



EXALTED RULER (From the Station of the)



Bruce Troe

As we begin a new Elks year, I see a vision that is easily shared throughout Elkdom. It is to continue to become stronger and sustainable as a formidable non-profit organization. This will further the key term in all of our Goals - GROWTH!

#1-In our knowledge of Elkdom by continuing to learn the basics by studying and putting into action the Statutes and By-laws of our Order and our Lodge.

#2-Continued strong support of the Purple Pig events to help the children throughout California and Hawaii and ENF-Elks National Foundation which gives so much more back to us in the forms of grants to enable us to further create a stronger community.

#3-Membership with specific addition of 30, 40, 50 and 60 year old men and women who will work together with our long-time members. We have a strong base with Gerald, Nicole, Angela, Anna, Ted, Loraine working with the knowledge of Mike and our dedicated and determined Dorothy.

#4-Continual involvement through new and old ideas for Social events like Otto's Karaoke and Gerald's Comedy Club but with an even

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A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

LODGE OFFICERS

| | |
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| Exalted Ruler | Bruce Troe, PDDGER |
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| 2nd Year Trustee | Meredith Thomas |
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PAST EXALTED RULERS

VAN NUYS #2028

Elmer Meyer*, Glen Wyatt*, Bob Gribble*, Louis J. Miller*, John Pulskamp*, Dan Davis*, George Kovacs*, R. Ted Dodson*, Harry Lamphere*, Richard Benjamin*, Richard D. Smith*, NG "Bill" West, George Schneider, John Kanavos*, ER Schultz*, Leroy Lucas*, RL McDonnell*, William "Bill" White*, Joe T. Kohler*, Ralph Burson*, Lee Faust*, Bob Vinson*, Luis Flores, Bob Reimann, Ed Werbeck, Mary Wigton, Dennis Dionne, Tim Carr, Jeff Schoenherr, Bill Haupt, Steven Duchscherer, Eddie Llanos, George Aguilar, Roy Minell, Francisco Solorzano

RESEDA #2443

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LODGE CHAIRPERSONS

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Accident Prevention | Cleve de Peralta |
| Americanism | Bruce Troe, PDDGER |
| Auditing/Accounting | Elan Menkin |
| Bar Manager | Mike Gaglio, PER |
| Holiday Baskets | Meredith Thomas, PER |
| Comm.Projects | Angela Mickunas |
| Drug Awareness | Nicole Williams |
| ENF | Michele Werbeck, PER |
| Major Projects | Bruce Troe, PDDGER |
| Flag Day | Tyler Montgomery |
| Hoop Shoot | Jerrold Rhee |
| Indoctrination | Kathy Rogers, PER |
| Kitchen Manager | Bruce Troe, PDDGER |
| Lapsation | PER Association |
| Lodge Activities | Lorraine Salcedo |
| Membership | Jerrold Rhee |
| Elks Mem/Mother's Day | Tyler Montgomery |
| PER Association | Bruce Troe, PDDGER |
| Picnic | Jerrold Rhee |
| Public Relations | Mike Gaglio, PER |
| Rentals | Mike Gaglio, PER |
| Ritual | Kathy Rogers |
| Rummage Sale | Florie de Peralta |
| Scholarships | Bruce Troe, PDDGER |
| Stray Elks | Angela Mickunas |
| Veterans Service | Bruce Troe, PDDGER |

BY AFFILIATION

John Rugh*, Manny Mende*, Lou Flores*, Ray Price*, Larry Almen, Mike Siwula, Rob Benjamin

VAN NUYS - RESEDA #2790

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| Jim Leister | Dean Keil, PDDGER |
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| Jim Meech | |
| Dick Stine* | |
| Rod Fischer* | |
| Bob Porras | |
| Diane Brennan | |
| Gert Litvinoff* | |
| Nancy Kephart PAVP | |
| Kathy Rogers | |
| Michele Werbeck | |
| Tiffany Lace | |
| Bruce Troe, PDDGER | |
| Jill Lace | |
| Mike Gaglio | |
| Meredith Thomas | |



GRAND EXALTED RULER

Randy Shook



May Calendar Has Events for Moms, Military, Youth

May is a busy month for the Elks. There are several different opportunities to show our communities that "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

The Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1–7. This is an excellent time to show our support for the many programs dedicated to our youth such as scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and the Dictionary Project, just to name a few. They demonstrate to our communities the dedication we have for the youth of today and our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.

The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day, a time to honor mothers and grandmothers. Our mothers spent endless hours teaching and guiding us, shaping who we are. They inspired us, protected us, taught us about devotion to family, and loved us unconditionally. We give them gifts, take them to dinner, cook them a special dinner, or send them flowers— anything to make them feel as special as they are. To them, Mother's Day is a day to be surrounded by loving family. Happy Mother's Day.

