



# HERD TALK



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It was a clear but brisk Saturday morning when Santa Claus landed at Eureka Elks Lodge #652 after a 3,399 mile flight from the North Pole. After a nice hot cup of cocoa, Santa sat in front of the lodge waiting for children from all over Humboldt County. From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, 60 boys and girls, aged 1 to 18 received special presents from Santa. Santa was helped by the lodge's Exalted Ruler Marta Martinez and special Elfs: PER Sherie Bialous, who is the Chair of the Youth Activities Committee, Trustee Karen Hunter. Helping in the background were DDGER Dennis Hunter, PER Kurt Bialous, and Leading Knight Shawn Doebel.

Youth Activities Committee is very important to the health of any Elks Lodge. The Elks have always been supportive of our nations youth. There are scholarship programs both nationally and locally. The National Drug Awareness Program (DAP) is the largest of its kind in the nation. Jack Harris is the Chair of our Lodge and has recently been promoted to the District Chair over eight Lodges in the Great Northwest District. The DAP has essay, video and poster contests at several levels for our youth.



Lodge Clerk/Receptionist Angela Stacey's daughter, Kirsten, is all smiles.

## **"THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF SHAKEN GOING ON" IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT.**

**I DON'T NEED TO TELL ANYONE LOCAL THAT WE HAD A 6.4 EARTHQUAKE MONDAY NIGHT. ACTUALLY, WE HAVE HAD A SWARM OF EARTHQUAKES. EVERYONE I KNOW HAD AT LEAST SOME DAMAGE TO THE "STUFF" IN THEIR HOUSE. SOME MORE THAN OTHERS. THE ELECTRIC POWER WAS OFF FOR OVER 71,000 HOMES IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY. MOST HAS BEEN RESTORED, BUT NOT ALL AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE LODGE LOST QUITE A FEW BOTTLES OF WINE AND SOME LIQUOR. NATURALLY, GLASSES FELL HERE AND THERE. THE KITCHEN SUFFERED THE MOST BREAKAGE. SOUP AND SALAD BOWLS FLEW OFF THE SHELF. THEY DIDN'T FAIR WELL WHEN THEY HIT THE TILE FLOOR. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE HELP THOSE IN NEED. WE ARE THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS. IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS NEED ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OF THE EARTHQUAKE, PLEASE CALL US.**

Our fiscal year begins April 1st and ends March 31st. There are some important events that happen before the new fiscal year. Nominations for the Officer Corps is the first meeting in February. The officer positions that are elected are Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer. Anyone interested in those positions would need to be nominated during the meeting of February 1, 2023. That is also PER night, which means the Past Exalted Rulers conduct the meeting. Elections of officers is during the second meeting of February, which is the 15th. When there is only one nominee they are elected by a vote of one of the Officers.

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lodge Closed Enjoy 2023 Elks	2 Christmas Take Down 1pm House Committee Meeting 5:30pm Lounge 2-7	3 Trustee's Meeting 5:30pm Lounge 2-7	4 Roamers Meeting 4:30pm Southern Pecan Chicken by Jeanne Dorris & Friends 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm Lounge 2-9	5 Lounge 2-7	6 Cook Your Own Steak Night Helen B & Crew 6:30pm Band: Mojo Rockers Lounge 2-10:30pm	7 Lounge 2-7
8 Lounge 2-7	9 Lounge 2-7	10 Line Dancing 5:30-6:30pm Lounge 2-7	11 PER Seafood Dinner 6pm Orientation 7pm Lounge 2-8	12 Lounge 2-7	13 Cook Your Own Steak Night Tim Ayers & Friends 6:30pm Band: Claire Bent & Citizen Funk Lounge 2-10:30pm	14 Lounge 2-7
15 Lounge 2-7	16 House Committee Meeting 5:30pm Lounge 2-7	17 Trustee's Meeting 5:30pm Emblem Club Meeting 6:30pm Lounge 2-7	18 Chinese New Year Menu Emblem Club 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm Lounge 2-9	19 Lounge 2-7	20 Weekend in the Redwoods Cook Your Own Steak Night Silvia & Helpers 6:30pm Band: Nighthawk Lounge 2-10:30pm	21 Weekend in the Redwoods Crab Feed Night 5pm Cocktails 6pm Dinner Lounge 2-9
22 Weekend in the Redwoods Sunday Breakfast Marta & Silvia & Friends 8-11am Lounge 8-11am & 2-7pm	23 Lounge 2-7	24 Line Dancing 5:30-6:30pm Lounge 2-7	25 Taco Tuesday on Wednesday Kurt & Friends 6pm Cornhole for Veterans \$5 7pm Lounge 2-8	26 ESE Lounge 2-7	27 Herd Talk Assembly 9am Baby Back Ribs Nelson & Crew 6:30pm w/RSVP Thursday @ 5pm Band: Almost Dangerous Lounge 2-10:30pm	28 Lounge 2-7
29 Lounge 2-7	30 Lounge 2-7	31 Lounge 2-7	<b>ALWAYS CARRY YOUR ELKS MEMBERSHIP CARD. " YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT IT IN ORDER TO GAIN ADMISSION TO THIS LODGE, AND WITHOUT IT, YOU CAN'T ENTER ANOTHER LODGE".</b>			

