

Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471

Exalted Ruler's Message

By Krista Kobeski

I've spent a lot of time in the past few weeks thinking about the concept of villages and villagers. How 'it takes a village' and how difficult it is to have a village if you aren't one of the villagers. It's such an apt metaphor for our Lodge – a place where we are able to gather in community, support our neighbors, raise money for our charities, and truly keep the spirit of the Elks alive. This year, a small team of dedicated volunteers have found new and creative ways to strengthen our village. I am enormously proud of what we have accomplished, but also realize for us to maintain our village, we need more Elks to step up and become active villagers.

This has never been more true than it is today, when I write to share some news with our Lodge. Late last month, I was diagnosed with breast cancer following a routine mammogram. I am luckily in the hands of an incredible care team and should be good as new in just a few months time. I share this news not because I necessarily need your support with my personal journey, but because the Lodge is going to need your support. While I fully intend to continue to prioritize the Lodge and building on the momentum we have created, there will inevitably be times where I will need to step back over the next few months, and I need to know that the things that we have worked so hard to accomplish won't depend on a single person to keep them going.

If you have enjoyed being a member of our Lodge, this is where I hope you'll consider taking a more active role in keeping us moving forward. If every member gave an hour or two every year, our Lodge could have an exponentially higher impact on our community. I'd ask that each Elks family take a few moments today to update your volunteer interests at elks1471.org/volunteer, so that we can communicate our volunteer needs with you moving forward.

When I think about our village, it doesn't stop with our members. The staff of our Lodge play such a crucial role in building this community and ensuring that every event that we organize is a success, that each dinner is memorable, and that our facilities are kept in top notch condition. As we enter the holiday season, I hope that you'll consider a donation to our Employee Holiday Fund, so that we may recognize the hard work of our dozens of employees who commit to the success of our Lodge every day. Donations can be made at elks1471.com/donate

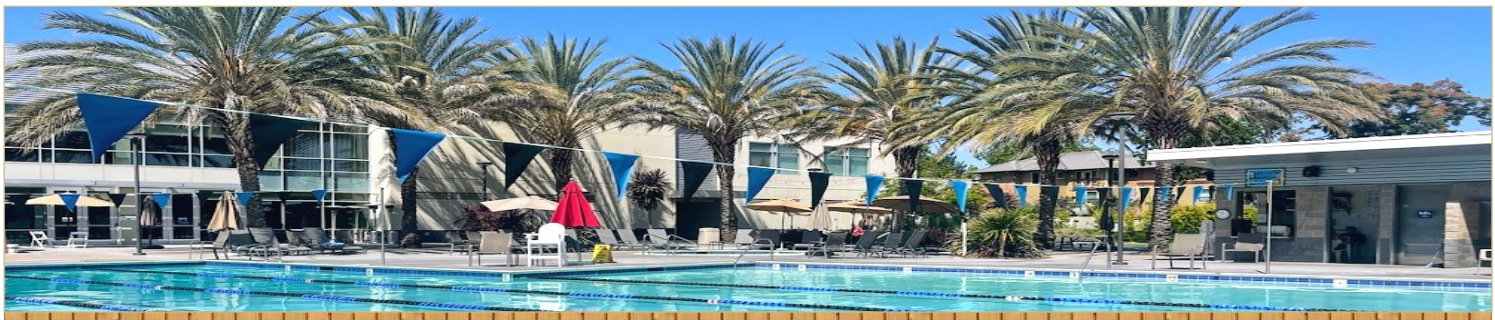
Finally, I am proud of how our village extends beyond the physical building, to our friends and neighbors in need. November kicks off our annual participation in "Operation Care and Comfort." When military members are away from home, they often have limited access to the basic necessities of life. Receiving care packages with these items can help to bridge the gap and remind military members that they are not alone, that people back home are thinking of them and appreciate their sacrifice. As with our food drive this summer, we've simplified the process for you by creating a list of items that can be delivered directly to the Lodge. Please consider supporting this years drive by donating here https://a.co/05LmvAMr

I believe deeply in this Lodge and the commitment of our members to building a village that we are all proud to be a part of. This village can not sustain itself, it will need your continued support. I've spent a lot of time asking people to come enjoy what we're creating here. Now I'm asking you to help create it. **Come be a villager.**



