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MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS	
Lodge Meeting	April 3 and 17 • 7:00 pm
Governing Body	April 10 and 24 • 7:00 pm
Trustee Meeting	April 10 • 6:00 pm
Knights Meeting	April 28 • Glendale
P.E.R. Meeting	April 7 • 10:30 am
Roving Elks Kamper Klub	April 7 • 12 Noon
The Emblem Club	April 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 2022-23 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated **\$1,152,022.43** to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

State Charities Grant:	\$779,720.00
Special Projects Grant:	\$617,500.00
Bonus Grant:	\$148,760.00
Most Valuable Student:	\$304,000.00
Legacy Award:	\$92,000.00
National Veterans Service Commission:	\$55,140.00
Grand Total:	\$1,997,120.00

That's a ratio of 1.65 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 2022-23 fiscal year, ENF awarded a total of \$1,135,000 to 140 CHEA Lodges.

Our Lodge contributions this year to date are:	\$16,902.40
Our Lodge - 2023-2024 per capita donation year to date:	\$ 22.095
Our Lodge Goal per capita for 2023-2024 is:	\$25.000
Our Lodge - 2022-2023 per capita donation was:	\$27.848

GER Goal is \$4.80 per member. Our Lodge must contribute \$3,662.40 to be Grant eligible. Our "Per Capita" is based on 763 Lodge members for 2023-2024.

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A Message to the Members from Exalted Ruler Wayne Edwards



Greetings my fellow Elks,

Well, it is that time of the year when your newly installed Officers Corp begin their journey to volunteer and give of themselves to serve this great Lodge. We are also very excited and are practicing our Ritual Ceremony diligently, to be prepared to initiate

new members into our Lodge. On April 29th at our Lodge, we will have a Friends and Family Night. This is a chance for Elks, non-elks, aka friends, and family, to come and see the Elks Ritual Ceremony that is performed once a month to initiate our new members. But it also allows the ritual team to get in a much needed practice that evening, in preparation for the May 4th District Ritual Contest. (May the 4th be with you!) Sorry, my love of Star Wars!

To recap, we had a very well attended Awards Night, on March 10th. Many Elks, community members, and first responders were in attendance, and recognized for their contributions to our community. Glenn Daniel, PER (boy is that weird to say) recognized some of our Elks for their effort for the year, always a difficult decision and handled well. Thanks Glenn, and 1st Lady Laura, for all your volunteering efforts throughout the year, you were appreciated!

Along with our continued efforts in charity, and giving in our lodge, having goals of focus, like in our community, and finding ways to give back in our own backyard is exciting for me. Our Lodge's continued efforts in supporting the Purple Pig, as it is "For the Kids!", what better investment than our kids. The Elks National Foundation, and continued support with meeting our per capita again. Our Lodge certainly has needs, we have several "Planned" Lodge fundraisers to help with bringing in funds for our Lodge specifically. Our continued efforts to assist, and support our Veterans, who are near and dear to every Elk heart, and appreciating them for the Hero's they are. Glenn Daniel, PER was instrumental in starting a Lodge Sustainability Committee to focus on our current, and future needs. We will continue that approach for our future as it can help us to identify and assess what is needed for our Lodge, and then prioritize those needs. I would like to continue to foster an environment of positiveness, and welcome all Elks to get involved, and enjoy that feeling of giving. There is no better joy than that of giving of oneself for others. "Volunteers don't necessarily have the hours, they simply just have the HEART!"

