



HERD TALK



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Hello fellow brothers and sisters of Eureka Lodge #652. I want to thank you for having me as your Exalted Ruler for 2022-2023. It truly has been an honor and pleasure to represent and serve you. You have taught me a lot about Elkdom and what kind of Elk I want to be. **THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO KEEP OUR LODGE RUNNING!!** Thank you Officers, Trustees, House Committee and Chairmen of all the other committees for all you have done to help the Lodge during my year. Thanks for keeping me in line. Have had some challenges and surprises but with help from the membership we have pulled through. Our Wednesday and Friday nights attendance is increasing, our membership is growing and our Lapsation is down. The House Committee has reviewed, rewritten and updated 5 contracts. They have also been working on getting our inventory on an electronic platform to make it easier. We are trying to stream the Volunteer list. The RV Park had a facelift during the summer with weed mat, gravel, a rope fence, numbers painted on the pads, and the dog park complete with a fire hydrate and solar lights. **AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE OUR LODGE GREAT.** Thank you to our employees of Eureka Lodge #652 for all the awesome work you do! Thank you again to ALL who have helped me and supported me through the year. You will see me around the lodge helping where I am needed and doing anything I can to help the incoming Exalted Ruler Shawn Doebel and Officers. Mil Gracias a todos (a thousand thanks to you all). Fraternalmente, Exalted Ruler Marta Martinez

Hello everyone, I hope the month of February has treated you well. Just to update you the Super Bowl Party was great success we raised \$1,280 for youth activities program, so thank you to of you that attend, and to the people who helped, it was nice to see everyone having fun at the lodge again. The lodge will be having a dinner on March 4th for Major Project (Purple Pig) this month so bring your pigs and cash in then, and of course decorate them and win a prize. There will be raffle prizes too. I also would like to thank all the volunteers who have been volunteering, without you this lodge would not run smoothly as it does. I know I sound like a broken record, but please volunteer if you can. We should all do our part. As your incoming Exalted Ruler, I would like to see the lodge A LOT busier than it has been, but we can't do it without YOU! If every member (who can) in this lodge would volunteer, just once, we would never have a problem with volunteering and we could do more special events, and give more to our community. Leading Knight Shawn Doebel



Lodge Crab Cioppino Dinner

The Eureka Elk's Lodge has had a long history of great dinners. One that our lodge has not had in awhile is a Crab Cioppino Dinner. In the tradition of the Old San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf Style Cioppino, we will be having a night to remember. The dinner will be featuring Old San Francisco Style Cioppino with fresh crab, clams, fish, shrimp and other seafood delights slow simmered in a tomato based sauce. Served with San Francisco Sour Dough bread, antipasti salad, big green salad, relish trays for an appetizers and a special desert. Good red wines will be available at the bar. Please join us for this very special evening.

Make your reservations early! The dinner will be Wednesday, March 29th. The cutoff for signup will be March 26th. Contact the lodge at (707)442-6652.

\$30 per person

Arrivederci!, Alan Bobillot & Crew



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
To RSVP Call: 707-442-6652	27 February House Committee 5:30 pm	28 February Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm	1 Pecan Chicken with Jeanne Dorris & Friends 6 pm \$15 Lodge Meeting 7 pm Lounge 2-9	2 Lounge 2-7	3 Cook Your Own Steak Jerry & Debbie 6:30 pm Band: Backstreet Lounge 2-10:30	4 Purple Pig Roasted Pork Loin Dinner \$20 6pm RSVP 3/2
5 ESE Lounge 2-7	6 Lounge 2-7	7 Lounge 2-7	8 PER Seafood Dinner 6 pm \$15 Orientation 7 pm Lounge 2-8	9 Lounge 2-7	10 CYOS Tim Ayers 6:30 pm Band: Austin Alley Lounge 2-10:30	11 Lounge 2-7
12 Volunteer Appreciation CYOS Dinner 5 pm \$25 RSVP 3/10 Lounge 2-7	13 House Committee 5:30 pm Lounge 2-7	14 Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm Lounge 2-7	15 Emblem Club Corned Beef Dinner 6 pm \$15 Lodge Meeting 7 pm Lounge 2-9	16 Lounge 2-7	17 CYOS with Johnston Family 6:30 pm Band: Nighthawk Lounge 2-10:30	18 Lounge 2-7
19 Lounge 2-7	20 Lounge 2-7	21 Lounge 2-7	22 Tacos with Kurt & Crew Dinner 6 pm \$15 Lounge 2-7	23 Lounge 2-7	24 Baby Back Rib Night Nelson & Fam 6:30 pm \$25 RSVP 3/23 5 pm Band: Clarie Bent and Citizen Funk	25 Installation of Officers 5pm Dijon Chicken Dinner 5 pm \$25 RSVP 3/23 Lounge 2-10:30
26 Complete Prime Rib Dinner by the Smiths, 5 pm \$25 Benefitting Pine Hill & South Bay Schools RSVP 3/23	27 Lounge 2-7	28 Lounge 2-7	29 Crab Chippino by Alan B. & Crew 6 pm \$30 RSVP 3/26 Lounge 2-8	30 Lounge 2-7	31 CYOS Night Jeri & Dan 6:30 pm Band: Almost Dangerous Lounge 2-10:30	Cook Your Own Steak Steak \$25 Chicken \$18 Steam Table \$15 6:30 pm

