

# San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966



**Instituted June 5, 1905**

Elevation: 374 feet above sea level

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
of the United States of America

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Lodge Meeting-Monday nights at 8:00 p.m.

**HOUSE RULES (AS OF March 17, 2007)**

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## **THESE HOUSE RULES ARE CURRENT AS OF MARCH 19, 2007**

### **PURPOSE OF ELKS LODGES**

As dedicated in its constitution, the Order was founded to practice four cardinal virtues; Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, to promote the spirit of American patriotism, and to cultivate good fellowship. It is strictly an American fraternity, is non-sectarian and non-political.

### **HISTORY**

On February 16, 1868, the Order of Elks was formally organized in New York City. A group of actors, calling themselves "The Jolly Corks", who had been meeting weekly for social purposes, decided to adopt a more serious and permanent policy. They changed the name to "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks" and established the first lodge. Since then, the Order has grown and today there are more than 2100 Lodges.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the order is open to any American citizen of good character who will pledge allegiance to our flag, who is over 21 years of age and believes in the existence of God. The applicant must be proposed by a member. The application, signed by the applicant and the proposer, shall be submitted together with a check for the Initiation fee to the Lodge Office. When elected to membership the applicant will be notified of the date of Initiation.

The applicant and family will be invited to an indoctrination program. This program is presented by the Lodge officers and will inform the new member and family, in greater detail, what they may expect from the Order and what their responsibilities are.

### **DUES AND MEMBERSHIP CARD**

For new members the dues are pro-rated for the current year. After payment of dues, the Lodge Secretary will issue the membership card, which when signed by the member will gain him/her admission to any Elks Lodge. A card is available for the Member's spouse. This allows their admission to the Lodge facilities at any time except on Lodge meeting nights. This card must be requested by the member at the Membership Office. A member shall not lend their membership card to another. A membership card is not subject for use by anyone other than the person named on the card.

Effective September 1, 2005 there will be a service charge to replace lost or stolen cards. Progressive lost card fees: First \$25.00; Second \$50.00; Third \$100.00.

There is to be no lending of cards to non-members or members who have lost or misplaced their cards.

### **KEY CARDS**

Key cards to the electronic side doors will be available for purchase to members paid to April 1, 2007. **Absolutely No replacements on purchased Key Cards.** Membership card must be shown at time of purchase.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Trustees serve for five years and one is elected each year, in February, and is installed along with the officers in April. The Trustees are responsible for the Lodge facilities. They also control the funds of the Lodge and prepare the budget each year.

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

The Club, established in connection with the Lodge, shall be managed, supervised and controlled by the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight and the Trustees of the Lodge.

## **EMBLEM CLUB**

The Emblem Club is an organization of ladies who are related to Elks members. Wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and widows are eligible for membership. The purposes of the Emblem Club are charity, patriotism, good fellowship and assistance to the Elks Lodge.

## **GUESTS**

A member may bring guests for lunch, dinner, dances and parties and will be responsible for them while they are on the premises. When the member leaves the facility, the guest must also leave. No non-member will be admitted unless accompanied by a member. All guests must leave the premises before 6:00 p.m. on Lodge meeting nights, except those meetings designated as "open".

## **GRAND LODGE**

The supreme legislative body of the Order is the Grand Lodge. It is permanently composed of all Past Exalted Rulers who are in good standing in their respective Lodges. The Exalted Ruler of each subordinate Lodge is the representative of the Lodge at the sessions of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge elects its own officers; proposes amendments to the Constitution which must be ratified by subordinate Lodges; provides for institution of new Lodges; prescribes the rituals of the Order and its paraphernalia, emblem and jewels; and enacts all legislation for the administration of the affairs of the Order.

## **STATE ASSOCIATION**

State Associations are organized by subordinate Lodges but have no jurisdiction over them or their members. Their purposes are to promote better ritual exemplification in their member Lodges and to provide fraternal contacts between members of various Lodges. They are empowered to regulate their own internal affairs and promote such benevolent activities as they may select. They also act in an advisory capacity in the establishment of new Lodges.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Elks Magazine" is published by the Grand Lodge and is mailed to each member ten times per year. It contains articles of general interest as well as news from the State Associations and local Lodges. "California-Hawaii Elks Magazine" is published ten times per year by the California-Hawaii Elks association. This publication contains news of local Lodges and reports on activities of the Association. The "Six-Bells" is published each month by the San Pedro Lodge #966 and is mailed to each member. It contains a calendar of events, committee reports, and news of the San Pedro Lodge and its members.

## **GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION**

1. All members **must** show their Membership cards at the security desk upon entering the lodge. **No** exceptions.
2. Guests must be accompanied by an Elk member at all times when in the Lodge and club facilities. Guests may not be left unattended. This means that when the member leaves the facility, the guest must also leave.
3. Invited guests of a “properly sponsored” private party must remain with their group at all times. They will not be allowed to wander about or use any portion of the facility except as specifically stated in the written contract.
4. Visiting members from other Elks Lodges are invited to sign the Guest Register upon entering the facility.
5. Guests are permitted at any time except Mondays after 6:00 p.m. and during special functions when the lodge is open to “Ticket Holders” only.
6. No liquor is to be taken from or brought into the Lodge premises at any time. This is a violation of State Law. Members in violation are subject to disciplinary action.