Looking ahead in this month of April:

Taco Tuesdays, Friday Dinners, and Sunday Breakfasts are always available.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	Charlie Handy
Americanism	Wayne Edwards
Auditing & Accounting	Steve Graham, PER
Backyard / RV Rental Area	Ed Alvarez
Backyard Camp Hosts	Dave & Marilyn Shearman
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	Ray Paladini
Contract Manager	Trustee Rick Shepard • Debbie Hager
Dictionary Project	Tom Schmidt, PER
Drug Awareness	Laura Daniel
Elks National Foundation	Steve Graham, PER
ENF Silent Auction	Donna Schmidt
Flag Day	Tom Schmidt
Get Well / Visitations	Laura Daniel
Government Relations	James McKenna
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 Office Manager	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Lodge Treasure Chest	Missy Handy • Diana Crovo
Lounge Manager	Diana Crovo
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	Diana Crovo
New Member Interviews / Orientation	Tom Schmidt, PER
PER Association	Mike Fisher, PER
Public Relations and Marketing	Ted Olsen, PER
Ritual Training	Jay Larkins, PAP • John Rivetti, PAVP
Scholarship	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER • Roger Lowe, PER
Social Media	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Super Bowl	Ilia Piedra
Veterans	Judy Reeher
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 2023/2024:	\$27,136.84
A 2022/2023 per capita donation year to date is:	\$35.565
Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2022/2023:	\$52,251.84
2020/2021 total per capita donation for the year was:	\$73.802

(Per capita is based on 763 Lodge members for 2023-2024)

**California-Hawaii Elks Association Total Donations
Received in 2022/2023, were \$4,413,163.32**

Elks - Helping Children Since 1868

A Message from the Leading Knight Mike Brandriff



Greetings Fellow Elks,

It appears I've been elected to move forward to represent our Lodge as the Esteemed Leading Knight. I welcome you to my new station, whose motto is Charity. I bet you thought you were getting rid of me. Surprise! You're stuck with me for another year. I'm

very aware that I have some large shoes to fill replacing Wayne Edwards, but I'll do my best.

I can't believe how fast this year is moving along. It's now the end of March and spring is in full swing. We've been lucky enough to be getting some really nice spring showers which will undoubtedly bring us a great display of April and May flowers. As our spring flowers are blossoming, so is our membership. We continue to increase our membership, and records show we have more in line to join our little, rustic Lodge. Since we have many new members coming to the Lodge, please reach out to unfamiliar faces and greet them with brotherly love. It's great initiating them because I've been lucky enough to listen to our new members as they introduce themselves. Our new members come from all walks of life with terrific life stories.

Our little Elks Lodge is growing at such a fast pace, with our membership numbers rising quickly toward the next milestone of 900. We all need to reach out to each other to make our Lodge a friendly, and safe place. All of us working together will strengthen our bond. Be proud of your membership card, and proudly display it when asked by our officers and bartenders. If you bring a guest, please be sure you sign them in the guest book. We all need to pitch in and take care of each other, rather than be offended. Our existence is based on our cardinal principles of Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity. Together we have the opportunity to make great things happen while at the same time having a great time doing it.

Easter is right around the corner. I would first like to wish all a happy Easter, and remind you of our Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg hunt afterwards. It'll take place on Sunday, March 31st. Along with our weekly events, we have some special events coming up next month. We have a Kid's Movie Night scheduled on Saturday, April 20. There will also be an Elks National Foundation Left, Right, Center Fund-raiser planned on Saturday, April 27th. On Monday, April 29, we will perform our Ritual Ceremony at 7:00 pm. It will be open to all members and their family. This will be the last rehearsal before our District Ritual Competition on May 4. Lastly, there is a Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled on Tuesday, April 29.

See you at the Lodge and remember,
Be charitable to all mankind.



A Message from your Loyal Knight James McKenna



Greetings fellow Elk Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to a new Elk year, I open this year in the new position of Loyal Knight. A position I did not expect to be in, as this year started. I was asked to fill a position, that unfortunately became vacant. A position I hope I can fill the as well as the officers have done be-

fore me.

I have been a Proud Elk for almost 35 years. In my early years, as my family was young, and growing, I spent my time working on charity and fundraising at the Lodge. I met some very interesting, and fun people that became dear friends to this day. My favorite projects were barbequing, Chairing the youth Elks Hoop Shoot, which I have just begun to rebuild. Night at the Races, for local high schools, and non-profits, while still coaching my children all the way to High School. Where I became President of two Booster Clubs, and I was able to bring like minded people to join the Elks Lodge. I later became a Trustee, of the Lodge, and have now served seven years as Trustee, twice as Chairman, I am very proud that my fellow Elks thought me worthy of the position,

I have watched our ranks swell under the recent leadership, and cannot go anywhere in Santa Clarita, or elsewhere without running into the Elk fellowship.

