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FROM THE STATION OF FIDELITY

Happy Fall to All!

Everywhere we look the leaves are changing colors, and the evenings are getting cooler even as we have beautiful days.

We are entering the "*Season of Giving*." This phrase holds special meaning to Elks...it is usually the reason we joined this wonderful Order. We joined to 'give back'—to others and our communities—we joined to be a part of something larger than we could ever be alone. Individuals can do great things, but multiplying the efforts of many like-minds causes exponential results. So we are Elks.

With this thought, I would like to invite you all—new and old members—to join in the festivities coming up this month, November and December.

October brings **Elktoberfest** and **HALLOWEEN**!

Elktoberfest raises money for the ENF ([Elks National Foundation](#)) whose mission is to help Elks build stronger communities by investing in the communities where Elks live and work. The ENF supports Veterans (we received a \$10k grant last year alone), youth through scholarships and programs, community giving (like the No Hunger Here project and lunches for St. Vincents), and the Drug Awareness Program. Nicole Phillips, our Loyal Knight, can use your help: phillips.nicolemichelle@gmail.com

Halloween is a *great time!*...and a great place to meet other Lodge members—and then see if you can recognize them without the costume! It is also an easy way to support the San Rafael Elks Lodge itself.

November is the month of **Thanksgiving**...and for Elks, the **Purple Pig**!

We are part of CHEA, the California Hawaii Elks Association—a charitable organization whose purpose is to serve children with disabilities through CHEMPI ([California Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.](#)), a 501(c)3 organization—a.k.a., the **Purple Pig**. Our Lodge Thanksgiving dinners showcase and support this marvelous organization. The children served and their families **pay nothing** for the services, and since most are neither low-income nor high-income they "fall through the cracks." Kelly Day Medina, Loyal Knight, needs help: kelday@ix.netcom.com

As we Elks don't generally stand in lines handing out food and supplies for other organizations (*but sometimes we do!*) you may not realize what your participation in our Lodge events and activities really means. **But this Lodge has given more than \$18.5 million dollars back to the Marin community.** It will make a difference to your own enjoyment and you will become a bigger part of the San Rafael Elks Lodge. Remember, always be humble and kind.

Fraternally Yours,

Leigha From

Leigha From, Exalted Ruler, PER - District Membership Chair
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Leigha From
Exalted Ruler
2022-2023



Monica McMillan
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If you are ONLY reading the Booster - you are missing out!

The Booster is a wonderful publication (thank you Doris Cardinal) but it's necessarily limited because it only comes out once a month, and there's a lag from when content is submitted. Also, some members experience delays due to USPS — anecdotally, mail is taking up to 2 weeks for delivery in/to Marin addresses!.

For more up-to-date information — cancellations, times, pricing, activities and reminders — ***please subscribe to Constant Contact ENews and READ IT!***

If you have accidentally 'unsubscribed' due to white lists or hitting the wrong button, email the office to get yourself back on track.

Lots coming up for Fall and Winter, activities we want everyone to participate in!

Monica

Email: Secretary@Elks1108.org Phone: 415-453-1108

A Message From Your Lodge Secretary:
We still have 83 delinquent members! If you are one of those members who haven't paid, your dues are now PAST DUE and your club privileges are suspended.
PLEASE send your check to:
San Rafael Elks Lodge 1108
PO Box 150789
San Rafael, CA 94901
Pay ONLINE: www.elks1108.org
OR Call the Office with credit card information: 415-453-1108

OFFICE HOURS

**Weekdays:
12noon-5pm**

If you need another time, please email your availability and we will schedule a more convenient time that suits your schedule.

CHECK REQUESTS & REIMBURSEMENTS

The Office needs at least 1 week to approve, cut, print and sign checks.

CHECK REQUESTS

- Committee Chair approve the requested expense.
- Get approval from Secretary that is in the current budget.
- If NOT in the budget – ask House Committee if they approve of the upcoming expenditure.
- Trustees will vote to approve.
- Floor of the Lodge votes to approve 'out of budget' expenditure.

REIMBURSEMENTS

- Please fill out a reimbursement form and attach physical receipts.
- Submit to office. - Checks are cut on Wednesdays, signed Thursdays, distributed/ mailed Fridays.



**WE NEED TO FIND A NEW
BOOSTER DESIGNER AND
PUBLISHER!**

Doris is "retiring" after the November issue. Do you like gathering information? knowing what is going on in the Lodge? Do you have some "graphics" knowledge? Adobe Suite, Publisher? Word (well!)? Call the office NOW! Doris will help you transition in the November/ December issue.