## **DRESS AND GROOMING STANDARDS**

The Lodge expects all Members to wear attire appropriate for a **CASUAL SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE**.

### **Shorts will be permitted**

- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout the Lodge and Club during all hours of operation.
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday throughout the Lodge and Club until 6:00p.m.
- In the Main Bar at any time the Lodge is open except as described below.

### **Shorts will not be permitted**

- On the Dance Floor (unless approved by the event chairperson and published in the Six-Bells).
- In the Main Bar during special events as defined by the 966 Board of Directors. These special events will include, but are not limited to the Purple Bubble Ball, Inaugural Ball, Holiday Ball and New Year’s Eve Party.

Sandals are permitted during all hours of operation. Go-aheads (flip flops, thongs, etc.) **will NOT be permitted** after 6:00 p.m.

At NO TIME will tank tops, halters, cut-off jeans, swimwear or bare feet be permitted within the Lodge or Club premises with the exception of the standards covered under the rules that govern the Health Club, Tennis Courts, and Swimming Pool areas.

## **CLUB RULES AND HOURS**

The use of profane, abusive or threatening language is strictly forbidden. Any person using such language will be asked to desist and may be ejected and have Club 0privileges removed by the House Committee.

Smoking Regulation: There is NO smoking permitted in the building, pool area or tennis courts at any time.

**LODGE AND CLUB OPEN: 8:15 a.m. daily**

**BAR HOURS (except Special Events)**

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. (last call at 11:30 p.m.)  
[except on Initiation or Visitation Nights when last call may be extended to either 12:00 a.m. or 12:30 a.m. at the discretion of the front door attendant]

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (last call at 9:30 p.m.)  
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (last call at 9:30 p.m.)  
Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. (last call at 10:30 p.m.)  
Friday 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. (last call at 11:30 p.m.)  
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. (last call at 11:30 p.m.)  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (last call at 9:30 p.m.)

**RESTAURANT HOURS (except Special Events)**

**LUNCH:**

Monday – Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday (stew) 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday Brunch 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**DINNER:**

Monday	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Members Only
Tuesday & Wednesday		Kitchen Closed
Thursday *	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Family Night
Friday *	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	See Six Bells
Saturday	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	See Six Bells
Sunday	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Buffet

**\*THURSDAYS**

First: Spaghetti Night  
Second: Taco-Taco Night  
Third: Classic Chicken, Burgers, Chinese Chicken Salad  
Fourth: Bob Smith Steak or Swordfish Night  
Fifth: If applicable will be announced

**\*FRIDAYS: HAPPY HOUR: 4:00-8:00 P.M.**

Last Friday of the month Happy Hour 4:00-6:15 p.m. and Seafood Buffet and Ballroom Dancing: 6:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

**DANCING:**

Sunday 5:30–9:30 p.m. For other days see Six Bells.

- Excluding special events.

## SWIMMING POOL RULES & HOURS

1. Members of San Pedro Elks Lodge#966, their spouses, dependent children and grandchildren age 20 or younger will be permitted free use of the swimming pool facilities. Children 14 years of age or younger are required to be accompanied by a member parent, grandparent or adult guardian at all times. **No Exceptions.**
2. Guests of members, members of other Lodges, and their immediate families are welcome to enjoy use of the swimming pool between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily. These individuals will be charged a "Guest" fee.
3. The swimming pool will be closed during Lodge meetings, for scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, for special Lodge events and Christmas Day.
4. **Pool Schedule:** The swimming pool is open all year long from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The pool is reserved each day from 8:15-10:00 a.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m. for lap swimmers except it is closed at 6:00 p.m. on meeting nights.
5. All persons using the swimming pool are required to present proof of membership or pay appropriate guest fee to either Front Desk attendant or Pool Attendant before entering pool area.
6. Member's children or grandchildren under the age of 21 are permitted **one** guest per visit.
7. Member's dependent children or grandchildren aged from 15 to 20 years are permitted free use of the swimming pool without accompaniment of parent or guardian. These individuals must present a "Pool" card to gain access to the swimming pool. These Pool Cards are available at the Membership Office from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Mondays and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Tuesday through Friday. **MEMBER OR SPOUSE MUST PICK UP "POOL" CARD IN PERSON. PROOF OF INDENTITY AND AGE OF CHILDREN IS REQUIRED BEFORE POOL CARD WILL BE ISSUED.**
8. Parents, grandparents or guardians are responsible for the conduct and safety of their children at all times while using the swimming pool.
9. A ratio of 1 adult to 4 children under the age of 15 is the maximum permitted without prior approval of Club Management. Large groups of children or adult guests are not permitted.
10. **ALL PERSONS USING SWIMMING POOL DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.** BPOE #966 pool attendants are not lifeguards. Persons unable to swim must remain in shallow end of pool and wear a safety flotation device (not supplied by the Lodge.)
11. Bobby pins and hair clips must be removed before entering the water.
12. All children under the age of twelve years are required to evacuate the pool for ten minutes every hour on the hour.

