19th

1:00—4:00 p.m.

Ring in the holidays with your fellow Elks !



In 1875, Mark Twain wrote a letter to his daughter Susie, who was 3 years old at the time, which he signed "Your loving Santa Claus." You can read it in its entirety below, but first a little bit of pretext.

Twain was very close to his daughter, all the way up to her untimely death at age 24 in 1896, and that year she had written her first letter to Santa Claus. Twain, being a writer, couldn't stand for his young daughter to feel like her work went unheard, so he decided to pen the following letter to "My Dear Susie Clemens" from "The Man in the Moon" himself.

The story has been widely shared since in anthologies as a cute reminder of the spirit of Christmas and the love of parents for their children, who year after year don bright red suits and leave out milk and cookies to keep the magic alive.

~ <https://www.thoughtco.com/letter-from-santa-claus-mark-twain-739255>

"A Letter From Santa Claus" by Mark Twain

My Dear Susie Clemens,

I have received and read all the letters which you and your little sister have written me...I can read your and your baby sister's jagged and fantastic marks without any trouble at all. But I had trouble with those letters which you dictated through your mother and the nurses, for I am a foreigner and cannot read English writing well. You will find that I made no mistakes about the things which you and the baby ordered in your own letters—I went down your chimney at midnight when you were asleep and delivered them all myself--and kissed both of you, too...But...there were...one or two small orders which I could not fill because we ran out of stock...

There was a word or two in your mama's letter which...I took to be "a trunk full of doll's clothes." Is that it? I will call at your kitchen door about nine o'clock this morning to inquire. But I must not see anybody and I must not speak to anybody but you. When the kitchen doorbell rings, George must be blindfolded and sent to the door. You must tell George he must walk on tiptoe and not speak—otherwise he will die someday. Then you must go up to the nursery and stand on a chair or the nurse's bed and put your ear to the speaking tube that leads down to the kitchen and when I whistle through it you must speak in the tube and say, "Welcome, Santa Claus!" Then I will ask whether it was a trunk you ordered or not. If you say it was, I shall ask you what color you want the trunk to be...and then you must tell me every single thing in detail which you want the trunk to contain. Then when I say "Good-bye and a merry Christmas to my little Susy Clemens," you must say "Good-bye, good old Santa Claus, I thank you very much." Then you must go down into the library and make George close all the doors that open into the main hall, and everybody must keep still for a little while.

I will go to the moon and get those things and in a few minutes I will come down the chimney that belongs to the fireplace that is in the hall—if it is a trunk you want--because I couldn't get such a thing as a trunk down the nursery chimney, you know...If I should leave any snow in the hall, you must tell George to sweep it into the fireplace, for I haven't time to do such things. George must not use a broom, but a rag—else he will die someday...If my boot should leave a stain on the marble, George must not holystone it away. Leave it there always in memory of my visit; and whenever you look at it or show it to anybody you must let it remind you to be a good little girl. Whenever you are naughty and someone points to that mark which your good old Santa Claus's boot made on the marble, what will you say, little sweetheart?

Good-bye for a few minutes, till I come down to the world and ring the kitchen doorbell.

Your loving Santa Claus

Whom people sometimes call "The Man in the Moon"



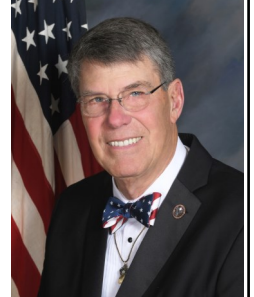


Redwood Roamers of Eureka California Elks

On December 2nd the Roamers will have their annual Christmas party. Members will bring an unwrapped toy for the Marines Toy For Tots program. The Roamers wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.
Happy Trails, Dale A Stockly, Wagon Master

Any Elk member and their guests are welcome to attend a Redwood Roamers meeting. Come see what we are about!

My Brother and Sister Elks. There comes a time in any career when it is time to let go, a time to retire. I had retired from my Law Enforcement career many years ago, but I am not the type of person that can sit by and do nothing. I was an Elk member and decided that I could get involved when I was asked to run for Trustee many years ago. I was in my fifth year as a Trustee when the opportunity to enter the Chairs presented itself. I have been the Chaplain, Esquire, Leading Knight and Exalted ruler. I truly enjoyed the challenges and accomplishments that come from being in those positions. Each is unique and very enjoyable. Most enjoyable is the comradery of fellow officers. Learning and working together for the betterment of the Lodge is a rewarding experience, irreplaceable.



I had the opportunity to further serve Elksdom by becoming the "Great Northwest District" Business Practices Chair for five years. I worked with the other eight Lodges in our District in becoming better at the business of Elksdom. I brought up another Elk, Jennifer Omara, from the San Rafael Lodge to replace me in time. I was appointed to the State (CHEA) Drug Awareness Program Vice Chair, and after two years I became the Chair for two more years. This position was over the nineteen Districts in California and Hawaii. These two positions outside of the Lodge were extremely rewarding as results of my efforts put into the programs were evident. Lodges became better at managing themselves, and Drug Awareness is still in the forefront of many Lodges.

I was promoted to the position of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. This position is a Grand Lodge Officer, who represents the Grand Exalted Ruler of all Elksdom for a year. There are about two hundred in the world of Elksdom. This position is the person in their District that a Lodge goes to when they need help or assistance from outside their Lodge. The DDGER inspects all of the Lodges in his district for compliance with Grand Lodge Statutes. I served in this position twice. Lastly, I was elected to Eureka's Lodge Secretary. This is my second year. This job is the only position that I considered a "job" in the respect that you are required to be present almost daily, and you receive a stipend.

The Secretaries position is by far the most difficult for me. I had to learn a lot, and my thanks to Treasurer Ernie Nunes for stepping in and helping me not make too many blunders. Ernie was my predecessor as secretary and mentor. It's important that each officer bring up another to take their place. I recently turned seventy-seven years old. Although I have no idea of how to feel at this age, I do know that I want to retire before I become an old man. In that light, I am encouraging those of you who may want to run for Secretary to start now by asking questions and taking notice. Formal training can't begin until an election is held, but understand that no one will be put into this job without help and assistance from others.

I have certainly enjoyed my tenure in various positions in Elksdom, and encourage each of you to explore the possibilities of becoming an officer in the Lodge. I would encourage anyone who might be interested in learning more about what is to be an Officer to attend the Officer Recruitment night on December 9th at the Lodge. Several Past Exalted Ruler and other Officers will be there to answer questions.

Fraternally yours, Brad Smith

Our Absent Members Now the eleventh hour when Elksdom's tower is dark with the shroud of night. When father time on his silvery chime tolls off the moments flight. To our departed members.

Name	Born	Initiated	Deceased
Clint Hunter, Sr.	December 24, 1947	February 18, 2009	November 13, 2021



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Your Lodge needs your help! We have many volunteer opportunities of all types. We realize that everyone has busy lives and lots to do, but our Lodge is run mostly by volunteers and we could really use more!

Greeters or cashiers- call Jackie Still at 707.444.8626

Bartending - call Rena Forbes at 707.845.4782

Cooking - call Kathy Payne at 707.834.6612

Serving - call Shellie Dortch at 707.599.9794

Marketing - call Jennifer Johnston at 707.499.8481

Please help us keep our Lodge running smoothly by giving just a few hours a month!

