

LODGE WISHLIST

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## August Message from the Exalted Ruler

I hope everyone is enjoying the glorious days of summer and our beautiful Lodge. The past month has been a busy one for me, filled with work, Elks activities, and travel. I am incredibly proud to be a member of our Lodge and deeply honored to serve as Exalted Ruler of San Rafael Lodge #1108.

### Aug Meetings

6 - Board of Directors 6PM  
6 - Lodge Meeting 7PM  
13 - House Committee 7PM  
18 - Board of Directors 7PM  
18 - Activities Committee  
6:15PM  
20 - Lodge Meeting 7PM  
24 - Pool Committee 7PM  
27 - House Committee 7PM

### Weekly Events

**Every** Wed Burger Night 5PM  
**Every** Thur Supper Club 5PM  
**Every** M-W-F Exercise Class  
9:30 AM

### Special Events

5 - Burger Night 5PM / Live  
Music - Paradise Drive  
6:00PM  
7 - Comedy Night at the Elks  
5:00PM  
12 - Burger Night Live Music  
The Retros 6:00PM  
14 - UFOs, Aug Birthday  
Dinner  
19 - Burger Night Live Music  
Walt D Dog and Aidan Ward  
6:00PM  
26 - Burger Night 5PM/ Live  
Music - The Flashbacks  
6:00PM  
25 - History Shorts 6PM

In July, I had the great honor of attending the 161st Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago. It was truly a fantastic experience, made even more meaningful as our country celebrates its 250th birthday. I did not know exactly what to expect or how much I would learn from this momentous occasion. Sometimes the greatest surprises come when we least expect them, and the Grand Lodge Convention was certainly no exception.

My commitment to the Elks has always been sincere and unwavering, but after attending the Convention, I returned home even more inspired.

We also visited the magnificent Elks National Memorial, which celebrated its 100th anniversary. It serves as a powerful symbol of Elkdom and a lasting reminder of the ways we support our communities through service, generosity, and volunteerism.

This trip was truly one of the highlights of my 27 years as an Elk. The greatest moment was witnessing Tim Jaeger, from our own Great Northwest District, being installed as the 2026–2027 Grand Exalted Ruler. His motto, “Ready Elks—Let’s Go!” is one we can all embrace in the year ahead.

We visited many hospitality suites in our hotel and throughout Chicago, where we had the opportunity to meet fellow Elks from across the United States. It was remarkable to connect with members from every corner of our country. Although our geography and traditions may differ, we are united by the guiding principles of Elkdom. Our shared values unite us, and our actions define us as faithful and loyal Elks: Charity,

The entire experience, including the ritual contests, historical exhibits, workshops, meetings, and installation ceremony was unforgettable. More than anything, I was inspired by sitting alongside my fellow Officers and Elks, seeing the flags of our country proudly displayed, and witnessing the tremendous impact our organization has on local communities through scholarships, veterans programs, youth activities, and community projects. Let us carry forward the enthusiasm and inspiration of our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Tim Jaeger, and embrace his call: "Ready Elks—Let's Go!"

I look forward to a terrific August at the Lodge—making new friends, strengthening our fellowship, and continuing to work together in service to our community.

Fraternally,

Susan Adler  
Exalted Ruler  
San Rafael Lodge #1108

## LODGE OFFICERS

### OFFICERS:

**EXALTED RULER:** Susan Adler, PER  
**LEADING KNIGHT:** Marco Buoncristiani  
**LOYAL KNIGHT:** Eric Holm, PER  
**LECTURING KNIGHT:** Bob Meier, PER  
**ESQUIRE:** Nick Kokalis, PER  
**CHAPLAIN:** Jenny Tisell  
**INNER GUARD:** Scott Pasternak  
**TREASURER:** Doug Monti, PER  
**SECRETARY:** Joe Tato, PDDGER

### TRUSTEES:

**5 YEAR TRUSTEE:** Dean Aure  
**4 YEAR TRUSTEE:** Ken Hauser  
**3 YEAR TRUSTEE:** Greg Rorvik  
**2 YEAR TRUSTEE:** Sydney Fairbairn, PER  
**1 YEAR TRUSTEE:** Kelly Day Medina, PER

## NEW MEMBER REPORT

**Investigating**  
Valerie Taylor

**Ready to be Read**  
Craig Smollen  
Todd McCormack

**Ready For Initiation**  
[Monique Vasquez](#)  
Shea Atkinson  
Karen Little  
Daniel R. Sarna-Wojcicki

**Ready For Reinstatement**  
Alison P. Blume

Want to volunteer, sponsor music, host an event, or get involved?

