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Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
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San Pedro Lodge #966
of the Benevolent &
Protective Order of Elks
Six-Bells



Exalted Ruler: Michael Bennison

September 2021

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September Upcoming Events:

Outdoor/Indoor Dining Daily:

Sunday 9am to 8pm

Mon – Wed from 12 to 8pm

Tuesday: Family Night Menu 5 to 8pm

Thurs – Sat from 12 to 10pm

Mondays: after 6pm for BPOE Members Only

Happy Hour: Monday – Friday 2 to 6pm

Family Night Dinner on Tuesdays

More details on the calendar inside this bulletin

Labor Day Pool Party – Monday, Sept. 6th

Includes Horseshoe Pitching Contest – details inside this bulletin

**San Pedro Elks Lodge #966 CLOSED on
 Wednesday, September 8th**

Private Use – No members allowed

Retired Elks Luncheon September 15th

Lunch is served at 11:30am **RSVPs REQUIRED**

Car Show – Saturday, September 18th

11am to 5pm – More details inside this bulletin

Ale & Quail Luncheon – Friday, Sep 24th

More details inside this bulletin

Elton John Tribute Concert – Fri, Oct 1st

More details inside this bulletin

Continuing Lodge Fundraisers:



Commemorative Pins for sale at \$10 each
More details inside this bulletin



Commemorative Hall **Name Plate**
More details inside this bulletin
See sample Name Plates



Lodge Room Chair **Name Plate**
More details inside this bulletin



From the Station of the Exalted Ruler
Michael Bennison

Dear Members,

On Monday, September 6th, the Lodge will have a Labor Day poolside celebration. Hamburgers, hot dogs, bbq corn, and drink specials will be available for purchase. There will also be a Horseshoe Tournament. Entry fee for the Horseshoe Tourney is \$10 per person. Please see the two (2) flyers inside this bulletin for more details on our Labor Day celebration.

On Saturday, September 18th we will have a car show on the premises. There will be a lot of beautiful vehicles to look at and live entertainment to enjoy. The participants really put a lot of time and love into their hobby. Please come up and enjoy these wonderful cars.

We, as members of San Pedro Lodge #966, took an oath to obey the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Order. I suggest that the members spend a little time reviewing the By-Laws as we all need to abide by them. Rules such as, no tank tops allowed in the inside dining areas and indoor bars. Also for the pool, children 14 years of age and younger are required to be accompanied by a member parent, grandparent, or adult guardian at all times. You can go to our website or pick up a copy at the front desk of the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Mike Bennison
Exalted Ruler
The Station of Fidelity

Pool Hours

8:00 am - 10:00 am LAPS ONLY
10:00 am - 6:00 pm Free Swim
6:00 pm to Dusk LAPS ONLY

Please review the House Rules for our swimming pool guidelines and restrictions.

Check in at the Business Office to receive a wrist band for you and your guest.

REMINDER: there is NO outside food or drinks allowed at the Pool or at the Lodge.

Members are to bring their own towels and chairs for the pool.



From the Station of the Esteemed Leading Knight
Robert Heredia

Dear Members,

At a recent Leading Knights meeting I got very good news from our District that we are number one (1) Lodge for Major Projects Purple Pig. Remember, "a coin a day so children can walk, talk, see, and play." We could not have got this done without all of you members. Like I've said at the meetings, I'm only the Chairman for Major Projects for San Pedro Elks Lodge and without all of you members this could not have been done. I'm so proud of all of you. Let's keep up the good work and become number one in all of "Elkdom." We can do this together. You make me proud of all of you members.

I want to say a big thank you to Tricia Mora for keeping our office well stocked with Purple Pigs. She also helps get Purple Pigs in the hands of members. Thanks Tricia!

Fraternally,
Robert Heredia
Leading Knight
The Station of Charity

Pull Tabs from Aluminum Cans



Did you know that each pull-tab from an aluminum can helps subsidize the costs of families staying at Ronald McDonald House?

The San Pedro Elks Lodge is proudly collecting pull-tabs and delivering them to the Ronald McDonald House at the Miller's Children's Hospital in Long Beach. This is an on-going collection, so there is no deadline.