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Marta Martinez.....Exalted Ruler  
Shawn Doebel.....Leading Knight  
Alan Caldwell.....Loyal Knight  
Nina Strang.....Lecturing Knight  
Brad Smith, PDDGER.....Secretary  
Ernie Nunes, PER.....Treasurer  
Jim Kloss.....Esquire  
Vacant.....Tiler  
Ward Mengel.....Chaplain  
Ann Schuler.....Inner Guard

## Board of Trustees

Chairman PER Alan Bobillot, PER Sherie Bialous,  
Terry Long, Pierre Carbonneau, Karen Hunter.

## House Committee

Chair ER Marta Martinez, Rena Forbes, Jeri Long,  
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## Lodge Committees, etc.

**Americanism** = Nina Strang

**Auditing and Accounting** = Chair Bill Lambo,  
Barry Smith

**Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Veterans** =  
Jack Harris

**Public Relations** = Bill Lambo

**Membership and Lapsation** = PER Ernie  
Nunes, PDDGER Brad Smith.

**Activities** = PER Scott Reinsmith, PER Ernie  
Nunes

**Fraternal** = Chair PER Sherie Bialous, PER Kurt  
Bialous,

**Safety** = Pierre Carbonneau

**Youth Activities** = PER Sherie Bialous

**PER Association** = President PER Kathy Payne

**RV Park** = Donna Jordan / Howard Ritter

**Redwood Roamers** = Dale Stockley

**Marketing** = Chair PDDGER Brad Smith, Adam  
Carter

**Bar Manager** = Rena Forbes



## NEWS FROM EUREKA EMBLEM CLUB 298

The Emblem Club dinner in December was cancelled due to the earthquake. The Emblem Club dinner in January will be Wednesday the 18th. The menu is Lemon Chicken, fresh vegetable Chow Mein, Braised Rice with Chinese Sausage and Vegetables, Asian Green Salad, and Matcha Ice Cream with Almond Cookies.