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Vacant.....Tiler
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Nunes

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Bialous,

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Redwood Roamers = Dan Wilson

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Carter

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Emblem Club Installation of Officers was February 25, 2023. The New Emblem Club Officers are: President Janet Smith, Jr. Past President Stephanie Carlson, Vice-president Celeste Green-Goodwin, Financial Secretary Linda Barry, Treasurer Suzie Piazza, Corresponding Secretary Joni Hewston, Recording Secretary Tomire, Press Correspondent Janet Biasca, Trustee Chair Rachele Aubrey, Trustee Naomi Abbott, Trustee Pam McFarlan, Marshall Jacky Still, Asst. Marshall Jean McAdam, Asst. Marshall Mary Mahoney, Chaplain Nina Strang, First Guard Janet Biasca, Second Guard Nita Vallegra, Historian Machael Haskins, Organist LeAnne Morini.

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

01 Corning, Max	11 Cloney-Gardiner, Kathleen	22 Pawlus, Ed
01 Creech, David	11 Elder, Lj	22 Piazza, Salvador D
01 Miller, Lee	12 Carroll, Kevin	22 Piber, Joseph
01 Weyer, William C	12 Costa, Felicia	22 Silveira, Jaymes
01 Zaugg, Jr, Jonathan	12 Johnson, Jeral	22 Slagle, Alvin (Bud) L
02 Domenech, Ivan	12 Kuttler, Aileen	22 Tracy, Kiyo
02 McFarlan, Janice	12 Meng, Robert G	23 Doebel, Shawn Lee
02 Murray, Susan	12 Vallee, Deanna	23 Jimenez, Pedro 'Pete'
02 Stromstad, Glen	13 Dortch, Shellie	23 Moehnke, William
03 Mahon, Alan	14 Krings, Richard	23 Pace, Charles
03 Okonczak, Erik	14 Lowe, Robert	23 Shamblin, Earlene
03 Scott, Bill	14 Luper, Walter T	24 Clemenza, Frank J
03 Spellenberg, James	15 Ervin, Laurie	24 Glaspey, Mel
04 Hedding, Michael	15 McFarland, Andrew	24 Griggs-Dupuy, Elona
05 Lambo, William J	15 Seelhoff, Robert H	24 Lewis, Crystal
06 Hanson, Nicole	15 White, William	24 Olivieri, David
06 Harper, Bruce	16 Chapman, Clifford	24 Owen, Scott
06 Moore, Bill 707	16 Cotten, Jerry	24 Priolo, Rick 7
06 Osser, Nathan Berry	16 Hauan, Bryan	24 Rains, Yvonne
06 Trask, Delmar	16 Murphy, Chris J	25 Albin, Chet
07 Bettendorf, Nancy	16 Parker, Connie	25 Griswold, Ryan
07 Lucchesi, James	17 Doyle, John	25 Johnson, Harold J
07 Masterson, Greg	17 Sylvester, Robert	25 LaTorre, Donna
07 Middlemiss, Laura	18 Biefeld, Brian	25 Lucas, Kim
07 Richards, Michael J	18 Clague, Katherine	25 Ranstrom, Barbara
08 Tyson, David	18 Daly, Anne	26 Hancock, Sabrina
09 Cruz, Tim	18 Gish, Robert	26 Pollock, Aldine
09 Day, Charles	18 Harris, Ron	26 Sacco, Dylan
09 Griffith, Thelma	18 Hogan, Fred	26 Schuler, Ann
09 Hawkins, Paulette	18 Lingard, Ronald	26 Springman, Claudine
10 Chase, Tanka	20 Langer, Elliott	27 Mendes, Alan
10 Jansen, Mark	20 Osburn, Rhonda	27 Smith, Brian
10 Rice, Randal A	20 Strickland, Michael	28 Lehman, Ashley
10 Smith, Eric M	20 Torquemada, Mike	28 Mobley, Donny
10 Stephens, Timothy	20 Watson, Raymond	29 Carroll, Robin
10 Turk, Richard	21 Hallis, Ken	29 Latham, Tim
11 Bayless, Glenn	21 Henderson, David W	29 Whitten, Philip
11 Engel, Brett	21 Holdner, George	30 Vollenweider, Kenneth
11 Flenniken, Michael Clay	21 Edward Mitchell	31 Hendricks, Dave
11 Gleaton, Lawrence	21 Sousa, Lawrence Abe	31 Hendry, James
11 Johnson, Donald K	22 McMillin, Leonard	31 Ruud, Michael D
11 Timm, Doris J		



