



March 2026 Bulletin

Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471
A Member of the California Hawaii Elks Association - West Central District

Exalted Ruler's Message

By Amy Love

As my term as your Exalted Ruler comes to a close, I find myself looking back with a sense of gratitude and pride. These past two years have been a very rewarding experience for me. I have truly enjoyed working alongside our Officers, dedicated Trustees, House Committee and the countless volunteers that have all rolled up their sleeves for the sake of making our Lodge a great place to be. I could not have taken this two-year journey without each one of them.

As I prepare to transition, I have one final request for all of you and that is to show up and get engaged. The strength of our Lodge is not found in the building itself, but in the collective energy of its members. I ask that you bring your time, ideas, and your unique talents through our doors.

On a personal note, nothing has been more important to me during my time than encouraging an environment of kindness and inclusion. It is my sincere hope that this remains the symbol of our Lodge.

In everything we do, let us remember to be kind to one another. Practice patience with your fellow members and your leadership team. Remember that we are all volunteers giving our personal time for the betterment of this Lodge. When we lead with an inclusive spirit and bring our best energy to the Lodge, there is no limit to what we can achieve together.

While I am stepping down, I look forward to my new position as Lodge Secretary. My commitment to this Lodge will remain strong. I am incredibly excited for the incoming leadership team and the fresh perspectives they will bring.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me over the last two years.



March Events

- 6th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 8th **Daylight Saving Time**
- 9th House Committee Meeting at 6:00
- 10th Trustee Meeting at 6:00
- 11th **Bridge Night** 4-7:00
- 11th Investigation at 6:00
- 12th Advisory Board Meeting at 6:00
Lodge Meeting at 7:00
- 13th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 13th **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** 5-8:00
- 16th **Book Club** at 7:00
- 20th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 23rd House Committee Meeting at 6:00
- 24th Trustee Meeting at 6:00
- 25th **Bridge Night** 4-7:00
- 25th Orientation Meeting at 6:30
- 26th Lodge Meeting, Initiation at 7:00
- 27th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 29th **Easter Egg Hunt & Open House**
1-5:00 (Egg Hunt Starts at 2:00)



Lodge Officers 2025-2026

- Exalted Ruler.....Amy Love, PER
(amylove@paloaltoelks.org)
- Leading Knight.....Phil Tomac
(phil.tomac@paloaltoelks.org)
- Loyal Knight.....Krista Kobeski
(krista.kobeski@paloaltoelks.org)
- Lecturing Knight.....Geoff Williamson
(geoff.williamson@gmail.com)
- Lodge Secretary.....Tony Silvia, PER
(secretary@paloaltoelks.org)
- Treasurer.....Suresh Nair
(suresh.nair@paloaltoelks.org)
- Tiler.....Sandra Barbieri
(sandiekhanson@gmail.com)
- Esquire.....Paul Eisenman, PER
(eisenmanpaul@gmail.com)
- Chaplain.....Bonnie Waters
(bonnie.waters@paloaltoelks.org)
- Inner Guard.....Stephen Friedman
(stephenfriedman@gmail.com)

Board of Trustees

- 1 Year Trustee.....Dave Matson
(david.matson@paloaltoelks.org)
- 2 Year Trustee.....April Heron
(april.heron@paloaltoelks.org)
- 3 Year Trustee..Varun Gopalakrishna, COB
(varun.g@paloaltoelks.org)
- 4 Year TrusteeCharles Cullen
(charlie.cullen@paloaltoelks.org)
- 5 Year Trustee.....John Harrington
(john.harrington@paloaltoelks.org)

House Committee

- Amy Love, PER
- Krista Kobeski, Chairman
- Gayle McDowell
- Sarah Parks
- Phil Tomac
- Geoff Williamson

**House Committee Member's
Group Email Address:**
house@paloaltoelks.org

Upcoming Lodge Events



To my wonderful Corps of Officers, Trustees, House Committee, and Committee Chairs, thank you for your incredible dedication and hard work this past year, 2025-26. Your efforts at the Elks Lodge are truly appreciated. I'm honored to have worked alongside such a fantastic team.

