



GRASS VALLEY ELKS 538

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The Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538 recently awarded 49 members achieving incremental steps of five to 60 year continuous membership in the Lodge with pins. Topping the list with 60 years was Jack Harney followed by Jack Merrill with 55 years and then James Allen, Scott Barrow, Edmund Crotty and William Tinley with 50 years. We were so proud to have the opportunity to honor three of the four gentlemen receiving 50 year pins in person at the awards dinner. It was like a homecoming. Jim Allen drove from Sacramento with his son who remembered being brought up in the Lodge as a boy. Scott Barrow drove from Redding and recalled the old days in the Lodge before he was transferred to San Francisco with his job. Bill Thomas took time off from his writing (he is a three-time published author) to attend the dinner with his old friends.

A total of fifteen five year pins were awarded. This largest group to receive pins were also some of our youngest members, many in their 20's and early 30's, which bodes well for an organization that has 109 years of continuous charitable contributions to the community, and is one of the oldest and still operating Elk Lodges in the nation.