



May 2026 Bulletin

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

Exalted Ruler's Message
 By Krista Kobeski

May always feels like the point where things really begin to come alive at the Lodge. The days are longer, the calendar fills up, and there are more opportunities to spend time together. At the center of all of it is something simple but important, a deep level of care for the Lodge, for the people in it, and for the kind of community we want to be part of.

Being a member isn't just about having a place to go, it's about showing up for one another. That can look like volunteering at an event, introducing yourself to someone new, or just being present and engaged. Those moments are what shape the experience for everyone. We have had so many fantastic volunteers come out to support the Lodge over the past few weeks, and we are deeply thankful for each of you and your contributions to this community.

We have fourteen events on the calendar for May and each one offers a chance to participate, volunteer and connect. A full schedule like this only works when people take part. The success of the Lodge isn't just in planning events, it's in members showing up and making those gatherings feel alive. There's a lot to look forward to in the month ahead, including our first charity cornhole tournament of the season, more live music, poolside events like our upcoming "Splash in Movie," Jaws, and our Annual Memorial Day BBQ.

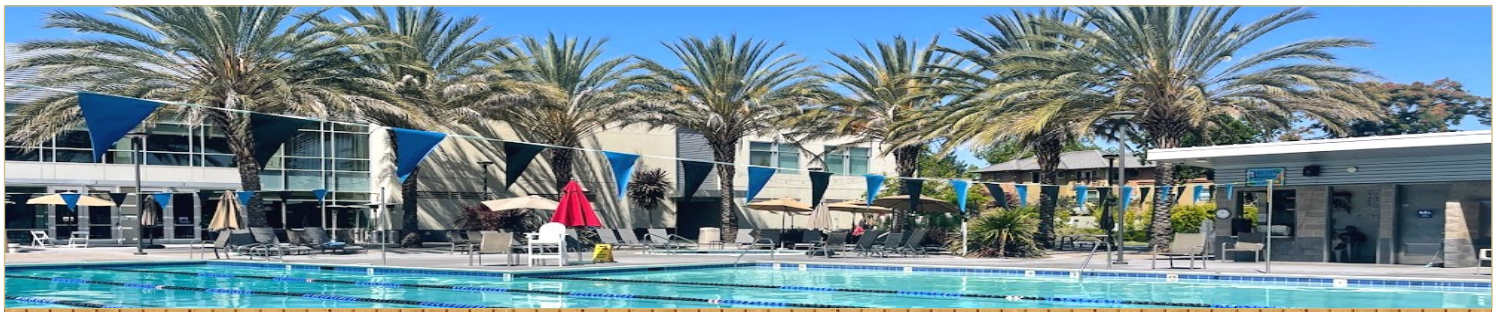
May also brings about the start of the busiest season of the year as the pool shifts into full use for so many of our families. Beginning on Memorial Day Weekend our Bar & Bistro hours will shift to accommodate lunchtime service. Keep your eyes peeled for some exciting changes to the Lodge in the coming weeks, including the launch of online ordering, which will make it easier to order food, especially from the pool deck. Our magnificent pool staff will also be starting in just a few days, so be sure to swing by and introduce yourself.

This Lodge is shaped by the people who choose to be part of it. The energy, the atmosphere, and the sense of community all come from members who take the time to engage. May is a busy month, and it's also a chance to set the tone for the season ahead. We can not wait to see you around the Lodge!

HAPPY
Mother's Day

May Events

- 1st **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 1st Kim Venaas - Live in Bistro 6:30-7:30
- 5th **Cinco de Mayo** Celebration 5-8:00
- 8th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 9th **Comedy Night**, Cocktails at 5:00 & Show Starts at 7:00 (Flyer on Page 3)
- 10th **Mother's Day Breakfast** at 9:00 am
- 11th House Committee Meeting at 6:00
- 12th Trustee Meeting at 6:00
- 12th Investigation at 6:00
- 14th No Lodge Meeting at 7:00
- 15th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 18th **Book Club** in Members Bar at 7:00
- 20th **Family Fun Night** 4-8:00
- 21st Special Lodge Meeting, Initiation 7:00
- 22nd **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 24th **Memorial Day BBQ** 12-5:00
- 25th House Committee Meeting at 6:00
- 26th Trustee Meeting at 6:00
- 27th Orientation Meeting at 6:30
- 29th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 29th **"Splash in Movie," Jaws** at 7:00
- 30th **Cornhole** Tournament Starts at 3:00