Redwood Roamers of Eureka California Elks

February 1 saw our first meeting of the year with over 50 Roamers attending. Six outings are already in the planning stage and another 10 have been voted on by the body. It's going to be a fun and busy year. Brad Smith, lodge secretary, presented a proposal for the Lodge to acquire an electronic kiosk. After a brief discussion the Roamers voted to contribute \$500 towards this goal. Private donations of \$160 were also collected. Our "Go Nowhere Rally and Outing" is scheduled for the weekend of March 24th-26th, 2023, here at the Lodge. Roamer members, Julie and Martin Smith of Pasadena, have taken it upon themselves to sponsor and donate all supplies needed for the \$25 per prime rib dinner March 26th. 100% of proceeds will be donated by the Redwood Roamers to the Pine Hill School District. Please plan to attend. This is Elks Lodge "Lets all volunteer" month. The most aspect to a vibrant and successful Lodge is volunteering. Here are some of the things the Roamers are doing. This February saw 2 workdays ram rodded by Dave Eberhardt and Howard Ritter. We worked on the general grounds, repainted electrical boxes, and painted numbers on each RV site. Other work included a boarder installed to keep small dogs from escaping the dog run. The roamers also continue to volunteer their time and hard work as the "salad bar crew" for Friday night dinners. There are lots of ways you can also help the Lodge. Please volunteer. Dan Wilson, Wagon Master.

This will be my last article as the Secretary in the Herd Talk. I am retiring from the Secretary's position as of April 1, 2023. I have served Elksdom as a Lodge trustee for 5 years, a Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler, Chaplain and Esquire for 1 year each, District Business Practices for 5 years, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for 2 years, California-Hawaii Elks Association Drug Awareness Vice Chair and Chair for 4 years. That totals a whopping 20 years of service at all levels of Elksdom. I have enjoyed doing my service; however, it's time to let go, retire and do other things. This doesn't mean I am leaving Elksdom. I'll be enjoying our Lodge and participating in other ways as a Past District Deputy and mentor to Officers and Lodges.

I wanted to make a difference in each position I held, and I think I've accomplished much of what I've set out to do. I brought my business experience to the Trustees and the district Lodges. I brought my law enforcement experiences to the Drug Awareness Program. There were things I wanted to do as Lodge Secretary but failed to complete. I wanted to bring us into a better accounting position with a point of sale (POS) system. I got a lot of kickbacks from several members who would be using the system, so I chose not to push it. In retrospect, I believe that was a mistake. We are one of only a few Lodges in California that don't have a POS. A point of sale system will reduce mistakes and make accounting much easier. A POS also allows reservations and pre-pay for events and services. As an example, dues payments and dinner reservations could be made on-line. Another thing I wanted to do was increase our beer sales and profit by adding more taps. I will still work on that project when I have more time.



We have recovered from the COVID era to a point close to where we were before the pandemic. The RV Park was the only part of our Lodge that was doing well during COVID. Currently, more and more members are using the Lodge as it is intended to be used. Our membership was at the highest between 1400 and 1500 members pre COVID. We are almost back to that level. Our lapsation this year will be about 5 ½%, which is very good. Financially, our Lodge is finally doing okay despite significant increases in the cost of goods. The increase in the cost of goods has primarily affected the kitchen. I am suggesting the House Committee charge \$2 more for Friday night dinners. That's an

8% increase per Friday night dinner for our members, but it will certainly make our bottom line much healthier. The reality is that you can't buy a steak dinner downtown for that. We use very good quality meat, serve a starch, vegetables, bread, and dessert. Regardless, our Lodge will end the year in the black.

