

**San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966**  
**“House Rules”**



**Instituted June 5, 1905**

Elevation: 374 feet above sea level  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
of the United States of America  
1748 Cumbre Drive  
San Pedro CA 90732-4222  
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Lodge Meeting: Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.

## **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**

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 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 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 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 to use by anyone other than the person who’s name is on the card.

Effective September 1, 2005 there will be service Charge to replace lost or stolen cards. Progressive lost card fee: **First \$50.00; Second \$100.00; Third \$150.00**. There is to be no lending of cards to Non-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, 2012. **Absolutely no replacements** on purchased Key Cards. Membership card must be shown at time of purchase. The fee for Key Cards shall be **\$5.00** per year.

## **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.

## **966 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The operation, management and control of the Home, Club, or other facility owned and or occupied by this Lodge shall be, supervised and conducted by the Board of Directors of the Home (Club, etc.) Corporation, incorporated under Section 16.030, of the Laws of the Order, consisting of seven members.

## **EMBLEM CLUB**

The Emblem Club is an organization of ladies who assist and help the San Pedro Elks Lodge. The requirement for an Emblem Club Member to be related to an Elk Member no longer applies. The purpose of the Emblem Club is Charity, Patriotism, Good-Fellowship, and Assistance to the Elks Lodge. A Lady who is a paid-up Member of the San Pedro Emblem Club #451, and does not have a Spouse or a Widow Elks Card may **only** enter the premises by exhibiting her Emblem Club Membership Card at the front desk and will have use of the Bar and Restaurant **only**.

It is to be noted that this is a privilege granted to the Ladies of the San Pedro Emblem Club #451 by the Members of the San Pedro Elks Lodge #966 and can be revoked at any time.

## **GUESTS**

A Member may bring a guest 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 Lodge. 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; proposed 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 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 un-attended. 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 & 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 6:00p.m. At **NO TIME** will tank tops, halters, cut-off, 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.

This Policy is amended by the 966 Board of Directors on October 18, 2004 and is effective upon publication in the Six-Bells issue of November 1, 2004.

## 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 privileges 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.

### \* Bar Hours (Except Special Events):

Monday 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. except on Initiation or Visitation Nights when closing will be at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Restaurant Hours:

#### Lunch:

Monday – Fri 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Saturday (stew) 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Sunday Brunch 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

#### DINNER:

Mon. 5:30-7:30 p.m. **Members Only**

Tue. 4:00-8:00 p.m. **Happy Hour**

Wed. **Kitchen Closed**

Thursday \* 6:00–8:00 p.m. **Family Night**

Fri. 4:00–8:00 p.m. **Happy Hour**

Sat. 6:30–9:30 p.m. **See Six Bells**

Sun. Same as above

\* **Excluding special events.**

## **SWIMMING POOL – BASIC RULES AND HOURS**

1. Members of San Pedro Elks Lodge 966, their spouses and dependent children and grandchildren age 20 and younger will be permitted free use of the swimming pool facilities. Children 14 years of age and 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 A.M. and 6 PM 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. The swimming pool is open all year long from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.. The pool is reserved each day from 8:15 A.M.–10 A.M. and 6 – 9 p.m. for lap swimmers. The pool is closed at 6 P.M. on meeting nights.
5. All persons using the swimming pool are required to present proof of membership or pay the guest fee to either the 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 - 20 years are permitted free use of the pool without accompanying parent or guardian. These individuals must present a “Pool Card” to gain access to the pool. “Pool Cards” are available at the Membership Office from 8 AM.-7:30 PM on Mondays and from 9AM. to 5 PM. from Tuesday through Fridays. **MEMBER OR SPOUSE MUST PICK UP “POOL” CARD IN PERSON. PROOF OF INDENTITY OF CHILDREN IS REQUIRED BEFORE POOL CARD WILL BE ISSUED.**
8. Parents, grandparents or guardian are responsible for the conduct and safety of their children at all times while using the swimming pool. All children under the age of 12 are required to vacate the pool for 10 minutes every hour on the hour.
9. A ratio of 1 adult to 4 children under the age of 15 is the maximum permitted without prior approval of 966 Club Management. Large groups of children or adult guests are not permitted.
10. **ALL PERSONS USING SWIMMING POOL DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. 966 POOL ATTENDANTS ARE NOT LIFEGUARDS.**

11. Persons unable to swim must remain in the shallow end of pool and wear a safety flotation device (not supplied by the Lodge).

12. Bobby-pins and hair clips must be removed before entering the water.

## **SWIMMING POOL RULES OF CONDUCT**

Use of the 966 swimming pool is a privilege. Failure to comply with Rules of conduct will result in suspension or revocation of this privilege.

- **No outside food or beverages are permitted at any time!**
- No running or boisterous play is permitted on ramps to bathrooms, in the Club, in the swimming pool, or on pool deck areas.
- Persons not properly attired will be denied use of swimming pool. No “cutoffs” or shorts allowed in the water.
- No babies with diapers are allowed in the water.
- No profane or obscene language, written or verbal nor obscene behavior is permitted.
- No drinks in glass containers or straws allowed in swimming pool area.
- No balls or other objects are to be thrown on the pool deck area or in the water.
- No animals other than “disabled companion” dogs are permitted in the pool area.
- Proper attire is required in the Lodge at all times i.e.: no tank tops, no swim gear, and no flip flops.
- No audible playing of radios or other devices is permitted in pool area. Personal devices with headphones or earphones are permitted.
- Long hair (male or female) below the neckline must be secured with a 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 a guest fee for use of courts.
4. During 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’s 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 Elks Lodge, their families, non-Members of Elks 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 a 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 seniors.
- 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.

## **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 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 966 Health Club committee member. Also, 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. Hours: Thurs-Tue. 8:15 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Wed. 8:15a.m.-8:30p.m.
11. Any paid-up Member who wishes to rent a locker must sign-up at the Lodge Office. No exceptions! The Waiting List is on a first-come, first-served basis. As a locker becomes available, the Member will be notified by the Lodge Office. The rental fee for a locker shall be \$25.00 for a small-sized locker, and \$45.00 for a large-sized locker.

## **BLUE ROOM RULES**

The Pool Tables located in the Blue Room are reserved exclusively for San Pedro Elks 966 members.

1. Blue room is open to all Elk Members in good standing (no children, no 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.
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.

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