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**West Covina Elks Lodge #1996**

**West Covina, California**



**30th Annual  
Elk Of the Year Steak Out**

**Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**4:00 - 7:00PM**

**Tickets \$14.00 Per Person**

**Children under 12, \$8.00**



**New York Steak Cooked To Your Liking With All The Trimmings**

**Entertainment by: D.J. Dana Williams**

**Contact any Elk Of The Year or Lodge Office for tickets or information at (626) 962-0113**



**MDA Annual Steak Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction**

**Saturday June 23rd, 6:00PM in the Main Hall**

**Tickets are \$15.00 Per Person,**

**Entertainment by**

**Jon Destry**

**Contact John Hughes at (626) 338-9516 or**

**Lodge Office at (626) 962-0113 for**

**Reservations & Ticket Information**



**FLAG DAY**

**West Covina Elks**

**Flag Day Ceremony June 12th**

**Dinner will be served at 6:00PM**

**with Flag Day ceremony to immediately follow**

**This is an open event open to all members, friends, children, & guest. Everyone is invited to attend this very special annual event, come and learn the history of our flag.**

**Chairperson: Rosalie Leon**

*West Covina Elks Lodge #1996  
Committee Chairpersons 2012-2013*

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**2012-2013 LODGE OFFICERS**

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3rd Year	Jerry Warren	626-331-8481
4th Year	Yolanda Garcia	626-826-8938
5th Year	Judith Lumbreras	626-587-6489

**Appointed Officers**

Esquire	Jill Murphy	562 652-3873
Chaplain	Charlene Rasmussen	626-488-9367
Inner Guard	Rosalie Leon	626-339-4396
Organist	Vacant	

## Message From The Exalted Ruler

Members,

I just returned from California Hawaii Elks Association convention in San Diego and much information was shared as I attended several workshops one of them was the Membership & Lapsation workshop. As has been the case for some time Membership and Membership retention has been an ongoing problem for many Lodges including ours. We bring in 60 new members only to see us drop 64 members due to non-payment of dues, transfers, and death. As for transfers and deaths there is not much we can do about that however we can focus on those who don't pay their dues. Perhaps they joined as a favor to a friend? Where are their sponsors, the sponsor is the person who should guide them. The main focus of the workshop dealt with getting new members involved and keeping them engaged with our activities and events. One conversation with the State Membership Chairperson was on how we treat our new members, they need mentors not critics. How many times have you come up with a new idea only to have 10 seasoned members shoot you down and saying we've been doing it this way for 50 years, it's happened to me. We will be working on various programs that will help us do a better job to retain our members, and will need your assistance.

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## Leading Knights Station

Greetings Members

This past month it was great to see some new members stepping up to support the fund raising efforts of our Lodge. We look to the collective efforts of our membership to do good onto others. For the sake of our newer members, I would like to point out some of the programs we Elks promote.

Let's take that little purple piggy bank. All those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters add up. We collect in excess of 3 million dollars annually and support the California Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA). The money raised provides funding for doctors, nurses and therapists to give assistance to those in need in mostly rural and outskirt areas, their equipment and transportation.

The weekly Bingo night we host not only provides a community activity, but also raises around 20 thousand dollars a year for our lodge. These funds are distributed to charitable projects such as our School Dictionary Distribution, local youth educational scholarships, promote local school and community youth activities, promote Drug Awareness nationally through Elks National Foundation (ENF) and promote Americanism like our National Flag Day celebration the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month here at our Lodge. Bingo provides for 90 percent of our charity funds, that is why it is very important to our lodge. Bingo requires planning and a lot of bodies to make it function. So, please consider volunteering, or donating, some of your time on Thursday nights.

This past month we were able to collaborate with some other lodges in our district and the Arcadia High Alumni to raise funds for a family that had been displaced due to a fire at their home. I don't know the final amount donated, but in this situation, everything helps. Elks Care Elks Share. This is what we do.