It's my pleasure to recognize the following people for the 2025-26 year

Elk of the Year: Trudi Wallick-Horrocks

Officer of the Year: John Harrington

Both have demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to our lodge this year. Their commitment and hard work have made a significant impact on our lodge. Please join us at the March 26 Lodge meeting when we will recognize them on the floor of the Lodge.

I'm excited to announce our incoming Corps of Officers. I am confident that this dedicated group will guide our Lodge with integrity. I look forward to building upon the momentum we've created, and to explore new opportunities to serve our community.

Please join me in congratulating:

- Exalted Ruler: Krista Kobeski
- Leading Knight: Karen Fitzpatrick
- Loyal Knight: Geoff Williamson
- Lecturing Knight: Trudi Wallick-Horrocks
- Secretary: Amy Love, PER
- Treasurer: Chris Ortiz
- Esquire: Paul Eisenman, PER
- Chaplain: Vacant
- Tiler: Sandra Barbieri
- Inner Guard: Stephan Friedman
- 5 Year Trustee: Suresh Nair

PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

KRISTA KOBESKI AND HER CORPS OF OFFICERS
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU AND YOUR GUEST TO THE
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

ITALIAN FAMILY STYLE MENU

CAESAR SALAD
RIGATONI BOLOGNESE
FETTUCCINE ALFREDO
CHICKEN PARMESAN
ROASTED VEGETABLES
GARLIC BREAD
CANNOLI & COFFEE
\$25.00 + TAX

4249 EL CAMINO REAL, PALO ALTO, CA 94306
PLEASE RSVP AT PALOALTOELKS.ORG
OR TO THE LODGE OFFICE BY APRIL 1, 2026
EMAIL: SECRETARY@PALOALTOELKS.ORG
OR (650) 493-4249



PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE
PRESENTS

SAINT PADDY'S DAY

OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 13, 5PM

**LIVE MUSIC WITH
FATHER FESTUS
BAND STARTS AT 6:30**

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Special

Served 5 PM - 8 PM
Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage with
Potatoes, Carrots & Celery
Served with Horseradish Mustard Sauce
& Irish Soda Bread
Price: \$22.00 Plus Tax

Bring a friend!!!

scan to RSVP



RSVP at paloaltoelks.org/events

Palo Alto Elks
BOOK CLUB

7:00 PM in Jolly Corks Bar

**January 19: The Dictionary of Last Words
- Pip Williams**

**Feb 16: Violin Conspiracy
- Brendan Slocumb**

**March 16: Jasmine
- Bharati Mulherjee**

**April 20: Here One Moment
- Ianne Moriarty**

**May 18: The Autumn Ghost
- Hannah Wunsch**

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Palo Alto Elks Lodge
Annual

**Easter
Egg Hunt
&
Open House**

Sunday | March 29 | 1 PM - 5 PM
Egg Hunt Starts at 2 PM

This is a great chance for members and friends
to explore the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, with tours
available and the pool open for swimming!
4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Open to the public!

or scan to RSVP

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March 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!

Robin Apple
 Lonnie Ashton
 Sandra Hanson-Barbieri
 Carol Barsky
 William Bassett
 Shelly Bowers
 Michael Brazinski
 Michael Brinkman
 John Cammack
 Catherine Cohen
 Gina Connell
 Whitney Denson
 Martin Garvey
 Helene Grossman
 Elaine Heal
 George Jaquette



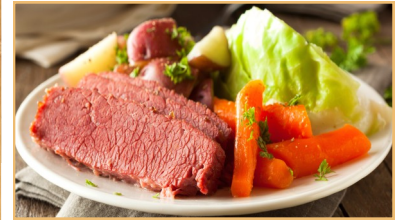
Ellen Jaworski
 Kimberlee Jest
 Jenny Jordan
 Julie Kearney
 Kathy Koh
 Jasmine Kumar
 Paul Lee
 Robert Lott
 Eric Mack
 Donald Maclennan
 Candice Marquis
 Raj Mathai
 Yifei Mao
 Sheila Mooney
 Maya Murthy
 Adam Paley