Lodge Officers 2026-2027

- Exalted Ruler.....Krista Kobeski
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- 5 Year Trustee.....Suresh Nair
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House Committee

Krista Kobeski, ER
Gayle McDowell
Sarah Parks
Geoff Williamson

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

Upcoming Lodge Events

Mother's Day

BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 9:00 A.M.

Assorted Breakfast Pastries
& Seasonal Fruit
Scrambled Eggs

Herb Roasted Country Potatoes
Applewood Smoked Bacon
& Chicken Apple Sausage
Belgian Waffles

Fresh Brewed Coffee
& Artisanal Teas

Includes (1) Mimosa, Bloody Mary,
Sparkling Apple Cider

or ADULTS: \$36.00 PLUS TAX
(INCLUDES GRATUITY)

CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$18.00
PLUS TAX (INCLUDES GRATUITY)

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PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE PRESENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

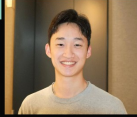


STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHT

SPECIAL GUESTS



JEFF APPLEBAUM
CASH LEVY



ALBERT LIN
KATHY GUEST

WELCOME ELKS!

TICKETS:

UP FRONT SEATING - \$40
STANDARD SEATING - \$30
TICKETS INCLUDE COFFEE & DESSERT

NO HOST COCKTAILS 5:00 PM
COMEDY SHOW 7:00 PM



RSVP at paloaltoelks.org/rsvp

PALO ALTO ELKS PRESENTS

family FUN NIGHT

4249 EL CAMINO REAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
4:00 - 8:00 PM

Lodge Tours available for potential members
Free swim!

Event Highlights

EXCITING GAMES & ACTIVITIES
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS FOR PURCHASE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
CRAFTS & WORKSHOPS

Lodge Open House. Bring your friends & neighbors



FOR MORE INFORMATION: PALOALTOELKS.ORG/RSVP

PALO ALTO ELKS

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

BENEFICIARY: PALO ALTO ELKS LOCAL CHARITY FUND

SAT. MAY, 30TH
PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE
3:00 PM START

Prizes for Top Teams
Food & Drinks Available
Music, Fun, and Great Vibes

Whether you're a seasoned player or just tossing for fun, this is the tournament for you!
Families are welcome to compete!

REGISTER NOW AND SECURE YOUR SPOT!

JOIN US FOR A

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

SUNDAY **24** 12:00 - 5:00

We're boosting the fun with grilled favorites, cold drinks, and a vibrant festive atmosphere. Tiki bar open!

PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE

Members & Guests Welcome
Kids Activities
Sno-cones

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May 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!

Melissa Abernathy
 Steve Albin
 Sheryl Anderson
 Joaquin Barrios
 Jonathan Boutelle
 Robert Brouchoud
 Iris Chen
 Marc Chow
 Sean Comey
 Robert Crawford
 Yi Cui
 Suzanna Cummings
 Ajit Dandapani
 Gregory David
 Jill Dinneen
 Herman Eiliya
 James Emerich
 Paul Feng
 Karen Fitzpatrick
 Erik Frey
 Suschiel Gandhi
 Elizabeth Gass

Otto Gelormini
 Maria Aranzazu Rodriguez Gil
 Yasemin Han
 Anne Hansen
 Shelley Hatfield
 Robert Hsieh
 Karen Jenkins
 Evan Johnson
 Cindy Kao
 Edward Kim
 Allan Leong
 David Lyell
 Jessica Marshall
 Barbara McCarthy
 Falguni Mehta
 Sonia Menzies
 Craig Murray
 Steven Newman
 Saxon Seol Noh
 Mike Otte
 Brendan Palla
 Marco Pessi