## SWIMMING POOL RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Use of the BPOE #966 swimming pool is a privilege. Failure to comply with the rules of conduct will result in suspension or revocation of this privilege.
2. No "outside" food or beverages are permitted
3. No running or boisterous play on ramps to bathrooms, in the Club, in the swimming pool or on pool deck areas is permitted.

4. Persons not properly attired will be denied use of swimming pool. No “cut-offs” or shorts allowed in the water.
5. No babies with diapers are allowed in the pool.
6. No profanity or obscene language, oral or written, nor obscene behavior is permitted.
7. No drinks in glass containers or straws allowed in swimming pool area.
8. No balls or other objects to be thrown on pool deck area or in the water.
9. No animals other than “disabled companion” dogs are permitted in swimming pool area.
10. Proper attire is required in the Lodge at all times i.e.: no tank tops, no swim gear and no flip flops.
11. No audible playing of radios or other devices is permitted in pool area. Personal devices with headphones or earphones are permitted.
12. Long hair (male or female) below the neckline must be secured by bathing caps or tied back.

### **TENNIS COURT RULES AND HOURS**

1. All persons desiring to play tennis must present proof of eligibility for Court privileges and or pay appropriate guest fees to designated B.P.O.E. #966 employee.
2. Members of B.P.O.E. #966, their spouses, children and grandchildren (ages 15 to 20 years) are permitted free use of B.P.O.E. #966 tennis courts subject to other Tennis Court Rules.
3. Individuals other than described above must pay guest fee for use of courts.
4. During the hours that the B.P.O.E. #966 Pool Attendant is on duty, all persons desiring to play tennis must present Pool Attendant with proof of eligibility for free use of courts or pay appropriate guest fee. During hours that the B.P.O.E. #966 Pool Attendant is not on duty, identical procedures are to be followed except that proof of eligibility or guest fee are to be presented to or paid to front desk employee.
5. Proof of eligibility of Tennis Court privileges will be B.P.O.E. #966 membership cards or “Pool” card.
6. Senior family members are defined as any eligible family member aged 21 and older
7. Junior family members are defined as any eligible family member aged 20 and younger.
8. B.P.O.E. #966 member’s children and grand-children aged 21 and older are **not** eligible for court privileges except as paying guests when accompanied by a person eligible for court privileges.
9. Members of other Elk Lodges, their families, non-members of Elk Lodges and their families are **not** eligible for court privileges except as paying guests when accompanied by a person eligible for court privileges.
10. Senior family members, wishing to play when all courts are occupied, have priority. Junior family members will be permitted either to finish their set or to rally for ten (10) additional minutes, whichever occurs first, before relinquishing court privileges to senior family members.
11. Junior members playing with senior family members have equal priority as senior family members.
12. Junior members have equal privileges as senior family members when vacant courts are available between the hour of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. with the exception of rule No. 11.
13. Appropriate tennis attire, including non-marking athletic shoes is required.
14. Hours of operation are Tuesday thru Sunday 8:15am - 10:00pm and Monday 8:15am - 8:00pm

## **HEALTH CLUB RULES & HOURS**

1. The Health Club is for the exclusive use of B.P.O.E. #966 Lodge Members! This means NO guests, members of other lodges, family members, relatives, etc.
2. Smoking is not allowed in health club facility! Preserve your health and the health of others.
3. Clean up wash basins after use. Pick up debris from floor and place it in trash cans.
4. No shaving or shaving cream in the steam room or sauna. It's a safety hazard.
5. Do not bounce weights on Nautilus equipment. If you are uncertain as to how to use the equipment, ask a B.P.O.E. #966 Elks Health Club committee member to assist you.
6. Replace free weights after use. Return dumbbells to rack and plates to weight trees.
7. Wipe sweat from equipment upholstery after use.
8. Give personal items you have found to a B.P.O.E. #966 EHC committee member for storage in the club locker. If you have lost something, ask a committee member to inspect the locker.
9. Report all broken or damaged equipment to a B.P.O.E. #966 Health Club committee member. Any damage to the facility, plumbing, tile, steam, etc. should be reported to ensure timely repair.
10. Stationary bikes are not to be moved into sauna or steam rooms.
11. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 8:15 a.m.–10:00 p.m. and Monday 8:15 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

## **BLUE ROOM RULES**

1. Blue Room is open to all Elk members in good standing as guests of B.P.O.E. #966 members in good standing (no children, no non-Elk guests).
2. Members must relinquish use of Blue Room to accommodate functions.
3. No gambling as per Grand Lodge Statutes and the Laws of the State of California.
4. Card games are permitted but limited to members of B.P.O.E. #966 who are current in their dues.
5. Pool Playing is allowed anytime a function is not scheduled. Please obtain balls at the front desk and return them when finished.
6. Card Playing is restricted to the Blue Room and is permitted unless a function is scheduled.
7. Key Card entrance/exit from outdoors is for B.P.O.E. #966 members exclusively and must remain closed at all times.
8. Members are encouraged to return dirty glasses, cups, etc., to the main bar.