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Friday 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm		1968/69 Richard Snow †	1999/00 Harry Pennington †
Saturday 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm		1969/70 Jack Belding †	2000/01 Larry Lousberg, PDDGER
Sunday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm		1970/71 Robert Horstman †	2000/01 Ray Broussard, PDDGER ¹
		1971/72 Eugene Kronnick †	2001/02 Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
	1972/73 William Armstrong †	2002/03 David Anette, II	
	1973/74 Robert Horstman †	2003/04 Frank Webster	
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	1980/81 Bud Riffer †	2009/10 George Aguilar Jr.	
	1981/82 Robert Wells †	2010/11 Cheryl Laymon	
	1982/83 Gayland Dillenbeck †	2011/12 Tom Schmidt †	
	1983/84 Art Rousseau, PDDGER †	2012/13 Julie Whitman	
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	1991/93 F.E. (Gil) Gilchrist †	2019/20 Gary Keener	
	1992/93 George Aguilar Sr. ¹	2020/21 Rick Veiga	
	1993/94 Ronald Douglass	2021/22 Steve Graham	
	1994/95 Charles Halterman	2022/23 Mike Fisher	
	1995/96 James Haggerty †	2023/24 Glenn Daniel	
	1996 Jim Delaney †	2024/25 Wayne Edwards	
	1996/97 Jay Larkins, PAP	2025/26 Mike Brandriff	
	1997/98 Jay Larkins, PAP		
	1997/98 Jeffery L. Brown, PAVP ¹		

MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS

Lodge Meeting	May 6 and 20 • 7:00 pm
Governing Body	May 27 • 7:00 pm
Trustee Meeting	May 6 • 6:00 pm
Knights Meeting	May 24 • Glendale • 10:30 am
P.E.R. Meeting	May 3 • 10:30 am
Roving Elks Kamper Klub	May 3 • noon
The Emblem Club	May 4 and 18 • 6:30 pm

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	James McKenna	Stacy
Leading Knight	Danise Davis	
Loyal Knight	Scott Bickle	Clarita
Lecturing Knight	Larry Finley	Dolores
Secretary	Ray Broussard	Karen
Treasurer	Judy Delaney	Dan
Esquire	Jeannette Fisher	Mike
Tiler	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER	Simone
Inner Guard	Greg McCormick	
Chaplain	Robert Forsberg	Jill
Organist	Charlie Handy	Missy
Alternate Delegate	Mike Brandriff, PER	Cara
Presiding Justice	Skip Henke PAP, DL	Karen
Lodge Advisor	Skip Henke PAP, DL	Karen
Lodge Mediator	Jay Larkins, PAP	Ginger

TRUSTEES

First Year	Charlie Handy	Missy
Second Year	Mike Fisher	Jeannette
Third Year	Ed Alvarez	Kendall
Fourth Year	Rick Veiga	Lori
Fifth Year	Robert Potter	Kimberly

HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year	Donna Schmidt
Officer of the Year	Scott Bickle
Tall Elks of the Year	Larry Gregg • Larry Finley
Volunteers of the Year	Linda Edwards
Citizen of the Year	Danise Davis



ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE

Elks National Foundation
 How ENF is helping California-Hawaii?

During the 2024-25 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated **\$1,159,276.27** to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

State Charities Grant:	\$870,030.00
Special Projects Grant:	\$641,340.00
Bonus Grant:	\$173,300.00
Most Valuable Student:	\$304,000.00
Legacy Award:	\$96,000.00
National Veterans Service Commission:	\$55,140.00
Grand Total:	\$2,139,810.00

That's a ratio of 1.864 for every dollar the Foundation received from CHEA last year. That doesn't include the money Lodges in California-Hawaii will get back through our Community Investments Program. For the 2024-25 fiscal year, ENF awarded a total of \$1,159,276 to 137 CHEA Lodges.

Our Lodge contributions this year to date are:	\$18,361.05
Our Lodge - 2025-2026 per capita donation year to date:	\$22.202
Our Lodge Goal per capita for 2025-2026 is:	\$20.00
Our Lodge - 2024-2025 per capita donation was:	\$16.94

GER Goal is \$5.00 per member. Our Lodge must contribute \$4.105 to be Grant eligible. Our "Per Capita" is based on 827 Lodge members for 2025-2026.

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**A Message to the Members from
Exalted Ruler James McKenna**



Greetings fellow Elks,

As we welcome the month of May, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to every member, volunteer, and Officer who continues to make the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge a place of friendship, service, and pride. Our

Lodge thrives because of our dedication as members – whether you’re helping at events, supporting our veterans, contributing to our charitable programs, or simply showing up to share in the camaraderie that defines who we are.

This month, I’d like to introduce my Officers, their commitment, reliability, and willingness to step up whenever needed have made a tremendous impact on our Lodge. We are fortunate to have leaders who embody the true spirit of Elksdom.