## January Birthdays. Come to the lounge and claim your free drink on us.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 Cooney, Tim           | 13 Clower, J Vernon      | 22 Johnson, Susan      |
| 01 Daer, Corinne         | 13 Fryrear, Lisa         | 22 Wright, Genevieve J |
| 01 Doss, Larry           | 13 George Jr, Merv       | 22 Yates, John         |
| 01 Goselin, Louis        | 13 Ireland, Kerry Robert | 23 Alcorn, Michael     |
| 01 Stagnoli, Peter       | 13 Phippen, Sandy        | 23 Boham, Russell      |
| 02 Bareilles, Paul       | 13 Simas, Diana L        | 23 Miller, Janet       |
| 02 Foster, Jack          | 13 Taylor, Monte         | 23 Moranda, Brett      |
| 02 Stagnoli, Madeleine L | 15 Avila, Jerry M        | 23 Stockly, Dale       |
| 03 Brandenburg, Jeannine | 15 Briggs, Patricia      | 24 Barrote, Aldan      |
| 03 Fode, Michael         | 15 Forchini, Michael     | 25 Hicks, Gene         |
| 03 Lorenzetti, Roger     | 15 Goodwin Jr, Charles F | 25 Hull, David         |
| 03 McGarvie, Donald L    | 15 Hanrahan, Michael     | 25 Merten, Cheryl      |
| 03 Thissell, Tiffany     | 15 Parker, Gabriel       | 25 Newman, Michael     |
| 04 Ajina, Haider         | 15 Wilson, Edward        | 25 Trepanier, Donald   |
| 04 Bouchard, Daniel      | 16 Del Grande, David S   | 26 Coan, Jacob         |
| 04 Wilwerding, Thomas    | 16 Wolff, Stephen J      | 26 Cory, Jennifer      |
| 05 Delaney, Steve        | 17 Ayers, Paul A         | 26 Hinrichs, James     |
| 05 Matheson, Dean        | 17 Bird, Larry           | 27 Fletcher, Max       |
| 06 Dunn, Steve           | 17 Foreman, Bruce        | 27 Munson, Michael     |
| 06 Emmons, Chris         | 17 Foster, Damieon D     | 27 Stamps, Stan        |
| 06 Juchtzer, Richard     | 17 Tanferani, Edward     | 27 Ustick, Sophia      |
| 06 Lawrence, Daniel      | 17 Verlinde, Jody        | 28 Bonhote, James      |
| 06 Mengel, Tonya         | 18 Carroll, Gwen         | 28 Crnich, Paul        |
| 07 Geiser, Mark          | 18 Huffman, James        | 28 Enes, Joe           |
| 07 Robertson, Robert     | 18 Jennings, MacE C      | 28 Gagnon, Jon         |
| 08 Goff, John            | 18 McKinzie, Richard H   | 28 Onstad, Richard     |
| 08 Miller, Robert E      | 19 Bauriedel, Sile       | 29 Gill, Tom           |
| 08 Morse, Bob            | 19 Freeman, John Dex     | 29 Murphy, Robert J    |
| 09 Castanos, Stephen     | 19 Mahoney, Richard D    | 29 Pauli, Jeff         |
| 09 McLaughlin, Bill      | 19 Stivers, James E      | 29 Wallace, Lowell     |
| 09 Meade, Timothy        | 19 Toney, Clara          | 30 Davis, Kenny        |
| 09 Nolan, Donald E       | 20 Christie, Kevin L     | 30 Nova, Bill          |
| 09 Smith Jr, William     | 20 Faust, Mark           | 31 Collins, James      |
| 11 Altizer, Keith        | 20 Mayville, Jerry       | 31 Cunningham, Gary A  |
| 11 Hart, Kerri           | 20 Olsen, Maureen        | 31 Santsche, Mark      |
| 11 Humble, Janet         | 20 Sutton, Tom           |                        |
| 11 Johnson, Job          | 21 Banko, Tenaya         |                        |
| 11 McGowan, Mark         | 21 Bermers, Dennis       |                        |
| 11 Murrell, Eric         | 21 Bravo, Kenneth        |                        |
| 11 Payne, Gary E         | 21 Vance, John M         |                        |
| 11 Walker, David         | 22 Allen, Kelly          |                        |
| 12 Fridley, Michael A    | 22 Branco, Bonnie        |                        |
| 12 Price, Kim            | 22 Hendrickson, Wendy    |                        |



## 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
James Tatka	08/02/1953	04/18/2012	12/16/2022	69
Barry Jacobsen	07/10/1932	04/16/2003	12/01/2022	90



### 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.

The Roamers had their annual Christmas Potluck at the Elks Lodge on Thursday, December 1. We had fifty Roamers in attendance. Each Roamer Family brought an unwrapped toy for Marines Toys for Tots Program. We had a short program before sampling the hors d'oeuvre. Dave Eberhardt made a replicate of the Christmas Tree Ornament that was placed on White House Christmas Tree last year. Dave Eberhardt and Karen Ritter presented the ornament to ER Marta Martinez to be displayed in the Lodge. Dale Stockly presented Dan Wilson with a plaque that he will hang on his RV designating him as our Wagon Master. Dale also gave Cheryl Holt, our outgoing secretary, red and white tulips for her 10 years of note taking. It was a fun evening with lots of good fellowship. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Another calendar year has passed, and what a year it was. We have finally left the COVID-Era, which was basically 2019-2022. Our membership did well during this era in spite of COVID. Few member deaths were attributed to COVID. Our Lodge is being used by the membership and their guests once again. Lodge activities are the key to a healthy and prosperous Lodge. I thank those that maintained their membership during the tough years. Our membership stands at 1,396 with less than 90 members who haven't paid this year's dues.