I am proud to be Installed with my fellow officers, and friends under the leadership of my longtime good friends, who swear it's my fault, Wayne and Linda Edwards. I know it will be an energetic, fun year as we look to expand, and improve the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge,

As fundraising is close to my heart, as is improving the Elks physically, please join us at any of the fun events we have planned this year.

In closing, I would like to thank Glenn and Laura Daniel for a fantastic job, dedicating their time to lead us through this past successful year.

Be just (and kind) to your fellow man.



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 Danise Davis



By the time you read this, I will be in the honored position serving as the Lecturing Knight of our Lodge. How did I get here, I often wonder. As many of you have too, I grew up as a kid in an Elks Lodge. However as a girl, it never occurred to me in the 1960's that I could ever be an Elk. My

father went on to be State President and also held some Grand Lodge positions, like Americanism. I joined over a dozen years ago, when Tom Schmidt was ER. As often happens, I wasn't an active member at first ... I came to some of the dinners and some of the special events, like holiday potlucks. One weekend, I helped on a serving team and that's when I really began to start making new friends. That's my suggestion for newer members, help out on something somewhere. We are lucky as there's almost always something going on in our Lodge.

Who am I outside of Elks? I have an ad in this newsletter for my day job, so I'll skip that except to say that I love what I do. I grew up in North Hollywood, and spent the teen years in Granada Hills. I attended Pierce College and CSUN. My first real job was at an answering service, then Bob's Big Boy, then a receptionist at American Savings. I met my husband on a blind date, and later joined him as he managed a YMCA camp in the San Bernardino Mountains. We moved to Santa Clarita in 1978, and after a few temp jobs, I came to manage a custom pool construction company. In 1988 I got my real estate license.

I enjoy dance, golf, and volunteering for several of SCV's non-profit organizations. I'm also an intermediate level sommelier. I love our Lodge, which means all the wonderful people who make it roll. A shining example of that was last Saturday, at past PER Harry Pennington's memorial. First of all, what a loss for us, and everyone who knew him. One thing that made this day special was watching the PER's perform the Memorial Service. Plus all the hands that made it happen, from room set up to decorations, to food, bartenders, to clean-up, and all the sharing of stories. A few times I just stood back for a moment and marveled at the love in the room ... love for each other, and support of why we were all there. It was a very special day. That is a great example of why I enjoy being so involved with our Lodge, and all the good work we do for others. Let's all roll up our sleeves and find a way to make this year another great Elk year at good ol' 2379, together. To honor those who have gone before us, those who are here now making it happen and for those who will be by our sides, and taking it from here. This IS Brotherly Love.