Danise Davis, Leading Knight, Local Realtor, and very active in our community. An experienced, awarded Officer of this Lodge. She will be in charge in when I am not available and will also be your contact for Charity and Sickness or Distress. Scott Bickle, Loyal Knight, retired Air Force Veteran, and Law Enforcement Officer. Justice fits him well and is an outstanding example of Elksdom, as he has served as an award-winning Officer previously. He will be handling any of our issues involving Justice or Government Relations.

Larry Finley, Lecturing Knight, Retired Army Veteran, and current Bingo Co-Chair as well as a new volunteer to the Officer Corps. An upstanding and very involved Elk. He has already made his mark in this Lodge.

Rick Veiga, Chairman of the Trustees, which include Charlie Handy, Mike Fisher, Ed Alvarez and Bob Potter, They together are in charge of Lodge property, rentals, safety and financial oversight. Rick and Mike are Past Exalted Rulers, with a lot of experience. Charlie, also Lodge Organist, and Ed are active Elks with tenure. Bob is newer to our Lodge, I have high expectations for him, as he has become very involved, helping wherever he can. See this month’s Trustee article for more information.

Judy Delaney, Treasurer, Senior Past Exalted Ruler First Lady, and longtime member of our Lodge. In charge of all financial responsibilities along with the Trustees and Secretary.

Ray Broussard, Secretary, Past District Deputy, current District Deputy Designate, and Past Exalted Ruler, many years at this post with over 30 years as an Elk. In charge of everything else, as well as my go to for a lot of assistance.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	Ed Alvarez
Americanism	Linda Edwards, Donna Schmidt
Auditing & Accounting	Steve Graham, PER
Backyard / RV Rental Area	Ed Alvarez
Backyard Camp Hosts	Dave & Marilyn Shearman
Barbeque Team	Frank Webster, PER
Bequest and Living Trust	Jim Lentini
Bingo Committee	Dave Shearman, Larry Finley
Building Maintenance	Michael Angulo
Car Show & Chili Cook Off	Shelly Tomson, Jay Larkins, PAP
Charity Request Review	Danise Davis
Children’s Christmas Party	Chris Villavicencio
Contract Manager	Debbie Hager, Ed Alvarez
Drug Awareness	Steve Graham
Elks National Foundation	Michael Fisher, PER
Purple Pig Silent Auction	Ginger Larkins
Flag Day	Mike Fisher, PER
Get Well / Visitations	Wayne Edwards, PER
Government Relations	Scott Bickle
Halloween	Brad Coukos
Historical	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot	James McKenna
Housekeeping	Eric Elrod
July 4th Parade	Jeannette Fisher, Ed Alvarez
Kitchen Manager	Missy Handy
Kitchen Cleaning	Missy Handy
Lodge Activities	Debbie Hager
Lodge Fundraising Chair	Stacy McKenna
Lodge Office Manager	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Lodge Treasure Chest	Missy Handy
Lounge Manager	Ginger Larkins
Lounge Entertainment	Wayne Edwards, PER
Major Project Purple Pig	Debbie Hager
Membership / Membership Retention	Nancy Webster, Frank Webster, PER
Memorial Day – Eternal Valley	Judy Reeher
Monday Night Football	Glenn Daniel, PER
New Member Interviews/Orientation	Mike Brandiriff, PER
PER Association	Ted Olsen, PER
Public Relations and Marketing	Jay Larkins, PAP, Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER,
Ritual Training	Roger Lowe, PER, Wayne Edwards, PER
Scholarship	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Social Media	Wayne Edwards, PER
Super Bowl	Nancy Webster, Frank Webster, PER
Veterans	Jeannette Fisher
Webmaster	Michael Angulo
Welcome Wagon Orientation	Michelle Hundt
Youth Activities	Nikki Bright, Michelle Hundt

Fill your banks up & bring 'em in!



*A Coin a Day so they can
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

**California-Hawaii Elks Major Project
‘The Purple Pig’**

Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2024/2025:	\$45,187.00
A 2025/2026 per capita donation year to date is:	\$51.819
Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2023/2024:	\$51,841.94
2024/2025 total per capita donation for the year was:	\$62.686

(Per capita is based on 827 Lodge members for 2025-2026)

**California-Hawaii Elks Association Total Donations
Received in 2024/2025, were \$5,000,805.16**

Elks - Helping Children Since 1868

A Message from the Leading Knight Danise Davis



This is good information for new members (& some seasoned members) ... What are the differences between the various Wednesday meetings at our Lodge?

We have meetings almost every Wednesday at 7pm. Attendance isn't required, but if you don't attend a meeting at least once-in-a-while, you won't know what's going on. Also, you'll see the chemistry of friends working together. Typically, the first and third Wednesday are Membership meetings and the other Wednesdays are Governing Body meetings. All members in good standing can attend any of the meetings, although the structure of the meetings varies.