This is also the month we celebrate Armed Forces Day, on Saturday, May 18. This is the day to say thank you to all men and women in all branches of the military. These individuals protect and defend this great country of ours. Please show them that Elks Care and appreciate their service to our country.

Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to demonstrate patriotism for our great country, exhibit pride in our flag, and show our commitment and appreciation for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. There are many services that honor these deceased military men and women. Please take the time to hold a ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the heroes who served.



Elks Lodge 2790 members handed out over 150 Subway sandwiches with chips, cookies and water to Veterans on Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day 3/28/2024 at the Sepulveda VA Ambulatory Care Center. With Cleve Piralta, Fred, Bruce Troe, Meredith Thomas, Salcedo Lorraine, Travis Miller, Mike Gaglio and Dorothy Mutaw!

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From the Station of the
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT



Terrold Rhee

Celebrating Student Achievement Validates Hard Work

By LANCE C. KNIGHT
Committee Member

Congratulations to all recently installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers! You should be proud that the Members of your Lodge selected you to serve in a leadership role for the 2024-2025 Lodge year. All of you possess attributes, which when combined, will help you to work as a team for the coming year in making a difference in your community and Lodge.

As the school year is ending, now is the right time to contact the schools in your area to review or start a youth recognition program such as the Student of the Month/Year and/or Teenager of the Month/Year. The Lodge Activities Committee would work with your local school officials to administer the youth recognition program so it's ready to begin the new school year.

The focus of this program is to acknowledge outstanding young men and women for achievements in school and community life — fine arts, hobbies, athletics, classwork, church, community service, industry, farming, and more. Their accomplishments should be praised. Working in conjunction with school administrators, a student nominating committee may be named. This committee would be responsible for screening Teenager and/or Student of the Month nominees in both junior and senior high schools, selecting an outstanding boy and girl each month, and then yearly, giving them awards and publicizing their accomplishments.

Fillable certificates, signed by the Local Lodge Exalted Ruler and Youth Activities Chairman, may be downloaded in the

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ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT

Ted Mayer



Elkdom Celebrates Major Milestone

By RICK GATHEN
Membership Marketing Manager

In an era where organizations often struggle to maintain their memberships, it is with great pride and excitement that we announce the Order's remarkable achievement: three consecutive years of membership growth.

This milestone, reached for the first time in 45 years, stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and collective spirit of everyone involved in the BPOE. The significance of this accomplishment cannot be overstated. Amidst a landscape of shifting priorities, evolving interests, and competing commitments, the sustained growth of our membership speaks volumes about the enduring relevance and appeal of the Order's mission and values. It reflects the trust and confidence placed in us by our Members and the wider community alike.

Each year of growth signifies the Elkdom celebrates major milestone expansion of our Elks family, the strengthening of our bonds, and the widening of our impact. It is a validation of the efforts invested in fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals from all walks of life find meaning, purpose, and belonging.

Behind this success lies the dedication and hard work of countless individuals – from our tireless volunteers and dedicated staff to our passionate and engaged Members. It is their commitment to our shared vision and their unwavering belief in the transformative power of community that has propelled us forward, year after year.

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From the Station of the

TRUSTEE



Cleve de Peralta

Dear Beautiful Mothers
and Families,

Today we come together to celebrate the incredible and selfless role that mothers play in our lives. From the moment we are born, our mothers are there to nurture us, guide us, and love us unconditionally. Their sacrifices, their hard work, and their unwavering support form the foundation of our lives, and we are forever grateful for everything they do.

To all the mothers out there, whether you are a new mother or a seasoned one, whether you have one child or many, we honor and celebrate you today. Your tireless efforts to care for your children and families, to ensure that they are safe, healthy, and happy, deserve recognition and appreciation every day. But today, on this special occasion, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and admiration for all that you do. Your love and devotion have shaped us into the people we are today, and we are forever grateful for your unwavering support and guidance.

To the families of beautiful mothers, we also extend our gratitude to you. We recognize that behind every great mother is a supportive and loving family, who stand by her side through thick and thin, who lend a hand whenever needed and who never take her for granted. So, let us all take a moment today to honor and celebrate the beautiful mothers in our lives. Let us express our appreciation and love for all that they do and let us vow to continue to support and uplift them every day.

To all the beautiful mothers out there, we say thank you. Thank you for your love, your strength, and your unwavering dedication to your family. You are an inspiration to us all, and we are forever grateful for your presence in our lives!

Happy
Mother's
day



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Happy Mother's Day!





