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LOUNGE HOURS	OFFICE HOURS	PAST EXALTED RULERS
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Mon. - Thurs. 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	The office consists of mostly volunteers, we try to be open Mon - Fri, 9 am to 2 pm. If we miss your call, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.	1967/68 Gayland Dillenbeck ♀ 1968/69 Richard Snow ♀ 1969/70 Jack Belding ♀ 1970/71 Robert Horstman ♀ 1971/72 Eugene Kronnick ♀ 1972/73 William Armstrong ♀ 1973/74 Robert Horstman ♀ 1974/75 Robert Wells ♀ 1975/76 Donald Jennings ♀ 1976/77 Eugene Little ♀ 1977/78 Hugh Gregory ♀ 1978/79 Sherman Lowe, PSVP ♀ 1979/80 James Dunn ♀ 1980/81 Bud Riffer ♀ 1981/82 Robert Wells ♀ 1982/83 Gayland Dillenbeck ♀ 1983/84 Art Rousseau, PDDGER ♀ 1984/85 Mike Feraud ♀ 1985/86 Mel Ponton ♀ 1986/87 Bill Lomont ♀ 1987/88 Grant Barnard ♀ 1988/89 Frank Lorelli ♀ 1989/90 Jim Howton ♀ 1990/91 Paul Tyree 1990/91 George Aguilar Sr. ¹ 1991/93 F.E. (Gil) Gilchrist ♀ 1992/93 George Aguilar Sr. ¹ 1993/94 Ronald Douglass 1994/95 Charles Halterman 1995/96 James Haggerty ♀ 1996 Jim Delaney ♀ 1996/97 Jay Larkins, PAP 1997/98 Jay Larkins, PAP
Friday 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm		1997/98 Jeffery L. Brown, PAVP ¹ 1998/99 Floyd 'Skip' Henke, PAP, DL 1999/00 Harry Pennington ♀ 2000/01 Larry Lousberg, PDDGER 2000/01 Ray Broussard, PDDGER ¹ 2001/02 Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER 2002/03 David Amette, II 2003/04 Frank Webster 2004/05 Ken Song 2005/06 Don Dewhurst 2006/07 James Johnson 2006/07 Sam Moore ¹ ♀ 2007/08 Gail Dewhurst 2008/09 Rick Dalton ♀ 2009/10 George Aguilar Jr. 2010/11 Cheryl Laymon 2011/12 Tom Schmidt 2012/13 Julie Whitman 2013/14 Richard Casaubon 2013/14 Billie Jo Olson, PAVP ¹ 2014/15 Ted Olsen, CHEA Editor 2015/16 John Rivetti, DDGER Elect 2015/16 Billie Jo Olson, PAVP ¹ 2016/17 Tina Jackson 2017/18 Maurice Hamilton 2018/19 Roger Lowe 2019/20 Gary Keener 2020/21 Rick Veiga 2021/22 Steve Graham 2022/23 Mike Fisher 2023/24 Glenn Daniel
Saturday 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm		
Sunday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm		

MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS

Lodge Meeting	July 10 and 24 • 7:00 pm
Governing Body	July 17 and 31 • 7:00 pm
Trustee Meeting	July 17 • 6:00 pm
Knights Meeting	July 28 • Van Nuys
P.E.R. Meeting	July 14 • 10:30 am
Roving Elks Kamper Klub	July 14 • 12 Noon
The Emblem Club	July 1 and 15 • 6:30 pm

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Wayne Edwards	Linda
Leading Knight	Mike Brandriff	Cara
Loyal Knight	James McKenna	Stacy
Lecturing Knight	Danise Davis	
Secretary	Ray Broussard	Karen
Treasurer	Judy Delaney	Dan
Esquire	John Rivetti, DDGER Elect	Terri
Tiler	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER	Simone
Inner Guard	Michael Lowrance	Cheryl
Chaplain	Ilia Piedra	
Organist	Charlie Handy	Missy
Alternate Delegate	Glenn Daniel, PER	Laura
Presiding Justice	Skip Henke PAP, DL	Karen
Lodge Advisor	Skip Henke PAP, DL	Karen
Lodge Mediator	Jay Larkins, PAP	Ginger

TRUSTEES

First Year	Michael Mazzetti
Second Year	Rick Shepard Jill
Third Year	Charlie Handy Missy
Fourth Year	Darren Anderson Dawn
Fifth Year	Ed Alvarez Kendall

HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year	Ed Alvarez
Officer of the Year	Judy Delaney
Tall Elks of the Year	Frank Webster • Mike Mazzetti • Charlie Handy
Volunteers of the Year	Rob Forsberg
Citizen of the Year	Donna Schmidt • Jill Forsberg

ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE

Elks National Foundation

How ENF is helping California-Hawaii?