**JOIN US / FOLLOW US on
Social Media**

- **Post EVENTS on NextDoor** - Use your own neighborhood NextDoor to spread the Elk Mission. Buy a ticket, post you are going, and invite friends.
- Share on FaceBook - anything you see - [San Rafael Elks FB Page](#)
- **FOLLOW us on FaceBook** - [San Rafael Elks FB Page](#)
- **POST on YOUR FaceBook** - if you are going to an event, please invite a friend to show them our beautiful and fun Lodge. Post on your own page.
- Post on 'Groups': LinkedIn, Meet Up Marin, Sports Teams
- **FOLLOW AND POST TO YOUR STORY on Instagram**

Activities for 2022



October 3 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
 October 4 - Estate Tour, Marin History Museum
 October 4 - Orientation
 October 6 - Lodge Meeting & Initiation
October 7 & 8 - DDGER Homecoming-Eureka*
 October 10 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
 October 14 - Dinner & UFOs
October 16 - ELKtoberfest
 October 17 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
October 18 - DAP Series: Drugs in Our Community
 October 20 - Lodge Meeting
October 22 - New Orleans Night
 October 24 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
 October 28 - BBQ & Road Runners Band
October 28-30 - State President's visit - Lakeport*
October 29 - Halloween Party
 October 31 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
 November 3 - Lodge Meeting & Initiation
Nov 4-5: Officers - Mid-Term Convention-Burbank*
 November 7 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
November 11 - Veterans Day, Marin Civic Center
 November 11 - Dinner & UFOs

November 14 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
 November 17 - Lodge Meeting
November 20 - Lodge Thanksgiving & Purple Pig Fundraiser
 November 21 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
 November 24-26 - Lodge is CLOSED-Thanksgiving
 November 27 - Mansion Decorating
 November 28 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
 December 1 - Lodge Meeting & Initiation
 December 5 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
December 10 - Lodge 1108 Hoop Shoot
December 10 - Family Holiday Party
 December 12 - Monday Night Football-Drake's Bar
December 14 & 15 - BLOOD DRIVE
 December 15 - Lodge Meeting
December 17 - Lodge Holiday Party
December 18 - BLOOD DRIVE
December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
December 31 - NEW YEAR'S PARTY (?)
January 2, 2023 - ROSE PARADE with ELKS FLOAT

* Officers Attend

The Following Committees Still Need Members to Join and Help

Activities Committee

Pete: 415-342-29361

Comedy, Music, Baseball Games

Drug Awareness Program

Lynn: 415-505-2785

Camarena Award, Red Ribbon Week

Grants Committee

Dennis: 415-747-5201

Veterans, Youth, Community

Membership & Investigation

Leigha: 415-850-0711

New Applications & Interviews

Elks National Foundation

Nicole: 415-453-1108 (office)

Promote Donations, Elktoberfest

Purple Pig Committee

Kelly: 415-726-7570

Purple Piggy Banks, Promote Yearly Giving, Thanksgiving Event

Veterans Committee

Peter: 415-453-4321

Furniture Donations, Grants

Volunteers Committee

DeeAnn: 949-533-3983

Find volunteers for ALL Lodge events & activities

We NEED Cooks!

Can you make a meal once a month, once a week, special occasions?

Exercise and Yoga Is BACK!

9:30 - 10:30am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Magnolia Terrace

FREE for Members!



WEEK-NIGHT MEALS

Occasional Tuesdays; Wednesdays and Thursdays Every Week

Drake's or Terrace Bar Opens at 5pm ~ Members Must Pay for Their Guests

Wednesdays

Thursdays



HAMBURGERS

Many to choose from!

\$13 includes choice of Fries, Garlic Fries, Salad or Coleslaw

Impossible Burger - \$2 more



FISH & CHIPS

Tarter Sauce & Coleslaw

New Initiates for Lodge Meetings
Eat Free!

FRIDAY NIGHTS

Ukuleles, Bands & Dancing, Special Dinners
Watch for Email, Website Events, & the Calendar

Prices will vary ~ Some will be Open to the Public

Elktoberfest



October 16th
1:00 ~ 5:00pm

(Food starts at 1pm)



Traditional German Faire:
Brats - Sourkrout & Mustards ~ Veggie Brats
Pretzels ~ Veggies ~ Potato Salad

\$25 ~ Adults
\$5 ~ Kids 12 & Under

Join Us!

Costumes Encouraged ~ Food, Music, Dancing, Games & Prizes!



A Benefit for the Elks National Foundation (ENF)
Supporting Our Community

BUY
TICKETS
HERE!