The Membership meetings have formal opening and closing ceremonies, there are attire rules (no shorts, etc) including wearing a name badge, no alcohol, and you have to show your current, signed membership card at check-in to enter. Besides the formalities (including no entry/re-entry during ceremonies & minutes), there are community activities and committee reports, business for all attending members to vote on, treasurer reports and plenty of fun banter to share. Pro-tip: ballot with your left hand and vote with your right hand. There are small fines for rules broken which is in itself a fun fundraiser for flowers and cards. The first Wednesday is balloting on candidates and the third Wednesday is Initiation of new members where you can watch your officers perform Ritual.

The other Wednesdays are Governing Body meetings which are casual. No dress code and instead of check-in there is a sign-in sheet. Governing Body refers to the Executive Board, which includes the Officers, Trustees, Secretary and Treasurer. While voting here is only the Executive Board, the discussions are informative for all members to share in and are often quite lively. Governing Body meetings are usually short, just an hour or so. You'll get an idea of what's coming up with Lodge activities and who to contact when it looks interesting to you.

At any of these meetings you will hear who is not doing well and maybe share a prayer for them. You will learn more about the Elks organization, how we support Veterans, Americanism, Grants, golf, helping Kids, and outreach here in our local community. You will laugh too; there is always someone teasing someone or other spontaneous laughter. And no doubt, you will know why you see us in the lounge laughing and talking, and now it's suddenly so much easier to join the conversation!



A Message from your Loyal Knight Scott Bickle



Hello my fellow Elks,

I have been in my new position as the Loyal Knight for a month now and we have done a couple of Initiations. We have our Family and Friends event coming up on April 27th for us to perform the Ritual in front of a room full of people. We are working hard to be at our best for the District Competition in a couple of weeks, May 2nd at the Elks Lodge in San Fernando. For myself I have some work to do, I am close but have not perfected it yet. I am working hard to represent our Lodge in a couple of weeks and will give it my best!! We have a great team and know we are all giving it our best to make the members of our Lodge proud!!

The Loyal Knights position also has the responsibility of Government Relations. There are several categories that I will need to report to the Grand Lodge. I will be reaching out to all of our Chairpersons to provide me with the fundraisers, events, and anything that we want send to Grand Lodge.

There are 5 basic Primary Activities that we need to report.

1. Charitable Reporting
2. Monitoring Legislation & Laws
3. Advocate for or against legislation
4. Promote programs for positive interaction between Lodges and their elected officials.
5. Educate members on existing laws that directly effect day to day operations.

What does this mean. Well it means that when we have a Purple Pig event, Hoop Shoot, Flag Day, 4th of July Parade, and the work to build our Float, Veteran events, Youth Activities, Scholarships, and Americanism. These are just a few examples that we need to capture and report. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Let Justice be your guide.





Santa Clarita Elks 2379
VOLUNTEERS, ARE THE
BACKBONE OF OUR LODGE

HELP OUR LODGE STAY STRONG, JOIN THE FORCE!
CALL THE LODGE OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR INFO

A Message from the Lecturing Knight Larry Finley



Hello Elkdom Brothers and Sisters,

One month behind us and we have hit the ground running. Installation of Officers, Inaugural Ball, completing numerous Ritual practices, preparing for the District Ritual competition, and co-managing Bingo twice a week, Bar Inventory, Lodge clean-up and recycling. Balancing a tough schedule between Elkdom and personal life. What an eventful way to begin the movement through the chairs. My deepest appreciation is for my wife, Dee, for supporting me in this endeavor. Also, my appreciation goes out to my friends and fellow Officers in their support and confidence in me to succeed.

If you haven't noticed walking through the door of our beloved "Golden Nugget Lounge". You will see, faded writing on the door, around the BPOE sticker. The writing says "Hello, Bill." The writing piqued my curiosity and drove me to "Google" the saying. It came up that it originated as an Elk Lodge greeting in 1897, for Billy Goddard of Minneapolis, during the Elks National Re-Union. Billy, a prominent local partner at Barnaby & Company, was welcomed by strangers with "Hello, Bill." On the Elks National Foundation site, it states that "Hello, Bill!" has been a traditional, friendly greeting among Elks since 1897. Please continue tradition and meet new members as they arrive, provide the "ice breaker" of "Hello, Bill!" to introduce yourself and possibly make that potential lifetime friend.