During the 2023-24 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated **\$1,199,510.92** to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

State Charities Grant:	\$803,140.00
Special Projects Grant:	\$645,610.00
Bonus Grant:	\$182,670.00
Most Valuable Student:	\$304,000.00
Legacy Award:	\$92,000.00
National Veterans Service Commission:	\$55,140.00
Grand Total:	\$2,082,565.00

That's a ratio of 1.73 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 2023-24 fiscal year, ENF awarded a total of \$1,041,520 to 129 CHEA Lodges.

Our Lodge contributions this year to date are:	\$3,749.50
Our Lodge - 2024-2025 per capita donation year to date:	\$ 4.567
Our Lodge Goal per capita for 2023-2024 is:	\$25.000
Our Lodge - 2023-2024 per capita donation was:	\$22.278

GER Goal is \$4.80 per member. Our Lodge must contribute \$3,940.80 to be Grant eligible. Our "Per Capita" is based on 821 Lodge members for 2024-2025.

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A Message to the Members from Exalted Ruler Wayne Edwards



I do have to say June just flew by. Thank you to Tom Schmidt (we know that gal Donna was involved too!) for heading up the Flag Day Ceremony again this year, well done. The set up and décor on tables, thank you Donna Schmidt, Jill Young and Linda Edwards for adding such a festive touch. The

kitchen crew led by our chair Missy Handy, Miss Kay and Rick Viega for cooking that night. Our Emblem Club 459 for serving the meals that evening. Ray Paladini and Chris V (don't worry I will not attempt to spell) for batbequing the dogs for our Scout Troops and Young Marines who participated in flag presentation. Also, your Lodge received a special recognition certificate from City Council members Laurene Weste, and Jason Gibbs, who were in attendance, for our Lodge celebrating the USA flag, and thanking us for our service to our community!

Some of your officers prepare to attend Grand Lodge in Ausin, Texas as I write this article. So ye-haw!

July 4th, our participation in the Santa Clarita Fourth of July parade is again upon us. Around 15,000 little USA flags will be distributed by our Elks members, and friends, as they walk, or ride on the float our Lodge decorates, and enters into the parade. We are able to be near the start, which allows us to hand out those flags, and see them being waved throughout the parade, as others pass by after us. Our 4th of July Committee is headed up by Trustee Ed Alveraz, Veterans Chair Jeannette Fisher, and ENF Chair Mike Fisher, PER, and they do a "bang" up job in making it all happen. (See what I did there ha-ha) After the parade head back to the Lodge, bring a dish to share, a donation for the meal taste the barbeque committee's Tri-tip and Chicken, maybe even Ribs if all goes well, fingers crossed.

July 13th, we have a **Purple Pig Hoedown**, chaired by Princess Debbie Hager, and DJ'd by none other than Dave Colin (and his lovely sidekick Dana!) Food, dance and more, so come share in the fun, and help those kids!

July 27th, Emblem 459 is sponsoring a Crabfest, (yes it is sold out, told you Stacy). We look forward to another successful evening of Emblem raising funds for scholarships, thank you ladies. Next crabfest is October 12th, so mark your calendars now!