See you around, come out and help.

Jim Salazar  
Leading Knight.

## Loyal Knights Station

Greetings fellow Members,

I would like to thank the Cinco de Mayo committee and the members who participated and all of you who came out in support of the festivities. We planned to have 100 members attend and we were delightfully surprised to have sold out of tickets with an attendance of 138 dinners sold. The event donated a bit over \$500.00 to the Hall refurbishment project from the sales of tickets and the raffles. As you know our future depends on your active participation volunteering and supporting the functions of the Lodge. We are off to a great start. Your time, talent, and professional abilities are welcome. We have plenty of activities planned for this year and lets make it a year of success. I urge you to purchase your tickets ahead of time, bring a friend and enjoy the next event.

### **Why purchase tickets ahead of time,**

The lodge will suffer loses if we continue to buy and cook more food than is served. If we cook food for 100 persons and only 50 shows up then we toss 50 dinners at a significant loss to the event. I urge you to purchase your tickets for events ahead of time so we can properly plan our meals and staff.

Robert Leon  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knights Station

June is here and the summer months are upon us. Time set aside for family vacations and backyard barbeques. Our camper members will go out for weeks at a time. Unfortunately, because of this it is also the slow time of the year for our lodge. Members historically don't visit our restaurant and activities as often as other months. In the crucial times our lodge is facing, I urge all our members to frequent and support our lodge as much as possible. Case in point, Robert Leon and crew's fantastic Cinco De Mayo Event. An all volunteer event that brought over 160 people. A great time was had by all. The lodge and the hall renovations project both benefited. This kind of member and volunteer support is critical; along with our hall rental, it is the lifeblood to the much needed income to cover the costs and expenses of our great organization.

To help with making our restaurant your number one choice, the lodge will be offering special summer discounts to our already reasonably price menu. Please take advantage of these offers. You and your family will get a great meal and helping the lodge at the same time.

The actions we all take today will determine the health of our lodge in the future.

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. Leviticus 19:18

Dana W. Williams



Biography of  
**DONNA M. LEIBY**  
**CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS**  
**ASSOCIATION**

Vice President – San Gabriel District  
 2012-2013

Donna was born in Hancock, New York, November 14th. Upon graduation from high school, she entered the United States Air Force and served for 2 years as a dental surgery technician. She met Gideon while in the Service, and they have been married for 48 years and have 2 children, Darrell and Annette and 3 grandchildren.

Donna graduated from Pasadena City College with a Business Administration degree and another year at Citrus College in Business Law. She works full time at JP Paper Shredders, a recycling center and packaging plant that she and Gideon have owned and operated for 38 years.

Donna is an avid Salt & Pepper shaker collector for over 50 years and has traveled across the United States many times amassing one of the largest collections of Shaker Sets in the country.

Donna joined Duarte Elks in 1999. She was elected Exalted Ruler for the years 2005-2006. Donna was Chairman of the Board of Trustees' for the years 2010-2011. She also received an Honorary Life membership in 2011. Donna was Officer of the Year in 2002-2003 and 2011-2012. She conceived Christmas Tree Lane in Duarte Lodge and has chaired it for many years. She is also a strong advocate of recycling of Lodges Conservation efforts. She also has chaired many of Sunday morning breakfasts, yard sales, rentals, Children Christmas parties for the past 14 years. She has been involved in the PER Association picnic, both the kitchen and Bingo for the last 2 years. Donna has been District Americanism Chairman for the San Gabriel Valley District for the past 2 years. She has also been an Emblem Club Member for the past 29 years.

