# **ELKS CALL** CULVER CITY BPOE #1917 APRIL, 2023 VOLUME 1

# Installation of 2023-2024 Officers April 5th at 7:30 PM See p. 4

CHEA State Convention May 17 - 20, 2023 Rancho Mirage, CA

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2023-2024 Dues are now late Please pay immediately if not already paid

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**Red Cross Blood Drive April 27th - 1 PM to 7 PM** 

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SEE CALENDARS FOR SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND EVENTS (PAGES 10 AND 11)

#### PAST EXALTED RULERS OF CULVER CITY #1917 (♥ DECEASED)

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Robert Kelly	1954		
♥ Leroy Koos,	1954 - 55	Edmund C. Gress	1990 - 91
PAVP 1956 - 57 PDD0		Joseph F. Minnillo	1991 - 92
		Ronald E. Brookhart	1992 - 93
♥ William Keown	1955 - 56	Robert L. Duitsman	1993 - 94
Asst GL Inner Guard 1		PAVP 2001-02, PDD	
Edward R. Marazoni	1956 - 57	Past CHEA Presiden	
Raymond Thompson	1957 - 58	Past Grand Exalted F	
John R. Chandler	1958 - 59	♥ Wallace Pollacci	1994 - 95
Romeo P. Allard	1959 - 60	PAVP 1996-97, PDD0	
PDDGER 1962-63		Robert L. Duitsman	1995 - 96
George M. Peacock	1960 - 61		
Joseph L. Sullivan	1961 - 62	PAVP 2001-02, PDD	
PAVP 1968 - 69		Past CHEA Presiden	
♥ Paul J. Ostoja	1962 - 63	Past Grand Exalted F	
♥ William C. Butler	1963 - 64	<ul> <li>Noor Chowdry (dimitte</li> </ul>	d) 1996 - 97
♥ Ralph Easton	1964 - 65	C. Michael Melton	1997 - 98
♥ Irving D. Henny	1965 - 66	PAVP 2014-15, PDD	GER '18-'19
♥ Jacob "Jack" Wetzel	1966 - 67	Richard Tomassacci	1998 - 99
<ul> <li>Richard Mansell</li> </ul>	1967 - 68	<ul> <li>Noor Chowdry (dimitted)</li> </ul>	ed) 1999 - 2000
PAVP 1973-74, PDDG		Noe Saenz	2000 - 01
		PAVP 1986-87, PDD0	GER '90-'91
♥ Irving D. Henny	1968 - 69	Greg Redman (dimittee	
Donald P. Jackson	1969 - 70	♥ James V. Rocco	2002 - 03
Phil Jackson	1970 - 71	Mark Cass	2003 - 04
♥ William A. Wood	1971 - 72	C. Michael Melton	2004 - 05
<ul> <li>Ellsworth Christianson</li> </ul>	1972 - 73	PAVP 2014-15, PDD	
♥ Frank L. Hill	1973 - 74	C. Michael Melton	2005 - 06
Ray Menzhuber	1974 - 75	PAVP 2014-15, PDD	
Ronald E. Brookhart	1975 - 76	♥ Edmund C. Gress	2006 - 07
♥ John Waddell	1976 - 77		
Clyde D. Gillette	1977 - 78	Richard Tomassacci	2007 - 08
Kyle E. Leonard	1978 - 79	<ul> <li>Gregory Simoes</li> </ul>	2008 - 09
<ul> <li>Jack Hallenbeck</li> </ul>	4/79-11/79	Diane Kasha	2009 - 10
Ronald E. Brookhart	1979 - 80	<ul> <li>Gregory Simoes</li> </ul>	2010 - 11
♥ C. W. Bunch	1980 - 81	Marilyn Marble	2011 - 12
♥ Wallace Pollacci	1981 - 82	Roy Johnson	2012 - 13
PAVP 1996-97, PDDG		Roy Chamberlin	2013 - 14
William A. Hudson	1982 - 83	Steve Baril	2014 - 15
Noe Saenz	1983 - 84	Marilyn Marble	2015 - 16
		Marilyn Marble	2016 - 17
PAVP 1986-87, PDDG		♥Tom Konkel	2017 - 18
♥ H. Ted Simpson	1984 - 85	Lance Hudson	2018 - 19
William Springer	1985 - 86	Paul Casillas	2019 - 20
♥ Thomas P. Gill	1986 - 87	Ted Wolfe	2020 - 21
<ul> <li>Fred Melanson</li> </ul>	1987 - 88	Lance Hudson	2020 - 21
H. Weldon McClintock		Paul Casillas	2022 - 23
♥ C. W. Casey	1989 - 90		