November Events

1st	**Sunday Football** 10-9:00
2nd	**Monday Night Football** 5-9:00
6th	**Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
8th	**Sunday Football** 10-9:00
9th	**Monday Night Football** 5-9:00
9th	House Committee Meeting at 6:00
10th	Trustee Meeting at 6:00
11th	**Bridge Night** 5:30-8:00
12th	Lodge Meeting, Initiation at 7:00
13th	**Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
13th	**The Great Nov Cellar Release** 6:00
15th	**Sunday Football** 10-9:00
16th	**Monday Night Football** 5-9:00
16th	**Book Club:** at 7:00
17th	**Unfinished Craft Night** 6-9:00
20th	**Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
20th	**Movie Night: Hocus Pocus** at 6:30
22nd	**Sunday Football** 10-9:00
23rd	**Silver Screening: It's a Wonderful Life** at 2:00
23rd	**Monday Night Football** 5-9:00
24th	Trustee Meeting at 6:00
25th	**'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving.....** at 5:00
25th	**Bridge Night** 5:30-8:00
26th	**Happy Thanksgiving** ~ Ldg. Closed
27th	**Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
29th	**Sunday Football** 10-9:00
30th	**Monday Night Football** 5-9:00



Lodge Officers
2026-2027

Exalted Ruler.....Krista Kobeski
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House Committee

Krista Kobeski, ER
Gayle McDowell, Chairwoman
Sarah Parks
Arundhati Ranganath
Geoff Williamson

House Committee Member's Group Email Address:

house@paloaltoelks.org

Upcoming Lodge Events



GINGERBREAD HOUSE
Decorating Party

Get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Gather your friends, family, or coworkers for a delightful evening of icing, candies, and creative confections

Save the Date!

DECEMBER 13, 2026

1PM - 4PM

TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND EXPECTED TO SELL OUT QUICKLY— RSVPS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.



THE GREAT NOVEMBER CELLAR RELEASE

6PM

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENING OF WINE DISCOVERY, SEASONAL NIBBLES, & EXCEPTIONAL MEMBERS-ONLY PRICING AS WE RELEASE SELECTIONS FROM OUR PRIVATE WINE COLLECTION.

EXPLORE MATURE LIBRARY VINTAGES, PREMIUM SELECTIONS FROM PAST WINEMAKER DINNERS, & FAMILIAR FAVORITES— ALL OFFERED AT SPECIAL TAKE-HOME PRICES.

FROM EVERYDAY ENTERTAINING WINES TO LIMITED-QUANTITY TREASURES, THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO STOCK YOUR CELLAR BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.

11.13.26

RSVP NOW
YOUR $25 ADMISSION INCLUDES A CURATED WINE TASTING & DELICIOUS SEASONAL BITES.

GRAND BALLROOM
4249 EL CAMINO REAL
PALO ALTO CA , 94306

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING. . .



Wednesday, November 25
5:00 pm in the Bar

4242 El Camino Real
Palo Alto, CA 94306









November Birthdays





It's your special day, and we're ready to celebrate in style! Join us at the Jolly Corks Bar during your birthday month and let us treat you to a free drink on the house! Just flash your membership card to our friendly staff, and they'll take care of the rest.

Let's raise a glass to you and the amazing year ahead! See you at the Jolly Corks Bar for some birthday fun!

Monica Arima
Glen Balzer
Bobby Bowes
Sonia Brunner
William Bryan
Jeffrey Coelho
William Conlon
Chelsea Contreras
John Cromie
Bijan Dastmalchi
Dan Garblik
Robert Gardiner
Rosheen Golden
Thomas Green
Serge Grossman
Ian Gulliver
Lawrence Hamilton

Leigh Henderson
Todd James
Oliver Johnson
Buck Kendrick
Mia Kim
Yvonne La Master
James LaRoy
Peter Lee
Stephen Ludvik
Michele Macpherson
George Mann
Alexander Myers
Kerri Neschleba
Jane Norris
Roxanne Norville
John Olenchalk
Sally O'Neil

Anush Ramani
John Rayner
Roseanne Rogers
Thomas Riordan
Barbara Shi
Donald Sirey
Scott Souter
Melissa Stahl
Darren Stevens
Katherine Toguchi
Juan Vicencio
Trang Vuong
Bruce Watkins
Lauren Weingram
S. Wishner



BISTRO



Dinner Specials
Wednesday-Friday
5pm-8pm



Fall LODGE HOURS

Lodge Hours
Monday-Sunday (6am-9pm)

Lodge Office Hours
Monday-Friday (12-4pm)

Elks Application Drop Offs
Monday-Friday (12-4pm)

Jolly Corks Members Bar
Monday-Saturday (4-9pm)
Sunday (12-9pm)

Bistro Kitchen (inside)
Mon: (Limited Menu)
Tue: Spaghetti Night (4-8pm)
Wed-Sat: Full Menu (4-8pm)
Wed-Fri: Dinner Specials (5-8pm)
Sunday: Full Menu (12-8pm)