**West Covina B.P.O.Elks Lodge No. 1996**  
**Cordially invites you and your guest to**  
**attend**  
**The official visitation of our**

**San Gabriel Valley**  
**District Association Vice President**

**Donna M. Leiby**  
**and her Husband Gideon**

**Tuesday June 19<sup>st</sup>, 2012**  
**No-Host Cocktails – 5 pm**

**Dinner – 6 pm**  
**Chicken Marsala**

**Open Meeting – 7:30 pm**  
**Donations - \$15.00 per person**

**RSVP by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**(626) 962-0113**

**Chairman; Charles Dalool PDDGER**  
**Ben Ortega Exalted Ruler**



*June Officers Duty Schedule*

- 1-2 Robert Leon - Jerry Warren
- 8-9 Dana Williams - Yolanda Garcia
- 15-16 Chuck Dalool - Judith Lumbreras
- 22-23 Joanna Howard - Charlene Rassmussen
- 29-30 Lafe Harper Jr. - Rosalie Leon

*June Greeters Schedule*

- 6/01 John Kemp & Robert Leon
- 6/08 Dennis Whitman & Dana Williams
- 6/15 Evangelina Velasquez & Chuck Dalool
- 6/22 Pat Bryant & Joaana Howard
- 6/29 Mike Salazar & Lafe Harper Jr.

**In Memorium**

The Faults Of Our Members We Write Upon  
 The Sands, Their Virtues Upon The Tablets Of  
 Love And Memory....

**Bro. Dave Olson #6559**

**Passed On: May 18, 2012**

**Memorial to be held at the West Covina Elks**  
**Lodge on Sunday June 24th at 2:00pm**



## PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ralph Gaither\* 1956-57  
 Hugh M. Bagley\* 1957-58  
 William T. Tanking\* 1958-59  
 Albert E. Lindbeck\* 1959-60  
 James R. Yost, Jr. 1960-61  
 James L. Morgan\* 1961-62  
 Harold Z. Dobbs\* 1962-63  
 Laurence R. Tillman\* 1963-64  
 Enrico (Hank) Salvo\* 1964-65  
 Thomas E. Curtis 1965-66  
 Jack Cleveland\* 1966-67  
 J. Paul Studer\* 1967-68  
 Roy Williams, Jr.\* 1968-69  
 Raiden V. Peterson 1969-70  
 Donald M. Huff 1970-71  
 Albert D. Davis 1971-72  
 Milo G. Summerhays\* 1972-73  
 Robert E. Carlson 1973-74  
 H. Richard Harbert 1974-75  
 James J. Andert 1975-76  
 Anthony R. Mickols\* 1976-77  
 John Asmundson 1977-78  
 James E. Smith\* 1978-79  
 Larry Henderson 1979-80  
 Frank Rehor\* 1980-81  
 Carl Mou 1981-82  
 Richard Marble\* 1981-82  
 Robert E. Gubrud 1982-83  
 James Moseley\* 1982-83  
 Al Putman\* 1983-84  
 Dick Delauder 1983-84  
 Manny Zamudio 1984-85  
 William Heller\* 1984-85  
 Art Willard\* 1985-86  
 Renee LaRose\* 1986-87  
 Fidel Nieto, Jr. 1986-87  
 Charles Dalool 1987-88, 2011-12  
 Michael Sirchia 1987-88  
 Walt Doran\* 1988-89  
 David La Sage\* 1988-89  
 Bob Hollis-Brau 1989-90  
 Jerry Kober 1989-90  
 Ernie Gilbert 1990-91  
 Pat Shea 1990-91  
 Ron Conger 1991-92  
 Dave Southard 1991-92  
 Gary Holmes 1992-93  
 Roy Simes 1992-93  
 Bob Schachner\* 1993-94  
 WM Ziegenbein 1993-94  
 Rick Dana 1994-95  
 Matt Jessup 1994-95  
 Roy Long 1995-96  
 Tim LaMarca 1995-96  
 Ed Lima 1996-97  
 Bernie Auld\* 1997-98  
 Ben Ortega 1998-99  
 Vern Champion 1999-00  
 George Lunsford 2000-01  
 Phil Hawkins 2001-02  
 Don McMahon\* 2002-03  
 Scott Matthews 2003-04  
 Ralph Garcia 2004-05  
 Willie Koskela 2005-06  
 Juan Diaz 2006-07  
 Lisa Ryken 2007-08  
 2008-09  
 Michael J. Salazar, Jr. PER 2009-10-11  
 Charles "Chuck" Dalool, PER 2011-12  
 By Affiliation: Judge Al Miller\*, Orville Miller,  
 Robert Cortez, Joe Lozier, Frank Berry PER,  
 Jess Nelms, Charles Lein (\*Deceased)