Please start collecting pull-tabs (fill up a zip-lock sandwich bag – or larger). By the way, you do not have to be a member of the Elks Lodge to participate in this collection of pull-tabs.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this most worthy charity project!



From the Station of the Esteemed Loyal Knight
Joe Justiniano

Dear Members,

As we enter September I would like to remind everyone that 9-11-2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and those tragic those tragic moments that followed. But we must also remember the dedication of our troops and first responders who risked their lives to save others. We need to remember how we all pulled together as one Nation to help each other get through those tragic times. Let us pledge on this 20th anniversary to rekindle that spirit and pull together as “one Nation under God” again.

As the spirit in America was strong on 9/11, so was our spirit after the fire of our Lodge. Last month we marked the first anniversary of the official reopening of our new Lodge building. We also have welcomed many new members to our numbers. Let’s help these new members see the importance of getting involved in all the good works of Elkdom and get them involved as soon as possible.

"September 11 is one of our worst days but it brought out the best in us. It unified us as a country and showed our charitable instincts and reminded us of what we stood for and stand for." – Lamar Alexander

"Americans never quit." – Douglas MacArthur

Fraternally,

Jose Justiniano Jr.
 Loyal Knight
 The Station of Justice

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number?

Please let our office know when you have moved, changed your email address, phone number or changed your last name, gained or lost a spouse. You may either call our office at 310-831-0624 or send us an email at membership@sanpedroelks.org, or send us a short letter advising us of any changes to your contact information. Please be sure to include your membership number so that we update the appropriate record.

Our mailing address is: San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966
 1748 Cumbre Drive, San Pedro, CA 90732

Thank you,
 Sean Mejia
 Lodge Secretary



From the Station of the Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Kim White

Dear Members,

September always reminds me of ‘Back to School.’ Vacations are done. It is time to get back to ‘normal’ life. This year, we don’t know what that will look like. As Elks, we are back to our normal life of helping out our Veterans, our community and children who can’t walk, talk see or play. Our charities are awesome and so are our members who support them.

Do you know about all of the areas our Lodge helps people? Maybe it’s time to look to see how your talents and skills can help. Do you love putting on parties? Maybe you can help with our in-house events. Do you love working with children? Consider helping out with the pool parties, holiday parties, the Dictionary Project, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot or Scouting. Do you have a few hours per week available? Consider volunteering at the front desk or with the Ruff-Neks.

Don’t have time to put in? Feel free to make donations of any size to our charities, Elks National Foundation, and Major Projects. You can even donate blood at the Red Cross, bring your note from them to the office and get credit towards our Lodge.

Do you have ideas that would bring value to our Lodge? Consider writing up your idea and presenting it to the House Committee. The more people that get involved, the better our Lodge will be and the benefits we will all share.

Fraternally Yours,

Kim White
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight
 The Station of Brotherly Love

Attention Campers!

The 53rd Annual Elks Rally is being held on October 14 – 17, 2021 at the Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet, CA
 Early Registration deadline of your RV or RV Group is October 1, 2021.



Event information and registration form may be found at www.ElksRally.org. You may use the official registration form and submit your registration online at <http://CAElks.Eventbrite.com>
 Early registration is \$180

After Oct 1st registration is \$200
 Breakfast as well as Thursday, Friday and Saturday dinners are on the Registration form. There are also event souvenirs for purchase such as hats and pins.

**San Pedro Retired Elks
..... where fun and camaraderie reign!**

Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: September 15, 2021

Place: San Pedro Elks Lodge - The Pacific Antler Room (main dining room unless it is already booked)

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Menu: Chicken Alfredo or Baked Fish

Both entrees served with salad, sides of baked potato and broccoli rolls and butter, Chef's assorted desserts and beverage