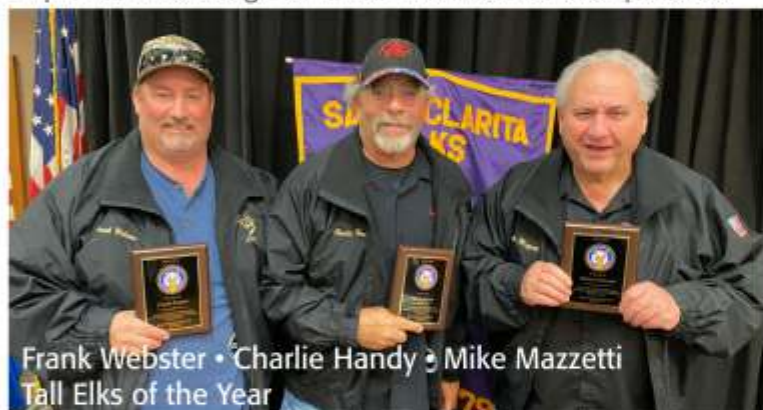
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| 1 Bruce Amer
Ron Kidd
Gary Kirkman
Michael Maher | 15 Janella Wigdor |
| 3 James Mansdorfer
Virginia Teague | 17 Robert Hahnlein
Heide Prinsze
Don Wolf |
| 4 Randy Blackstock
Hugh Crooks
Christine Kline
Tom Overstreet
Nicholas Pavelka
Pat Warford | 19 Ronnie DeCesare
Michael Drummand |
| 5 Cynthia Bost
Tracey Lucas | 20 James Lowe
Ervin Rhodes |
| 6 Bruce Borella
Catherine Gurwell
Missy Handy
James Tubbs | 21 Jennifer DeHaven
Salvatore Ruocco
Kory Strickland |
| 7 David Boardman
Mark Meyer | 22 Donald Clark
Janet Pearson
Jorge Romo |
| 8 Michael Chandler
Carol Rosenbaum
Ben Taylor | 23 Evelyn Diaz
Gregory Lasalle
Ruben Ramirez
Kent Weaver |
| 9 Richard Hutchings
Dan Ormiston | 24 Michael Garcia
David Volpe |
| 10 Gerald Dougherty
Greg Nutter
Judy Reeher | 25 Mark Booth
Greg Byars
Donna Vicente |
| 11 Steven Horst
Lynn Wagstrom | 26 Elizabeth Arnold
Randy Marlatt |
| 12 Vincent Morales
Hector Vicente | 27 Max Felser |
| 13 Mary Patton
Richard Winger | 28 Ed Alvarez
Shelli Hughes |
| 14 Zoran Basich
Chuck Handy | 29 Paul Reinhardt
Matt Stanchfield
Todd Towne |
| | 30 Michael Brandriff
Gary Daugherty
Dale McLean
Annmarie Moreno |



Exalted Ruler Glenn Daniel hosted the 2024 Santa Clarita Elks Community and Lodge Awards Night. With over 150 members and guests in attendance, it was a night to celebrate and enjoy.

Community recognized and celebrated included the California Highway Patrol, The Los Angeles County Fire Department, The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, The Santa Clarita Senior Center and the Henry Mayo Hospital.

Additionally, two local high school students received Scholarships from the Lodge to further their educational pursuits.



Frank Webster • Charlie Handy • Mike Mazzetti
Tall Elks of the Year



Ed Alvarez, Elk of the Year



Judy Delaney,
Officer of the Year



Jill Forsberg
Citizen of the Year



Donna Schmidt
Citizen of the Year



Rob Forsberg
Volunteer of the Year



Wayne Edwards show with Rich Cooper, whos life he saved at the Lodge.



LA Co Sheriff's Award Winner Captain Kevin Garcia



CA Highway Patrol Award Winner Officer Elijah Latham



SCV Senior Center Volunteer of the Year Recipient • Beth Merrick



LA Co Fire Department Award Winner Captain Kevin Garcia



Henry Mayo • Award Recipient Ohannes Kandilian, Hospital Pharmacy Manager



5 Year Members
ER Glenn Daniel • Jeanette Fisher • PERL • Lynn Fursman
Rodney Robinson • David Podsadecki



15 Year Members
John Cleary & Richard Cook



10 Year Members
Victor Monroe • Mark Linderman • Cheryl Gray • Richard Cooper
Teresa Handy • Margaret Rucker • Mike Mazzetti • Craig Raub



\$1,000 Boys Scholarship Winner • Ark Buyan,
along with his parents



\$1,000 Girls Scholarship Winner • Alice Xie,
along with her parents



20 Year Elks • Ruben Ramirez • Buddy Byars
David Himmel • Jim Lentini



25 Year Elks
Phillip Alfeld • Michael Brandriff



Our Bingo Volunteers

Elks Lodge 2379 • Santa Clarita, CA

Exalted Ruler Wayne Edwards
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30 Year Pin • Ray Broussard • Jay Larkins



35 Year Pin • Richard King



40 Year Pin • Cliff Busick

Bingo is going on strong every Thursday night, and Sunday morning, come and enjoy.