Please support the many events the Lodge has to offer. If we don't support them, most likely, we could lose them. If you're interested in games, there are plenty throughout the year, for example: Bingo (twice a week), Bunco, Corn Hole, Darts, Horse Shoes, Left Right Center, One Under Golf Club, Purple Pig Races, Shuffleboard, and did I mention Bingo, twice a week? They are always looking for players and volunteers. You can cheer on your favorite team on the multiple television screens during Baseball season, College or Professional Football, Hockey, Golf, Soccer and Basketball. Please stop in for a libation or two and help support our many bartenders.

There are also groups within the Lodge that you may have interest in: Kamper Klub, Cigar Night and One Under Golf Club. If interested in food, the Lodge has Crabfests, Ribfest's, Taco Tuesdays, Friday Night Dinners, Sunday Morning Breakfasts, Holiday Potlucks, and occasional Holiday get togethers that food may be available. Finally, we can work off all that food with Country Dancing with Dave and Dana twice a month on Friday evenings or at Karaoke with Sunny on the third Friday of the month. Come on out, enjoy a night of friendship and fellowship.

I look forward to new friendships and fellowship.
Ever practice Brotherly Love.

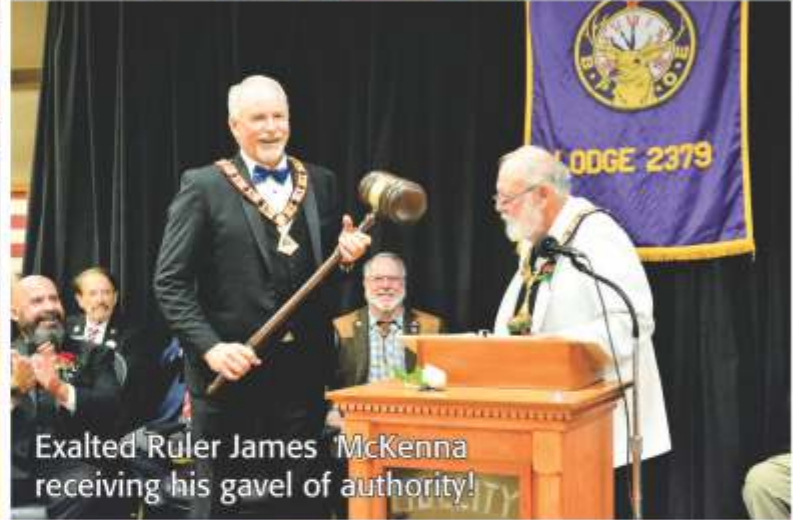


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Bob Kellar | 16 | Geoffrey Bertoldo
Kelly Condon |
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Larry Gregg
Robert Serrano |
| 3 | George Brodt
Coe Budge
Gaylene Capodiec
Kory Mangers | 19 | Mark Bolger
Jack Elliott
Teresa Handy
Don Lehman
Ramiro Rodriguez |
| 4 | Dwain Hofbauer | 20 | Garrett Fisher
Maurice Hamilton
Ray Paladini |
| 5 | Anthony Delgado
David Gedalia
Randy Mendez
John Sagardia | 22 | Jacqueline Lethbridge
George Maphis |
| 6 | Adar Anderson
Mark Crawford
Katherinne Cueva
Kimberly Johnson
Walter Taylor | 23 | Helen Lyons |
| 7 | Laura Daniel
James Gregg | 24 | Elizabeth Aronson
Monica Rankin
Sherwood Tabarejo |
| 8 | Tom Myhrvold | 28 | Michelle Garcia
Daniel Jimenez
Paul Moomjean |
| 10 | Susan Sparks | 29 | Victor Anderson
Gary Bohine
Marian Johnson
John Nelson |
| 11 | Eric Logan
David McCann
John Patey
Lalainya Schurke | 30 | John Dortch
Kelvin Swanson
Patrick Wenz |
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Brandon Taylor | 31 | Patrick Coghlan
Ron Corn
Jana Peters
Douglas Siewert |
| 13 | Sunny Gnirs | | |
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Richard Davis | | |

INSTALLATION OF NEW LODGE OFFICERS



Jay Larkins, PAF, administering the oath of Office



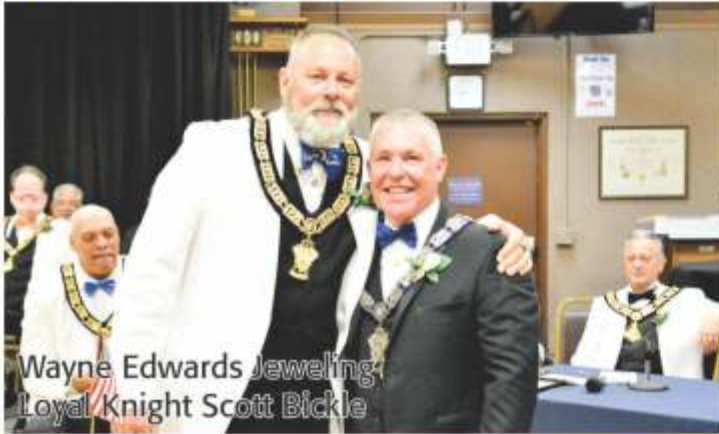
Exalted Ruler James McKenna receiving his gavel of authority!