Email [secretary@elks1108.org](mailto:secretary@elks1108.org)

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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### ELK OF THE MONTH: FRED CALONICO



### Fred: The Lodge's "Nuts and Bolts" Person

If you have spent any time around the Lodge, you know Fred. Even if you haven't seen him, **you have seen his work everywhere you go.**

Fred describes himself as a **"nuts and bolts person,"** and it is a perfect description. He is always looking for ways to improve the Lodge. When he sees something broken, he fixes it. He changes kegs, puts away deliveries, trains new bartenders and takes on the countless everyday jobs that keep the Lodge running.

If you are working around the Lodge and Fred is nearby, his first question will almost always be, **"How can I help?"** Whether it means moving something

heavy, getting down on his belly to light the kitchen stove pilot or tackling another dirty job, **Fred is always ready to lend a hand.**

One of Fred's most visible accomplishments is the **Beer Garden**. He began by installing the door behind Drake's Bar—yes, that was once just a window—and this year he has truly developed the space. He still has a few surprises planned, but if you haven't grabbed a beverage and sat outside in the Beer Garden, you should. It is a wonderfully peaceful place.

Fred also worked alongside fellow member Oscar Gonzalez to refinish the floor in Drake's Bar—another example of his willingness to take on whatever needs to be done.

These are only a few of the countless ways Fred contributes his time, skills and energy to our Lodge. He may call himself a “nuts and bolts person,” but what he does goes far beyond that. **The Lodge is a much better place because of him.**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Beginning Members Total 4/1/2026: 449

#### Increases

Initiated: 27

Affiliated: 2

Reinstated: 3

Subtotal: 32

#### Decreases

Dropped: 3

Transferred Out: 0

Absolute Dimit: 0

Deaths: 2

Expelled: 0

Subtotal: 5

**Calculated Membership Total: 476**

**CLMS Active Members: 476**

**Average Age: 62.85**

**Gain/Loss: 27**

#### Delinquency

Six Months: 58

One Year: 0

Over One Year: 1

**Total: 59**

**Lapsation Rate: 13.14%**

#### Applications on Hand

Waiting to read at next lodge meeting: 0

In the hands of the investigating committee: 1

Ready for balloting: 1

Ready for Orientation: 0

Ready for Initiation: 4

Ready for Affiliation: 0

Ready for Reinstatement: 1

Other: 0

**Total: 7**

#### Life Members

Life Members: 16

Honorary Life Members: 1

**Total: 17**

**Life Percentage: 3.79%**

 **August BIRTHDAYS** 

**August Birthday Members Eat  
Free at the Aug 14th UFO  
Hawaiian Dinner**

**LODGE WISHLIST**

Good condition outdoor furniture for the  
beer garden outback Drakes Bar

## Reserve your spot

Susan Angel  
Alexa Apallas  
Doug Arnold  
Troy Bachich  
James Baker  
Susan Barrick  
Matthew Barron  
Bruce Bennett  
Michael Bristow  
Steven Buhler  
Darragh Caffrey  
Katherine Engelbrecht  
Briony Everroad  
Terrence Fernsworth  
Damon George  
Dennis Gilardi  
Darren Hunter  
Robert Ishikawa  
Kathleen Kardos  
Tomas Kaselionis  
Iain Kennedy  
Tom Knapp  
George Kokalis  
Nick Kokalis  
Dustin Liebman  
Oliver Lobl  
Gregory Martinez  
Mariel McCarter  
Brian McLeran  
Robert Meier  
Marjorie Miller  
Eric Moayedi  
Melann Mushet  
Ellen Peterson  
Kristina Peterson  
Kiana Petty  
Jeffrey Schaub  
Barbara Spolter  
Alan Straub  
Dimitri Tretiakoff  
Jay Trimble  
Lisa Whiting

Palm Tree Trimming Sponsors (Each Palm tree is about \$700 to trim and prune)

Good condition picnic tables for the picnic area above the pool.

French Broom pullers, pull just one or pull a couple. Want to clear the hill above the pool.

[I WANT TO HELP](#)

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JAMBOREE UPDATE



This year's **District Jamboree** will be held in Lakeport. It starts on Friday night with a dinner, continues through Saturday. **ER Susan Adler, Secretary Joe Tato, and Leading Knight Marco Buoncristiani** will be representing our lodge.