Monday July 29th, we cook some burgers, and dogs for the Child & Family Center Family Fun Day.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	Charlie Handy • Mike Mazzetti
Americanism	Monica "Sunny" Gnirs
Auditing & Accounting	Steve Graham, PER
Backyard / RV Rental Area	Ed Alvarez
Backyard Camp Hosts	Dave & Marilyn Shearman
Backyard Guitar	Michael Lowrance
Barbeque Team	Frank Webster, PER • Charlie Handy
Bequest and Living Trust	Jim Lentini
Bingo Committee	Dave Shearman • Larry Finley
Car Show & Chili Cook Off	Shelly Tomson • Jay Larkins, PAP
Charity Request Review	Wayne Edwards
Children's Christmas Party	Chris Villavicencio
Contract Manager	Trustee Rick Shepard • Debbie Hager
Dictionary Project	Tom Schmidt, PER
Drug Awareness	
Elks National Foundation	Michael Fisher, PER
Purple Pig Silent Auction	Ginger Larkins
Flag Day	Tom Schmidt
Get Well / Visitations	
Government Relations	James McKenna
Halloween	Brad Coukos
Historical	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot	James McKenna
Housekeeping	Michael Angulo
July 4th Parade	Jeannette Fisher • Mike Fisher, PER • Ed Alvarez
Kitchen Manager	Missy Handy
Kitchen Cleaning	Michael Angulo
Lodge Activities	Debbie Hager
Lodge Fundraising Chair	Stacy McKenna
Lodge Office Manager	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Lodge Treasure Chest	Missy Handy • Ed Alvarez
Lounge Manager	Rick Walroth
Lounge Entertainment	Roger Lowe, PER
Major Project Purple Pig	Debbie Hager
Membership / Membership Retention	Debbie Hager
Memorial Day - Eternal Valley	Frank Webster, PER
Monday Night Football	Judy Reeher • Cindy Bost
New Member Interviews / Orientation	Tom Schmidt, PER
PER Association	Glenn Daniel, PER
Public Relations and Marketing	Ted Olsen, PER
Ritual Training	Jay Larkins, PAP • John Rivetti, DDGER
Scholarship	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER • Roger Lowe, PER
Social Media	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Super Bowl	Ilia Piedra
Veterans	Judy Reeher • Cindy Bost
Webmaster	Jeannette Fisher
Youth Activities	Michael Angulo
	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:	\$0.00
A 2022/2023 per capita donation year to date is:	\$0.000
Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2023/2024:	\$54,779.52
2020/2021 total per capita donation for the year was:	\$71.795

(Per capita is based on 818 Lodge members for 2024-2025)

**California-Hawaii Elks Association Total Donations
Received in 2023/2024, were \$4,413,163.32**

Elks - Helping Children Since 1868

A Message from the Leading Knight Mike Brandriff



Greetings Fellow Elks,

Welcome to summer in Santa Clarita Valley. The heat has been turned on, and I believe it is settling in for a while. We even recently had a wild weekend of wild-fires nearby, which cast a blanket of smoke in our beloved valley. I'd like to shout out, a big THANK YOU, to our first

responders who have been on the front lines battling the fires, and protecting us. If this is a sign of our upcoming fire season, please keep the first responders in your prayers as they work to protect us during the next several months.

Our Lodge has been running full speed ahead this past month. Along with all of our popular weekly scheduled events, we enjoyed a wonderful Flag Day ceremony. It was a terrific turnout with a host of volunteers including the Scouts and the Young Marines. Thank you all for a great evening of honoring our flag. We started up our Cornhole games on Monday evenings. Brad Coucos is leading this event and he has created a winner. It's been super popular, so feel free to join us for some fun times. The fun begins at 5:30 pm every Monday.

Jeanette Fisher is our Veteran's Chairperson, and she is leading the charge for a charity named "Sweats 4 Vets!" She coordinated the efforts of a custom built donation box for donated items. This beautiful, patriotically painted white box is located in the lounge, near the trophies, and popcorn machine, awaiting the dropoff of your donation items. The acceptable donations include NEW sweat pants, sweat shirts, and t-shirts. They are looking for size XL and above. We are also accepting socks and toiletry items such as: shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrushes, shaving cream, and razors, etc. We will be accepting the donations from now until November 4th. Jeanette intends to deliver all of the donated items to the Sepulveda VA, before Veteran's Day. These donations will go directly to our local veterans so please help make the "Sweats 4 Vets" charity a enormous success.

July is upon us, and I'll be heading to Austin, Texas for the Elks National Convention with a few of the officers, and I hope to bring back some information, as well as stories from this event. Santa Clarita will be holding their 4th of July Parade, with the Lodge carrying on the tradition of leading the parade on our float, handing out little American flags to all the spectators. In the afternoon, we will be lighting up the barbeque for our Elks 4th of July barbeque event which begins at 1:00pm. It's a potluck event so bring down a delicious side dish and enjoy the afternoon's festivities. Be sure to join us on July 13 for our Purple Pig Hoedown event. Debbie is leading this event and all the proceeds will go to our Purple Pig charity. Tickets for the Hoedown are available in the lounge. Our awesome bartenders will gladly help you with obtaining tickets.

Remember, everyone benefits from Charity!



A Message from your Loyal Knight James McKenna



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

June saw a very busy month at our Santa Clarita Lodge, not only the usual Lodge meetings, and business, we had memorials, and birthdays. A wonderful, and emotional Flag Day ceremony, on June 14th, led by Tom Schmidt. It was attended by quite a few members, veterans and Scouts and young marines. Two city Council Members, Jason Gibbs, and Laurene Weste, presented our ER with a Certificate. The Emblem Ladies, and other Elks served a fantastic breakfast on Father's Day, for all fathers, and their families. Taco Tuesday, Friday Dinners, and Sunday breakfasts.