#### LIVING CHARTER MEMBERS

Earl Eskridge #243

- Paul Casillas Marilyn Marble Diane Kasha Robert L. Duitsman Noe Saenz
- PER's Association C. Michael Melton Richard Tomassacci Mark Cass Roy Johnson Roy Chamberlin

Steve Baril Lance Hudson Ted Wolfe - President Caspar de Jong (by affiliation) Cindy Osborne (by affiliation)

#### From the Station of Fidelity



Dear Fellow Elks,

We had a great turnout at our Lodge card tournament last month. Kudos to Hector Flores for running the event. We also had the St. Patrick's party fundraiser for Ted Talbot to help send him on to become our CHEA state president this year.

We are starting a new Elks year in April with a new crop of officers. Thank you for entrusting me to be your ER this year. I couldn't imagine being in this position when I started

my Elks journey, but I am grateful for all the support and confidence of the local and district officers, PERs, and, most importantly, our members. We have executed many improvements over the last year under Paul's leadership and the board of directors. I will strive to continue leading our lodge down this road of successful accomplishments.

I look forward to working with our new board of directors, board of trustees, and committee chairs to bring back some of events that were put off during COVID. We will continue fundraising, supporting local charities, caring for veterans, increasing membership, decreasing lapsation, and have a calendar full of fun and memorable events throughout the year.

I would also like to increase our lodge meeting attendance, especially during initiation, where we welcome newly initiated members into our order and the Lodge. I encourage everyone to become more involved with our mission in the lodge.

Brotherly yours,

#### Edward Yeh, Exalted Ruler



(1 - r) Steve Rivera, Michael Flynn, ER Edward Yeh, Timo Lara, Peter McMullen

#### From the Station of Charity



Hello Fellow Elks,

It's the first month of the new Elk year and my first month as the new Leading Knight. I want to thank all the new officers and trustees, but, especially Rocky for taking over as the new Exalted Ruler. Further, I want to thank Paul as our outgoing ER and the wonderful work he did during this past year, as well as George and David as outgoing Trustees. Lastly, I want to give a big thank you to the House Committee for all the events they planned this past year to get the lodge active again with various events.

Hopefully, we can start changing old habits of the pandemic of staying home and create new habits by returning to the lodge and volunteering to help with all the good things we do as Elks to be the Best People On Earth. So, please consider attending meetings, getting involved, attending events and participating as a volunteer for our many charitable activities.

Regarding events, please keep your eyes open for upcoming events being posted on Facebook, The Call and, of course, on the flyers posted in lodge. Hopefully, you will start seeing postings for Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo party, among others. So, hold space on your calendar and buy your tickets early.

As this is the new Elk year, hopefully, you have paid your dues. As Ben Franklin said, "Nothing in this world is certain except death, taxes and paying your Elks dues". Although definitely not as important as your Elks dues, if you haven't already, don't forget to file your taxes by April 17.

Stay healthy and hope to see you all at the lodge soon. Brotherly yours,

Van W. Beer, Esteemed Leading Knight

#### 2023-2024 ELECTED OFFICERS

	Exalted Ruler — Edward Yeh
	Est. Leading Knight — Van W. Beer
	Est. Loyal Knight — Samantha Arrieta
	Est. Lecturing Knight — Maria Blanco
	1 Year Trustee — Becky Casillas
	2 Year Trustee — Hector Santiesteban
	3 Year Trustee — Cynthia Perez
	4 Year Trustee — Victor Ramirez
	5 Year Trustee — Eric Siritto
	Secretary — Caspar de Jong, AVP
427	Treasurer — Steve Baril PER

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#### From the Station of Justice



Dear Fellow Elks,

Who's ready for Spring and some change in the weather?! This rain has been both a gift and challenge for all of us. I hope everyone has fared well. It has been a pleasure serving our Lodge as your Esteemed Lecturing Knight. I am looking forward to continuing my service as the new Esteemed Loyal Knight.

We have a great group of officers ready to hit the ground running and get the new year started. We all look forward to stepping up the fun and planning new events that will interest all of our members. Edward "Rocky" Yeh is firing up to lead us officers into this new year and we would all appreciate your support.

I'd also like to thank all of last year's officers, trustees, members of the House Committee and everyone who donated their time and money to making our Lodge everyone's home away from home. We do really appreciate you.