Exalted Ruler James McKenna receiving his Jewels from PDDGER Kelvin Swanson.



Exalted Ruler James McKenna and First Lady Stacy



Wayne Edwards Jeweling Loyal Knight Scott Bickle



Larry Lousberg Jeweling Leading Knight Danise Davis



Skip Henke Jeweling
Loyal Knight Larry Finley



John Rivetti Jeweling
Secretary Ray Broussard



Ray Broussard Jeweling
Treasurer Judy Delaney



Mike Fisher Jeweling his wife,
Esquire Jeannette Fisher



Rick Veiga Jeweling
Fifth Year Trustee Robert Potter



Second Year Trustee Mike Fisher
Jeweled by George Aguilar



Tiler Kelvin Swanson being Jeweled by Steve Graham



Julie Whitman Jeweling Organist Charlie Handy



Jay Larkins thanking outgoing Exalted Ruler Mike Brandriff for his service to the Lodge



Roger Lowe pretending to Jewel Inner Guard Greg McCormick who was unable to attend



PER Mike Brandriff giving his Farewell Address



Incoming and Outgoing First Couples James & Stacy McKenna Mike & Cara Brandriff

Exalted Ruler James McKenna
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Ray and Judy, with the assistance of Donna Schmidt, Debbie Hagar and Kelly Rojas will keep us on the right track.

The rest of my Officer Corps is made up of Designated Officers who will assist me through my year: Esquire - Jeanette Fisher, Chaplain – Rob Forsberg, Inner Guard – Greg McCormick, Tiler – Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER.

The list of Committee Chairs is too long to list here but are listed in every Nugget on page three.

All of these Members have dedicated their time and effort to assist me through my year, to try to continue the great work and dedication that has made this Lodge the Star of our Metropolitan District.

May is a busy and exciting month for us. Along with our regularly scheduled events. Be sure to join us for: Metro District Ritual Contest at San Fernando Lodge 1539 on May 2, Taco Tuesday's, Cinco de Mayo, Welcome Wagon for new members on May 9, Mother's Day Brunch on May 10, Eternal Valley on May 23, where Scouts and other youth groups place American Flags on the grave sites of Veterans, Memorial Day BBQ and Remembrance May 25, Monthly Lodge Meetings – May 6 and 20, Governing Body Meetings – May 13 and 27.

Your participation keeps our Lodge vibrant and strong. Thank you for all you do. I'm proud to serve alongside you, and I look forward to another meaningful year together.


Let us remember ...

"Brotherly love is a lifelong promise."



The Lodge presented a \$1,500 check to the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center at Bella Vida, supporting its vital Meals on Wheels program and food pantry. Funded by an ENF Gratitude Grant, this contribution helps provide weekday meal deliveries to more than 500 homebound seniors in our community. Several Lodge members volunteer as drivers, helping ensure these essential meals reach seniors in need.

Pictured above (L-R) is Leading Knight Danise Davis, Senior Center CEO Kevin MacDonald, Grant Co-Chairmen Donna Schmidt, and Linda Edwards.



**Support the
Elks National Foundation**

*For every dollar donated to ENF,
\$1.86 is returned to the
California-Hawaii Elks Association*

A donation to the Elks National Foundation is an investment in our Lodge community. Community Investments Program Grants for Lodges, College Scholarships, Veterans Services, Youth Activities, and more, the ENF puts resources in our hands to build a stronger community.

Americanism Essay Contest Winner Cooper Kehoe



The Lodge proudly recognized Cooper Kehoe, an 8th-grade member of the Santa Clarita Valley Young Marines, as the first-place winner in the 8th-grade division of this year's Elks Americanism Essay Contest. Cooper answered this year's theme, **"What does service to your country mean to you"** with a thoughtful and heartfelt essay reflecting patriotism and personal commitment.

The Lodge presented Cooper, pictured on the left, with a Certificate, a Trophy, and a \$100 cash award. The Young Marines volunteer at the Lodge throughout the year, making this recognition especially meaningful. Several other Santa Clarita students also participated in the contest, which is open annually to 5th–8th graders, with a new theme announced each July.