Sabrina Qwan
 Jeff Rich
 David Rickling
 Brigit Riley
 Rebecca Sands
 Jaisim Shah
 Ellen Shay
 Brian Siesel
 Tony Silvia, PER
 Mary Stavn
 Catherine Stoll
 Bowdoin Su
 Lynne Sutherland
 Janet Tornow
 Neal Van der Laan
 Ellen Vanderwilt
 Monika Varga
 Robert Viola
 Adam Weingram
 Elizabeth Witter
 Ron Yeh



BISTRO



Dinner Specials
Wednesday-Friday
 5pm-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)



May Dinner Specials

May 5, 2026

Celebrate Cinco De Mayo!

Chicken Tinga Tostadas

Served with our House Margarita or a Draft Modelo!

Price: \$20.00 Plus Tax

May 6 - 8, 2026

Shrimp & Spring Vegetable Tagliatelle

Sautéed shrimp, zucchini, peas, fresh herbs, tossed in a light tomato sauce finished with cream and Grana Padano. Served with fresh focaccia and a side Caesar salad.

Price: \$25.00 Plus Tax

May 13 - 15, 2026

Pulled Pork Sliders

Three pulled pork sliders served with Fresh Coleslaw, Baked Beans and Corn on the Cob.

Price: \$22.00 Plus Tax

May 20 - 22, 2026

Salmon Teriyaki with Stir-Fried Vegetables & Jasmine Rice

Served with a side of Miso Soup

\$23.00 Plus Tax

May 27- 29, 2025

Steak Frites with Garlic - Herb Butter

Bistro-cut steak, served with truffle shoestring fries, grilled broccolini, & shallot jus.

Price: \$28.00 Plus Tax

FELIZ CINCO DE MAYO

Special Dinner Event

CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO AT THE LODGE WITH

CHICKEN TINGA TOSTADAS
SERVED WITH OUR HOUSE MARGARITA OR A DRAFT MODELO!
PRICE: \$20.00 PLUS TAX

5:00 - 8:00 PM





KIM VENAAS
LIVE IN THE BISTRO

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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SPLASH IN MOVIE



THE PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE PRESENTS

JAWS

STREAMED LIVE FROM THE POOL
MAY 29, 2026 - 7:00 PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE FLOATIE



We're hosting a work party to prepare for summer. Join us later if you can't make it at 11.

THE PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE PRESENTS

90's NIGHT

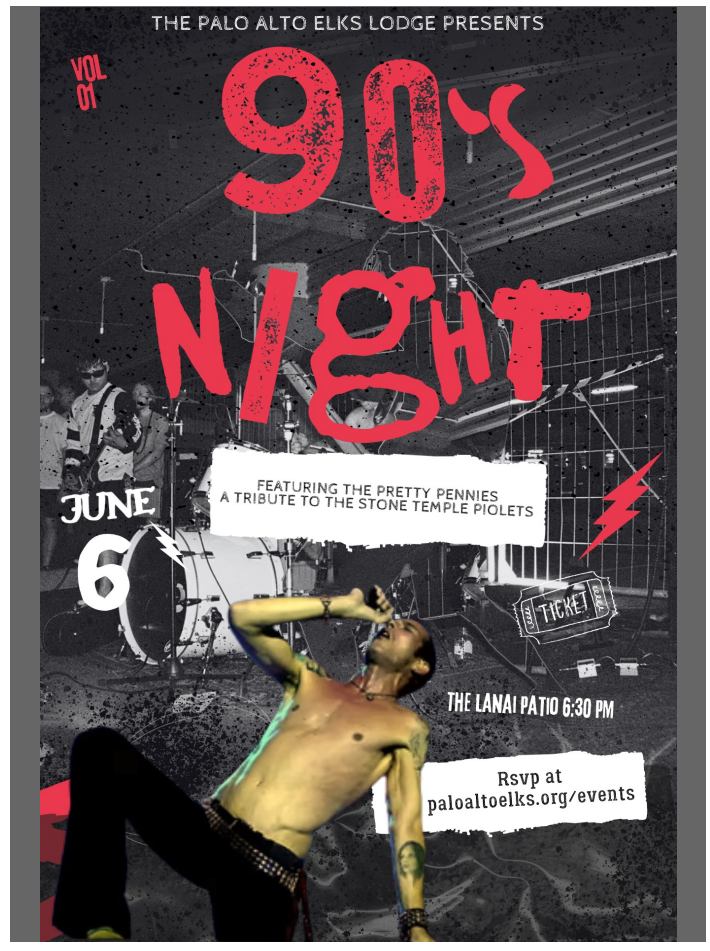
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JUNE 6

