



HERD TALK



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Greetings Elks, on October 28-30 the CHEA President visitation for Bradford Smith at the Lakeport Lodge #2704. PDDGER Brad Smith Secretary) Shawn Doebel (Leading Knight) and I were present. Patti Powell our AVP had asked all 8 Lodges in our District to create an activities board of each lodge so our CHEA President could see what wonderful things each Lodge is doing. Pati also asked each Exalted Ruler to choose a member who practices the motto of the President which is: Building Elks Legacy: Lodges,

Membership, and Community Service, "The Future of Elkdom Begins with YOU". Four members would be chosen for the President Builders Champion Award. It gives me great pleasure to let Eureka Elks Lodge #652 know that Howard Ritter was one of four chosen. Howard was presented with a Presidential Pin. Howard with the Roamers have worked to make our RV Park bloom and grow. Thank you, Howard, for all that you do!

On November 11th the Veteran's Committee had placed a Missing Man table and had asked the Coast Guard to give an explanation of each item on the table. What wonderful turn out there was to honor our Veteran's. Thank you to all who came and THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERAN'S. November 17th we had our 46th Peace Officer Appreciation dinner and 14 Officers received awards. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!! November 20th was our annual Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. It was wonderful to see everyone. We are truly blessed at our Lodge to have some many amazing and wonderful members that we can call brothers and sister in Elkdom. Finally, November 21st, we had about 50 Elks come out and help decorate the Lodge for Christmas who all had a wonderful spreading Christmas joy. After decorating we had a spaghetti. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED!! Lodge looks beautiful.

Coming up on December 4th we are having our Elks Memorial Service. We will honor our brothers and sisters who have passed through the year. It's a beautiful ceremony. After the ceremony we will have a Tom and Jerry party. We will also be having a New Year's Party purchase tickets (pre-paid) at the Lodge!! Enjoy a Prime Rib dinner and champagne toast while dancing the night away with Dr Squid. Come down and bring in the New Year at the Lodge in a winter wonderland, we will also have an ugly sweater contest. So, bring the best ugliest sweater you have. Coming in January Weekend in the Redwoods returns. January 20th-22nd.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!! GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Fraternally Yours,

Marta Martinez Exalted Ruler

Hello Elks, I would like to thank everyone for coming to Oktoberfest, it was lots of fun. We had several door prizes and a silent action that was a great success. So, thank you once again for all of you who have participated.

The next up and coming event that is planned is a Super Bowl Party, it will be on February 12th, mark your calendars. We will be having a nice Tailgate style party lunch/dinner, we will also have lots of door prizes, and an opportunity drawing with all monies going to youth activity fund children's charity.

I would also like to thank everyone who came to the veteran's dinner and police appreciation dinner. There was a good turn out for both and support for both organizations. Things like this just don't happen without the support of membership, so keep it up. I would also like to encourage every member to come to a Lodge meeting, or Trustee meeting or even a House Committee meeting. That way YOU, the members have an input on what goes on here at the lodge. Without you the members we have no Lodge, take part and keep it running strong. We also need volunteers in every aspect of lodgdom. It would be nice to see some new faces working in the kitchen, or bartending. Last but not least let's make this lodge strong and successful again. I hope to see you at the lodge and have a great holiday everyone. Leading Knight Shawn Doebel



Eureka Elks Lodge #652 Drive-Thru Children's Christmas Celebration



December 17TH, 10am -1:00pm

An Elk will present your Calf with a Christmas bag from Santa, filled with Christmas Cheer!



REMEMBER: YOU MUST CALL AHEAD! 707-442-6652

Call the Elks Lodge before December 13th, 2022 with the age and gender of each child.



Eureka Lodge #652

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Lodge Committees

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Nunes

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Bialous

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Smith

Bar Manager = Rena Forbes

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Come in for your free birthday drink