April 6th - Lodge Clean-up - Looking to burn calories, here you go folks, it never takes long as long as we get a few volunteers, see you there.

April 11th - One Under Golf Club, out at Antelope Valley Country Club

April 12th & 26th - Country Dancing

April 19th- Karaoke Night

April 20th- Kids Movie Night

April 27th – Elks National Foundation • Left, Right, Center Fundraiser

April 29th- Friends and Family (An opportunity for anyone to see our Lodge Officers perform Initiation Ritual Ceremony)

April 30th – Red Cross Blood Drive

*"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give."*

~ Winston Churchill



Elks **One Under**
GOLF CLUB

Outings

April 11, 2024 • Antelope Valley

May 23, 2024 • Los Robles Greens, Thousand Oaks

June 20, 2024 • Soule Park Golf Course, Ojai

July 18, 2024 • Sterling Hills Golf Course, Camarillo

August 15, 2024 • Olivas Links Golf Course, Ventura

October 24, 2024 • Sand Canyon Country Club

For more information on the Golf Club, contact:

Wayne Edwards • 661.478.5797 | Michael Angulo • 661.803.0696

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Ask any Officer how you can
become a Recurring Donor.

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Emblem Club 459

Respectfully submitted, Lee Urquhart, Press Correspondent

How can it be April already? But it is and here we are. Emblem Club 459 had the Installation of Officers on March 18th. As promised, here are some new names and others you'll be sure to recognize:

President: Simone Swanson
 Vice President: Stacy McKenna
 Corresponding Secretary: Sherri Loughran
 Financial Secretary: Patti Chisler
 Historian: Diane McKenna
 Treasurer: Stella Paladini
 Chaplain: Cynthia Brehm
 Recording Secretary: April Barr
 Press Correspondent: Lee Urquhart
 First Trustee: Shirley Franzen
 Second Trustee: Beverly Freeman
 Third Trustee: Kathy Harris
 Marshal: Stacy McKenna
 First Assistant Marshal: Dwanna Lousberg
 Second Assistant Marshal: Cathy Kopp
 First Guard: Heidi Barr
 Second Guard: Linda Edwards

Installing Officer, Supreme Past President, Annitta Macheda did a wonderful job installing the officers, and often poked fun at herself if she made a mistake. That's what makes her so real, and enjoyable to have around. She's kind of a fixture around here, and freely admits she feels at home with us, and enjoys participating in our club activities. We're kind of her home away from home.

What can I say about our debonair Chaperone's, outgoing ER Glenn Daniel, and incoming ER Wayne Edwards? We are so fortunate to have these gentlemen willing to escort us. Never a dull moment!

Another highlight of the evening was to honor "Sister of the Year" and "Service Sister" awards. Sister of the Year award was given to Stacy McKenna, and Service Sister was awarded to Pam Hogan. Both of these ladies work tirelessly and they make it look effortless while devoting 110% of their time. Be sure to congratulate them and let them know how much they are appreciated.

As you are aware, the "Village" of Emblem members are forever brainstorming fundraiser opportunities in order to provide contributions to charitable organizations within the Santa Clarita Valley and parts east. This year 4 deserving students will receive \$1,000 each in scholarship awards. An additional \$10,980 was distributed to various organizations within our community.

April 28-May3: State Convention in Visalia. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

SIMONE, thank you for your leadership as last year's President. You never fail to show appreciation to those who PLAN, set-up, serve, and prepare meals, as well as clean-up at our events; never taking all the credit for yourself. You are one classy lady! I, and I'm sure shared by many, look forward to another successful year.

Thought for the Day:

"A Kind Word Never Broke Anyone's Mouth"

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Urquhart, Press Correspondent
 President: Simone Swanson





President Simone being escorted ER Glenn Daniel and Leading Knight Wayne Edwards



The new Officer Corps of Santa Clarita Emblem 459



Installing Officer Annita Macheda, Past Supreme President



Roving Elks Kamper Klub



Piru Petroleum Park

Wagonmasters: Rick & Lori Veiga
Frank & Nanci Webster

Those Roving Elks made their way to the Piru Petroleum Park, on the south shores of Piru California.