Iravati Pamnani
 Hong Pham
 Scott Prange
 Bonnie Rogers
 Joseph Santos
 Juan Saucedo
 Matthew Sharpe
 Bartleby St Clair
 Nancy Tillman
 Alan Truscott
 Brian Tupper
 Bogdan Uchman
 Sheri Van Note
 Gurunadh Vemulakonda
 John Walther
 Emily Wang



St. Patrick's Day



CORNEBEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER
 Friday, March 13th
 5-8pm

SPRING

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-Friday (3-9pm)

Saturday & Sunday (1-9pm)

Bistro Kitchen (inside)

Mon & Tue (Limited)

Soup & Sandwiches Available

Wed thru Fri (3pm - 8pm)

Dinner Specials & Full Menu

Sat & Sun (1pm - 8pm) Full Menu

Gym & Racquetball Hours

Monday-Sunday (6am - 9pm)

Pool Hours

Monday-Sunday (6am - 9pm)

Lap Swim (6am - 11am)

Open Swim (11am - 9pm)

Billiard Room Hours

Monday-Sunday (4-9pm)

PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE

MARCH DINNER SPECIALS

WED - FRI, 5PM - 8PM

MARCH 4-6

GRILLED STEAK & VEGGIE FAJITAS
SERVED WITH CILANTRO RICE & BLACK BEANS

PRICE: \$23.00 PLUS TAX

VEGETARIAN OPTION - VEGGIES ONLY (PRICE \$20.00 PLUS TAX)

MARCH 11-12

SEAFOOD FETTUCCINE ALFREDO SERVED WITH CAESAR SALAD & GARLIC BREAD

PRICE: \$23.00 PLUS TAX

VEGETARIAN OPTION - ZUCCHINI RIBBONS (PRICE \$21.00 PLUS TAX)

MARCH 13TH - SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER PLATE

TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE WITH POTATOES, CARROTS & CELERY
SERVED WITH HORSERADISH MUSTARD SAUCE & IRISH SODA BREAD

PRICE: \$22.00 PLUS TAX

MARCH 18-20

CRISPY SOY-GLAZED PORK BELLY
SERVED WITH JASMINE RICE & WOK FIRED VEGETABLES

PRICE \$25.00 PLUS TAX

VEGETARIAN OPTION - PAN SEARED TOFU (PRICE \$21.00 PLUS TAX)

MARCH 25-27

BLOOD ORANGE & BLACK PEPPER SALMON
WITH SAFFRON POTATO PURÉE AND SAUTEED RAINBOW CHARD

PRICE \$24.00 PLUS TAX

VEGETARIAN OPTION - VEGAN SALMON STYLE CARROT 'LOX' (SAME PRICE)

SCAN TO RSVP



RSVP AT PALOALTOELKS.ORG/EVENTS



CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America



Grant Impact Report: Supporting Our Veterans

Our Lodge continues to strengthen its long-standing relationship with the Palo Alto VA Hospital and the Defender's Lodge through two recently completed grants. Here is a look at how we utilized these funds to serve our local veterans.

In response to an uptick in malnourished and homeless veterans, our Lodge used the \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to restock local food pantries.

VA Hospital Pantry: We provided shelf-stable food to support a program that has already distributed over 160 bags of food to veterans in need. The hospital estimates that at least 150 of those bags contained items donated by our Lodge.

Defender's Lodge: Because this facility lacks a full kitchen, we provided microwave-friendly meals and protein snacks, along with necessary paper goods and cutlery. This ensures veterans staying for outpatient care have access to meals despite the lack of nearby restaurants.



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The Beacon Grant focused on high-priority wish list items to improve the quality of stay for veterans undergoing medical procedures.

Facility Protection: To accommodate a record occupancy rate at the Defender's Lodge, we purchased waterproof mattress covers for nearly all beds. This critical need helps extend the lifespan of their mattresses during a period of high turnover.



Essential Clothing: We supplied sweatpants, sweatshirts, and socks for veterans who often arrive with inadequate clothing for rehabilitation following unexpected surgeries.

Emergency Supplies: We also provided backpacks for homeless veterans and utilized remaining funds to stock the Emergency Food Pantry with high-demand staples like peanut butter and shelf-stable milk.



