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Imagine having plans with some friends at the Lodge to have a drink and catch up. You walk up to the door at the Elk's and you see a sign, "Sorry, we're closed." Why would the Elk's Lodge be closed on a Thursday afternoon? We always have volunteers that are willing to help out and keep things running, right?

Well, not anymore. Currently we have over 1300 Eureka Elk's Lodge members and we have about 50 volunteers. That is only 5% of our membership doing all of the work to keep our Lodge open and running smoothly.

WE NEED HELP!

There are so many ways to volunteer at our Lodge and it can be fun and rewarding as well as helping the Lodge. As a member, the Lodge belongs to all of us and it benefits us all if you can give a few hours a month.

Most importantly, our long time Kitchen/Events Manager, Kathy Payne and helper, Joe Toroni, are retiring at the end of March. These are big shoes to fill and the House Committee is looking at ways to split the job up so people can take on a task or two. Hosting special events at our Lodge raises a lot of revenue and helps to pay the bills. If you are interested in learning more, please call Jennifer Johnston at 499-8481.

We also have many other volunteer opportunities— bartenders/servers/cooks/cashiers/greeters/yard maintenance/Lodge officers and more. In April we start our new year and are also in need of a new Lodge Secretary. This position comes with a stipend and Brad Smith is willing to help train the new Secretary. Call him to get more information on what the job entails.

We appreciate all of our current volunteers and we know that we wouldn't have gotten through this crazy past two years without the dedication of you all. Watch for the Volunteer Appreciation dinner coming up in March. The Exhalted Ruler, Scott Reinsmith, will be our host and all volunteers are welcome to come and enjoy a delicious dinner and possibly win an award!

Please contact the Lodge at 442-6652 to ask about volunteer opportunities. ~ Jennifer Johnston

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EUREKA LODGE #654

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by the 3rd Friday of every
month

I want to thank everyone who came out to the Lodge in January for Randall Logan, DDGER's visitation. It shows great pride in our Lodge and community. We brought in 22 new members in that meeting and we have even more waiting to join.



We have a beautiful Lodge that is over 1,300 members strong. How do we do all this, you ask . . . Our volunteers! Now I would like to ask YOU to become a volunteer at your Lodge. Some of our steady, long time volunteers are retiring soon. We will need members to step up and fill these vacant spots. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and make new friends while supporting the Lodge at the same time.

Come out to the Lodge this month and enjoy one of our Wednesday or Friday night dinners, listen and dance to the bands, sign up for Karaoke/Open Mic night or the Cornhole game night. We have a lot going on right now so come on down and have some fun and maybe sign up to volunteer sometime. The volunteers are what make the Lodge great. Give them a hand and become part of something great yourself.

Scott Reinsmith, E.R.



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I hope that the New Year finds you well.

Major Project/Purple Pig will have a Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 13th for a \$5 donation.

Bring your decorated Purple Pig and have dinner \$15 on Sunday, February 27th. We will have prizes for the best pig and an auction.

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.”

~Maya Angelou

February Birthdays

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Jesse Conn, John Dimmick, Denise Downey | 19 | Jim Eubanks, Ron Lapham, David Lindberg, Harold Pidgeon, David Reynoza |
| 2 | Ramona Lima, Laraine Ryner | 20 | Jack Kolshinki, Barbara McGee |
| 3 | Susan Calkins, Everett Flores, Luke Mathieson | 21 | Kelly Walund |
| 4 | Jesse Nolan, David Sharp | 22 | Marilyn Morris, Quentin Owsley, Oliver Pedro Jr. |
| 5 | Deborah Fonsen, Arvid Lacy, Gerald Zwiefelhofer | 23 | Dan Bazzano, Deborah Conrad, Ron Cooper, Garry Green |
| 6 | Rebecca Tahnenhaus, Rudolph Zeck | 24 | Sue Bradbury, Rena Forbes |
| 7 | Jesse Graney, James Hulsebus | 25 | Shawna Bobillot |
| 8 | Robert Johnson, Sondra Kirtley, Tiffany Morais, Kelly Pixley-Keller | 26 | Daniel Cruz, William Nichols |
| 9 | Ed Davenport, Tia Dimmick, Richard Harris, Birgitta Portalupi, Kenny Priest | 27 | Jack Collins, Michele Stewart, Chris Vogel |
| 10 | Kirin Hickcox, Dennis Miller, Jeff Smith, Steven Thompson | | |
| 11 | Troy Dutra, Robert Holt, Chuck Petrusa, Suzanne Tibbles | | |
| 12 | Aimee Carroll, James Lasell, Elvin Luis, Arla Ramsey, Eric Terkelsen | | |
| 13 | Mike Griffin, Mike Kaska, Linda West | | |
| 14 | John Ennis, Jim Fregoso, Richard Gibson, Harvey Harper, John Harris, Cathy MacMullin, Gary Morris, Kim Salazar, Melvin Sample | | |
| 15 | Royal McCarthy, Ward Mengel, Marleen Nylander, Robert Rabago, Gregory Vander Wall, Loretta Wilson | | |
| 16 | Laura Avila, Paul Christensen, Norman Day, Kyle Saunderson, Crystal Velasco | | |
| 17 | Dennis Del Biaggio, Barbara Fields, Douglas Pool, Brutus Ward | | |
| 18 | Jason Akana, Erin Anderson, Janet Biasca, Jerry Colivas, George Durfee, Doris Miller, Scott Rotherham, Emily Silveira | | |