Elks1108.org
Drug Awareness
Program



Dr. Lynn Fox
Chair, DAP at 1108
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Elks1108.org



INTERVIEWS WITH MARIN LAW ENFORCEMENT INFLUENCERS

Drugs in Our Community: A Four-Part Series

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY - [Register HERE](https://form.jotform.com/222645618929164) (<https://form.jotform.com/222645618929164>)

Join us in the Card Room of Lodge 1108 from 5:30 to 8:30pm on October 18

1312 Mission Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901

FREE to ATTEND ~ Includes a delicious dinner and dessert. Seating Limited. TV Premiere airs at 6:15pm



Tuesday, October 18th

Chief Mike Daly

Chief Probation Officer Marin County (retired)

2020 Camarena Award Winner Chief Michael "Mike" Daly (ret.) had an exemplary three decade career creating a balance between public safety, offender accountability, rehabilitative services and restorative practices.

Mike spearheaded the "Wall of Change" Program which recognizes individuals who have made significant positive changes in their lives while being on Probation.

Community Media Center of Marin (CMCM) Airing

Sunday	October 2	7:25 pm	Channel 26
Tuesday	October 4	4:30 pm	Channel 26
Friday	October 7	6:00 pm	Channel 26
Saturday	October 8	5:00 pm	Channel 26
Sunday	October 9	11:00 am	Channel 26
Tuesday	October 11	4:30 pm	Channel 26
Saturday	October 15	4:00 pm	Channel 26

RESOURCES

[MARIN PREVENTION NETWORK](https://www.marinpreventionnetwork.org/) - <https://www.marinpreventionnetwork.org/> - Community coalitions, organizations and people seeking to change policies and laws that affect availability of drugs and alcohol.

[BE THE INFLUENCE](https://www.betheinfluence.us/) - <https://www.betheinfluence.us/> Parents do make a difference!

[ABOVE THE INFLUENCE](https://abovetheinfluence.com/) - <https://abovetheinfluence.com/> A campaign to help teens stand up to negative pressures or influences.

[WellifyTeen](https://wellifyteen.org/finding_help.html) - https://wellifyteen.org/finding_help.html The parents guide to teen mental wellness - Marin County

October 22nd 5:30pm - 10:00pm

'An Evening in New Orleans'
at the Mansion
with Maria Muldaur
& Her Bluesiana Band



\$25 Doors open at 4:30pm
Food & Beverages available for purchase
...and with the

Get Your
TICKETS HERE!



The Zydeco Flames have gained a reputation as the West Coast's premiere Zydeco band. Their sizzling roots rhythms are timeless and the execution of them relentless, with a stunningly powerful groove.



Halloween Party



Come and Join Us!

You Will Have the Scariest Time!

Haunted House and Live Music

Pride & Joy Dance Party

Food & Drink Available for Purchase

\$35

PURCHASE
TICKETS
HERE





The BPOE ELKS
will be in the
ROSE PARADE!
January 2, 2023



**Want to volunteer to work on the
Elks Rose Parade Float?**

DATES Volunteers Are Needed:

🌹 Dry Decorations — Saturdays: December 3rd, 10th and 17th: 9:00am to 5:00pm

🌹 Floral Decorations — Monday-Saturday: December 26th-31st: Two Shifts Each Day
8:00am until 4:00pm - 4:00pm until 9:00pm

🌹 Sunday, January 1st: 6:00am to 10:00am

Lunch break will be 12-12:30pm Dinner break 6-6:30pm

🌹 PLACE: Phoenix Designs ♦ 5400 North Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale, CA

🌹 CHECK-IN: There will be an Elk check-in table

🌹 HOURS: If you sign up, be prepared to work an full 8-hour shift.

🌹 AGES: For insurance purposes one must be at least 13-years of age

🌹 CLOTHING: Wear warm working attire that is OK to get dirty, and close-toe shoes

🌹 FOOD: The Elks will have snacks and drinks. All food must be eaten outside in your car.

🌹 PARKING: Follow the signs for parking

To Volunteer Send an Email to: **elksvolunteerforroses@gmail.com**

Please let us know how many volunteers in your group, and your contact information:

- Name
- Cell Number
- Dates & Times you are available to volunteer

We will confirm by return email. Thank you! Kathy Grant, Volunteer Coordinator-Rose Float

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT 2023

OPENS AUGUST 1, 2022

(Application deadline Nov. 15th)

The ENF will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-ranking applicants in the 2022 competition.

Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

- Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need
- Male and female students compete separately
- Currents high school seniors who are citizens
- Winners will be announced in late April 2021
- Additional requirements apply. Please see the website below for these and other information.

More information may be found at:

<https://elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>



EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Emergency Educational Grants provide up to \$5,000 for undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of.

Grant amounts are based on information submitted in the application. As long as a student meets all other eligibility requirements (see below*), a student can apply for up to four Emergency Educational Grants in total during their undergraduate education.

The applicant cannot accept more than one ENF scholarship/grant in any one academic year.

Eligibility: The Elk parent or step-parent...