## Propositions For Membership

Proposer

Applicant

## Reinstatement/ Life Membership

James T. Conkle #4810  
 is requestiing Life Membership

## Sickness and Distress

**Bro. Louis Garcia** while recovering from knee surgery developed a blood clot and required emergency attention. Is doing much better.  
**Bro. Gary Holmes** is currently receiving chemo treatment and will be undergoing bladder reconstruction surgery.  
**Bro. Al Lammens** Had surgery is back home now recovering  
**Charlene Rassmussen** broke her wrist and required surgery to repair.  
**Betty Meehan** had eye surgery  
**Bro. John Donovan** had skin grafe surgery  
**Bro. Danny Johnston** is recovering and is now back home.

## June Friday Night Entertainment

6/01 **Jon Destry**  
 6/08 **Ron Johnson**  
 6/15 **GlobalAffair**  
 6/22 **Rex Berry**  
 6/29 **Juss Uss**



## June's Saturday Night Dinners & Entertainment Schedule

June 2nd Italian & Karaoke  
 June 9th Italian & Karaoke  
 June 16th Italian & Karaoke  
 June 23rd MDA Dinner, Dance, Auction  
 Jon Destry in Main Hall  
 June 30 Italian & Karaoke



Dinner Served from 5-9pm in the Lounge when available



# Family Night Spaghetti Dinner

Monday June 18, 2012  
5:00-6:45 pm



Jim Ivins	1
Bernard Labb	2
Richard L. Asmundson	3
Dennis J. Denoi	3
Peter Romero	3
David T. Burton	5
Joseph B. Cruz	5
Denise Langolf	6
Rudy Gutierrez	7
Ronald Ozaki	7
Don C. Roelle	7
Arthur G. Benson	8
Gary Lawson	8
Byron K. Brooks	9
Steve Weisberg	9
Don W. Cranford	10
James J. Hazelton	10
Donald F. Helgeson	10
Lyndale Clair Hadden	11
Charles E. Brown	13
Warren H. Burton	13
Eugene H. Reitz	13
Matthew E. Gomez	14
Raiden V. Peterson, PER	14
Harold Simon	14
Joe A. Quintana	15
Lee H. Schwartz	15
Steve Aranda	16
Roy E. Kneale	17
Edwayne Clay	19
James H. Gilbert	19
Paul F. Liput	19
Martin V. Salinas	20
Gary Hager	20
John G. Rodriguez	24
Chuck Kantrim	25
Armando D'Avila	26
William Impecoven	26
Floyd D. Smith	27
Frank L. Ferrero	28
Charlene Rasmussen	29
Dale Seidel	29
Sean Shea	29

## ELK of the Month for April



Elk of the month for April is Birger Stensoy for his work on making the Lounge a much more nicer place and helping with needed repairs around the Lodge. I thank both you and your wife Millie for all your hard work and dedication to our organization.

Thanks Again Biger,  
Ben Ortega, Exalted Ruler



## Club Hours

**Monday 4:00pm to 11:00pm**  
**Tuesday 4:00pm to 11:00pm**  
**Wednesday 4:00pm to 11:00pm**  
**Thursday 4:00pm to 10:00pm**  
**Fri. & Sat. 4:00pm to 2:00am**

**Sundays open**  
**9:00am to 5:30pm**  
**During Football Season**  
**All Closing Hours Are Always Subject To**  
**Change Depending On Attendance**

**Meeting nights are first 4**  
**Tuesdays of the month 7:30pm**



Elks National Foundation

Make a donation to the  
 Elks National  
 Foundation  
 &  
[www.elks.org/donate](http://www.elks.org/donate)



Dear Members,



Thank You for your support of our 2011 MDA Events.