Tiler Kelvin & Simone Swanson



Chaplain Rob & Jill Forsberg



DDGER John & Terri Rivetti



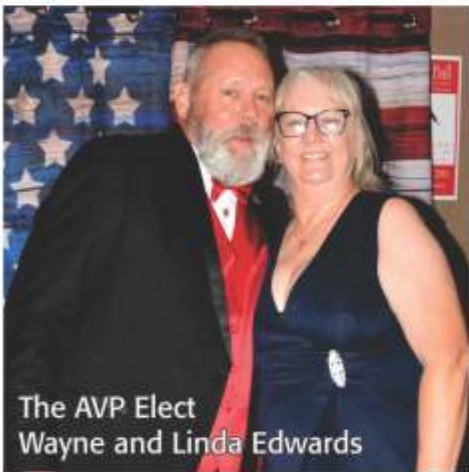
PER Mike & Cara Brandriff



PAP Skip & Karen Henke



PAP Jay & Ginger Larkins



The AVP Elect
Wayne and Linda Edwards



PDDGER Larry & Dwanna Lousberg



The McKenna's first dance



The dancing McKenna's



The McKenna Grandsons

Emblem Club 459

Simone Swanson, President
Respectfully submitted, Lee Urquhart, Press Correspondent

My favorite part of belonging to the SCV Emblem Club is, believe it or not, the board and social meetings. I love how everyone brainstorms and throws out ideas and suggestions. This past meeting, a number of new members attended and offered some new ideas that made good sense and that we all agreed upon. It is so refreshing and I thank each and everyone of you for being so attentive and involved. Come to these meetings and put your two cents worth in. They don't make pennies anymore, we'll have to raise it to a nickel.

Bunco: Another successful Bunco event on April 18th. Setting a limit of 40 players and making reservations in advance seems to work out well for everyone. Remember, if you make a reservation and are unable to make it, please call and let the Bunco hostess know so someone on the waiting list can take your place and assure that all the tables are full.

Pie Days: Recently we started selling pie slices to Thursday Night Bingo players and anyone who was at the Lodge. It has gone over quite well so it was suggested to the Board that we continue to do this the second Thursday of each month and consider adding other culinary delights in the near future. This will be discussed at our business meeting on May 4th.

Emblem Birthday and more Hooplah! On August 17th SCV Emblem will celebrate its 56th birthday, but wait, there's more! We will celebrate our Scholarship recipients and will proudly show them off to our new 2026/2027 State President, Juanita Bergstrom and her court's visitation. So, I guess what I'm telling you is that we are having a "three-fer"! 1) Birthday Party, 2) Scholarship presentation and 3) State President's visitation. How good does it get?

Drug Awareness: My son Kurt is visiting from Australia so on the way home from picking him up at LAX, we stopped in at NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency) and delivered coffee and treats. Besides the staff and clients appreciating our efforts, Kurt was duly impressed about what Emblem is all about. Having an alcoholic brother, he is aware of the need to help eradicate addictive behavior. Thank you again to the members who contribute coffee and treats. You are an amazing group that makes me brag about you every chance I get.

SAVE THE DATE: Now put these dates on your calendar right away for FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out)

May 4: Business Meeting (May the 4th be with you)

May 10: Mother's Day

May 14: Pie Day!

May 18: Board Meeting (open to all members)

May 25: Memorial Day observed ... a day of remembrance

June 19: Emblem serves dinner

June 21: Father's Day, Emblem serves breakfast

July 11: Bunco

July 25: Crabfest (TBA)

August 17: Happy 56th Birthday SCV Emblem
(Pretty in Pink; proceeds to "Circle of Hope")

Scholarship Recipient Awards

Emblem State Visitation, Juanita Stromberg, State President

If you believe in the power of prayer, Cynthia Brehm and Simone Swanson's brother Allen could sure use your blessings at this time.



Kindness: Don't pay back kindness, pass it along!



California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project



All it takes is ...



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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SANTA CLARITA ELKS LODGE

The purpose of this Notice is to keep the entire membership up to date on the Hall Flooring Project that started with a fundraiser in 2025. That fundraiser, thanks to our very generous membership, raised \$25,000 which will be used to install the new flooring when that part of the project moves forward.

Currently, the next step of the project, after finding asbestos in the current flooring of the hall, is to vet, then hire a licensed specialty company to remediate the asbestos to make the hall safe for everyone. This project will cost up to an extra \$30,000.

The Lodge has funds in the General, and Restricted accounts for Lodge Improvements, that will cover the cost. This **will not cause** the Lodge need to take out a loan nor become indebted for the project. This is good news.

The Board of Trustees, Chairman Rick Veiga, PER, will be the lead representing the Lodge. Trustees Charlie Handy; Mike Fisher, PER; Ed Alvarez; and Bob Potter, will assist Rick overseeing this project for the Lodge. This group will be working with our Exalted Ruler James McKenna, and Lodge Secretary Ray Broussard. Our DDGER John Rivetti, District Leaders Skip Henke, PAP, DL, and Greg Peale, PDDGER, DL, are also involved throughout this process and have approved the plan going forward.