- Must have been a member in good standing for at least one year at the time of his or her death. OR
- Must have been a member in good standing for at least one year before he or she became totally disabled and must continue to be an Elk in good standing when application for assistance is made.
- All circumstances surrounding the death or disability of the Elk parent or stepparent are subject to the review of the Elks National Foundation. The outcome of the review may affect grant approval.

The applicant must:

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Attend an accredited U.S. college or university as a full-time (12 semester hours) undergraduate student. Be unmarried and under the age of 24 during the academic year in which they are applying.

*****Note that if a student is awarded an EEG, the funds are disbursed directly to the school in the student's name and can only be used for items the school considers cost of attendance. This normally includes tuition, fees, books, and on-campus room and board.***

Applications:

Available upon request starting May 1, 2022. To request an EEG application for you or someone you know, please email scholarship@elks.org or call us at 773-755-4732.

All applications must be received by the ENF Scholarship Office by November 1, 2022. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

***Learn more about the ENF's scholarship guidelines at:**

<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/guidelines.cfm>

LEGACY AWARD

OPENS SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

(Application deadline Feb. 6th)

Legacy Awards are \$4,000

scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. (step-child, step-grandchild or legal ward included).

- Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2020
- A charter member of Lodge instituted on or after April 1, 2021
- Elk must be paid through March 31, 2022
- Applicant must be a high school senior
- ONLINE applications only by February 6, 2022-11:59am
- If both parents are Lodge members, the applicant must apply through their Lodge
- Additional requirements apply. Please see the website below for these and other information.

More information may be found at:

<https://elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>





2022 Theme Child - Penelope



Remember the Charitable Work of the Elks in Your Estate Plan

A recent newspaper article reports that 50% of Americans do not have an estate plan and at their deaths their assets pass according to state law. Wouldn't you prefer to decide what happens to your assets? If so, consider creating an estate plan. When you do so, please also consider including a gift to support children served by the California Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, Inc. - CHEMPI.

What do you consider your most important contributions to the future? Perhaps it is your children and grandchildren, or perhaps work you've done in the community. There is another way you can make a meaningful contribution to the community — consider a Legacy Giving to the California Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. **CHEMPI aka The Purple Piggy Bank**. Your gift will help ensure our therapists and vision screeners can help children of the future.

Consider a gift from your estate, insurance or retirement plan. Gifts of stock and other assets are also another possibility. There is also a Commitment Trust program for those who are able to make a \$10,000 contribution. Contact the CHEA Office in Fresno at 800-742- 1907. **Thank you!**

Giving Feels Good!

Find out how you can support the work of the Major Project by making a gift in memory of a loved one.

Please contact the CHEA office in Fresno at:
800-742-1907

Do You Want to Help, But Can't Right Now?

During tense financial times, many of us would love to give financial support to the children who benefit from the Major Project, but simply can't do so. If you aren't able to contribute at this time, consider making a gift to the Major Project as a part of your life insurance, retirement plan or will. Even a modest gift can have a tremendous impact in terms of future benefit.

BLT Legacy Giving - The Best Little Thing You Can Do

BLT not only stands for Bequests and Living Trusts CHEMPI aka the Purple Piggy Bank. But it also stands for the best little thing you can do to support the important work we fund for children throughout California and Hawaii. These gifts are ways you can create a legacy of giving to future generations of children in need.

Are you creating or updating an estate plan?

While you're at it, consider including a gift to the Major Project. A gift of 1% or more of your estate or life insurance will help continue the important work of our therapists and vision screeners for many years.

Can you give a little bit?



Lodge 1108 has provided furniture and kitchen supplies, under the ENF Grant, to over 36 Veterans, with the most recent donation coming in June.

Please continue to donate! There are more Veterans in need and we have more pending for furniture donations. Many formerly homeless Veterans are receiving new housing. The grant from the ENF has expired and the money has been spent. We hope to apply for another grant to expand on what we have done, particularly as we are also helping a nonprofit in Windsor, [NationsFinest.org](https://www.NationsFinest.org), who help house Veterans in Sonoma County, referred to us by the Petaluma Lodge. The most recent recipient received items on July 13th. Our latest receipt of donated items was on July 15th.

Bay Wide Hauling and Willis Hauling continue to help with pick-up and delivery of furniture. THANK YOU!

The **Veterans Committee** needs members!

New perspectives and ideas will help us to branch out to new areas. We also could use help from anyone with a pickup truck to deliver furniture to Veterans receiving aid from the Lodge. Please contact Peter Behr, Committee Chair, at: behrcredsर्व@yahoo.com or 415-453-4321.

Reach out to the veterans you know! A few words of encouragement can have a significant effect on a veteran—particularly one with PTSD—where a common side effects is the feeling that they are abandoned, that no one cares about them.

This is particularly important for anyone who served in Afghanistan. If we can help to diffuse this feeling we can go a long way in helping them to help themselves. If you know of a veterans who needs their benefits, we can help. I have a thick binder on veterans benefits.