Why Is Cupid the Symbol of Valentine's Day?

The Valentine Cupid you can easily call to mind is an interpretation of Eros, the Greek god of love. He appeared as a handsome youth in early art and poetry, but by the Hellenistic period—which spanned from 323 B.C.E. to 31 B.C.E.—he'd morphed into the chubby winged child that we know and love today. “Representing Eros as a child, and subordinate to his mother, is a way of containing or limiting the power that love was thought to have over us,” says Catherine Connors, PhD, a classics professor at the University of Washington. So what does Eros have to do with Cupid? A lot, actually. The Romans reinterpreted many Greek myths, and Eros is no exception. Once he was adopted by Roman culture, he was renamed Cupid, which stems from the word for “desire.” While his name may have changed, the Romans kept Cupid's more recent Greek incarnation of the less threatening, chubby-cheeked child. Modern representations often conflate Eros and Cupid in the version of the Valentine's Day Cupid that screams “**Happy Valentine's Day**” today.



Who is Cupid the god?

According to Roman mythology, Cupid was a god born of Mercury, the messenger of the gods, and Venus, the goddess of love. Armed with a bow and arrows (they're on your [Valentine's Day bingo](#) card for a reason), he dealt in love and passion, forcing it upon his victims with the prick of an arrow. His Greek counterpart has a murkier background. Some early stories claim Eros was a primeval god believed to be the son of Chaos. Later Greek mythology established him as the son of Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty. Although the identity of his father is unclear, Eros is most commonly said to be the son of Ares, the god of war. Like the Roman god Cupid, Eros concerned himself with love and passion, making mischief and playing with lives by piercing humans and gods alike with his enchanted arrows.

Was Cupid always associated with romance?

That's a hard no. Today, the Valentine Cupid is seen as one of the most iconic symbols of love and romance, but his journey to becoming the poster boy for [Valentine's Day](#) was a long one, with some twists along the way. In the original Greek myths, Eros played with the emotions of both gods and mortals, and not always in the nicest of ways. In one story, he caused the god Apollo to fall in love with the nymph Daphne—then made sure the love was unrequited. In other stories, love turned dangerous.

This dark streak could perhaps be traced back to Eros's mother. In some variations of the legend, Aphrodite became jealous of the human woman (Psyche) Eros had fallen in love with and tricked Eros into putting a spell on the woman. Not surprisingly, the story doesn't have a happy ending.

How did Cupid become the Valentine's Day mascot?

For centuries, February 14 has been seen as a celebration of [romance](#), hence the [Valentine's chocolates](#) and [romantic restaurants](#). Cupid likely seemed a natural fit to represent the holiday. “The poet Chaucer, in a poem about birds, associates Valentine's Day with love and may be drawing on earlier folk traditions,” says Connors. “Visually, the long artistic tradition of depicting Eros/Cupid with his mother, the goddess of love, persisted and was available when [Valentine's cards](#) began to be commercially printed in the mid-19th century.”