Please see the list of our 2012 events as always I need and appreciate any support you can provide including sponsorship, auction items, tee sponsors, or just come out and enjoy the events.

**June 23rd-** Our Annual MDA Dinner Dance \$15.00 per person with entertainment by Jon Destry

**June 25th-** MDA Golf Tournament \$200.00 per player 11:00am South Hills Country Club. TEE Sponsor \$150.00

**Independence Day Celebration July 3rd and 4th** at Edgewood Middle School, Carnival Rides, Food, Games, Entertainment, Fireworks Show.

**MDA Labor Day Telethon September 3rd**

**MDA Christmas Party Sunday December 2nd** West Covina Elks Lodge.

Thank You for your support! If you should have any questions call me at 626/338-9516

Elks Care-Elks Share

John Hughes

## Creative Card Making Class

**Instructor: Laura Martinez**

**Come out to the West Covina Elks Lodge and discover the fun of creating fantastic and unique greeting cards, gifts, and more, Learn various techniques using rubber stamps, die cuts, paper punches, embellishments, etc. No experience necessary. Each participant will be given four (4) projects to complete. Instructor will provide all supplies. Reservations are required for planning purposes (project packets will be assembled for each participant reservation).**

**Dates:**

**Wed. June 13th & Wed. June 27th**

**Time: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

**Cost: \$10.00**

**Contact: Laura Martinez  
@ (626) 824-3034**



## Emblem Fun Raiser Fun Trip to San Manuel Indian Casino Tuesday June 12, 2012

**Bus Leaves Elks Lodge at 9:00am and will arrive back at the Lodge Approx. 6:00pm in time for dinner at the Lodge and Flag Day Ceremony if so desired.**

**Cost \$21.00 which includes  
\$10.00 Food or Play**

**Contact Shirley Burton  
(626) 331-1302 Cell (626) 422-1996**



**2012 California Hawaii Major Project, Inc. Theme Child Evelyn Pacheco and Exalted Ruler Ben Ortega after Piggy Bank March**

## June 2012 GER Message: Special days in June to honor flag and father

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler  
Hon. David R. Carr

**To all District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:**

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

Prior to this date, various banners of different designs were used in a number of the colonies. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the first and only fraternal organization to require formal observance of Flag Day. In July 1908, the Grand Lodge, assembled in Dallas, Texas, provided for the annual nationwide observance of Flag Day on June 14 each year, by making it mandatory upon each Local Lodge of the Order. June 14 was officially established as Flag Day by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson, issued May 30, 1916.

The Elks Flag Day Service is very special as it not only covers the history of our flag, but many of the flags of the earlier colonies are displayed for the audience. It is important to plan and advertise your Flag Day ceremony well in advance in order for the general public and media to make plans to attend. You may want to include a military salute by a local veterans group, a flag folding exercise by local scouts or military group, a choir or vocalist, a community leader as a guest speaker, a school student or students to provide taps, etc. With proper planning, you will be able to conduct an impressive service and demonstrate to everyone present our commitment to honoring our flag and all it stands for.

On June 17 we celebrate Father's Day. Demonstrate our commitment to family values by inviting your Members and public to a special Lodge event to honor all fathers, living or dead.

I encourage every Lodge to call those Members who are elderly, disabled or otherwise unable to attend these activities on their own, and offer them a ride to and from your event. They will appreciate your demonstrating that "*Elks Care - Elks Share.*"

**Fill Up  
The  
Pig!**



## Trustees 5-4-3-2-1

Greetings,

We're moving into the summer months when our Lodge historically slows down some. We need the full support of all of our members, please use your Lodge, and invite your friends to join you. We will do our part and have events that are fun so we all can enjoy ourselves and utilize the Lodge. Our Cinco De Mayo event was a lot of fun and we had a great turn out.