This is your Lodge too. Please let us know what types of activities you'd like to see happen at the Lodge and we'll do what we can to make them happen.

Brotherly Yours,

Samantha Arríeta Esteemed Loyal Kníght

#### 2023-24 DUES ARE DUE

Please note that your dues for the coming Elks year of 2023 -2024, which starts April 1, 2023, are to be paid <u>prior</u> to April 1st. If the lodge has not received your payment before April 1st, you are considered to be delinquent.

Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card or Venmo.

\*\*If you have not received a dues notice from us, please contact us immediately at 310-839-1917.



Don't forget to bring in your purple pigs. The office is open Mon. thru Thurs. from 9 AM to about 1 PM



## NOTICE

Members who were delinquent on their 2022-2023 dues as of <u>March 30th</u> have been dropped as members and will have to go through the reinstatement process, if they want to rejoin.



**BLT Legacy** gifts provide invaluable funding to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. ("CHEMPI" also known as "the Major Project"). These gifts ensure we can assist disabled children for years to come. There are many ways to give and every gift is appreciated and well spent. In fact, 92% of every dollar contributed directly benefits the children we help. As

with all donations made to CHEMPI, legacy gifts are tax deductible.

Here are just a few ways to help the children of the future:

Add the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. as a beneficiary to any life insurance policy.

Include the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. in your will or estate plan.

• Create a Commitment Trust. This gift requires a minimum contribution of \$10,000 and provides benefits to the donor as well as the children we serve:

- The initial gift is tax deductible for the donor.
- In the first year after the gift is made, the donor receives \$700 in income from the trust.

• After the first year, the donor receives an annual payment of 7% based on the value of the trust. Payments continue for the life of the donor and the donor's spouse.

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After both the donor and the spouse pass, all monies remaining in the **BLT Commitment Trust** go to the Major Project.

If you are interested in creating a *BLT Commitment Trust*, contact us and we will help you get started.

# CHEA State Convention May 17 - 20, 2023 Rancho Mirage, CA

Registration forms are available in the office or can be emailed to you. Call 310-839-1917 or email the request to culvercitybpoe1917.sbcglobal.net Save \$10 by registering before April 7th

# **Bicycle Recycling Project**

Our refurbishing and refitting of old bicycles is still going strong.

We take old bicycles donated by you and we make them into like-new bicycles, which are then donated to less fortunate kids in our community and veterans who are less well off. A special thank you is due to member Jack McEachern for doing all the work and supplying many of the parts at his own cost.

Bring your old bikes to the lodge and join in this effort to bring joy to some kids and veterans this year.







DINNER SPECIALS AVAILABLE WED. MEETING NIGHTS AND FRI. NIGHTS







#### Members Bingo is BACK! Non-Meeting Wednesday Nights Starting at 6 PM (Check the calendars on pages 10 & 11)

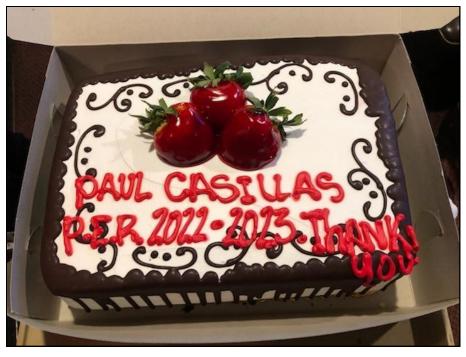


#### GET YOUR FLAG TODAY

3' x 5' flags are available at the office. Price: \$20 each

\*\* We have added a new email Address \*\* culvercitybpoe1917@gmail.com

# Exalted Ruler, Paul Casillas' Fade Out Party







Photos courtesy of Rocky Yeh)





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	3	4 Emblem Club Meeting 7 PM Westchester Officer Installation	5 CULVER CITY NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION at 7:30 PM	6	7 1st Friday Steak Dinner 6:30 PM	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY	10	11 House Com. & BOD Meeting 7 PM INVESTIGATION	12 EIKs Bingo EIKs Bingo EIKs Bingo EIKs Bingo EIKs Bingo Officer Installation	13	14 Friday Night Fish Fry 6:30 PM INDOCTRINATION	15
16	17	18	19 LODGE MEETING at 7:30 PM INITIATION	20	<b>21</b> Friday Night Steak Night 6:30	<b>22</b> District Inaugural Ball
23 30	24	25 PER Meeting 7 PM	26 Elks Bingo an Neo 6:30 PM	27 Red Cross Blood Drive 1 to 7 PM	28 Louie°s Tacos 6:30 PM	<b>29</b> District Ritual Contest @Redondo Beach 9 AM

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28	<b>29</b> Memorial Day Holiday	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 Elks Bingo 6:30 PM			

### ELKS BULLETIN BOARD

Find your membership number in this CALL. Come to our regular Wednesday night meeting, show your 2022-2023 membership card and receive a free dinner. Dinner *must* be **claimed** <u>only in the month the</u> <u>number is printed in the CALL</u>.