The Cornhole league, started by Brad Coucos, has begun on Monday nights, and is growing weekly. Thursday continues with the Shuffleboard League along with Bingo. All these will continue thru the upcoming weeks. We had our annual Association VP Bruce Hershkowitz visitation, and dinner, also our first new member Welcome Wagon.

July will be as busy, starting with the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas. The July 4th Parade and barbeque, a Purple Pig fundraiser, and the sold out Emblem Crabfest, if you didn't get tickets, you have another chance in October for the Elks Crabfest. Our Annual family fun night, and backpack donations, for the families that are helped by the Child & Family Center, led by John Rivetti, and Stacy McKenna, along with her herd of volunteers.

Lots of events happening at our Lodge, come on down, be apart of the fun, and happenings, be a part of the growing Lodge! Hope to see you there!

Treat everyone like you would want to be treated!



A Message from the Lecturing Knight Danise Davis



Continuing with my goal of providing tidbits of information to help new members learn about who we are and what's going on.

One thing that confuses new members is all the abbreviations that are mentioned often at meetings and in conversations.

Here is a list of the common and frequently used ones ...

BPOE is Benevolent Protective Order of Elks (aka, Best People on Earth)

Lodge level offices:

ER	Exalted Ruler
PER	Past Exalted Ruler
PERL	Past Exalted Ruler first lady/spouse

District level offices:

DL	District Leader
AVP	Association Vice President
PAVP	Past Association Vice President
DDGER	District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
PDDGER	Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

California-Hawaii Elks Association:

PAP	Past Association President
CHEA	California-Hawaii Elks Association
CHEMPI	California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project – aka the Purple Pig

Grand Lodge, with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois

GER	Grand Exalted Ruler
PGER	Past Grand Exalted Ruler
ENF	Elks National Foundation – a 501 C-3

Our California-Hawaii Elks Association is made up of nineteen Districts. Santa Clarita, along with six other Lodges is part of the Metropolitan District. Annually, the Metropolitan District Association Vice President, visits the seven Lodges in our district, with the message of the Association President. Their duty is to gather information on the activities of each Lodge, relaying that information back to the Association.

The DDGER also visits the District Lodges with the message from the GER, inspecting each Lodge for Grand Lodge compliance as well the accomplishments.

On the walls of our lounge, you can see photos of our current officers, and photos of our PER's. Hopefully this all helps you know who is doing what or a look at some of our history.

The faults of our members we write upon the sand ...



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|---|--|
| 1 Patti Chisler
Cameron Keener | 17 Mario Burman
Thomas Furney
Aaron Moreno |
| 2 Lee Ellison
Eddie Lozano
Darin McGuffin
Ken Mitchell | 18 Laura Mae Beauregard
William Mares
Robert Newman
James Takishita |
| 3 Ray Corrales
Paul Hand | 19 John Milek
Dale Turner |
| 4 Jesse Rodriguez
Eugene Suetopka | 20 Kevin Ing |
| 5 Debbie Hager
Maureen Irvin
Gilbert Mena
Herbert Minnaert
Stacy Williamson | 21 Laura Hartman |
| 6 Greg Runyon
Wes Sutton | 22 Eric Rasmussen
Nicholas Titiriga
Joseph Vaughn |
| 8 Skip Henke
Steven Resnick | 23 Scott Ludwig |
| 9 Khristina Keleshian | 24 Cindy Ennis
Michael Schlecht |
| 10 Thomas Thompson | 25 Ned Belding
Karen Caesar
Marvin Metcalf
Gary Stoll |
| 11 Ken Miller
Bill Straughan | 26 Clarita Bickle
Phil Lane
Judith Mahon |
| 12 Judith Cannon
Sandra Cramer
David Gardner
John Rivetti | 28 Phillip Alfeld Jr.
Weldon Davis
Eddie Long |
| 13 Tim Ruddell | 29 Ron Canevari
Charles Cote
Herbert Haas
Yolanda Haramia
Richard Smykle
David Zucker |
| 14 Claudia Hebda | 30 Albert Duncan
Florence Holmes
John Vitale |
| 15 James Stewart | 31 Frank Kopp
Jeffrey Passaanante
Ignacio Rangel
Sharon Ventrice |
| 16 Tom Schmidt | |



At Eternal Valley Memorial Day Weekend
feeding Scouts and Young Marines





The Lodge had many volunteers show for our Eternal Valley event, where many Scouts and Volunteers were fed after their flag placement was complete.