Price: 25.00

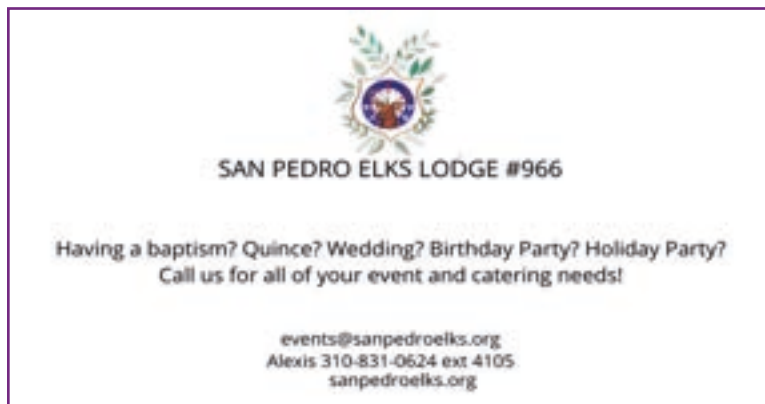
ENTERTAINMENT: Augie Bezmalinovich,
Port of L.A. update on San Pedro's Waterfront

For those of you who are interested in what's happening to those "empty spaces" on San Pedro's Waterfront between the Maritime Museum and what used to be the Ports 'O Call Village, you won't want to miss our next luncheon meeting. Mr. Augie Bezmalinovich, Public Liaison Officer for the Port of L.A. (Harbor Department), will give us an informative update on what's happening and what is planned in the future for our beloved harbor which will, I'm sure, include the aforementioned areas and a whole lot more.

Once more . . . a REMINDER. If you miss the monthly call by one of our volunteer Phone Callers, or would like to change your reply (cancel, add or delete a guest, etc.), PLEASE contact Judy Getzin at (310) 377-3496, or by emailing her at: judyg117@cox.net But please do this on or before the Wednesday **one week prior** to the date of our meeting.

See you on the 15th!

John Brunac
Retired Elks Chairman



Elks Ladies Auxiliary

Some of the Ladies in our group will be assisting with the Labor Day Pool-side Party by selling food tickets, etc., that day between the hours of 12noon to 4 p.m. We are looking forward to this event as it will be a great opportunity for some camaraderie with long time and new friends. This month we are skipping our monthly luncheon as the third Saturday is the day of the long awaited Car Show. We hope that you are making plans to attend that event, too. And, we are happy to welcome new members to the Elk Ladies Auxiliary.

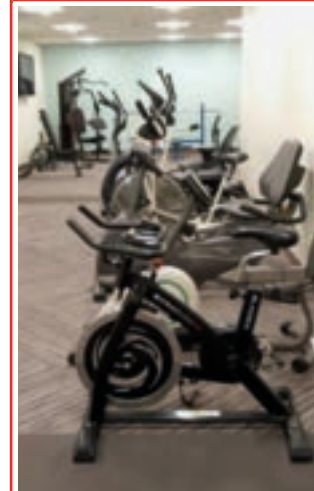
Thought for the Day

*"Look for strengths in people, not weaknesses; for good, not evil.
Most of us find what we search for." . . . J. Wilbur Chapman*

For those of you who are new to the Lodge, the Elks Ladies Auxiliary are women who are either spouses of members, widows or members of the San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 and they have luncheon meetings usually on the third Saturday of the month. Many of these ladies are former Emblem Club members. This group has no membership dues; however they do donate \$5 per month (optional) to a fund to be given to the San Pedro Elks Lodge at the beginning of the "Elks" year (April). They also donate \$5 each towards the purchase of cookies which they bag up in individual servings for the Veterans Hospital visitations. Their main purpose of being is to be helpful to our Elks Lodge whenever needed. If you would like to join us, or have any questions regarding our group, please do not hesitate to contact me at 310-326-4932 (please leave a message after the beep).

Fraternally yours,

Carol Muro



The GYM is now open during daily Lodge hours.

As a reminder, spouses/widows are required to pay \$150 for use of the Lodge Gym.

A special stamp is required for their Identification Card to enter the Gym and is to be shown when signing in at the Lodge.

This stamp can be received from the Membership Office during business hours.