February 22



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Trustee's Meeting 6pm Lounge hours 2pm-8pm	2 Roamers Meeting 4:30pm Lodge Meeting 7pm Open faced prime rib sandwiches by Silvia 6pm Lounge hours 2pm-9pm	3 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	4 CYOS by James & Girls 6:30pm Music by: Ghost Train Lounge hours 2pm-10:30pm	5 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm
6 ESE Lounge hours 2pm-9pm	7 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	8 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	9 Captain's Plate By The Fish Crew 6pm Orientation 7pm Lounge hours 2pm-9pm	10 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	11 CYOS by Kathy & Crew 6:30pm Music by: Midnight Special Lounge hours 2pm-10:30pm	12 RV Work Party 9am-12:30pm Lounge hours 2pm-7pm
13 Super Bowl Party Kickoff 3:30pm Dinner at 5pm Lounge hours 2pm-9pm	14 House Committee Meeting 5:30pm Lounge hours 2pm-8pm	15 Trustee's Meeting 6pm Emblem Meeting 6:30pm Lounge hours 2pm-9pm	16 Lasagna by Janet Smith & Emblem Club 6pm Initiation 7pm Lounge hours 2pm-9pm	17 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	18 CYOS by Silvia & Crew 6:30pm Music by: Backstreet **HERD TALK ARTICLES DUE TODAY! ** Lounge hours 2pm-10:30pm	19 ESE RV Work Party 9am-12:30pm Lounge hours 2pm-7pm
20 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	21 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	22 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	23 Tacos by Kathy & Crew 6pm Karaoke 7pm Lounge hours 2pm-8pm	24 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	25 Baby Back Ribs by The Rib Crew 6:30pm Music by: Dr. Squid Lounge hours 2pm-10:30pm	26 Emblem Installation of Officers 10:30am Lounge hours 2pm-9pm
27 Purple Pig Dinner Cocktails 5pm Dinner 6pm \$15 Lounge hours 2pm-9pm	28 House Committee Meeting 5:30pm Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	29 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	30 Lounge hours 2pm-7pm	FRIDAY NIGHT CYOS: 6:30 PM STEAK: \$25 CHICKEN: \$18 STEAM: \$15 RESERVATIONS BY 3PM	FRIDAY NIGHT RIBS: 6:30 PM \$25 RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 5PM THE DAY BEFORE!	

February 2022 Events

- 1st-Trustee's Meeting 6pm
- 2nd-Redwood Roamers Meeting 4:30pm
Open Faced Prime Rib Sandwiches by Silvia 6pm
Lodge Meeting 7pm
- 4th- CYOS by James & Girls 6:30pm
Band- Ghost Train 7:30-10:30pm
- 6th-ESE
- 9th-Captain's Plate By The Fish Crew 6pm
Orientation 7pm
- 11th-CYOS by Kathy & Crew 6:30pm
Band-
Midnight Special 7:30pm-10:30pm
- 12th- RV Park Work Party 9am-12:30pm
Lunch provided!:
- 13th- Super Bowl Party Kickoff 3:30pm
Dinner at 5pm
- 14th- Valentines Day! House Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- 15th-Trustee's Meeting 6pm
Emblem Meeting 6:30pm
- 16th- Lasagna by Janet Smith 6pm
Lodge Meeting/ Initiation 7pm
- 18th- CYOS by Silvia & Crew 6:30pm
Band-Backstreet 7:30-10:30pm
- 19th- ESE RV Park Work Party 9am-12:30pm
Lunch provided!:
- 23rd- Tacos by Kathy 6pm
Karaoke 7pm
- 25th- Baby Back Ribs by The Rib Crew 6:30pm
Band-Dr. Squid 7:30-10:30pm
- 26th- Emblem's Installation of Officers 10:30am
- 27th- Purple Pig Dinner Cocktails 5pm
Dinner 6pm \$15
- 28th- House Committee Meeting 5:30pm

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Valentine's Day Fun



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"Arrows are not for everyone. Side effects may include romance, passion, feelings of love, dizziness, headaches, and nausea. Ask your doctor if an arrow in the heart is right for you."

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"If you step on a purple mushroom, you'll be forced to marry the ugliest person in the world," warned the old gnome, so the man continued carefully through the woods. He didn't step on any purple mushrooms.

Suddenly a beautiful woman walked up and said: "We have to marry."

"Why?" asked the man, smiling.

"I just stepped on one of those pesky purple mushrooms!" she replied.

Joke by Matthew D., Andover, Mass.





Super Bowl Party!

Sunday, February 13th

@ 3:30 p.m.

This year's game promises to be a good one and where better to watch it than the Elk's Lodge. Good friends, multiple tv's and food and drink!

\$5 donation for dinner

Karaoke

Love to sing? Join us in the bar after dinner on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. You can sing karaoke solo or with a group or bring your own instrument and play your favorite song.



PURPLE PIG DINNER

Sunday,

February 27th

No-host Cocktails at 5:00

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your decorated, well fed pig and win some prizes!

There will also be an auction with some great prizes so join us for a fun evening!



HAPPY TRAILS

Redwood Roamers of Eureka California Elks

The Redwood Roamers met on January 5th to brainstorm outings for 2022. Suggestions ranged from journeying to central California up to southern Oregon. Each Roamer had three votes to select places they wanted to visit. The top outings were: Ancient Redwoods, Coos Bay, Gold Beach, Sonora, Fort Bragg, McCloud, Lewiston, Klamath, and Benbow.