FEATURING THE PRETTY PENNIES
A TRIBUTE TO THE STONE TEMPLE PIOLETS

THE LANAI PATIO 6:30 PM

Rsvp at paloaltoelks.org/events





SAVE THE DATES!

FRIDAY, MAY 1

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

SATURDAY, JULY 18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES AT THE LODGE

LIVE
MUSIC

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

Elks National Foundation Scholarship Programs



On Sunday, April 26th, the Palo Alto, CA Elks Lodge had the privilege of hosting the first-ever Bay Area Elks Scholars Day, bringing together a group of outstanding scholarship recipients who study nearby. These students represented twelve different lodges across six states.

The Elks Scholars spent the day in service, assembling "Welcome Home" baskets for veterans transitioning into permanent housing (to be distributed through the VA), writing letters to active-duty service members with Operation Care and Comfort, and connecting with one another to build a stronger, service-driven community of Elks Scholars here in the Bay Area. It was a magnificent, fun-filled day for everyone involved, both Elks and Scholars alike!



Palo Alto Elks Lodge Presents

BRIDGE NIGHT!

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY 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

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 BOOK CLUB

MAY BOOK:

The Autumn Ghost

Monday, May 18th, 2026



Proposed Members

Applications have been received from the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Stephan Eberle	Attorney	ER Krista Kobeski #14801
Audrey Cu	VP Manufacturing	PER Amy Love # 13366
Paula Costa	Student	Michelle Monica #15178
Paula Andrea Villa Infante	Professional Dancer	ER Krista Kobeski #14801
Susan Voll	Retired	PER Tony Silvia #13140

GOT MERCH?



Show Your Lodge Pride! 🛒

Shop official Palo Auto Elks gear:

elks.printful.me/



May Lodge Meetings

Special Lodge Meetings 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 21st (Only)

House Committee 6:00 pm
Monday, May 11th & 25th

Board of Trustees 6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 12th & 26th

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



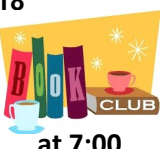
Members as of April 1, 2026.....	727
Initiated	7
Affiliated	0
Reinstated	2
Total Added.....	9
Non-Payment of Dues.....	17
Transfer Dimits	1
Absolute Dimits.....	0
Deaths.....	0
Total Lost.....	18
Members as of March 31, 2026.....	718
Loss.....	9

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
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Announcements						
 <p>There is no lodge meeting on May 14th because we are at the State Elks Convention. There will be Special Lodge Meeting on May 21st. No Lodge Meeting on May 28th due to VP Visitation.</p>					1 Mahjong 3-6:00 Kim Venaas 6:30-7:30 Dinner Special Fish Tacos 5-8:00	2
3 Lodge Clean-up Day 11-3:00	4	 Dinner Special Chicken Tinga Tostadas	6 Dinner Special Shrimp & Spring Vegetable Tagliatelle tossed in a light tomato cream sauce 5-8:00	7 Dinner Special Shrimp & Spring Vegetable Tagliatelle tossed in a light tomato cream sauce 5-8:00	8 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special Shrimp & Spring Vegetable Tagliatelle 5-8:00	9 Comedy Night Cocktails 5pm Show at 7pm
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