Membership/Lapsation Report San Pedro, CA Lodge 0966

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2021	2014
Added since April 1, 2021	
Initiated	166
Transferred In	1
Reinstatemented	11
Added through August 31, 2021	178
Dropped since April 1, 2021	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	4
Absolute Dimits	0
Deaths	4
Dropped through August 31, 2021	8
Delinquencies as of August 31, 2021	
Six months	266
One year	0
Over one year	0
Total Delinquencies as of August 31, 2021	266
Lapsation Rate	13.21%
Waiting for Investigation	16
Waiting for Vote	6
Waiting for Indoctrination	5
Waiting for Initiation	3
CLMS Active Members	2182
Average age	63.07
Life Members	277
Honorary Life Members	15

Propositions for New Membership

Lilo Avgelb Title: Business Owner Proposer: Anthony Mardesich	Laura Fisch Title: Physician Proposer: Joanne Church	Sanam Lamborn Title: College Instructor Proposer: Scott Paine
Joe Bogdanovich Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Joe Justiniano	Nick Geich Title: Crane Operator Proposer: Gary Miley	David Lapkin Title: Insurance Proposer: Steve Schiazzano
Heather Bown Title: Project Manager Proposer: Joe Sulentor	Gregory George Title: Landscape Architect Proposer: Nick Baccari	Jill Haruno Manuel Title: Teacher Proposer: Andrea MacDonald
Curtis Buchanan Title: Contractor Proposer: Erik Bettis	Mukui Ghosh Title: Self Employed Proposer: Joseph Denuc	Matthew Marchese Title: Financial Manager Proposer: Anthony Lauro
Jessica Chaplin Title: Self Employed Proposer: Diana James	David Henseler Title: Retired Proposer: Wayne Perry	Vito Rakocija Title: Retired Proposer: Mira Cvithalovich
Debbie Ciaramitaro Title: Parks & Rec Proposer: Drina Semenjuk	Jill Herrera-Lagafuaind Title: Brand Director Proposer: Anthony Pomella	James Reed Title: Engineer Proposer: John DiMond
Daniel Cordova Title: Admin Proposer: Andrea MacDonald	Alexander Hynes Title: Data Cabling Proposer: Erik Bettis	Anthony Scheffler Title: Accountant Proposer: Jonathan Scheffler
Mario N. Di Leva Title: Musician Proposer: Mario A. Di Leva	Alana Johnson Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Alexis Markulis	Paul Singleton Title: Contractor Proposer: John Donato
Everett D. Emerson Title: Deputy District Attny LA Proposer: John F. Jones	Fliko Kovac Title: Crane Mechanic Proposer: Sean Mejia	Sally Steele Title: Realtor Proposer: Yvonne Grea Elks #2379
Juan Enriquez Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Julie Hernandez	Tina Kuykendall Title: Teacher Proposer: Andrea MacDonald	Diego Trinidad Title: Warehouse Proposer: Patti Folsom-Medina

Propositions for Reinstatement

Randolph Brandelli Title: Attorney Proposer: Jose Olivares	John Gutierrez Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Francesco D'Amato	Sharon McHale Title: Realtor Proposer: Yvonne Grea
Mario D'Onofrio Title: Retired Proposer: David Zatz	Brian Hickman Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Aaron Maes	Tim Monahan Title: Longshoreman Proposer:

2021-2022 Membership Dues Payments

Please be reminded that Membership dues are always renewed on or before April 1st with or without an invoice from the office.

The new Elks Year has begun and most members have paid their dues and there are still many who have not. If you have not received your invoice for 2021-2022, please contact Tricia Mora, our Membership Coordinator, so that she may confirm your mailing address. She can also accept your payment by phone, or you may visit our website at www.sanpedroelks.org and click on the dues payment bar at the top of the screen and pay online.

In addition, if you would like to pay Half a year (or 6 months) at a time, please be aware of the SET PAYMENTS:

The first 6 months is for April 2021 through September 2021 is \$217.50.

The second 6 months is for October 2021 through March 2022 is \$182.50.

Life Membership

The following members are eligible for Life Membership under Article III Section 1, paragraph 2, of the Lodge By-Laws.

“The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than thirty years preceding application, and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years.”

