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11 O'CLOCK CHIMES

MARCH 2026

EXALTED RULER

WANDA COOK

MEETINGS EVERY
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM

(IF THERE IS A 5TH TUESDAY IT WILL BE FUN NIGHT)

DINING ROOM IS OPEN!!!!

FRIDAYS: 4:30 PM TO 6:30

SUNDAYS: 8:30 AM TO 11:00 AM

Message from the Exalted Ruler:

Greetings Fellow Members,

Well this is my last article. End of the year and end of my time as Exalted Ruler. I want to express my gratitude for all the support I have gotten over the past four years. It has been an extreme honor to serve as Exalted Ruler of Lakewood Lodge #1570 and the first Exalted Ruler of Lakewood-Bellflower Lodge #888. I do hope to still be involved in some ways as we continue on with the merger.

I want to congratulate the new Officers for 2026-2027 and look forward to how they will continue to improve on the community involvement we have had.

Please consider coming out to support them. March 24th will be Fade Out to thank this years Officers and March 31st will be Installation of Officers.

I want to give a big thank you to all those who have helped me when we had an Officer out for one reason or another. David, Pat, Bud many thanks to you for being there to support the Lodge.

That's all for now. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings!

Wanda Cook, PER
Exalted Ruler

APRIL 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					DINNER/ BINGO	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
BREAKFAST BINGO		LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM			DINNER/ BINGO	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BREAKFAST BINGO		EMBLEM CLUB 1:00 PM LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM			DINNER/ BINGO	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
BREAKFAST BINGO		LODGE MTG 7:30			DINNER/ BINGO	
26	27	28	29	30		
BREAKFAST BINGO		LODGE MTG 7:30				

MARCH 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM			DINNER/ BINGO	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		EMBLEM CLUB 1:00 PM				EMBLEM INSTALLATION
BREAKFAST BINGO		LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM			DINNER/ BINGO	WESTERNER'S ST PATTY DINNER
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM			DINNER/ BINGO	
BREAKFAST BINGO						
22	23		25	26	27	28
		LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM				
BREAKFAST BINGO					DINNER/ BINGO	

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Message from the Leading Knight:

Greetings Fellow Members,

This past year as Leading Knight has been fun, exciting and challenging. I was excited to meet and work with so many new and helpful people. I am looking forward to working with everyone next year as your new Exalted Ruler.

John Dewey Buezis, PER
Leading Knight

Message from the Loyal Knight:

March Greetings!

The number of members that attended the February Pin Night meeting was impressive and it was great to meet and see everyone. It is amazing to see that there are so many long-term members. We hope you will make a weekly, or at least a monthly effort to join us to see what is happening.

March 17th will be our next Meet & Greet event. Please plan to come by to introduce yourselves and get to know new interested candidates.

I hope to see a great showing of support for the Westerners St. patty Dinner on 3/14/26 at 6 pm. They make the best corned beef and cabbage. As usual, every Tuesday night before the meeting there is a great dinner and the bar is open, if interested in a delicious, economically priced meal and beverage please stop by from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. It is a great way to visit and get to know your fellow members.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Your Loyal Knight - Dana Parsons

**LAKEWOOD-BELLFLOWER #888
CORPS OF OFFICERS**

2026-2027

**EXALTED RULER
JOHN D. BUEZIS, PER**

LEADING KNIGHT	EDWARD MCCAIN, III
LOYAL KNIGHT	GENAE SMITH
LECTURING KNIGHT	GUILLERMO VALDEZ
SECRETARY	ERLINE KREMPASKY
TREASURER	DAVID SHINDLEDECKER
1ST YEAR TRUSTEE	DIANE HOBACK
2ND YEAR TRUSTEE	KITTY WATERS
3RD YEAR TRUSTEE	JAMES ^IKE^ OLDS
4TH YEAR TRUSTEE	SAUL CHAVEZ
5TH YEAR TRUSTEE	JOSEPH BORRA