Elks Flag Day & Flag Retirement

Our Flag Day ceremony was held with all the reverence it deserves. Our Officers, assisted by local Scouts and Young Marines carried out the service with proper respect for the flag of our country. Shown below are images of the evening.



The Lodge was given a Certificate from the City.



Flag Retirement is a big part of the evening.



Sweats 4 Vets

Sepulveda VA Medical Center

Last year the Lodge had a very successful "Sweats 4 Vets" clothing drive. We are starting the drive to collect now, then will deliver them to the Sepulveda VA right before Veterans Day in November.

The items we want to collect are, both mens and women's new sweatshirts and sweat pants, sizes XL and larger. Donations of socks and under garments. Toiletries, toothbrushes, tooth paste, mouthwash, razors, shave cream, soap, shampoo and conditioner.

A donation box is in the lounge, see photo to the right, you can just drop them in, if you have questions regarding the project, contact Jeannette Fisher at: Fisher.vets@gmail.com Jeannette is our Veterans Chairman, and in charge of this program.



Monetary donations are always accepted for Veterans, any checks should be made out to Santa Clarita Elks 2379 - Veterans.

If you give a cash donation, please make sure the receipt indicates for the Veterans.

Santa Clarita Elks Lodge

Car & Bike Show



CLASSIC • CUSTOM • MUSCLE • MOTORCYCLES

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Live Music

Food • Tri-Tip Sandwiches

Boutique, many Vendors

Chili Cook-Off

Check In 8:00 AM

Show Hours 9AM - 3PM

Santa Clarita Elks • September 14

Roving Elks Kamper Klub

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo

There were six Kamper Klub motor homes, that camped on the Rodeo grounds, five rigs that stayed at the Elks Lodge campground, and two couples that stayed at the Santa Maria Inn.

Day trips were taken to wineries for tasting, exploring the area, while others just relaxed, and enjoyed each other's company around the camp sites. The rodeo events all happened in the evenings, which were fun to attend.

We found some great local eateries. Friday night many went to the Elks Lodge for CYO (Cook Your Own), that is a Santa Maria Lodge, "must do" when you are in Santa Maria ... the cuts of meat are fabulous! Many stayed to dance to the music of John Pemberton. It was a great evening. Attached are a variety of photos taken during our days in and around Santa Maria.



A pediatric cancer child with his hat and belt buckle.
The rodeo raises money for childhood cancer patients.



A fun stick horse race for children!

Exalted Ruler Wayne Edwards spends a day with CalKids

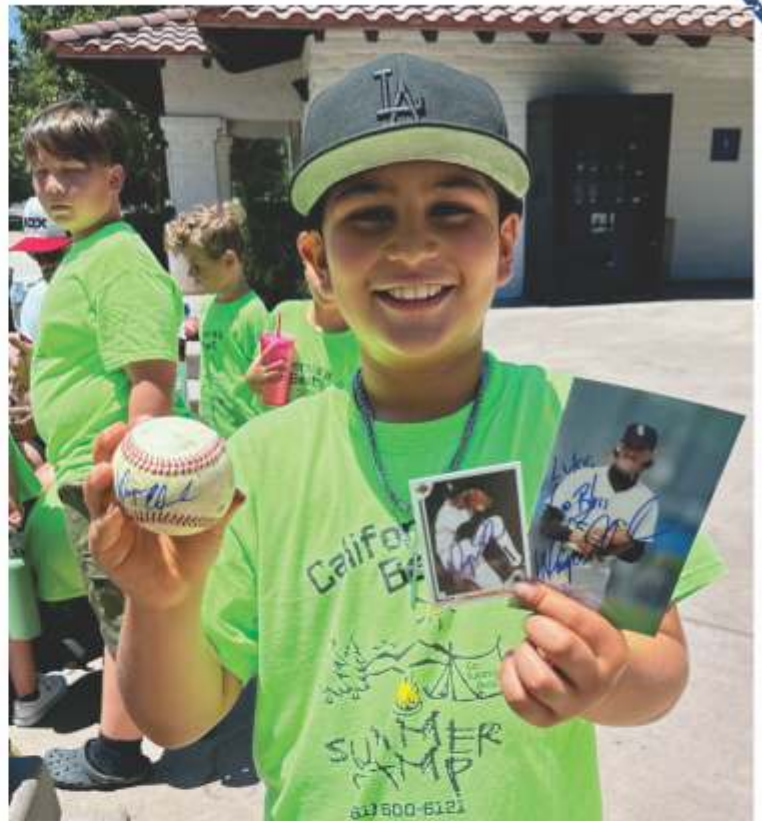
Wayne Edwards, Exalted Ruler of the Santa Clarita Elks, brought his passion for baseball, and years of experience to CalKids Learning Academy on Tuesday afternoon.