Gym & Racquetball Hours
Monday-Sunday (6am-9pm)

Pool Hours
Monday-Sunday (6am-9pm)
Lap Swim (6am-11am)
Open Swim (11am-9pm)

Billiard Room Hours
Everyday (4-9pm)

Pool Tiki Bar Hours
Closed for the Winter

November Dinner Specials

November 5th - 7th

Pan Seared Black Cod
Served with Caponata, Lemon-Garlic Rice & Roasted Asparagus
Price $26.00 Plus Tax

November 11th - 13th

Quesabirria Trio
Three crispy griddled birria tacos layered with melted Oaxaca cheese and slow-braised beef, accompanied by Mexican rice and traditional consommé dipping sauce.
Price: $26.00 Plus Tax

November 18th - 20th

Butter Chicken
Served in a creamy tomato curry with basmati rice, garlic naan, cucumber raita, and fresh cilantro.
Price: $24 Plus Tax

November 25th & 27th

Prime Rib French Dip Sandwich
Served with French Fries, Horseradish Cream & Au Jus
Price $27.00 Plus Tax


OPERATION
CARE & COMFORT
A CARE PACKAGE DRIVE FOR VETERANS
Help us support our deployed troops by donating care & comfort items for a special delivery of care packages.
SHOP HERE →

Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471 Presents:

Unfinished Craft Night

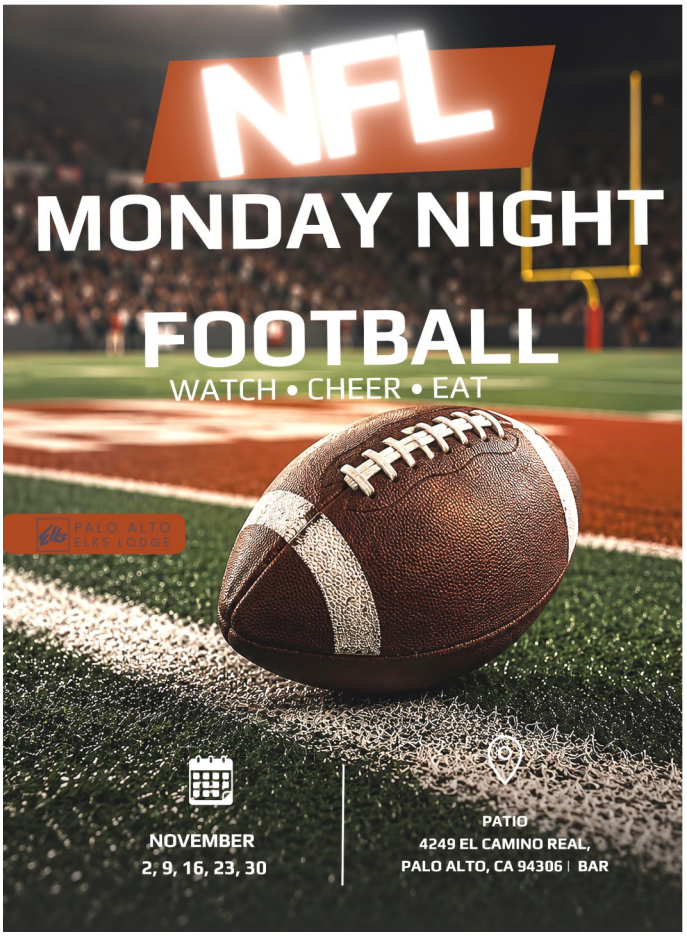
bring your unfinished crafts!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026
6:00 PM



ALL CRAFTS WELCOME!

SPECIALITY COCKTAILS AVAILABLE









A look back at Elks Scholars Day! We welcomed 20 college students who are Elks Scholars into our Lodge family for a day of service, working together to create more than 25 blankets donated to the Menlo Park VA. A great reminder that the spirit of service connects generations of Elks!

OUR BAR THEIR STARS

$1 SMALL STARS
$5 LARGE STARS

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SPONSOR THE NEXT VETERANS DINNER AND PARTICIPATING MEMBERS' NAMES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN OUR BAR

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION
2026-2027 LEARNING SEMINAR SERIES

A DAY OF LEARNING
HOLLISTER

Learn. Connect. Strengthen your lodge.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2027
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hollister Elks Lodge #1436
351 Astro Dr., Hollister, CA 95023

FREE EVENT • EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Officers, members, spouses and staff are invited!

EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Human Resources
- Officer Training
- Public Relations
- Youth Activities
- Major Project
- How to Get Officers
- Ritual
- Annual Budgeting & Overhead Expenses
- And more!

SCAN FOR SEMINAR DETAILS
chea-elks.org/learningseminars

Questions? Contact Ted Talbot
ted295860@gmail.com

Welcome New Members

On behalf of the entire Palo Alto Elks Lodge, I'd like to give a warm welcome to our newest members! We're thrilled to have you as part of our lodge.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves to any member you see around the lodge. We're a friendly bunch, and we're always excited to meet new faces.

Tips for New/All Members

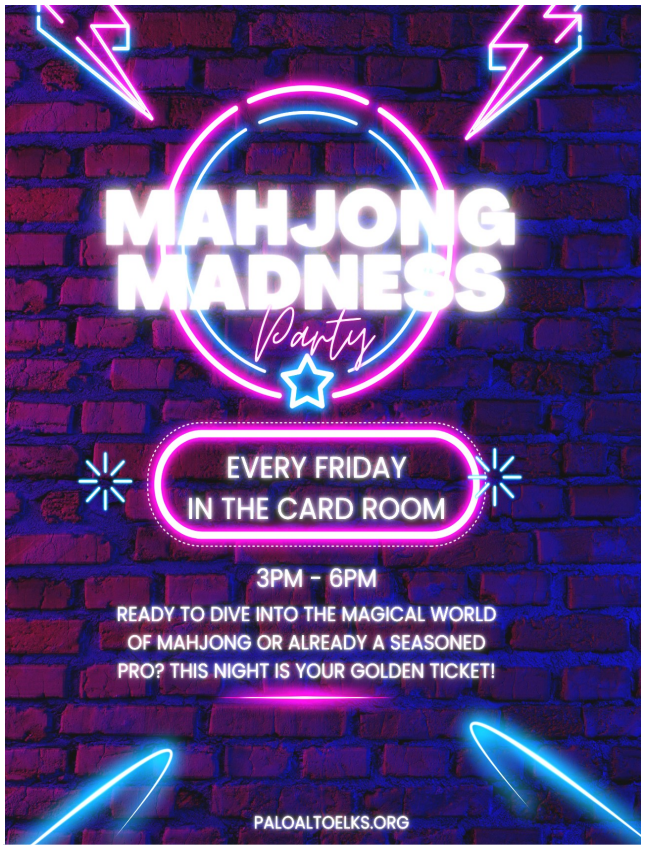
- Attend Lodge meetings (2nd and 4th Thursday of the month)
- Sponsor a New Member
- Become a Volunteer, join a committee
- Attend Lodge Social Events, get to know our community

Guest Fee Structure

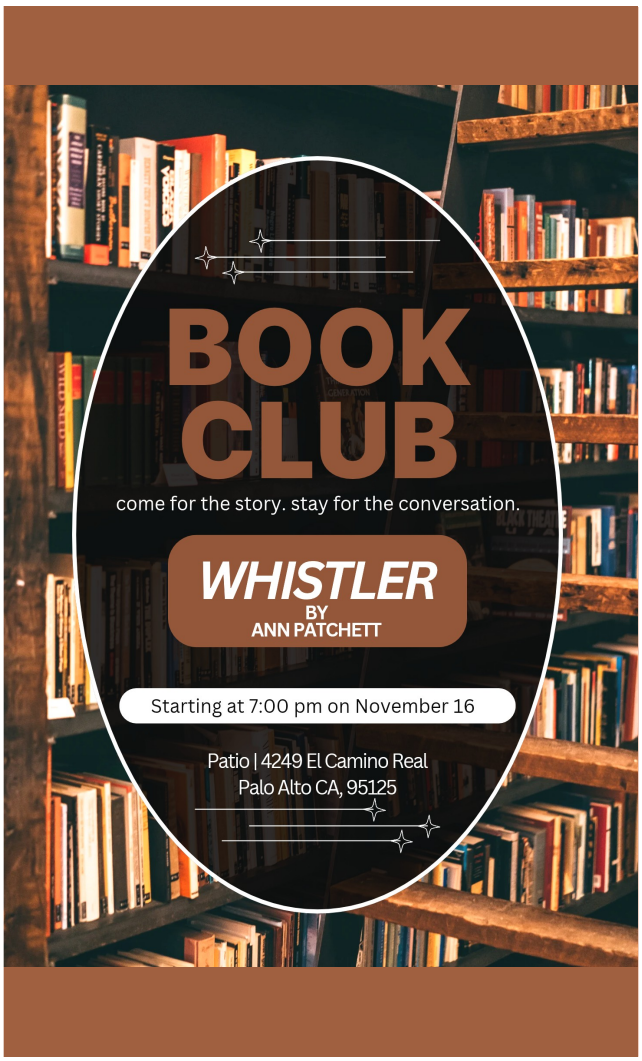
For the 2026-27 Membership Year athletic guest fees will be $20.00 per adult. This fee is in place for both non-athletic members and guests of the lodge. Every adult guest pass will include complimentary access for up to two children. A $5.00 fee will apply for any additional children visiting as guests of the lodge.