We have started the process of improving our restaurant menus, they need a lot of revising, we simply have too many different menus and many of the items don't sell. We know we can make improvements and look forward to offering a new and improved menu in the very near future.

In regards to Lodge improvements, Warren Burton replaced the floor tiles behind the lease out bar, thank you Warren - it really needed it! Steve Martin has taken on the challenge of renovating our hall and we're excited to see how the hall will look when it's all done. We have been focusing on getting our hall leased out and the renovation will help a lot. Please let your friends and family know that we have a large hall that holds over 350 people, and our rates are very competitive.

Be well,

Board of Trustees

### *Exalted Rulers Message Continued:*

We had our Major Project Piggy Bank March at convention. I was honored to announce during our march that with a donation of \$500.00 from Emblem Club #299 combined with the donations of our Lodge members we donated a total of \$8,069.96 to the Major Project "Purple Pigs". I would like to let you know that the mailing you receive from the California Hawaii Elks Association "CHEA" of envelope Address label's, Christmas cards and other mailings they generally ask for a donation of \$10, \$20, \$30 or Other amount, this is how along with filling up those Purple Pigs we get to \$8,069.96 which amounts to a per capita of \$14.33. Thank You for your generosity.

I look forward to seeing you at our Flag Day Ceremony on Tuesday June 12th and at our State V.P. Visitation of Donna Leiby on Tuesday June 19th, both events are open meeting night with family friends and guest Welcomed.

Fraternally,

Ben Ortega, Exalted Ruler



## June 2012 Veterans Message: Playing cards for Vets



by **ROGER R. TRUE, PGER**  
Past Chairman

Playing cards for Veterans is a program that goes hand in hand with our "Adopt-A-Veteran" Program. This activity will give a hospitalized veteran something to do rather than just passively sitting and watching television. These cards can also be distributed with your comfort care kits. They also can be a part of any activity for our veterans or active-service men and women.

Through the dedicated and hard work of Brother Tom Jamison of Beardstown, Illinois Lodge No. 1007, who has made arrangements with several riverboats and casinos, we are able to offer playing cards for our hospitalized veterans to use. Last year we distributed over 40,000 decks of playing cards to our veterans, valued at more than \$80,000. With the help of Elks volunteers, their spouses, family and friends, each deck of cards is checked to make sure all cards are in good condition and the deck is complete. After the decks are checked, a "Playing Cards for Veterans" sticker with the logo of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission is placed on each deck of cards.

These cards are free of charge!

To get free playing cards for our veterans, send your request on Lodge letterhead to:

Tom Jamison, Chairman  
Playing Cards for Veterans Program  
12102 Chandlerville Road  
Beardstown IL 62618-7679

... or contact the Elks National Veterans Service Commission at the Elks National Headquarters in Chicago. They will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about this program.



## Important Message

Members,

As your Exalted Ruler and CEO of your Lodge in conjunction with the Board of Directors are considering closing the Lodge, kitchen, and bar on Mondays and Wednesdays during the months of July and August and re-opening then for Monday Night Football in September for the duration of football season. We have been analyzing the financial data for our Lounge operations for some time now and the trending for those 2 days has been very disappointing and even worse during the summer months when operations are the slowest.

I take into consideration the various groups such as Emblem, ACC Cribbage, PER Association, Bunco, Family Night Spaghetti, New Members Indoctrination and New Members Investigations that use the Lodge on those days and we will work with these groups and consolidate or move them to a different day where possible, I also understand that we have meetings such as our Emblem Club which are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and most likely cannot be changed. We will examine every aspect of our decision and I will keep you the member informed and up to date. I will speak to each of the impacted groups or committees and see how we can work together for the good of the Lodge. We look to implement any changes beginning in July 2012. I will present the proposal to you the members before it is implemented. In addition all the menus are being re-worked and items that do not sell we'll be eliminated and those that do will be offered on more days. We are attacking this problem on different fronts and nothing is etched in stone however as Exalted Ruler I would be in negligence of my duty if I did not keep you the member informed of our present situation.