The incredible impact of our Spotlight and Beacon grants would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers of our Lodge members. We want to extend a special thank you to our Grant Coordinator, Jennifer Hawks who continues to step up to support our local veterans at the Palo Alto VA Hospital and Defender's Lodge.

Elks National Foundation Scholarship Programs



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

HOUSE/POOL RULES

Please familiarize yourself with the complete list of the Palo Alto Elks Bylaws

<https://www.paloaltoelks.org/bylaws>

1 Respect Eachother

Members are required to treat other individuals (including members, staff, guests, and children) and the facilities with kindness and respect.

3 No Outside Food or Beverages

No outside food or beverages are allowed (except for outside food during booked pool parties). Members with special dietary restrictions may contact the Exalted Ruler for an exception.

5 Adult Swim

During adult swim time (approximately 10 mins, every hour), staff may ask children (under age 16) to clear the pool and hot tub. Please encourage your children to use this time for the bathroom, water, or snack break.

Please remember to monitor your children at all times. There are no lifeguards on duty.

2 Check in/Guest Fees

All Members and guests must check in and be issued a wristband at the pool shack. Members must pay a \$20 fee per adult guest.

4 Appropriate Attire inside the Lodge

Appropriate attire shall be worn at all times in the Lodge/Club. No wet clothing, or towel wraps are allowed in the Lodge/Club facility. Shirts and shoes are required at all times.

6 Lap Lanes

Between 6am and 11am, swim lanes are reserved for lap swimmers and swim lessons. Please book a lane online (paloaltoelks.org/laps) or through the Elks app (paloaltoelks.org/mobileapp).

Bridge Night



Every 2nd Wednesday
4:00-7:00 PM

Whether you're a seasoned bridge player or just eager to learn, join us for a delightful evening of cards and camaraderie!



MAH JONG MADNESS

Party

EVERY FRIDAY
IN THE CARD ROOM

3PM - 6PM

READY TO DIVE INTO THE MAGICAL WORLD OF MAH JONG OR ALREADY A SEASONED PRO? THIS NIGHT IS YOUR GOLDEN TICKET!

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PALO ALTO ELKS

WINTER HOURS

BAR: MONDAY - FRIDAY - 3 TO 9 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 1 TO 9 PM

BISTRO: MONDAY & TUESDAY - 3 TO 8 PM
LIMITED (SOUP AND SANDWICHES)

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY - 3 TO 8 PM
(DINNER SPECIALS & FULL MENU)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 1 TO 8 PM
(FULL MENU)

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Proposed Members

Applications have been received from the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Harold Beals	Retired	Gayle McDowell #14575
Ronald Chun	Attorney/CPA	Gayle McDowell #14575
Jessica Marshall	Financial Advisor	Gayle McDowell #14575
Michelle Monica	N/A	Gayle McDowell #14575
<u>Reinstatement</u> Steve Johnson	Retired	Karen Fitzpatrick #14069




March Lodge Meetings

Lodge Meetings 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 12th & 26th

House Committee 6:00 pm
Monday, March 9th & 23rd

Board of Trustees 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 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, 2025.....	776
Initiated.....	56
Affiliated.....	2
Reinstated.....	11
Total Added.....	69
Non-Payment of Dues.....	97
Transfer Dimits.....	1
Absolute Dimits.....	4
Deaths.....	6
Total Lost.....	108
Members as of January 31, 2025.....	737
Loss.....	39

TEEN CARDS

Teen cards are available free of charge for any child of a member between the ages of 16 - 21 years old. Swing by the pool shack (10:30 am - 6:30 pm) or main office (12:00 pm - 4:00 pm) for an application if your child is in need of their own access card! A gentle reminder that card sharing is not permitted.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



1	2	3	4 Dinner Special Grilled Steak and Veggie Fajitas with Rice & Black Beans 5-8:00	5 Dinner Special Grilled Steak and Veggie Fajitas with Rice & Black Beans 5-8:00	6 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special Grilled Steak & Veggie Fajitas 5-8:00	7
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