Three new things to help Veterans in Marin County

1. A new court for veterans with drug addiction problems or PTSD. The objective is to help these people get help, rather than just run through the system.
2. A volunteer Chief of Chaplains, who stands ready to help with veteran funerals, including arrangements for a bugler and a military honor guard. If any Elk has a family member who is a veteran and would like to see him rendered full honors at his burial, I will be happy to make the introductions.
3. The VA is now recognizing additional ailments caused by Agent Orange, with both medical and disability help being offered.

Links to Veterans Services

[Marin County Veterans Services Office](#)

[Federal Benefits Guide](#)

[Assistance for Family Caregivers \(PCAFC\)](#)



CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-273-8255

TEXT: 838255

[VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net)

ACCESS AND MANAGE YOUR VA BENEFITS AND HEALTHCARE - LINKS BELOW

HEALTHCARE

- [Refill and track your prescriptions](#)
- [Send a secure message to your health care team](#)
- [Schedule and manage health appointments](#)
- [View your lab and test results](#)
- [Apply now for VA health care](#)

EDUCATION

- [View your payment history](#)
- [Change your current education benefits](#)
- [Compare GI Bill benefits by school](#)
- [Apply for education benefits](#)

DISABILITY

- [Check your claim or appeal status](#)
- [View your payment history](#)
- [Upload evidence to support your claim](#)
- [File for a VA disability increase](#)
- [File a claim for compensation](#)

RECORDS

- [Get Veteran ID cards](#)
- [Get your VA medical records](#)
- [Download your benefit letters](#)
- [Change your address](#)
- [Request your military records \(DD214\)](#)



San Rafael Elks Lodge 1108 First Annual Bocce Tournament BOCCE - POOL - BBQ - MUSIC Held Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 2022

FIRST Place: the Dingleballers
SECOND Place: the Rolling Stones
Third Place: the Shadows

30 people came to enjoy the afternoon at the First Annual Elks Bocce Tournament. Everyone who played bocce had a great time - both those who are regular bocce players and those who had never played before! There was a great BBQ party afterward at the pool, and then it was on to music with Mitch Woods Rockin' 88s.



Wille and Bobbie Danz who created and sponsored the Tournament would like to extend a special thanks to SUE CHIARONI, who helped with everything, Paul Robinson for the BBQ, all those who helped carry everything up to the pool, and everyone who participated in the inaugural event!

MITCH WOODS *and his Rocket '88's*



The festivities continued at the Lodge after Bocce with a BBQ and a Music at the Mansion performance by Mitch Woods and his Rockin' 88s.

A surprise guest showed up - Martin Scott, lead singer of Pride & Joy!
Close to 150 merrymakers attended and danced to the great music!

(Above left) Special guest Martin Scott;
(Above right) Mitch Woods on keyboard;
band members Professor Longhair, Jackie Brenston and Wynonie Harris

District Deputy GER Visitation



On Thursday, September 15th. San Rafael Lodge 1108 welcomed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Dennis Hunter, for the fall Visitation.

The Visitation encompasses a review of the Lodge property and Lodge operations and finances. Later in the afternoon DDGER Hunter heard reports from Lodge committee Chairs.

After the "official" business of the Visit was over, everyone enjoyed a fish & chips dinner and dessert in the main dining room. This was followed by a regular Lodge meeting in the Geister Room.



Head table L-R: Tim Jaeger, past CHEA President; Tom From, Trustee; Leigha From, ER Lodge 1108; Dennis Hunter, DDGER; Jenna Shepherd, District Secretary.



Pete Crowley, Activities Cmte. Chair, receives Elk of the Year Award from Leigha From, ER and Dennis Hunter, DDGER



Boys of Summer - Eagles Tribute band Music at the Mansion event on September 19 saw about 200 people come and enjoy tunes of the summer.

Wayne Wilson, Leading Knight and his wife Irma Wilson, a Trustee, from the Petaluma Lodge enjoyed dinner on the Terrace with Eric Holm, PER Lodge 1108.



And the band brought a "ringer..." We don't know who he was, but he sounded terrific! (youth above)

INTERVIEWS with LAW ENFORCEMENT - September 20th Mark Reischel - TV Premiere



Shirley Halsey, Carl Laur,
Lynn Fox, Ph.D.

Patrick Fahy, York Tsuruta, Alfiya Nachtigall, Lynn Fox, Ph.D.,
Mark Reischel, Lori Frugoli, William Reid

Gaby Bransgrove, Mary
Coyne, Lynn Fox, Ph.D.

THANK YOU from Dr. Lynn Fox, Producer/Event Planner/MC and Mark Reischel - 2021 Camarena Award Winner!