May 2

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed |
|--|---|--|--------------------|
| | | | 1 |
| 5 Happy Birthday Debi Hudgins & Dawn Grabowski MAY 12 | 6 Door Opens 5:00 Dinner : 6:30 Meeting 7:30 | 7 Happy Birthday Bruce Troe | 8 |
| 12 | 13 Closed for Rental May 12-May 31 Meeting 7:30 | 14 Happy Birthday Delmar Phoenix May 13 | 15 STATE |
| 19 | 20 Door Opens 5:00 Dinner : 6:30 Meeting 7:30 | 21 Happy Birthday Tim Mott | 22 |
| 26 Knights Meeting Canoga Park 10:30 | 27 | 28 Happy Birthday Edward Van Wyke | 29 |



2024



Thu

Fri

Sat

2 Happy Birthday
Tru Gianelli and
Jon Schuller

3 Friday Night
Lights
Doors Open 5:30
Dinner: 6:30

4 Metro Ritual
Contest at
Van Nuys-Reseda
7:00 AM-7:00 PM

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10 Otto's
Special Salute to
Mothers Day
6:30

11 Happy
Birthday Frank
Goldberg May 4 &
Herbert Craig
May 10

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CONTEST

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FRESNO

18 Happy

Birthday Edward
LLanos &
Ginger Pauley

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24 Friday Night
Lights
Doors Open 5:30
Dinner: 6:30

25 Happy Birth-
day Jessica
Luhrsen &
Richard Hacia

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31 Friday Night
Lights
Doors Open 5:30
Dinner: 6:30

Happy Birthday
Courtney Lace
May 31





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1. Youth programs

- a) Our Girl Scout program with their dedicated parents
- b) young and growing adults with special needs that contribute to our varied programs
- c) Students and adults that are involved in the Americanism programs throughout Elkdom

2. Community outreach and involvement

- a) Our continued strong support of our Veterans through toiletries, clothing, books, magazines, DVDs, cards and letters and visitations.

3. Interaction and support between All Elk Lodges and members in our Metropolitan District. Whether working together with Ritual training and coaching, helping with Veterans needs, or attending and participating in Lodge events.

I was the ER in our Lodge in 2012 and had never planned on becoming an ER again, but with the strong team that has joined our Lodge and the dedication that they have already shown and the elders in our Lodge to work with them, I see nothing but a growth of Elkdom. As was said at the Installation of Officers-“...as captain of this vessel, it will not always be smooth sailing” but I believe that together with this team we will build a strong and sustainable Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge #2790.

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Grand Lodge Activities Committee section of elks.org. If you have this program in place, honor those award winners in all categories with a special recognition activity at the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee page on elks.org has all the materials needed to implement a successful Youth Recognition Program in all areas. All the certificates, guidelines, nomination forms, posters, news releases and multimedia videos are available to all Local Lodges, districts, and state Youth Activities Chairs to download. It includes the contact information for all Grand Lodge Activities Committee members and their areas of responsibility, plus those states they are assisting during the fraternal year. This is an excellent way to let our communities know “We Are THE Elks!”

Your GL Activities Committee looks forward to assisting you and your Lodge to promote all the programs in your community. Be sure to visit the Activities Committee booth at the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin. “Elks Care — Elks Share” exemplifies the commitment to our youth recognition programs.

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Moreover, our achievement of three consecutive years of growth serves as an inspiration and a source of encouragement for the future. It demonstrates that even in the face of challenges and uncertainties, progress is not only possible but achievable through perseverance innovation, and collaboration.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us also reflect on the journey that brought us here and the lessons we have learned along the way. Let us acknowledge the importance of adaptability, resilience, and a willingness to embrace change. And let us renew our commitment to serving our Members and our community with passion and integrity, and empathy.



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The Elks Luncheon Club meets every Friday at the Glendale Elks Lodge #1289 located on Colorado Street just East of Brand Blvd.

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Vice Chairman, Ben Ortega, West Covina Lodge #1996
Treasurer, Kathy Rogers, Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge #2790
Sergeant of Arms, Larry Lawrence, Burbank Lodge #1497
Chaplain, Dorothy Mutaw, Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge #2790



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LODGE MEETINGS
Mondays at 7:30pm



Doors Open at 5:00pm
Dinner Served (\$6) at 6:30pm

**WHERE: The Van Nuys Reseda Elks Lodge 2790
14440 Friar St, Van Nuys, CA 91401 (free parking in back)**



Mother's Day Soiree

**Elks Mother's Day Celebration
Friday May 10 from 6:30-9:30pm**

**Dads and others
welcome**

**Semi formal
attire suggested**

- **Dinner 6:30 – 7:30pm**
- **Mother's Day Ritual conducted by the Elks at 7:30pm**
- **Dance Party 8 – 9:30pm**

**Featuring Music by
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