HAPPY
birthday

- 01 Kathleen Dunn, Ingrid El Idrissi, Blake Massaro
- 02 Brian Franklin, Anthony Mantova
- 03 Carl Johnson Jr., Edgar Roberts
- 04 Melencio Pabalate, Leslie Selvage
- 05 Barton Crews, Mike Deck, Doug Mclsaac, Loren Pancoast, Sherry Pavlich, Linda Puz, Tim Toste, Larry Ward Jr., Chad Younger
- 06 Corky Mitchell, Thomas Rydz
- 07 Rebecca Crosby
- 08 Gary Harner, William McCarthy, George Potamianos, Clinton Stannard
- 09 Larry Castellanos, Michael Landry, Michael Renner
- 10 Gary Greene, Daniel Herron, Hilda Landowski, Robert Martinez, Mike Thomas, Ray Thompson
- 11 Donald Cloney, Renee Cloney, Richard Haberman
- 12 Jeanne O'Neale, Edward Wilkinson
- 13 James Freeman, Janelle Jackson, Jennifer Johnston, Don Ritchie
- 14 Janice Beach, John Prevost, Marcus Rivera
- 15 Jay Bahner, John Frank, Richard Kehl, Jon Mell, Ken Suiker
- 16 Gary Crnich, Byron Franco
- 17 Gary Bird, Arthur Bruga, Betsy Buchanan, Daniel Wilson
- 18 Patrick Andrews, Jeremy Lyon
- 19 John Bertain, Clayton Halvorsen, Frances Rapin, Craig Spjut, Wanda Wahlund, Linda Wise, Michael, Yancheff
- 20 Joseph Blaine, Lisa Denny, Christina Mast
- 21 Paul King, James McBeth, Todd Morris, Teresa Smith, 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, William Phelps
- 25 Yvette Ables, Jacob Bolton, Kevin Miller, Arthur Radcliffe, Robert Tafe,
- 26 Sandra Brown, Colleen Crotty, Thomas Livingston, Charles Tripodi
- 27 Rachelle Aubrey, Selina Cearley, John Stuart
- 28 Howard Lahaie, Mark Mattax, Corrado Pinochi
- 30 James Bailey, Warren Fowler, Eve Miller, Brenda Nevers
- 31 Jonathan Dunn

SORRY ELKS

Fellow Elks: Please accept our apologies for the November birthday list. If you had a birthday in November please come in to the lounge and we will honor your birthday drink. The Herd Talk is now back in the Secretary's office. If you would like to volunteer/help with the Herd Talk please contact PDDGER Brad Smith. 707-442-6652 ext. 103

The Veterans Corner
“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

California & Hawaii Elks Assoc.
Eureka Lodge #652
2022-2023 Drug Awareness Program Contest
Theme: **“One Pill Can Kill...”**

The purpose of the DAP Poster Contest is to involve children, schools, and parents in the Elks Drug Awareness Program. Three contests are available for students of different ages.

Poster Contest: (grades 3rd, 4th and 5th) Posters should be submitted on 8½” × 11” inch paper.

Essay contest: (grades 6th, 7th and 8th) Length: No longer than 250 words. Paper size: 8½” × 11” Text: Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed).

Video contest open to three groups: Pre-High School, High School and Post Graduate. Participants may be an individual or group. Length of the video should be 2 to 5 minutes and on a flash drive or similar “mobile” media in readable format.

Contact: <https://chea-elks.org/youth-activities/drug-awareness> or Jack Harris @sbcglobal.net for full contest rules and entry forms. Awards by the California and Hawaii Elks Association for each contest include; \$400 1st place \$300 2nd place \$200 3rd place Each Elks District will also award \$100 to each contest winner from the district. Eureka Lodge #652 will also award \$100 to each contest winner from the local community.

Entry should be submitted no later than December 10, 2022 to:

DAP Chairman at 2379 Ariel Way, Arcata, CA, 95521 or dropped off at the Eureka Elks Lodge #652 at 445 Herrick Ave. in Eureka, CA 95503.

46th Annual Peace Officers Appreciation Dinner Officer of the Year Award Winners



THANK YOU PEACE OFFICERS!

On Thursday 11/17/2022 the Eureka Elks Lodge #652 hosted a cook-your-own-steak night for our local Peace Officers. Having been on a two-year hiatus due to the covid pandemic, it was a night filled with laughter, appreciation, comradery, good food, and remembrance. Thank you Peace Officers for all that you do for our Eureka Elks Lodge #652, as-well-as this community we all share.

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EUREKA ELKS LODGE #652				1	2	3
<p>Please call 707-442-6652 for dinner reservations. Wednesday Dinners \$15 & Fridays Cook Your Own Steak \$25 Chicken \$18 Steam \$15</p>						
4 Elks Memorial Service 11am-1pm Tom/Jerry Party 1-3 Lounge 1-7	5 House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Lounge 2-7	6 Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm Lounge 2-7	7 Roamers 4:30 LODGE MEETING 7pm Delicious Dinner by Jeannie Dorris & Group 6 pm \$15 Lounge 2-9	8	9 CYOS Night with Jeri Long and Crew Band: Ghost Train Lounge 2-10:30	10 ESE Lounge 2-7
11 Toys for Tots Breakfast 8-11 \$15 Lounge 8-11 & 2-7	12 Lounge 2-7	13 Line Dancing 5:30-6:30 Lounge 2-7	14 PER Fish Dinner 6 pm \$15 Lounge 2-9	15 Don't forget to RSVP by today for the 12/21/2022 Emblem Club Christmas Dinner Lounge 2-7	16 CYOS Night with Silvia & Kitchen Crew Band: Backstreet Lounge 2-10:30	17 ESE Children's Drive-Thru 10-1 Lounge 2-7
18 ESE Lounge 2-7	19 House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Lounge 2-7	20 Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm Lounge 2-7	21 NO LODGE MEETING Emblem Club 3 rd Wednesday Dinner 6pm \$15 RSVP 12/15 Lounge 2-9	22	23 CYOS Night with Jackie & Group Band: Midnight Special Lounge 2-10:30	24 CLOSED
25 A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS Y'ALL CLOSED	26 Lounge 2-7	27 Line Dancing 5:30-6:30 Lounge 2-7	28 Tacos by Kurt & Crew 6 pm \$15 Cornhole 7 pm \$5 Lounge 2-9	29 Lounge 2-7	30 CYOS Night with Kurt & Group Band: Almost Dangerous Lounge 2-10:30	31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY WITH DR SQUID \$50 Lounge 2pm-12:30am