A former Major League Baseball (MLB) pitcher, and coach, Edwards spent the afternoon teaching local youth the fundamentals of the game, from pitching, and catching, to hitting, and fielding.

"That was the best field trip we've ever had!" said Karen Weil, Founder and Director of CalKids Learning Academy. With over 50 years of experience running private schools, Weil has overseen numerous field trips.

Edwards' instruction wasn't just about technical skills; he also focused on teamwork, building confidence, and fostering a love for the game. The students had the opportunity to improve their throwing techniques, and enjoyed interacting with Edwards throughout the afternoon. He even signed everything from baseball cards, to jerseys, gloves, balls, and hats.

CalKids Learning Academy is, California's Best Summer Camp - a name that demands we live up to its reputation and, according to our parents, we do. We offer a wide variety of activities to keep the youth involved, field trips to inspire, and entertain, in addition to educational opportunities to stay up to date with Summer School Common Core.



Emblem Club 459

Respectfully submitted, Lee Urquhart, Press Correspondent

GOOD MORNING BREAKFAST CLUBBERS! SCV Emblem Club 459 did it again! On Friday the 14th, Emblem took their turn serving dinner to the fine folks with healthy appetites. Sunday's Father's Day, was once again well attended. Exalted Ruler, Wayne Edwards didn't lollygag around in his easy chair watching a ball, and relaxing. No, he was busily cooking made-to-order omelets. I can attest that they were delicious. "Sing a Song of Sixpence"; the queen (aka, Linda Edwards) was in the courtyard counting all the money. Everyone went away with a new notch on their belts, and their smiling faces were a testament to the success of the kitchen crew, tireless Elk's and Emblem helpers. Just another blending of Elk's 2379 and Emblem. I've said it before, "Dang, we're good!"

Get ready for it. July 15 will be another Evening Extraordinaire! This evening's theme is **"Join us at the Dock."** This night we will be honored with a visitation of Emblem's State President, Jackie Still. Jackie will be treated to the introduction of our 2024 Scholarship recipients. Social at 6pm, dinner at 6:30, and the program at 7pm. Cost \$15 per person. Please RSVP to Simone Swanson by July 11th. Call or Text: **661-877-3328**.

In the spirit of Americanism, many of our Emblem members participated in the Memorial Day celebration at Eternal Valley. I was unable to attend the events; however, Patti Chisler, Linda Edwards, Pam Hogan, and Lee Urquhart, rolled and counted flags so that the Scouts were able to place them on the Veteran's grave sites, at Eternal Valley Memorial Park on Saturday.

Emblem's July 4th Wagon, is in place at the Lodge; be sure to fill it up with goodies. The wagon will be raffled off at the 4th of July Potluck.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, July 1st • Emblem Business Meeting
 Monday, July 15 • Scholarship Winners announced and State President, Jackie Still's Visitation
 July 25th – 28th • Summer State Meeting • Visalia
 Saturday, July 27 • Crabfest
 Emblem Club is dark during the month of August
 Monday, September 9th • Emblem Birthday Party
 (Birthday Party details to be announced)



Today's word: **KAHU** – (Hawaiian) your pet's cherished companion that share a special bond.
"The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue"

Exalted Ruler Wayne Edwards Continued from Page 3

I wanted to thank Brad Coukos, for heading up the newly started "Cornhole Club", he has done a fantastic job organizing, and making it happen. (Of course, he knows to recruit Aunt Deb too!) Also, John Kennedy informed all how to get awesome cornhole bags via Amazon, (I think he may be a sales rep, because it worked!) Shout out to Eric Logan, he custom made two sets of cornhole boards with a beautiful Elk on front, Lodge name on the sides, absolutely beautiful! Thank you, Eric! Also, you may notice that mailbox type, flag pictured, red, white and blue box in the lounge area. It doubles as a flag drop (not right now though) and as a "Sweats for Vets" box, another Eric Logan Creation! A very talented dude!! As far as the drive to obtain new sweat tops and bottoms, please see our Chair for the Vets, Jeannette Fisher, she can go into detail. Let's care for our Vets by showing support.