A detailed scope of the project is available for review in the Lodge Office during regular business hours, and in the Board of Trustees meetings. The project details, funding, and scope, will be read to the membership at the regular Lodge meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026 at 7pm.

This notice is another step to follow in the application for approval from the Grand Lodge to move forward with this project. The beautification and safety of our facility is the highest priority.

NOTICE: Lodge vote at the regular Lodge Meeting to be held at the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge on Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 at 7:00 pm.



Current Membership Information

Number of Members on April 1, 2024	831
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Increases

New Initiated Members	0
New Affiliated Members (Transferred In)	0
Reinstated Members	0
Subtotal	0

Decreases

Dropped	0
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths: (Since April 1st)	1
Subtotal	1

Membership Total

Current Calculated Membership Total	830
Average Age	66.97
Gain/Loss	-1

Delinquency

Members Delinquent in Registration	196
Lapsation Rate	23.59%

Applications on Hand

Total Applications in Process	21
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Life Members

Life Members	24
Honorary Life Members	2
Total	26
Life Percentage	2.89%

Proposed For Membership

Marc Ludwick • Retired	Kathy Miller
Glenn Steward	Arturo Resendez

A few words from the Editor

I would like to say "Thank You" to the Lodge for allowing me the privilege of being its Publishing Editor for the last seventeen plus years. A few years ago, I was diagnosed with Parkinson's and it had become increasingly more difficult for me to continue. It has been a great run and I'm happy to say I have enjoyed the years. We have a great Lodge that so many volunteers have helped create. I'm proud to have been apart of that group. I am not going away completely, I will still be involved with our Lodge publicity. I will continue to do our weekly emails as well a few other things ... guess I just love being a part of the Santa Clarita Elk Volunteers!

Ted Olsen

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

Bryan R. Klatt, GER • DeKalb, Illinois Lodge 765



There Is Much To Commemorate In May

In May, we have numerous programs to Be The Difference: National Youth Week, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day.

The first week of the month, May 1-7, is Elks National Youth Week. Honor the youth in your community at the end of their school year.

A variety of certificates are available online, including ones for Student/Teenager of the Year/Month and the Elks JROTC Awards Program.

Happy Mother's Day to the important ladies in our lives. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. We need to extend our heartfelt thanks to all mothers. If possible, find a way to honor the mothers in your life and plan a Lodge activity to let them know how much they mean to us.

Many of us may not automatically think of Armed Forces Day, which honors those currently serving in the U.S. military, held this year on Saturday, May 16. It was designated as a day for the unification of the armed forces to be celebrated together instead of celebrating each branch individually. God bless our troops who served throughout the history of our country.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25. It is a wonderful time when we can recognize and commemorate the men and women of all services for their sacrifices and hard work that kept our country safe and prosperous.

Elks have a heart for remembering our departed service members by attending or participating in a Memorial Day parade, working at a cemetery ceremony, assisting in putting flags at service members' graves, or planning a memorial ceremony at your Lodge.

Always remember to Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."



Trustee Corner ...

Hello from the Board of Trustees,

Our Exalted Ruler has assembled a great team of Trustees for the 2026/2027 Elks year. Your board members are:

5th Year Trustee: Robert Potter
 4th Year Trustee and Chairman: Rick Veiga, PER
 3rd year Trustee: Ed Alvarez
 2nd Year Trustee: Mike Fisher, PER
 1st Year Trustee: Charlie Handy

We as a team are here to represent the members of 2379 in monitoring the fiscal health of our annual budget and maintaining the facilities.

For this year will some of our projects will be conducting facility inspections to develop a prioritized list of need repairs. Once completed we work closely with our Building Maintenance Chairman, Mike Angulo to resolve the issues.

We will be conducting inventory updates of all Lodge property soon which is required annually by Grand Lodge Statutes and audited by our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. We also are in process of replacing the Hall flooring with a message to membership contained in this month's Nugget newsletter. Please take the time to review this message. A full presentation on the project will be conducted at the May balloting meeting on May 6th.

Lastly, we want to convey that our Trustee meetings are open to all current Elk members of 2379. If you have any questions or would just like to hear what projects the Trustees are working on, come on by. Our meeting schedule can be found in the calendar section of the Nugget monthly.

Best Regards, your Board of Trustees



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November • Joshua Tree Lake
December • Elks Christmas Party

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and write their faults in the sand"



Norman Malin • August 1938 - January 2025

Gregory Byars • April 1957 - March 2025

Keith Glenn • August 1931 - April 2025

Roberta Monroe • October 1948 - June 2025

Tom Schmidt, PER • July 1955 - July 2025

Nicholas Doty • June 1940 - August 2025

Richard Egan • January 1963 - August 2025

Mark Miller • October 1956 - November 2025

Rebecca Bravo • October 1954 - March 2026

Ron Corn • May 1939 - March 2026

James "Skip" Hasler, Jr. • February 1933 - March 2026

Robert Fobb • February 1976 - March 2026



Sickness and Distress

If you become aware of someone suffering from
an illness, hospitalization, please inform the Lodge



Robert Robb passed away.