From the desk of: Brad Smith, PDDGER, Eureka Elks Lodge #652 Secretary

BUDGET ISSUES:

I tossed in a lot of numbers in November's article, which brought in some questions from members. I thought I would update and clarify the numbers in this article. These are year to date (YTD) numbers from April through October 2022 (the first 7 months of the fiscal year).

The Bar has a 30% cost of goods (COG) with a 15% profit margin for a profit of \$20,940.66

The Dining Room has a 59% cost of goods with a 10% loss margin for a loss of \$15,716.37

The RV Park has a 51% profit margin for a profit of \$38,725.52, and a gain of \$11,789.90 in the restricted RV Improvement account. This brings their restricted RV Improvements account to \$47,139.99

The Lodge, which includes the Bar, Dining room, RV and the Lodge itself, had a 13% profit margin for a profit of \$64,840.49. This is due to the excellent management of the Bar and RV Park.

The problem, of course, is the dining room. The COG is absurdly high. Some may say it's okay because we are making a profit in the bar, which balances against the loss. However, 59% COG is unacceptable. A 40% COG is acceptable and preferred. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the House Committee is required by Grand Lodge Statute to provide a segregated budget. It's okay to not make a profit, but a negative budget is unacceptable. The House Committee will undoubtedly review the Profit and Loss and make corrections where needed. Enough from me.

MEMBERSHIP AND LAPSATION:

Our Lodge is growing back to where we were pre-COVID. We have 1,398 members with a 7.28% lapsation. This is much better than many lodges, but we can do better. First, 97 of you have not paid your 2022 dues. You have until March 31 to pay or be dropped from the roles. Once dropped, you can't even enter any Elks lodge anywhere until you have been reinstated. Those that are delinquent and who do not plan on returning this year should pay up for this year and then request an absolute dimit. That makes it easy to come back at some point in the future. Second, bring in new members. The application fee is now \$50, but it is well worth the fee. There are many advantages in becoming an Elk, including RV parks, inexpensive meals and drinks at any lodge. Visiting the Honolulu or San Francisco Lodges just once is worth it. Apply online or come in and get an application. I'll mail you one if you request it.

HOLIDAY SEASON:

The entire administrative staff and I wish you and yours the best holiday season ever. We have a lot to be thankful for, like coming out of the COVID pandemic. It doesn't matter how its spoken: God Jul, Frohe Weihnachten, Feliz Navidad, it all means the same; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Ring in the New Year with Eureka Elks Lodge #652. \$50 for Prime Rib Dinner and Champagne Toast. The famous Dr. Squid will be here ringing in 2023 and they have it all - stellar musicianship, classic tunes, tight arrangements, and rockin' energy. Join the Elks as we dance in a Winter Wonderland. Special prizes for Ugliest Christmas Sweater and so much more! See you December 31st at 6 PM for cocktail hour with dinner being served at 7 PM! Cheers to 2023. Please RSVP & pre-pay by December 28th!



Herd Talk Advertisements

The Herd Talk will be accepting business cards/ads at \$240 a year, pro-rated through the end of our fiscal year in March. Promote your business or upcoming event this way. All artwork must be submitted electronically to elks652newsletter.org



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MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR OUR ANNUAL LODGE WEEKEND IN THE REDWOODS, HAPPENING THE WEEKEND OF: JANUARY 20TH-22ND

- * Friday Night will be a CYOS Dinner.
- * Saturday Night will include a Crab Feed Dinner
- * Sunday Morning Breakfast

Come share in the fun and mingle with your fellow Elks. Visit our stunning lodge and take in all the Redwoods.

Emblem Club 3rd Wednesday Dinner coming January 18th, call 707-442-6652 to RSVP.