Warmly Welcoming New Faces

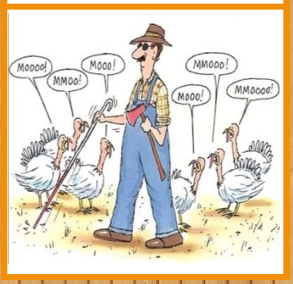

MAHJONG MADNESS
Party
EVERY FRIDAY
IN THE CARD ROOM
3PM - 6PM
READY TO DIVE INTO THE MAGICAL WORLD OF MAHJONG OR ALREADY A SEASONED PRO? THIS NIGHT IS YOUR GOLDEN TICKET!
PALOALTOELKS.ORG


Palo Alto Elks Lodge Presents
BRIDGE NIGHT!
EVERY 2ND WEDNEDAY 4PM - 7PM
SHUFFLE UP AND JOIN US!
Join us in the Bistro for an afternoon of cards, including Bridge! All skill levels welcome, come enjoy cards, laughter, and friendly competition with friends and fellow Elks!
Bring a friend!
RSVP: paloaltoelks.org


BOOK CLUB
come for the story. stay for the conversation.
WHISTLER
BY
ANN PATCHETT
Starting at 7:00 pm on November 16
Patio | 4249 El Camino Real
Palo Alto CA, 95125


THANKSGIVING Word Search
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Nov Lodge Meetings
Lodge Meetings 7:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 12th
House Committee 6:00 pm
Monday, Nov 9th
Board of Trustees 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov 10th & 24th

Spangler Mortuary

Los Altos
399 San Antonio Rd.
(650) 948-6619
License #927

Mountain View
799 Castro St.
(650) 967-5546
License #579

Sunnyvale
174 N. Sunnyvale Avenue
(408) 736-6294
License #910

Membership Box Score

Members as of April 1, 2026	729
Initiated	42
Affiliated	1
Reinstated	9
Total Added	52
Non-Payment of Dues	19
Transfer Dimits	1
Absolute Dimits	0
Deaths	1
Total Lost	21
Members as of Sept 30, 202	760
Gain	31







On Thanksgiving the physical building of the lodge will be closed, but the pool will be open from 6 am - 12 pm. No locker room access -- only the pool.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Football *on the Patio* 10-9:00pm	2 Monday Night Football 5-9:00	3	4 *Dinner Special* Pan Seared Black Cod 5-8:00	5 *Dinner Special* Pan Seared Black Cod 5-8:00	6 Mahjong 3-6:00 *Dinner Special* Pan Seared Black Cod 5-8:00	7
8 Sunday Football 10-9:00pm	9 Monday Night Football 5-9:00 HC Meeting at 6:00	10 Trustee Meeting at 6:00	11 Bridge Night 5:30-8:00 *Dinner Special* Quesabirria Trio 5-8:00	12 *Dinner Special* Quesabirria 5-8:00 Lodge Meeting, Initiation at 7:00	13 Mahjong 3-6:00 *Dinner Special* Quesabirria Trio 5-8:00 The Great Nov Cellar Release 6:00	14
15 Sunday Football 10-9:00pm	16 Monday Night Football 5-9:00 Book Club: *Whistler* at 7:00	17 Unfinished Craft Night 6:00	18 *Dinner Special* Butter Chicken 5-8:00	19 *Dinner Special* Butter Chicken 5-8:00	20 Mahjong 3-6 *Dinner Special* Butter Chicken 5-8:00 Movie Night: Shrek 6:30-8:30	21
22 Sunday Football *on the Patio* 10-9:00pm	23 Silver Screen: It's a Wonderful Life 2:00 Monday Night Football 5-9:00	24 Trustee Meeting at 6:00	25 'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving.. at 5:00 Bridge Night 5:30-8:00 *Dinner Special* Prime Rib French Dip 5-8:00	26  Lodge Closed	27 Mahjong 3-6 *Dinner Special* Prime Rib French Dip 5-8:00	28
29 Sunday Football *on the Patio* 10-9:00pm	30 Monday Night Football 5-9:00	 HAPPY thanksgiving 				

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