PRODUCTION: CMCM/Marin TV staff: airing of TV
Specials on Channel 26 ([see page 6](#))

- Carl Laur: Director, Editing and Technology
- Mary Keydash: Camera
- Gaby Bransgrove: Crew/Special Assistant/Check-in
- Jeffrey Schaub: Interviews-Camarena Award Winners

PRESENTATION:

- Stewart Munson: PER: National Elks Resolution
- Mark Dale: General Support, PR, Mark's Introduction

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:

- DeeAnn Gray: Volunteer Chair

BEHIND THE SCENES:

- Katharine Whipple: PR, Promotion, Press, Photographer
- Will Richardson: Set-up and Clean-Up
- Gaby Bransgrove: Registration and Set-Up
- Mary Coyne: Registration, General Support
- Alicia Argueta: Planning, Preparation and Serving Food; Clean Up
- Fred Calónico: Bartender
- Jack Watson: Preparation, Food Service; Clean-up
- Avery Lieberman: Preparation, Food Service
- Godfrey Lee: Reporter/ Stories at Marin County Post

In 1985 Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a DEA Agent, was kidnapped and killed by a Mexican drug cartel because he was exposing a major drug trafficking operation related to marijuana growth and distribution.

Shortly after, his wife and a classmate from Calexico High School launched a club where members pledged to lead drug free lives. Interest was great in the area and support by the Elks. Over time other Red Ribbon Clubs were created through the USA.

The first Red Ribbon Week was held in 1986 by a statewide coalition comprised of Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc., Elks, Lions, Rotary, California Narcotics Officers Association.

Red Ribbon Week was established in 1988 by Congress after it was championed by the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth with Honorary Chairman President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan.

Now, at the end of every October, millions of Americans dawn red ribbons in memory of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. **The Elks are proud to be a part of such an important tradition.**

Visit **RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN** for more information
<https://www.redribbon.org/about>



Red Ribbon Toolkit
Resources for your Community

The nation's oldest and largest
drug prevention
awareness program.



"SHINE," a festival on the Terrace on September 25th, was held to raise awareness for Teen Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

The event was created by Rosina Caleca and Greg Rorvik, whose son was tragically lost last year to suicide. "SHINE" was a 'first' for the Elks—unique in Marin County—and was a great success! Close to 400 people including many teens, parents, and Lodge members participated in this positive community gathering. Mental health services agencies, organizations, Marin School Counselors, and Buckelew and Huckleberry programs also participated.

There were special performances by Til' Dawn, a teen A Capella group, RoCo Dance from Mill Valley, and St0ry. Michael Pritchard focused his comedic routine on subjects for and about youth. The youth who attended danced, and created a mural along the back wall. Many Marin businesses demonstrated their support by donating items for a silent auction.

The event was able to be so successful due in great part to the 44 financial sponsors of the festival—including Elks Lodge 1108 (thank you Trustees!), 11 Marin companies and 33 families and individuals.

Thank you Rosina & Greg for the love in your hearts....

(above) Rosina Caleca, host

Susan Z, Mistress of Ceremonies (right)

(below) Til' Dawn Teen A Capella





Also on September 25th, after the youth events of the day, the Music at the Mansion series hosted two bands: Johnny Vegas and the High Rollers (pictured left), and once again, the Unauthorized Rolling Stones. The Music at the Mansion series was also one of the SHINE! sponsors.

On August 27 another great Music at the Mansion (MATM) series event took place with the Camp Jeff Band.

Jeff Tamelier, David Sikes, Jesse Bradman, Brian Kehoe and Jeff Campielli gave a terrific performance.

This night the net proceeds of the event went to benefit the San Francisco/Marin Food Bank.

200 people attended, dancing the evening away!

We want to again thank the sponsors of this series for their support: First Federal Savings and Loan of San Rafael; California Sofa Factory; First Light Home Care; Shades of Marin; Gorton Wealth Management and Sean Minor Wines.

Our own Brian Waterbury, and Neon Grey, were the opening band.



BIRTHDAY MONTH ~ FREE DRINK!

Happy Birthday! You can receive a **FREE** Birthday Drink in the month you have your birthday. **MEMBERS ONLY – non-transferable.** You **MUST** present your **MEMBER CARD** to the bartender to receive this. Please call the office if do not see your name on the list.



ONE FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK

Birthday Month: _____

Name: _____

Member#: _____

Date Used: _____

Members Only - Non-Transferable

Elk Bucks Are Here!

BUY an ELK BUCKS Gift Card for that favorite someone.

Minimum \$50 – add as much as you want, save for later and pay your dues, buy Swag, use at the bar, dinners, or any Elk event in 2022. These cards are re-fillable, so top it up whenever you want. Ask at the Bar or the Office to purchase.