James "Skip" Hasler, Jr. has passed away.

Rob Forsberg's brother has been diagnosed with Brain
and Lung cancer

Simone Swanson's brother who had a heart transplant,
health has taken a turn for the worse.

*Please keep these people, their families, all Lodge
Members, as well as our Country in your thoughts
and prayers.*

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May 2026

Happy MOTHER'S DAY

... be sure to join us for brunch!



FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1 Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	2 Metro Ritual Competition San Fernando Awards @ Sunland Red Shirt Saturday DO: Veiga

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 3 9-11 Breakfast 10:30 PER Mtg 12:00 KK Mtg 12:30 Bingo	 4 Ritual Practice Emblem Club Business Mtg	 5 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 6 Trustee Meeting Lodge Balloting Mtg	 7 6 PM Shuffleboard Cigar Night	 8 COUNTRY DANCING with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Team: Rivetti	 9 1:00 pm Veteran Mtg Welcome Wagon Canyon Softball Awards Banquet DO: Davis

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 10 Mother's Day 9 AM Brunch Officers Serve No Bingo	 11 We've got GREAT Hot Dogs! Ritual Practice	 12 We're Sorry but there will be No Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 13 No Meeting CHEA Convention	 14 6 PM Shuffleboard Cigar Night	 15 Karaoke 7:00 pm with Sunny Team: Alvarez	 16 Saturday Hot Dog & Beer Specials CHEA Ritual Awards Presentation DO: Alvarez

CHEA Convention - Rancho Mirage - May 13th - 16th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 17 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo	 18 District Badges 6pm Emblem Club 6:30 Social Mtg.	 19 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 20 Lodge Initiation Mtg	 21 6 PM Shuffleboard Cigar Night	 22 COUNTRY DANCING WITH DAVE & DANA Friday Night Dinner Team: Redshirt	 23 Eternal Valley with the Scouts DO: M Fisher

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 24 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo Knights Mtg Glendale	25 Memorial Day Lodge Pottluck	 26 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 27 Governing Body Mtg	 28 6 PM Shuffleboard Cigar Night	 29 Friday Night Dinner Team: Bickle	30 Kamper Klub Kamper Klub • Santa Maria Rodeo Weekend DO: Bickle

SUNDAY 31
 bingo
 9-11 Breakfast
 12:30 Bingo



Saturday • May 23rd 9:00 am
Friendly Valley with the Scouts

Memorial Day Pottluck
Monday, May 25th • 1 pm
 Please join us and bring a dish to share!



Support ...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 the Purple Pig!	 1 Emblem Club 6:30 Business Mtg.	 2 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday Cigar Night	 3 Governing Body Meeting	 4 Bingo Shuffleboard Cigar Night	 5 COUNTRY DANCING with Dave & Dana Luncheon Club • Burbank Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	6 8am Special Initiation Lodge Clean-up Red Shirt Saturday CHEA President Lynn Glick's Metropolitan Visitation Dinner DO: Finley
 7 9-11 Breakfast 10:30 PER Mtg 12:00 - KK Mtg 12:30 Bingo	 8 We've got GREAT Hot Dogs!	 9 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday Cigar Night Crab Tickets go on sale today!	 10 Balloting Mtg 6 pm - Trustee Mtg	 11 Bingo Shuffleboard Cigar Night	 12 5:30 Flag Day Ceremony Friday Night Dinner Team: Fisher	 13 Saturday Hot Dog & Beer Specials 1:00 pm Veterans Mtg DO: J. Fisher
 14 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo	 15 Emblem Club 6:30 Social Mtg.	 16 5:30 pm Tacos Cigar Night	 17 Lodge Initiation Mtg	 18 Bingo Shuffleboard Cigar Night	 19 with Sunny Friday Night Dinner Team: Emblem	20 Kamper Klub Weekend Boulder Creek DO: McKenna Purple Pig Luau
 21 Father's Day Emblem Serves Breakfast 9-11 Breakfast No Bingo	 22 CHILD & FAMILY CENTER Family Fun Day BBQ Child & Family Center Family Fun Day BBQ	 23 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday Cigar Night	 24 AVP Wayne Edwards Homecoming	 25 Bingo Shuffleboard Cigar Night	 26 COUNTRY DANCING WITH DAVE & DANA Friday Night Dinner Team: Greg Crew	 27 We've got GREAT Hot Dogs! DO: Forsberg
 28 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo Knights Mtg Canoga Park	 29 We've got GREAT Hot Dogs!	 30 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday Cigar Night	Flag Day Ceremony & Flag Retirement Friday, June 12th			

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