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

DINNER SERVED FROM 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

PRIME RIB AND ALL THE FIXINGS

\$25 PER PERSON (TAX INCLUDED)

MEETING AT 7:30

DRESS IS BUSINESS ATTIRE

MARCH MENU		
FRIDAYS		
3/6	CHICKEN SCHNITZEL	\$15.00
3/13	CHICKEN FRIED SANDWICH	\$15.00
3/20	REUBEN SANDWICH	\$15.00
3/27	TERRIYAKI CHICKEN BOWL	\$15.00
TUESDAYS		
3/4	FISH & CHIPS	\$15.00
3/10	CHICKEN SCHNITZEL	\$15.00
3/17	CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE	\$15.00
3/24	STEAK & BAKED POTATO	\$20.00
3/31	PRIME RIB	\$25.00

OFFICE HOURS	
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
FRIDAY	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BINGO

FRIDAY BINGO AT 6:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM

SUNDAY BINGO 12:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM

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(additional packets \$5 each)

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MESSAGE FROM THE BINGO MANAGER

Hi. I hope everyone has been enjoying all the rain. Bingo is doing better now that all the football games are over. We hope all those football fans come back to play Bingo. If anyone has any questions about our Bingo please come and see me.

Have a Happy St. Patrick day. Can hardly wait for the Corned Beef and Cabbage.

Diane Koback
Bingo Manager

WESTENERS ST. PATTY DINNER



03/14/2026 at 6:00 PM

\$20.00 per person (Tax Included)

Corned Beef and Cabbage

with Dessert

50/50 · Music

Lakewood-Bellflower Elks Lodge #888

12507 East Carson Street

Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716

The Lakewood Elks Westerners

A Short History

The Westerners Committee has been an active Committee in Lakewood Elks Lodge since 1957. It began as a few guys dressed in western outfits spreading the enthusiasm for Elkdom through visitations to other lodges throughout the state. It was a fun committee at times and a little bit of a hell-raising group. Lodges weren't safe from their invasion. Today the committee has 27 active members and one stray disabled member.

As time went by, the Westerners began to become a more working committee. Under the chair of the Exalted Ruler, the Westerners have evolved into one of the more active committees of the lodge. Every year, the Westerners have hosted the Lodge's annual St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner / dance. They have been the Lodge's ambassadors to the city having marched in the City of Lakewood's Pan-American Parade as well as manned a booth at the Pan American Festival.

The Westerners have also reached out to the people of Hawaiian Gardens. Every year the Westerners rent a stake-bed truck the weekend before Christmas. The truck is decorated with garland and a music system plays Christmas Carols. A Santa Claus and the committee members drive through the streets of Hawaiian Gardens distributing candy and toys to the kids in the neighborhood. The Mayor and council people from Hawaiian Gardens have joined the Westerners on these "Sleigh Rides". After the ride is over, the Westerners once hosted the lodge Christmas Party for lodge members and their families. Of course, Santa is always at the party to hand out the presents.

The Westerners have become the Official Escort Team for the State Vice President as well as the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler as they make their visits to the lodges of the South Central District.

When the California Angels baseball team hosted Elks night at Anaheim Stadium, the Westerners unfurled a 30 foot x 50 foot American flag in the center of the field for the National Anthem. The Westerners joined the Garden Grove Clowns, the Westminster Beefeaters, the Long Beach Rangers and the Huntington Park motor cycle team for the on field festivities before the game. We are currently looking into reviving the unfurling of the flag in the center field for a Los Angeles Dodger game at Dodger Stadium. The Westerners have helped to man the Lodge's Fireworks stand, host the Lodge's New Years Eve party, and at one time hosted a monthly steak fry for the Lodge. The Westerners also hosted an annual weekend bus trip to Laughlin, Nevada with as many as 3 full 45 person buses making the trip.

Westerners are well known throughout the South Central District as well as other districts in Southern California. They are all looking forward to representing Lakewood-Bellflower Lodge in the future.