BILLIARDS



Tuesday Night League

Teams have formed to challenge other Elk Lodges at various locations.

Call Erik with questions: 415-378-5465

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Cuvin	1st
Meredith Espinoza	1st
Katherine Ahrens	2nd
Lisa Goldfien	2nd
Gregory Vincent	2nd
Christina Gatewood	3rd
Rev. Edgar Welty	3rd
Peter Murphy	4th
Louis Napoli	4th
Matthew Salter	4th
Peter Behr	5th
Mark Dale	5th
Irene Legnitto	6th
Penny Rossini	6th
Jason Tuttle	6th
Gary Lawler	7th
Timothy Shore	8th
Jesus Velarde	10th
Gretchen Walker	10th
Justin Kaufman	11th
Christopher Barnes	12th
Jack Steckfus	13th
Susan Fenerty	14th
Susan Chiaroni	15th
Jenny Beresford	16th
Lorn Dreitzler	16th
Will Grul	17th
Paul Robinson	17th
Linda Varonin	17th
Willie Danz	18th
Stewart Munson, PER	19th
Kelly Reid	19th
Tom Cook	20th
Any Brandt	21st
Robert Koch	21st
Amy Loflin	22nd
Travis Rexroat	22nd
Lenny Gill	23rd
Alvin Bailey	24th
Isabel Lydon	26th
Wade Akers	27th
Thomas From	28th
David Furnanz	29th
Eric Holm	29th
Daniel Wehn	29th
Mark Parethan	30th
Kelly Day Medina	31st
Rebecca Gayman	31st
Robert Hall	31st

Membership Report 2022 / 2023

Beginning membership - 4/1/2022 492
TOTAL Active Members 556

Increases

Initiated: 54
Affiliated: 2
Reinstated: 12
Gain Subtotal: 68

Decreases

Dropped: 0
Transferred: 1
Absolute Dimits: 1
Deceased: 2
Subtotal: 4

Delinquent Members as of 9/27/22 84
Lapsation Rate: 17%
Average Age in the Lodge: 61

Applications on Hand

Waiting to be read at next meeting: 3
With the Investigating Committee: 2
Ready for Balloting: 1
Ready for Orietation: 6
Ready for Initiation: 3
Affiliation/Associates 0
Reinstatement: 0
TOTALS: 16

Life Members

Life Members: 23
Honorary Life Members: 2
Total: 25
Life Percentage: 5.08%

Next ELK ORIENTATION - October 4th 6pm in the Cardroom

New members and candidates are all invited to find out how the Lodge operates, committees to join, history of the Elks and meet some members at these monthly Orientations.

Who's who in Elkdom? Who to contact at Lodge 1108? How do I get involved? What does Elk membership offer you? All of your questions answered at once! Orientations are offered the first Tuesday of every month.

Please remember to RSVP to an EVENT.

Tickets can usually be purchased in advance using the link on the website.

IF YOU CAN'T RSVP ONLINE email the office to let us know you're coming and how many in your party or we may run out of food!

An Email to the Office by Thursday at 10 am ensures the caterer plans the right amount! EVERYONE IS EXCITED ABOUT THINGS HAPPENING AT THE LODGE - DON'T GO HOME HUNGRY!



Lodge 1108 Logo Clothing Available

T-shirts, vests, hats,
and sweatshirts too!

<https://Elks1108.squaresite.com>
or
Contact the Office



Remembering Our Absent Members

Please Join Us!

Every Thursday at 9:00pm - via Zoom
Find the LINK on our Lodge CALENDAR



Contact: 925-349-5328

www.BayWideHauling.com/home/



Invite Your Family or a Friend to Join!



1108 Membership Continues to Thrive!

The EASIEST WAY to invite a friend?

- Go to the [Elks.org website](https://www.Elks.org).
- Click on the [Invite a Friend to Join!](#) Fill out the information requested:
 1. Friend's name
 2. Their email address
 3. How long you have known them?

...and click the **Send Invitation for Membership!**

Would you like to ask a friend or family member to join you in the Elks? Tell them what we do!

Bring them to the Lodge for an evening meal, invite them to an event.

There is so much to learn about the Elks. We have National, State and Local programs. We are involved with and support many charities. Community, Youth, Veterans and Americanism are our focus. The Lodge provides scholarships annually to youth in Marin.

Volunteering is the backbone of the Elks, not just in San Rafael but nationwide. All of our events and activities need member participation to make them happen - but what a great way to meet other members, or learn about all that the Lodge does!

Learn more and plan your own involvement. Reinvigorate your own spark!

So please, reach out to family and friends and invite them to join you! Then either send them this link: [Elks Membership Inquiry](#) or put them in touch with Leigha From, Membership Chair (and current Exalted Ruler) at Leigha14@me.com.

We look forward to welcoming more great people to our Lodge!