Balloting will take place on Monday, September 13, 2021

Name	Affiliation Date
Richard P. Hancsak	November 25, 1991
Dennis H. Noesen	May 23, 2983
Andrew Ursini	1988

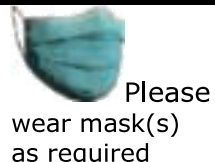


September 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast 9:30am-12pm Dining 12 – 8pm	Dining 12 – 8pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm MEMBERS ONLY after 6pm	Dining 12 – 8pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm FAMILY night 5 – 8pm	Dining 12 – 8pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm	Dining 12 – 10pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm	Dining 12 – 10pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm	Dining 12 – 10pm
 ENF Legacy Scholarship campaign begins September 1st! See article inside this bulletin for details			1 Investigation 6:00pm Check-In at 5:30pm	2	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY No Meeting Labor Day Poolside Family Fun 12 – 4pm Horseshoe Competition See flyers inside this bulletin for details	7 Family Night Dinner 5 to 8pm Spaghetti Night	8 LODGE CLOSED FOR ALL BUSINESS TODAY due to a FILM SHOOT	9 Downey Lodge #2020 DDGER Visitation Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Mtg 7:30pm	10	11  20 th Anniversary
12	13 Regular Meeting Balloting 7:30pm	14 Family Night Dinner 5 to 8pm Taco Night	15 Retiree Luncheon 11:30am – RSVP required Trustee Meeting and House Committee Meeting 7:00pm	16 Indoctrination 7:00pm check-in 6:30pm	17	18 San Pedro Elks and Traditionals Car Club Car Show 11am to 5pm See flyer inside this bulletin for details
19	20 Regular Meeting DDGER Visitation 7:30pm	21 Family Night Dinner 5 to 8pm Hamburger/Hotdog Night	22	23	24 Ale & Quail Men's Luncheon 11am – 2pm See flyer inside this bulletin for details	25
26	27 Regular Meeting Initiation 7:30pm	28 Family Night Dinner 5 to 8pm Steak Night	29	30	October 1st Elton John Tribute Concert – Pre-sold Tickets available at our Lodge Office – details inside this bulletin	

MEMBERSHIP OFFICE HOURS:
Sunday – Wednesday 8am to 8pm
Thursday - Saturday 8am to 10pm
Phone: 310-831-0624



We still need to abide by LA County Dept. of Public Health protocols.

NOTE: Lodge Meetings and/or Events are subject to change – Please watch for email/Facebook updates.

San Pedro Elks Proudly Presents:
An Intimate evening with Kenny Metcall as Elton John



Friday, October 1st – San Pedro Elks Lodge Room
Dinner 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM ~ Concert Begins 7:00 PM
\$40 Concert Admission & Dinner Buffett Included
Meatloaf & Salmon ** Cash Bar will be available.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Lodge Office
or on the lodge website www.sanpedroelks.org



SAN PEDRO ELKS
ALE & QUAIL
MEN'S LUNCHEON

Friday, September 24, 2021
from 11am-2pm

\$25.00 Tri-Tip/Sausage Lunch & Raffle
Tickets can be purchased in
advance in the Lodge Office

What's New at the Business Office?

We are happy to welcome our new **Pool Attendants**- Blain, Teliya, Mia, Jake, Gabby, Faith, Zach and Angelina as well as our new **Greeters**-Akemi, Jennifer, Brianna, Ella and Sharon to our growing team. Be sure to say "Hi" when you see them. Don't forget to get your wrist band at the office when going down to the pool or tennis courts.

We'd love to have our volunteers join us in the office. If you are interested in volunteering please call our office and speak with our **Membership Coordinator**, Tricia Mora.

We would also like to welcome our new **Events Planner**, Alexis Hall who is looking forward to helping you plan your next event.

Are your dues past due? Did you know that you can pay your dues on line on our website at www.sanpedroelks.org

Don't forget to turn in your "full" purple pigs at the office. This is a great way to donate to the CHEA. Major Project-The Purple Pig: "A Coin A Day and They'll Walk, Talk, See and Play".

Our business hours are now longer to better assist you.

- Monday 8:00 am-8:00 pm (Members only after 6:00 pm)
- Tuesday 8:00 am-8:00 pm
- Wednesday 8:00 am-8:00 pm
- Thursday 8:00 am- 10:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 am- 10:00 pm
- Saturday 8:00 am- 10:00 pm
- Sunday 8:00 am-8:00 pm

We love our members,

Bernard, Tricia, Evelyn and Alexis

From the Public Relations Committee . . .