The profits from the Jamboree **raffle and auction** benefit every Lodge within our district. Our Lodges are Crescent City, Eureka, Ukiah, Lakeport, Petaluma, Vacaville, Napa and San Rafael. The funds offset costs incurred by the Lodges for various mandatory events, such as visitations by Elk dignitaries.

Jamboree funds also support lodge and district committees, like Drug Awareness Program, Veterans programs, Youth Activities, Americanism, Elks Training, and lodge officer travel. **The Jamboree is a way for the general membership to support the needs of the district lodges.**

**It's not too late to purchase a raffle ticket. Every one counts and who know you may be the lucky winner.**

**BUY JAMBOREE RAFFLE TICKETS**

## **VETERANS SERVICE UPDATE**

Through mid-July, **our ENF grant** has helped provide furniture, kitchen supplies and household essentials to more than 85 veterans and newly stationed Coast Guard enlisted members. Donations are still needed—including gently used household items and playable guitars—and our Veterans Committee continues to connect veterans with important benefits and local resources.

Read the full Veterans Committee update to **learn more about this work, available assistance for veterans and their families, and how you can help.**

**READ FULL ARTICLE**



### **The Flag Pole seating/patio area Eagle Project**

The Eagle Scout project to create a new seating and patio area around the flagpole in front of the Lodge is moving forward, with work expected to begin within the next few weeks.

The computer-generated image shows what the completed area is expected to look like. Once construction is finished, a Lodge member has generously pledged to provide attractive, all-weather seating for the space.

What a beautiful and welcoming addition this will be to our Lodge!

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## **OUR MUSIC SPONSORS 2026 - 2027**

**Click Image to go to Sponsor's Webpage**

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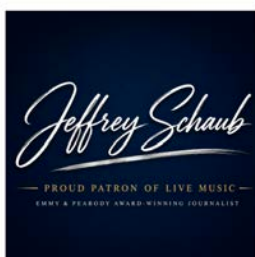
**GOLD**



## SILVER



## BRONZE



Our Summer Burger Night Music Series is coming together—we've already secured these sponsors and would love to add a few more! 🌞🎵

As a sponsor, you'll be recognized in every monthly booster and featured on a prominent banner each Wednesday on the Terrace.

Join us and be part of one of the best parts of summer at the Lodge.

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## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5th 5:00PM



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## FRIDAY AUGUST 7th 5:00 PM

**ELKS CLUB**  
*San Rafael*

ELKS  
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LIVE COMEDY.  
GOOD TIMES.

**ENDLESS SUMMER  
COMEDY  
SHOW**

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COBB'S COMEDY CLUB.

 CASUAL CUISINE  
AVAILABLE

 OPEN TO  
ELKS AND GUESTS

 LAUGHS, FRIENDS  
& GOOD TIMES

**FEATURING  
JOHNNY  
STEELE  
& FRIENDS**



**\$25**  
EARLY BIRD  
TICKETS  
LIMITED QUANTITY!

★

**\$30**  
GENERAL  
ADMISSION

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY & SAVE!

**Friday, AUGUST 7**

 DOORS OPEN  
5:30PM

 SHOWTIME  
7:30PM

★ *All Ages*  
WELCOME!

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**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12th 5:00PM**



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**FRIDAY AUGUST 14th 5PM**

**----- AUGUST BIRTHDAYS EAT FREE -----**

# HAWAIIAN BUFFET DINNER

FEATURING UKULELE FRIENDS OHANA

**BAR OPENS 5PM  
DINNER 6PM  
MUSIC 7PM**

*Come help us celebrate with  
music and dinner from the islands*

**Menu: \$25 per person  
Island food truck fare**

25 years of community giving  
Thank you UFOs

<https://www.elks1108.org/event/ufos-and-dinner>

**BUY TICKETS**

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**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19th 5:00PM**