I mentioned this little story in a meeting recently. It is surely not about me, but about the "content". A dear friend of mine, who was a fellow musician in a group I played with, had passed away a few years ago. It had been awhile since I had seen her. Just the other day, I am in Staples and I see her. I go up to say hi, and give a hug. She was excited to me as was I her and to catch up momentarily. Then, she got teary-eyed, looked at me and said, "I have wanted to tell you something all these years." Now knowing me, I figured, oh dear Lord, what did I do? She then said, "that day at the funeral, I was really struggling, the service had concluded and all we milling about." She said, "I was struggling inside thinking to myself, What am I going to do, this is a mess right now?" Then she looked at me and said, "I looked up after thinking about that, then I saw you from a distance, you smiled that big smile, winked, and right then I knew I'd be ok." She said I often think of that moment at times, and it perks me up. Well, after I finished crying, and she finished crying, and the guy behind the Staples desk came out, and was crying, we hugged, talked a bit more and parted.

It made me think. When we come in contact with people, we have no idea what they are going through, what they are thinking, the trials, the circumstances, a good, or a bad day. WHAT, WE, DO, MATTERS! A simple gesture, a smile, a "hello", open a door, not say a demeaning word when our feeling is to do just that. I simply say this as it reminded me to always try to Be Kind. I know life tosses stuff at us, but in the moments we can, Make A Difference by being different, and being positive can go a long way, and last a life time. Elks Care and Elks Share!




Hair Together

"A Family Salon"

Dwain Hofbauer

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can walk, talk, see and play!**

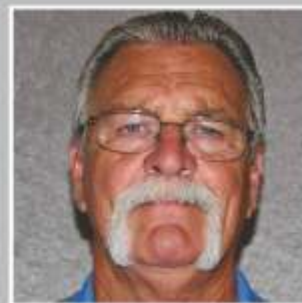
OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Patrick Coghlan



Scott Cooper



Lee Dennis



Tracy Hauser



Jim Mann

Current Membership Information

Number of Members on April 1, 2023: 821

Increases

New Initiated Members: 20
 New Affiliated Members: (Transferred In) 1
 Reinstated Members: 0
 Subtotal: 15

Decreases

Dropped 1
 Transferred Out: 2
 Absolute Dinit: 0
 Deaths: (Since April 1st) 4
 Subtotal: 7

Membership Total

Current Calculated Membership Total: 835
 Average Age: 66.00
 Gain/Loss 14

Delinquency

Members Delinquent in Registration: 120
 Lapsation Rate: 14.62%

Applications on Hand

Total Applications in Process 7

Life Members

Life Members 22
 Honorary Life Members 2
 Total: 24
 Life Percentage 2.92%

Proposed For Membership

Cara Brandriff • Personnel Coordinator
 Ron Dekay • Retired

Mike Brandriff
 Vincent Martinez



Outings

July 18, 2024 • Sterling Hills Golf Course, Camarillo
 August 15, 2024 • Olivas Links Golf Course, Ventura
 October 24, 2024 • Sand Canyon Country Club

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A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
Randy P. Shook, GER • Lawrenceburg, TN Lodge 2206



Dedicated, Passionate Elks made this year a Success!

We celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on earth on the fourth day of this month. It is a time to reflect on all the freedoms we have enjoyed because of the vision of a small group of men and women committed to a cause.

People in this country still enjoy those same freedoms 248 years later. The enthusiasm for the cause of liberty has never been stronger. As Elks our commitment to our nation has never been stronger. Happy birthday, America—the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Time flies when you are having fun. A year ago, Wanda and I began this incredible journey. This was an adventure we never envisioned but we are so glad to have experienced.

The accomplishments we witnessed throughout our travels were truly remarkable. It was great to see your communities recognize that "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks." We are very proud of your dedication to our Order.

It was great to meet new friends as well as spend time with old friends. The Elks really are one big happy family. Please continue to ask that relative or friend to join our family.

Wanda and I will continue to serve you as we move forward into this next Elks year, and for many more, God willing. The past year has been an adventure we will treasure forever. I would like to close by saying thank you for everything. We look forward to seeing you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas. It will be an exciting time.

God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.



Kamper Klub Trips Planned



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August • Oceano Elks Lodge
September • Open
October • Kernville, Camp James
December • Lodge Christmas Party



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• Life Member • a.k.a. Santa Claus

Kenneth Song • May 1935 - February 2024 • Past Exalted Ruler

Jerry Oldfield • April 1927 - February 2024 • Life Member

Mats Fahlstrom • March 1947 - March 2024

Ben Taylor • April 1951 - March 2024

Charles Webster • January 1947 - April 2024

James Hogan • September 1947 - May 2024

Sickness and Distress

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



Patty Turner had surgery and is now in an acute care
facility

Theresa Handy had foot surgery and is home recovering.