We have some very good officers coming up next April. Ernie Nunes will be stepping back in as Lodge Secretary. Ernie has served as Lodge Treasurer for the past three years and seven years as Lodge Secretary before that. Bill Lambo will be taking over as the Treasurer. Bill is the secretary of Humboldt Masonic Lodge 79, so he brings a lot of experience to that position. The Board of Trustees is a five-year commitment. Each year one of the five trustee positions comes up for election. Next year Scotty Thomason will be the new Trustee. He brings a lot of experience to the position, having served as a college administrator for many years. Leading Knight, Shawn Doebel, will be taking the reins from Marta Martinez. Nina Strang is moving up to Loyal Knight. Ann Shuler is moving up to Chaplain. Larry Vance is coming back into the Officer Corps as the Lecturing Knight. Four newbies to the Officer Corps are Barry Smith as Leading Knight, Brett Engle as Esquire, Dan Rickman as Tiler, Shawna Bobillot as Inner Guard, William Lambo as Treasurer, and Scotty Thomason as Trustee.

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
John Prevost	12/14/1940	04/26/1979	01/01/2023	82
M. Dale Stanhope	03/28/1931	04/21/2021	02/07/2023	91

Drug Awareness Program. The California-Hawaii Elks Association State Drug Awareness Contest has been completed and Eureka Lodge had two entries receiving recognition. 1st Place for a High School Video is Casterlin High School, Blocksburg, CA. As the state winner they will receive a cash reward of \$400. This is in addition to the \$200 awarded at the Lodge and District level for a total of \$600. Casterlin High School's video has been entered into the Elks National Drug Awareness Program's contest. The video can be access at <https://vimeo.com/780922799> or <https://vimeo/780922799>. 2nd Place for a Middle School Essay is Benjamin Rossi, Sunnybrae Middle School, Arcata, CA. Benjamin received a cash reward of \$300 for his 2nd place finish at State in addition to the \$200 awarded at the Lodge and District level for a total of \$500. The lodge will be making the presentation of Certificates and Cash Rewards at an upcoming date. Jack Harris, DAP Chairman.

Kim Hall, President of the North Coast Veterans Stand Down Committee was our guest at the Elks February Veterans Committee meeting. She candidly said, **"I attended the Elks Veterans committee meeting last night as a guest. I was happy and amazed to see the amount of time spent by these men and women to understand and acknowledge what many of our veterans' agencies and organizations are doing in the community to help veterans. They generously allocate money to be approved to help fund much of the aid and services offered to our veterans in need"**. Throughout the year our lodge receives acknowledgements from the organizations which we provided support. Because Ms. Hall was present for a meeting, her observations on the work the committee has and continues to do addressing veteran issues in the community comes from a different prospective which we want to share with membership. Jack Harris, Veteran's Committee Chair.

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A PLEAD FOR VOLUNTEERS

COVID restrictions have been lifted. Spring is just around the corner. We anticipate an increase in events and functions at our Lodge. Our Lodge is run by volunteers except for a small underpaid staff. We have 1400 members and are expecting to grow even more this year. We desperately need more help in all aspects of running our Lodge. We need volunteers in the kitchen as helpers or cooks, yard workers, servers, monthly inventory takers, facility maintenance, door greeters, general cleanup, bar tending, and other jobs within our Lodge. You don't have to be an officer or committee member to participate. Our current volunteers are working very hard at keeping us afloat, and they need help.

We realize that many of our members have physical disabilities or time restraints that prevent them from volunteering; however, many do not. We're not asking those that can't, we're asking the rest of you to help us. We're not asking for a full-time commitment. We're asking for a few hours a month. Just one in ten of you volunteering a few hours a month would make a huge difference. We're not asking you to do anything you can't do. We're asking you to share some of your time and skills. Carpentry, painting, electrical, and any other skill would contribute greatly. Simply doing a little yard work would help to keep our Lodge running smoothly.

There's a benefit to helping. The Redwood Roamers (our RV Club) help as a group on several projects each month. The camaraderie gained and the fun they have working together is obviously a benefit to them. Kitchen cooking groups always have a good time. The Emblem Club (an Elks auxiliary) cook once a month and really enjoy the experience. Several ladies get together and pull weeds on Thursdays before breakfast. All take pride in their accomplishments. Maybe some of you could get together as a team of friends, or perhaps make new friends. Everyone in the Lodge appreciates our volunteers. Frankly, without volunteers our Lodge wouldn't be here.

Those of you who think they might like to contribute to our Lodge by perhaps volunteering a few hours here and there call our Clerk- Receptionist, Angela at 707-442-6652, and we will get back to you. Respectfully submitted, Dave Eberhardt, Redwood Roamers and House Committee.