Thank you to all of you who have been sending in photos and articles. I have forwarded them to the Six Bells Editor and have used them in other media as needed. Keep up the good work in helping us get the word out word out about our Lodge and our good works.

Remember your photos should show full faces of the people captured in the photo(s) taken at our events. And most importantly, these photos must be at least 1600 pixels and include the people we serve at charity events. Photos of only Elks members will not be used in the CHEA or NATIONAL publications. And, the National Magazine will not print pictures with groups of more than ten (10) people. *However, pictures of members only at charity works are welcome and encouraged for our monthly Six Bells Bulletin.* Please be sure to list the names (and titles) of those in the photo(s) listing them from left to right.

You may contact me via email at jose.justiniano@hotmail.com, text me or call me at 310-617-5416. We look forward to hearing from you!

Fraternally yours,

Jose Justiniano, Jr.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS – TIME TO APPLY!



Most Valuable Student (MVS) Program -The 2022 MVS program began on August 2nd. MVS applications are obtained and submitted online at: enf.elks.org/MVS. The deadline to submit is November 15th.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) will award 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, and financial need. ENF awards range from \$1,000/yr to \$12,500/yr (for 4 years) and will be announced in March 2022. Lodge 966 provides additional awards at the local level, and students can also earn awards at the district and state levels of the MVS competition.

MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. Eligible applicants include:

Current high school seniors (or equivalent) who are citizens of the United States.

Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks, nor do they have to have an affiliation with Lodge 966.

Male and female students compete separately.

Applications will either be automatically routed to the nearest lodge for judging based on the applicant's residency zip code, or applicants can direct their application to a lodge of their choice. Those wishing to have our Lodge review their application should select San Pedro Lodge 966 on their application.

Legacy Awards - The 2022 Legacy program will begin on September 1st. Legacy awards provide \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of active Elks members. The ENF will offer a total of 300 awards. Like the MVS program, the Legacy Awards are done entirely online via the ENF website, and the application deadline is February 7, 2022. For more details please visit: enf.elks.org/Leg

If you have any questions on either program, please email: scholarship@sanpedroelks.org. Also, please keep the Scholarship Fund in mind for donations within the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Paul Miloe
Scholarship Chairman



BIOGRAPHY OF **THAINE "KEITH" MILLS** GRAND EXALTED RULER **2021-2022**

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Keith Mills was born on October 17, 1968 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Justin and Ruth Mills, the youngest of five children. Keith has three brothers, Randy, Butch, the late Devon, and his sister Cheryl. Keith grew up on the family farm outside Hollister, Idaho. The rural elementary school had about 30 students enrolled through sixth grade. High school was spent in the neighboring town of Filer where Keith participated in almost every sport; football, basketball, track and rodeo. In 1987, he graduated from Filer High School. Congressman Stallings was instrumental in Keith receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point for academics and football. Unfortunately, an injury meant Keith returned home in 1989 where he attended the College of Southern Idaho and met Amy Jane Rutherford, his best friend and true love. They both received their Associates Degree. They were married in 1990 and Keith transferred to University of Idaho where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

For over 31 years Amy has encouraged and supported his dreams. Keith and Amy have two children; Cassie has 2 boys, Clark and Karson, and is attending nursing school. Their son Justin, who is a senior at Boise State University and will be graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business.

Growing up on a farm, Keith developed a strong work ethic and as he grew older, the value of a hard day's work. His family farmed 350 acres and operated a Custom Farming business. They also raised prize winning Duroc hogs for breeding which Keith showed in 4-H and Future Farmers of America, as well as sold breeding stock across the United States.

After college his career began at Applied Materials where he worked for more than 10 years in the Semiconductor industry with extensive travel in the United States, Asia and Europe.

Keith returned to Twin Falls to be with family where he owned and operated several construction and trucking companies. Keith currently works as the Director for a County Highway District.

In 1990, Keith was proposed for membership by his father and initiated as a Member of the Twin Falls, Idaho Elks Lodge No. 1183. He continued his membership there all through college. Upon graduation, they moved to Nampa, just down the street from his brother Devon. With Devon already an Elks Member, Keith transferred his membership to Caldwell Lodge No. 1448 where he is still involved today.