Eureka Emblem Club

Chinese New Year Menu

- Lemon Chicken
- Fresh Vegetable Chow Mein
- Braised Rice w/Chinese Sausage & Vegetables
- Green Salad w/Asian Ginger Dressing
- Matcha Ice Cream w/ Almond Cookies

House Committee Corner:
The House Committee has been busy on getting things up and running again. We have been working on inventory, new contrast and the daily operations of the lodge. Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped in and helped out when we have needed help. A reminder that dinner tickets (event tickets, etc.) are only good that day or for that event only.
We are still looking for a Kitchen Manager (it could be several people example someone doing the ordering/arranging the cooks/supervising the dishwashers. And that way you have someone covering if anyone goes on vacation).
From the House Committee -Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Our Absent Members

Now the eleventh hour when Elkdome'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	Age
Leslie (Les) Merrill	07/20/1943	07/20/1961	11/23/2022	79
Gavin Gretchen		05/19/2004		72



Redwood Roamers of Eureka California Elks

The Redwood Roamers RV Club has 54 families who enjoy sharing the outdoors together. The Roamers meet the first Wednesday of the month at the Lodge to spread fellowship and plan monthly outings. Each outing has a Trailblazer and a Greaser. These two have the responsibility of planning and making all of the arrangements for a successful adventure. Come join us for an adventure or a meeting.

Bob and Cheryl Holt, Trailblazers, and Tom and Ellen Gill, Greasers, lead 15 RVs to Benbow KOA for our traditional Thanksgiving outing. Even though the weather forecast was for rain we had a wonderful time. Friday, Roamers shared hors d'ouerves for dinner in the recreation hall. It would rain hard at night, but the sun would peak through around 11:00 am. Saturday, was spent golfing, playing cornhole, washers, cards, and just visiting. Saturday night Cheryl and Ellen had organized a delicious thanksgiving potluck. Loren and Susan Pancoast, Ernie and Janis Branscomb, Dan and Cheryl Arbuthnot and Glen and Connie Stromsted provided turkeys, ham and roast beef. The rest of the roamers were assigned a traditional side dishes to make the meal complete. Pumpkin pie, apple pie and a pineapple upside down cake were the finishing touches to a delicious thanksgiving celebration.

After dinner we enjoyed playing Jenga and cornhole indoors. No campfires due to the rain, but our enthusiasm and good fellowship was abound. A special wine basket provided by Bill Barton was won by Richard and Bev Strubinger to end the evening.

Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, December 1 at 4:30 pm at the Lodge.

Happy Trails, Dale A. Stockly, Wagon Master

Trustees Corner

The Eureka Elks Lodge Trustees meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and consist of five trustees.

5 Year Trustee-Alan Bobillot, PER, Chairman of the Board

4 Year Trustee- Karen Hunter

3 Year Trustee- Sherie Bialous, PER

2 Year Trustee-Pierre Carbonneau

1 Year Trustee-Terry Long

The Trustees oversee lodge financial decisions and the lodge budget for the year along with other matters as defined in our statutes. Trustee's meetings were starting at 6:00PM but have been moved to 5:30PM. We meet in the dining room area and all lodge members are welcome to attend. If any lodge member would like to speak at the Trustees meeting, there is a guest speaker spot on the agenda. If any lodge member would like to submit an idea or any matter that may need assistance, please submit your idea or proposal via email or in writing to the trustees. The trustees will review it and place it on the agenda under new business. Our lodge has many outside events and weekly dinners that are planned throughout the year and volunteers are needed. If any member would like to volunteer, just contact any lodge officer and they will direct you to the right person that can help find you a spot. Training will be provided to you.

Our lodge is on sound financial footing because of all our great volunteers. If any lodge member would like to contact me about the trustees, lodge activities or volunteering, you can write or email me at alanbobillotathome@gmail.com

Fraternally yours,

Alan Bobillot, PER, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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Emblem club will be having a meeting on December 20th, followed by a holiday party. A meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or even being perfect. Life is about being authentic, being humble, being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others. It is only then that we can have a full, happy and contented life. Be kind to one another. With Love, Emblem Club

JOIN US FOR DECEMBER'S THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

EMBLEM CLUB DINNER

Chicken Marsala with a Mushroom Wine Sauce

Creamy Gorgonzola Polenta

Braised Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Tomatoes with Thyme

Hearts of Romaine with a Sherry Shallot Herb Vinaigrette topped with House Made Croutons

Brioche Roll with Butter

Dark Chocolate Cupcakes topped with a Coconut Cream Cheese Frosting

Christmas Pretzels

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6 PM \$15 DECEMBER 21ST, 2022

RESERVATIONS BY: DECEMBER 15TH, 2022

707-442-6652