This is a difficult decision that I as Exalted Ruler and your BOD will have to make but we feel the steps we take today will lead our Lodge into tomorrow.

Fraternally,

Ben Ortega, Exalted Ruler



**A. PRASAD'S PLUMBING**  
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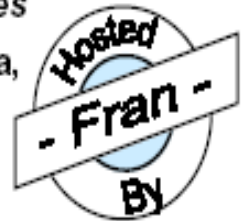
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**Tuesday Night Dinner Specials**

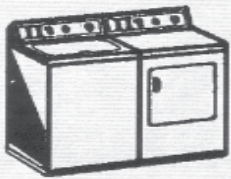
- 6/05 Chef's Choice
- 6/12 Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
- 6/19 Chef's Choice
- 6/26 Salisbury Steak

**Friday Night Dinner Specials**

- 6/01 Stuffed Filet of Sole
- 6/08 BBQ Ribs
- 6/15 Chef's Choice
- 6/22 Steak & Lobster
- 6/29 Rib-Eye Steak

**Saturday Night Dinner Specials**

- 6/02 Italian & Karaoke
- 6/09 Italian & Karaoke
- 6/16 Italian & Karaoke
- 6/23 MDA-Jon Destry
- 6/30 Italian & Karaoke



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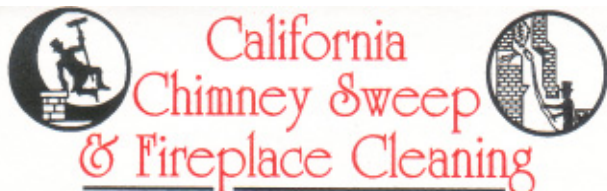


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## June 2012 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1. Dine & Dance 5pm Jon Destry Stuffed Filet of Sole Paper &	2. Italian & Karaoke Dinner 5-9pm Can Drive
3. Breakfast 8.30am	4. Steak Night 5pm Investigations 7pm ACC Cribbage	5. Lodge Mtg. 7.30pm  Chefs Choice	6. PER Mtg. 7pm Al's Mexican Cafe 5.30pm	7. Dinner Served 5-9p  Bingo 6.30p	8. Dine & Dance  Ron Johnson BBQ Ribs	9. Italian & Karaoke  Dinner 5-9p
10. Elk of the Year Steak Out  4-7pm Main Hall	11. Steak Night 5pm  ACC Cribbage	12. Flag Day Ceremony 7.30pm  Hamburger- or Hot Dogs	13. Al's Mexican Cafe 5.30pm	14. Dinner Served 5-9p  Bingo 6.30p	15. Dine & Dance  Global Affair  Chefs Choice Campers	16. Italian & Karaoke Dinner 5-9p  Weekend
17. Lodge Closed	18. Family Night 5pm Indoctrination ACC Cribbage	19. State V.P. Visitation 7.30pm  Chicken Marsala \$15.00	20. Al's Mexican Cafe 5.30pm  BUNCO 7p	21. Dinner Served 5-9p  Bingo 6.30p	22. Dine & Dance Rex Berry  Steak & Lobster	23. MDA Dinner, Dance & Auction  Main Hall Jon Destry
24. Lodge Closed	25. Steak Night 5pm  ACC Cribbage	26. Lodge Mtg. 7.30pm  Initiation Salisbury Steak	27. Al's Mexican Cafe 5.30pm	28. Dinner Served 5-9p  Bingo 6.30p	29. Dine & Dance Officers Mtg. 6.30p Juss Uss Rib-Eye	30. Italian & Karaoke Dinner 5-9p