Speaking of dues, those that haven't paid their dues for the year 2022-2023 will be receiving a letter stating the consequences of not paying as required by Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge does the dues billing. Sometimes there is an information lag between Grand Lodge and our local Lodge. Sometimes a member is billed when they have already paid. That's an easy fix. Call me and I'll take care of it. The dues for 2023-2024 will be \$160 for regular members and \$70 for life members because Grand Lodge raised their add-on by \$5. It was necessary because of liability and other insurance costs. Our Lodge portion of the dues will remain the same at \$120. Add \$1 for a spousal card. Those who lose their key card after we issue it to them will pay \$5 for a replacement.

We are going to purchase an electronic information kiosk for the foyer of our Lodge. There are several reasons. First is the mess. The foyer gets messy when there are several events being advertised on separate easels. There are letter size and poster size notices all over the place. The purpose of the advertising gets lost in the clutter. Secondly is information. We would like to be able to not only display information but update it on a regular basis. Last is the cost. We print posters and announcements in color, which is costly over the long run. An electronic kiosk eliminates these issues.

What we are proposing is basically a 55-inch monitor standing on end off the floor with wheels. It's a thin very attractive display that can easily be programmed and reprogrammed. It is interactive. A member can come in and touch the screen on the calendar to see what's happening on that day or what's for dinner that night. The cost is a little over \$4,000. The Past Exalted Rulers Association is putting up \$500. The Bobillot Family Trust is putting up \$500. The Emblem Club will be putting something towards the cost, and I'll be asking the RV if they will participate in the cost. The Trustees will probably recommend money be taken out of the service fee account to be put towards the purchase. Those who want to donate please contact the Clerk or Secretary.

**I need to clear up what seems to be a misunderstanding. We are out of budget as reported in the last Herd Talk, but it is not the fault of the House Committee or any other entity. It's COVID related. It was virtually impossible to budget for income and expense when we had so many unknowns due to COVID and its affect on our Lodge.**





Americanism by Nina Strang, Esteemed Lecturing Knight. The U.S. Flag Code, 4U.S. Code Section 8(i), prohibits using the flag of the United States for any advertising purpose. The Code states that the flag should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Both of these sections are generally ignored, almost always without comment. There are other sections that apply such as the flag should never touch the ground, be burned in a disdainful manner, be dipped in a salute to other flags, etc. Flags flying at night must be lit. The flag is dear to our hearts and close to our altar as Elks.

Happy New Year. It was so wonderful to see so many people enjoying the lodge. December was a busy month with the Elk's Memorial honoring all our brothers and sisters who had passed away in the year 2022. God bless them and their families. We had a wonderful time at the Tom and Jerry party. Santa came to visit with his elves and handed out 60 gifts during the youth drive through Christmas party. Thank you to Sherie Bialous for all her hard work organizing this event. Santa and the kids had a great time but are excited to have a Christmas party in person. Next Youth Activities event will be The Easter Party. January will be busy. Weekend in The Redwoods January 20-22 hope to see you there. I would like to personally thank all who came out to help check, clean, organize to get the lodge back in order after the early morning earthquake of December 20. May 2023 be a peaceful and prosperous year for all.



The House Committee has been busy, we have been working on inventory, new contracts 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 for that days event. If you want chicken instead of steak on a Friday night, make sure to pre-order your chicken. Chicken is a PRE-ORDER item only. If you have guests coming to dinner, please make sure you are present when they arrive and you must remain until they have left. Please provide a list of your guests if your party is 25 or over. Thank you! Marta Martinez, Exalted Ruler.



Hello everyone, I hope your Holidays went well. There are some events coming our way. Super Bowl is February 12<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have a tail-gate party at the Lodge. The party starts a 12:00pm. There will be tailgate food items, such as hotdogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, chips and dip, and other great foods. The cost is \$10. I hope your favorite team will be in the game. Come and join the lodge in having some fun with friends and root for your team. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have been working in the Lodge. We can't operate the Lodge without you. I am looking forward to a great upcoming year. Leading Knight Shawn Doebel.

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## **WIN \$200**

Each Regular Meeting has an attendance drawing where two members are randomly drawn by computer. Each winner receives \$200.00 if they are present.

**WEEKEND IN THE REDWOODS. JANUARY 20, 21, 22.**

**Sign up now for Friday night Cook Your Own Steak, Saturday Crab Feed, Sunday Breakfast. All for \$100 per person!**

**We hope you and yours have had a wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to a fun filled year at the Lodge. See you There.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**2023**