Steve Hager had wrist surgery, is home recovering.

Mike Mazzetti, Lodge Trustee, is having knee injections,
and will eventually be having knee replacement surgery.

Please keep these and all of our members in your thoughts
and prayers.

Emblem Crab Fest Saturday, July 27th



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July 2024

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
 1 5:30 Cornhole Emblem Club 6:30 Business Mtg. Grand Lodge Convention - Austin, Texas - June 30 - July 3		 2 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night		 3 There will be no Lodge Meeting Lodge Officers will be attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Texas		 4 4th of July Parade & 1pm Potluck Barbeque No Bingo		 5 Friday Night Dinner Team: Anderson Crew		 6 9 AM Lodge Clean-up Red Shirt Saturday DO: Anderson			
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
 7 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo		 8 Cornhole 5:30		 9 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night		 10 Lodge Balloting Mtg		 11 bingo 6 pm Cigar Night • 6:30 Darts		 12 COUNTRY DANCIN' WITH DAVE & DANA Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub		 13 1 PM - Vet Mtg Purple Pig Hoedown Food • Dancin' Just plain fun! DO: Alvarez	
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
 14 9-11 Breakfast 10:30 PER Mtg 12:00 KK Mtg 12:30 Bingo		 15 5:30 Cornhole Emblem Club 6:30 Social Mtg.		 16 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night		 17 Trustee Mtg No Governing Body		 18 bingo 6 pm One Under Golf Sterling Hills • Camarillo Cigar Night • 6:30 Darts		 19 Karaoke 7:00 pm with Sonny Friday Night Dinner Team: Veterans Crew		 20 Kamper Klub Weekend Lompoc Lodge DO: Fisher	
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
 21 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo		 22 Cornhole 5:30		 23 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night		 24 Lodge Initiation Mtg		 25 bingo 6 pm Cigar Night • 6:30 Darts		 26 Country Dancin' WITH DAVE & DANA Friday Night Dinner Team: Edwards Crew		 27 \$80 Emblem Crabfest ALL YOU CAN EAT! DO: Edwards	
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		Become a Major Project Recurring Donor					
 28 9 AM Breakfast 12:30 PM - Bingo Knights Mtg - Van Nuys/Reseda		 29 CHILD & FAMILY CENTER Child & Family Center Family Fun Day BBQ 5:30 Cornhole		 30 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night		 31 Governing Body Mtg		Check with Debbie Hager for more information: Email: jdebrak@aol.com 					

The Purple Pig is havin' a
Hoedown



We gonna have some good old fun fundraiser
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August 2024



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THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
 1 Bingo Cigar Night		 2 Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub		3 Lodge Clean-up Red Shirt Saturday Rivetti DD Jeweling DO: Mazzetti	
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
 4 9-11 Breakfast 10:30 PER Mtg 12 - Kamper Klub Mtg 12:30 Bingo		 5 Cornhole 5:30 Emblem is Dark		 6 Taco Tuesday 5:30 Taco Tuesday Cigar Night	
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
 7 Lodge Balloting Mtg		 8 Bingo Cigar Night		 9 COUNTRY DANCING with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Team: Davis Crew	
SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
 10 1pm Veteran Mtg Emblem Event DO: Davis		 11 9-11 Breakfast 12:00 KK Mtg 12:30 Bingo		 12 Cornhole 5:30	
TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
 13 Taco Tuesday 5:30 Taco Tuesday Cigar Night		 14 Governing Body Mtg 6 pm - Trustee Mtg		 15 Bingo Cigar Night	
FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
 16 Karaoke 7:00pm with Sunny Friday Night Dinner Team: Rivetti Crew		17 10 AM DDGER Meeting Left, Right, Center Lodge Fundraiser DO: Rivetti		 18 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo	
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
 19 Cornhole 5:30 Emblem is Dark		 20 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm Cigar Night		 21 Lodge Initiation Mtg	
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
 22 Bingo Cigar Night		 23 COUNTRY DANCIN' WITH DAVE & DANA Friday Night Dinner Team: One Under Crew		 24 We've got GREAT Hot Dogs DO: Edwards	
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
 25 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo Knights Mtg Santa Clarita		 26 Cornhole 5:30		 27 Taco Tuesday 5:30 Taco Tuesday Cigar Night	
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
 28 Governing Body Mtg		 29 Bingo Cigar Night		 30 Friday Night Dinner Team: Handy Crew	
SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
 31 Hot Dog & Beer Specials DO: Alvarez					

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