#### February.....#4461 Markus Jones

#### **CRYING TOWEL**



Maureen Johnson #4590 \$200 2/1/23 Absent next \$200

Theresa Blom #4740 \$200 2/15/23 Absent next \$200

William Moore #4489 \$200 3/1/23 Absent next \$200

Kevin Bowman #4955 \$200 3/15/23 Absent next \$200

#### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

NONE

#### ♥ IN LOVING MEMORY ♥

Steven Blumin, Member #3873, a 35 year member, passed away on February 28, 2023

#### PURPLE PIGS TURNED IN IN FEBRUARY, 2023

Lisa Pellett C. Michael Melton



Noe Saenz Bobby Oliver

#### **DONATIONS RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY, 2023**

ENF ..... Charity ..... \$ 100.00 \$ 20.00 Building Fund ...... \$ 11.00 Major Project ...... \$ 405.00

TOTAL DONATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP - \$ 536.00



#### Happy Birthday to our April born members GET A FREE BIRTHDAY DINNER ON ANY WEDNESDAY OR FRIDAY DINNER NIGHT

(check in at the office for your coupon)
\*(indicates that dues are not current)

Day		Nan	ne	Day		<u>Name</u>	
02	Danelia		Delgado	15	Maria	J	Blanco
02	Ronald	Е	Gorman	15	Dwayne		Lortie
02	Richard	D	Scott	17	Dennis		Rosa
03	George		Aceves	17	Louie	J	Santiesteban
04	Peter		Cardona	18	Natalie	Rose	Noel
04	Sylvia	А	Caton	21	Javier		Samperio
04	Matthew	/	Roesger	22	Demetrios		Mavromichalis
05	Adriane		Barnard	22	Lynn		Veltri (Carlson)
05	Robert	L	Duitsman	23	Mark		Cass
06	Susan		Green	24	Christopher		Barr
09	Kelly		Bandura	24	Michael		Lloyd
12	Janelle		Elias	25	David	L	Woods
13	Silvia		Gonzalez	26	Ken		Kamba
13	Jack		Mc Eachern	27	Charles	А	Dailey
14	John		Gutierrez				
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\* Dues must be current (2023-2024 Card)

# Installation of 2023-2024 Officers April 5th at 7:30 PM

#### Check out our Website

Go to www.culvercityelks.com We welcome your feedback (culvercitybpoe1917@gmail.com)

# St. Patrick's Day Party and Fundraiser For Ted Talbot, Incoming CHEA President





Photos courtesy of Norma Casillas











#### Our Commitment to Veterans

When it comes to serving veterans, the Elks have a long and storied tradition of being there when they were needed most. Since we began, the needs of military members and returning veterans have continued to change, and the Elks have adapted to those needs, remaining an ever -present ally to those who have served this country.

In 1946, the Elks National Veterans Service

Commission was formally established, formalizing the Elks' commitment to serving veterans. The ENVSC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3)tax-exempt organization, and operates thanks to a generous grant from the Elks National Foundation.

#### What We Do

Today, we let our history guide and inspire us to forge ahead and continue our service. Elks National Veterans Service Commission programs are focused on meeting the needs of today's veterans.

All our funds go towards these five areas, which research shows are the greatest needs for veterans, military members and their families:

- Employment
- Homelessness and Housing
- Military Families
- Health

Educational Support



# Blood Drive At the Lodge April 27th

1PM to 7 PM



#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2023-2024**

EXALT	ED RULER	EST. LOYAL KNIGHT		
Advisory	PER's	Drug Awareness	Edward Yeh	
Auditing	Ruben Burgess	Halloween	House Committee	
Committee		Hoop Shoot	Ruben Burgess	
B.L.T.	Robert Duitsman, PGER	Investigating	Marilyn Marble, PER	
<b>Business Practices</b>	Caspar de Jong AVP	Committee	Van Beer	
Committeemen's	Exalted Ruler/Officers	Scholarship	C. Michael Melton,	
Dinner			PDDGER	
Government	Noe Saenz, PDDGER	Youth Activities	Lance Hudson, PER	
Relations		- EST. LECTURING KNIGH		
Inaugural Ball	Exalted Ruler/Officers			
Lodge Activities	House Committee	Children's	Lecturing Knight,	
Mediator		Christmas Party	Maria Blanco	
		Elks Training	Noe Saenz, PDDGER	
New Years Eve	House Committee		Van Beer	
Photographer	Caspar de Jong, AVP	Indoctrination	Edward Yeh	
Presiding Justice	Richard Sharpe		Samantha Arrieta	
Public Relations	Hector Flores	Membership/	Theresa Thompson	
Visitation	All Officers	Lapsation		
Web Master	Lance Hudson, PER	OFFICERS		
EST. LEA	DING KNIGHT	Bulletin Board	Caspar de Jong, AVP	
Americanism	Van Beer	Elks CALL	Caspar de Jong, AVP	
Charity/Benefit	Van Beer	Editor		
Ball	House Committee	Elks' Family	BOD/House	
ENF	Noe Saenz, PDDGER	Picnic	Committee	
Flag Day	Steve Baril, PER	Funeral Services	Exalted Ruler/Officers	
Major Project/	Officers/	Meeting Night	Jeffrey Lindsay	
Purple Pig	Lance Hudson, PER	Tickets		
	Louie Santiesteban	Memorial Day	Exalted Ruler/House	
Service	Samantha Arrieta		Committee	
St Patrick's Day	House Committee	Mothers Day	Officers/House Com- mittee/Exalted Ruler	

NOTES:

PGER = Past Grand Exalted Ruler (aka Elks President) DDGER = District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler PDDGER = Past District Deputy Grand ER ER = Exalted Ruler PER = Past Exalted Ruler BOD = Board of Directors EST. = Esteemed AVP = Assoc. Vice President PAVP = Past AVP

#### CULVER CITY ELKS MEMBERSHIP February, 2023

Beginning Membership 4/1/22 419
Initiated 43
Affiliated 1
Reinstated4
Subtotal: 48
Dropped
Transferred Out 6
Absolute Dimit 0
Deaths 6
Expelled0
Subtotal: 18
Active Members Total451
Delinquent Members

Life Members	12
Honorary Life	
Members	3
Total	15

Candidate Applications : 12

#### 2023-2024 OFFICERS

#### **ELECTED**

Exalted RulerEdward Yeh
Leading KnightVan W. Beer
Loyal KnightSamantha Arrieta
Lecturing KnightMaria Blanco
Secretary Caspar de Jong AVP
TreasurerSteve Baril PER
1 Year TrusteeRebecca Casillas
2 Year TrusteeHector Santiesteban
3 Year Trustee Cynthia Perez
4 Year TrusteeVictor Ramirez

5 Year Trustee.....Eric Siritto

#### APPOINTED

Esquire	.Mark Cass PER
Asst. Esquire	.Open
Chaplain	.Jean Phillips
Asst. Chaplain	.Open
Inner Guard	.Becky Johnson
Asst. Inner Guard	.Day Hudson
Tiler	.Sue Green
Asst. Tiler	.Open
Organist	Open

#### <u>MEETINGS</u>

<u>Regular Business</u>: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM <u>House Committee</u>: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM <u>Board of Directors</u>: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8 PM <u>PER's</u>: 4th Tuesday of April, July, October and January at 7 PM

#### **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9 AM to 1 PM 1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 9 AM to 1 PM and 5:30 to 6:30 Other Wednesdays - 9 AM to 1 PM Friday, Saturday, Sunday - CLOSED Office Phone: 310-839-8891 Office FAX: 310-839-5093 Office Manager: Bonnie Naruo-Martinez Address: 11160 Washington Place Culver City, CA 90232 E-mail: culvercitybpoe1917@sbcglobal.net

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#### **Board of Directors**

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4 Year TrusteeVictor Ramirez
5 Year TrusteeEric Siritto
SecretaryCaspar de Jong AVP
TreasurerSteve Baril PER

#### **House Committee Members**

Cecilia Garcia Hector Flores Genny Santiesteban George Aceves David Gonzalez Roy Johnson PER

#### **REGULAR CLUB HOURS**

Monday	4 PM to 9 PM
Tuesday	4 PM to 9 PM
Wednesday	4 PM to 11 PM
Thursday	4 PM to 9 PM
Friday	2 PM to 1 AM
Saturday	2 PM to 10 PM
Sunday	Noon to 5 PM

Club Phone: 310-839-1917



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