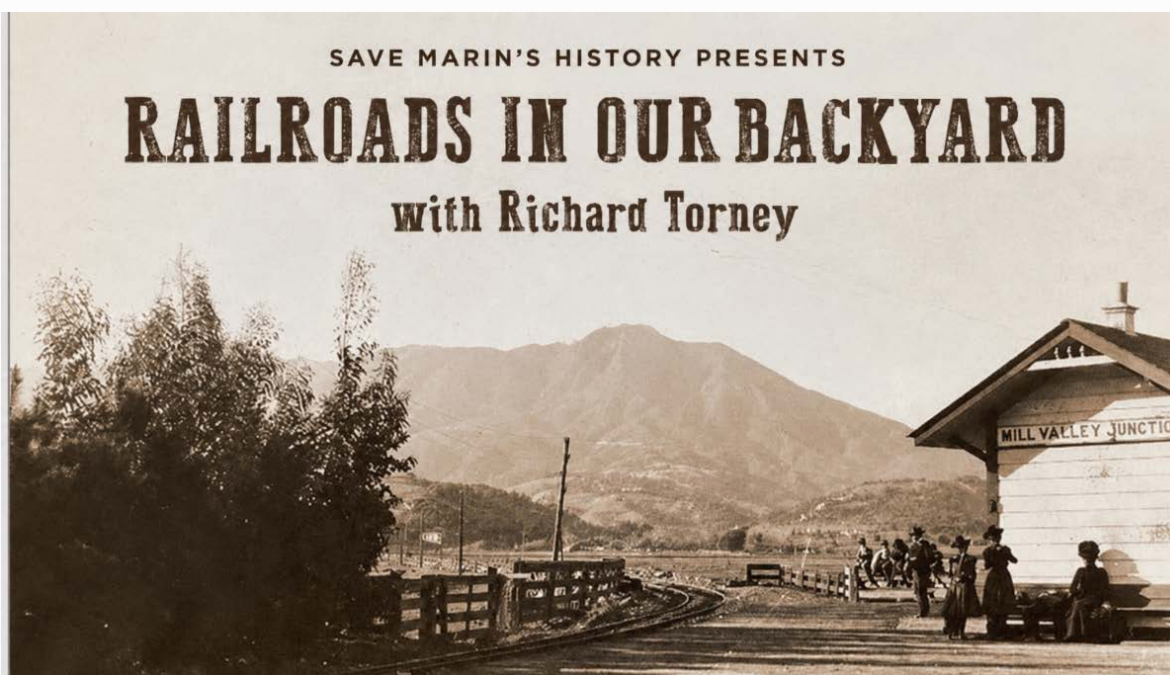


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**TUESDAY AUGUST 25th 6:00PM**

**Marin History Shorts**



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**TUESDAY AUGUST 25th 6:30 PM**

**DRAKE'S BAR AT SAN RAFAEL ELKS LODGE**

# **OPEN MIC** *Night*



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**TUESDAY AUGUST 25 5:00PM**

★ SAN RAFAEL ELKS LODGE ★

# TACO TUESDAY



**TUESDAY · AUGUST 25 · 5:00  
PM**

...and that's not all, same evening:



## **Open Mic Night**

Bring your songs, stories & talent to the stage



## **Railroads in Our Backyard**

**6:30 PM** · History talk with Richard Torney · presented by Save Marin's History

\$10 · Free for 1108 Primary Elk Members with card

— 1312 MISSION AVE, SAN RAFAEL —

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26th 5:00PM



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FRIDAY AUGUST 28th 7:00PM

# DJ SMOOTH K.

1312 MISSION AVENUE,  
SAN RAFAEL

IMPERIAL  
VISION  
PIANOS  
3\*2  
7:30 to 10:30

ELKS 1108  
GOES  
SHOWBIZ

DRAKE'S  
BAR

NEXT DANCE  
AUGUST 28, 2026  
FRIDAY, 7:30 TO 10:30  
DRAKE'S BAR

FREE  
ELKS AND ELK GUESTS

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ELKS LODGE

## Host Your Next Event Somewhere People Remember

-  Holiday Parties
-  Fundraisers
-  Employee & Client Appreciation Events
-  Meeting & Speaker Spaces

From intimate celebrations to full-scale events, the San Rafael Elks Lodge offers a one-of-a-kind setting in the heart of Marin.

 When you host here, your event supports a local organization committed to giving back to our community.



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### Book A Celebration *Before Prime Dates Fill*



#### BIRTHDAYS

Celebrate with family and friends in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.



#### MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

Quinceañeras, B'nai Mitzvahs, and other once-in-a-lifetime moments deserve a beautiful space filled with joy, tradition, and celebration.



#### CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Honor loved ones in a comfortable and memorable setting with care and dignity.

#### WEDDINGS

Elegant receptions and unforgettable moments in a one-of-a-kind setting.

Whether you're celebrating a milestone or honoring a life, we help you create meaningful experiences **your guests will truly remember.**



Beautiful terrace views, full bar service, catering options, and flexible event spaces—everything you need in one place for a seamless, one-stop celebration, all in a venue that gives back to the community.



#### SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY

Book early for holiday events and prime dates.



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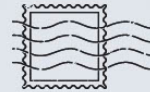


When you host with us, your event supports local veterans, youth programs, scholarships, and community service.



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