The Roamers will meet on February 2nd to assign volunteers to be Trailblazers and Greasers for each outing. Several outings are in the planning stages. They are:

Sonora	April 30 / May 1, 2 leaving on 3	Fort Bragg	May 16th – 20th
Lewiston	June 2, 3, 4, 5th	Klamath RV Park	September 9, 10, 11

The Roamers have also taken on the responsibility of maintaining the Lodge’s RV Park. Dave Eberhardt and Howard Ritter, co-chairmen, are heading up work parties to improve the appearance and add amenities to make our park a point of destination for Elks with RVs.

Any Elk member and their guests are welcome to attend a Redwood Roamers meeting. Come see what we are about! Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 2nd at 4:30 p.m.



These are really exciting times for our Lodge. We initiated 22 new members in January during the District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers visitation. Our Officer Corps did really well in performing the ritual. We have another 48 candidates in the system to become members. Our total membership is 1,395 and growing. Our highest pre-COVID was about 1,500. I believe we can make that number again. Only about 7% of the membership did not pay their dues for this year. Unfortunately, they will be dropped on March 30, and will not be able to enter any Elks Lodge unless they re-instate.

I have previously noted that I am retiring at the end of this term (April 1). Please let me know if there is anyone who might be interested in becoming the Lodge Secretary. The Lodge Secretary and the Lodge Treasurer receive a stipend as noted in the By-laws. The position is about half time in total. You must attend the regular meetings along with the statutory requirements. We will train you and we will be available to help during the transition.

The District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers visitation was well attended. About 95 came for dinner and 68 attended the membership meeting. The food was German schnitzel with red sour kraut and spaetzle. It was cooked by a new Emblem Club Chef, and it was excellent. Hopefully we can get her to cook for the October Fest. The Lodge received an A from Grand Lodge for our contributions to the Elks National Foundation. We exceeded the goal by a considerable amount. Dale Colson, a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and a District Leader emeritus received his 50-year pin from CHEA State Trustee Jim Olson during the dinner.

Fraternally yours, Brad Smith

Elks National Drug Awareness Program

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks National Drug Awareness Program (DAP) is the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. The program's Resource Center provides parents, teachers and kids access to educational materials including anti-drug literature, videos, coloring books, posters, public service announcements and prevention tools for parents along with information on the annual poster, essay and video contests.

Every year, the Elks Drug Awareness Program distributes more than seven million pieces of anti-drug literature to parents, teachers and kids. The Elks have also teamed with Marvel Comic Books to produce a book featuring Marvel superheroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking. Other educational materials offered by the program include prevention tools for parents, videos, coloring books, posters, classroom activities with teachers guides and public service announcements. The Elks Kid Zone (grades 3 to 6) and Elks Teen Zone (grades 6-12) sites provide age specific materials and activities which include Interactive Activities and Class Room lessons with Teacher's Guides.

The Elks Drug Awareness Prevention Resources Center can be accessed @elks.org/dap or under Programs on the Elks Home Page, @ elks.org. Elks Kid Zone can be accessed directly through elkskidzone.org and the Elks Teen Zone at elksteenzone.org. Most materials are available to be downloaded. If you wish to obtain materials such as coloring books, a Marvel Comic Book classroom set, etc., you will need to contact me directly (jacknlou71@sbcglobal.net).



All Elks Drug Awareness Program materials are available to anyone or organization and "are free and will always be free'.

Veterans Committee

Elks" pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further, and promises service to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need. Utilizing funding available through the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Grant Programs funding the lodge was able to conduct the following activities to provide local assistance for our local veterans hit hardest by the Covid-19 Pandemic during 2021.

A \$2000 donation funded by a **ENF Gratitude Grant** was presented to the North Coast Veteran Resource Center Transitional Housing Program to assist in meeting increase with Food Cost and Disinfectant Supplies and providing meal cards from local restaurants for program residents that pose a high risk of catching the disease who were placed alternate housing placement to Covid-19.

\$3500 funded through a **ENF Beacon Grant**, with an additional generous donation from the local United Bikers of California chapter, provided local high need veterans with "Food for People" food boxes along with a meal box from the Eureka Elks Lodge Veterans Committee. Total distribution of meal boxes = 110 Elks Meal Boxes (4 meals ea.) and 220 **Food Bank Food Relief Kits** (3 to 4 meals ea.). **Total distribution** of individual meals exceeded **1300**.

As we move forward into 2022 the committee continues to meet on a regular basis. We encourage you to join us. New members bring new ideas on how we can continue to fulfill the Elks "pledge" of service to our nation's veterans and military members, especially to those most in need. Meetings are held at the lodge on the 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM. Zoom access will also be available. Please contact Jack Harris at, jacknlou71@sbcglobal.net or 707-630-3286 for more information.



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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

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