Keith began as Tiler for the Twin Falls Elks Lodge for two years before leaving for college, then upon his transfer to Caldwell in 1994, was appointed Inner Guard and installed in 1995 and progressed through every officer chair, serving as Exalted Ruler 2001-2002. He then served the next five years on the Board of Trustees, with the last as Chairman. Keith was a member of five Idaho State Champion Ritual teams, each competing at Grand Lodge. He is excellent at performing the ritual and is a six-time State All-American. Keith has been recognized for his outstanding dedication to Caldwell Lodge multiple times. In 2008, he was voted Caldwell's "Elk of the Year," as well as Idaho State's "Elk of the Year." Keith has the distinguished honor of being the first ever to be elected to Honorary Life Membership to Caldwell Lodge No. 1448.

Keith was elected and served three years as Idaho Vice President South, subsequently being elected and serving as Idaho State President in 2006-2007. The next six years were on the Idaho state major project, the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital Board with the last two years as Chairman. In 2016, he was inducted in the "Idaho Elks Hall of Honor." He continues to serve the Idaho State Association and is on the Advisory Committee with the Past State Presidents.

Keith's service to the Grand Lodge has included two terms as District Deputy for Idaho South District and then served six years as a Special Representative for various Lodges in Idaho. During this time, Keith also served as Idaho State Hoop Shoot Chairman for 18 years and Northwest Regional Director from 2011 to 2016. The region included Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Keith and Amy truly enjoyed being with the children, watching them grow and getting to know the families. He was appointed Senior Special Representative for Idaho and Oregon in 2019 and continues to serve in both positions.

At the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention, Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, subsequently serving as Building Applications-West Member, Approving Member, Secretary, and most recently as Chairman. In 2020, he was appointed Oregon Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

The passion Keith has for our Fraternal Order is shown by his enthusiasm, commitment and devotion.

Elks Care - Elks Share



Labor Day activities planned for your enjoyment!
 Top flyer announces the **Pool Party** and the bottom flyer announces the **Horseshoe Pitching Competition** event.



CAR SHOW

Saturday,
 Sep. 18,
 2021
 11am to
 5pm

No outside
 food or
 beverages
 allowed



ADULTS ONLY

Saturday
 October 30,
 2021

5:30 to 11pm

Buy tickets at
 office or
 online at
 our
 website





Ale & Quail cooks – June 2021



Three (3)
Pictures of the
4th of July
Pool Party

Committee Chairmen

Accident Prevention: Mike Bennison
 Americanism: Sergio Espinoza, and
 Michael Lindley
 Auditing: Morris Warschaw
 Bequests & Living Trusts:
 Blood Donations: Peggy Avellar
 Business Practices:
 Major Project: Robert Heredia
 Dances with Elks:
 Dictionary Project:
 Drug Awareness: Bob Linz
 Elks Training:
 Elks Memorial Service:
 Elks National Foundation: Jim MacKilligan
 Flag Day:
 Golf:
 Government Relations:
 Grant Coordinator:
 Greeters:
 Gym: Kim White
 Health Club:
 Hoop Shoot: Victor Padilla & John DiMond
 Indoctrination: Jose Chavez
 Information Technology:
 Investigation: Teresa Rydingsword
 Peggy Avellar and Tony Gomez
 Lapsation:
 Lodge Activities: John DiMond
 Lodge Photographer: Christy Nichols
 Mediator:
 Membership:
 Peanut Gallery:
 Pistol Team: Chuck Short
 Police & Fire:
 Pool Committee:
 Presiding Justice: Dr. Gene DeAngelis
 Public Relations: Joe Justiniano,
 Ritual: John Donato
 Ruff-Neks: Jim MacKilligan
 Scholarships: Paul Miloe
 Scouting: Wally Bitters
 Sickness & Visitation:
 Six-Bells Editor: Patti Folsom-Medina
 Social & Community Welfare:
 Standing Relief Committee: Chair Officers
 Tennis:
 Tennis (Asst):
 Veterans Service: Julia Aquino
 Webmaster:
 Youth Activities:

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler – Michael Bennison
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