MEMBERS...

Please **HELP** us with a **FUNDRAISER** for the **Veterans Relief Account**

SEEKING RECIPES FOR OUR FIRST

VETERANS COOKBOOK

The Veterans Committee is planning a cookbook with many delicious recipes, Veterans facts and stories.

We are looking to Lodge members to submit their favorite recipes in the following categories:



 APPETIZERS

 SIDE DISHES

 SOUPS

 MAIN COURSE

 SALADS

 DESSERT



REMINDERS

- Imperial form (cups, ounces, pounds, etc.) NO metric units.
- List ingredients first – then directions.
- Be accurate. Make sure that recipes are precise. Use measurements (teaspoon, tablespoon) Not vague like “pinch.”
- Be clear - Keep the wording simple and in short sentences.
- Include oven temperature, cooking time and the number of servings that should be created.
- Give people an idea of how long to cook something and what the dish should look like when it's ready. Submit a picture if you can!

Please submit recipes in Word format, with your Name, Email and Phone #.

Send to Marie Behr: macbehr@gmail.com



LODGE POOL is OPEN 7 Days a Week - Sunrise to Sunset!

Only September and October are left in our summer swim season that ends October 31st. We appreciate that you continue to be mindful of our Elks pool rules and regulations:

- Dogs are not permitted on the pool grounds, excepting service dogs, and you must be able to provide proof.
- Glass (including bottles and glasses) is not allowed at or around the pool. Broken glass is an immediate hazard to everyone. **Glass in the pool requires a two-day shut down for removal and costs \$600.**
- Do not throw or drop anything (like pebbles or glitter) into the pool. It is complicated to vacuum up and could damage the sand filters in the pump room.

To use the pool today through October 31, you must purchase an annual swim pass (for a member, member/partner, or family), a daily swim pass (\$15), or a set of ten passes (\$100). For each guest you bring, leave \$15 in the grey \$ drop box near the fireplace.

- You **MUST** sign in yourself and any guest you bring. We have a sign-in sheet on the table in the cabana. Remember to include your membership number.
- For each guest you bring, leave a \$10 ticket or \$15 cash or check in the grey drop box near the fireplace.
- Guests must be in the company of an Elks member. Membership cannot be conveyed or assigned by a member to a non-member.
- Do you want to be covered by insurance? Every member and guest must sign in, every person must be listed, including children.

Please don't cheat the pool. We use the dues to pay for pool maintenance and improvements.

Lap swimmers, please use Sign Up Genius to reserve a lane (four reserved lanes until noon, one lane after). Click here to sign up : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45a9af2ca46-pool>

For more information and to purchase passes, click here: <https://elks1108.square.site/> (under Membership Dues & Fees). **Thank you.**

RV SPACE RENTAL

****DRY CAMPING ONLY****
\$35 per site / per night

CURRENT ELK MEMBERS ONLY
Must show Membership Card and
valid ID upon check-in



MAXIMUM LENGTH 28 feet

SR Lodge 1108 RV Park consists of 6 sites nestled against 7 acres of native hillside. Located in a secure area away from downtown noise behind the main Lodge.

Amenities and Extras:

- Lawn are on our Terrace - bring your own blanket!
- Walk to downtown San Rafael
- 15 minutes to San Francisco
- Walking distance to Transit Center - catch a train or bus to the Ferry, San Francisco or wine country
- Near San Francisco and San Rafael Bay, kayaking, paddle boards and many hiking trails in Marin County

Questions? Call the RV Host Leigha From: 415-850-0711

RESERVE A SPACE & PAY

<https://www.elks1108.org/post/rv-spaces>

RV information and Guidelines

Traveling Elsewhere? Other Lodges & States

OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler – Leigha From
Leading Knight – Kelly Day Medina
Loyal Knight – Nicole Phillips
Lecturing Knight – Kanela Silva
Esquire – Alexandra Ament
Chaplain – Jenny Tisell
Inner Guard – Alaisha Hellman
Tiler – Marco Buoncristiani
Treasurer – Dean Aure
Secretary – Monica McMillan

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LODGE TRUSTEES

5 Yr – Alan Quinton, PER
4 Yr – George Kokalis
3 Yr – Tom From
2 Yr – Ken Hauser
1 Yr – Sydney Fairbairn, PER

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ALLENSBY TRUST

Chairman – Lorn Dreitzler
Treasurer – Don Gregory
Secretary – David Nelson
Trustee – Alicia Ferrando
Trustee – Tom Knopf
Trustee – Bob Meier
Trustee – Steve Spicer

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OUTSIDE EVENTS

MapleLawnEvents@gmail.com
www.MapleLawnEvents.com
415-295-5296

LODGE MEETINGS

1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

ACTIVITIES MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm

TRUSTEE MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm

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