After a grueling forty minute drive, twelve rigs joined the festivities which are only known to those who attend the Campout.

I can only divulge that there was a great deal frivolity that occurred, as the Veiga's, and the Webster's, were the ring leaders tasked with keeping this large raucous group of Elks, in the finest of decorum.

There are more details that will only be discussed in the next Kamper Klub Meeting, on April 7th, due to enormous amount of secrecy which surrounds Britt Park, AKA the Piru Petroleum Club.



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY MAN of the year Nominees

Over the years, our Elks Lodge has been blessed with many talented and giving men and women. In the past, the following members have been nominated and won either SCV Man or Woman of the Year:

- 1970 • Ed Bolden • Man of the Year
- 1975 • Rene Valuzet • Man of the Year
- 1978 • Dan Hon • Man of the Year
- 1983 • Barbara Cochran • Woman of the Year
- 1993 • Betty Burke • Woman of the Year
- 1994 • Pat Allen • Woman of the Year
- 1995 • Lauren Weste • Woman of the Year
- 1996 • Charlotte Kleeman • Woman of the Year
- 1997 • Pat Worford • Woman of the Year
- 1998 • Bob Keller • Man of the Year
- 2002 • Frank Kleeman • Man of the Year
- 2003 • Duane Harte • Man of the Year
- 2007 • Greg Nutter • Man of the Year
- 2011 • Harry Bell • Man of the Year
- 2014 • Cheryl Gray • Woman of the Year
- 2015 • Sue Endress • Woman of the Year
- 2016 • Jim Lentini • Man of the Year
- 2018 • Nick Lentini • Man of the Year



Shown (l-r) Mike Mazzetti, Steve Corn, Mike Fisher

This year, three of the nominees for the Santa Clarita Valley Man of the Year Award, are members of our Lodge. The Santa Clarita Rotary Club nominee is Steve Corn, Samuel Dixon Family Health Center nominee is Mike Fisher and SCV TV nominated Mike Mazzetti. All of the gentlemen are active members of our Lodge and donate many volunteer hours to the respective organizations that nominated them.

Hair Together "A Family Salon"

Dwain Hofbauer

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All it takes is ...



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Mellie Garcia



Michelle Garcia



Theresa La Giusa



Richard Lopez



Susan Sparks



Jason Trevino

Current Membership Information

Number of Members on April 1, 2023: 763

Increases

New Initiated Members: 115
 New Affiliated Members: (Transferred In) 5
 Reinstated Members: 4
 Subtotal: 124

Decreases

Dropped 7
 Transferred Out: 6
 Absolute Dimit: 2
 Deaths: (Since April 1st) 11
 Subtotal: 26

Membership Total

Current Calculated Membership Total: 863
 Average Age: 65.59
 Gain/Loss 98

Delinquency

Members Delinquent in Registration: 48
 Lapsation Rate: 6.27%

Applications on Hand

Total Applications in Process 17

Life Members

Life Members 24
 Honorary Life Members 2
 Total: 26
 Life Percentage 3.53%

Proposed For Membership

Ronny Hackney • Medical Sales • Reinstatement	Ray Broussard
Eric Bolstad • Retired	David Colin
Billy Riley • Retired	Jack Elliott
Yvonne Davis • Retired	Danise Davis
Tracy Hauser • Real Estate Broker	Jack Elliott
Susan Buchta • Retired	Ray Broussard

Car & Bike Show 2024

CLASSIC • CUSTOM • MUSCLE • MOTORCYCLES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, September 14th, 2024

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

Randy P. Shook, GER • Lawrenceburg, TN Lodge 2206



Teamwork Relies on Communication, Cooperation

Officers, you are now part of the team. Strengthen it by building relationships with one another. This is an opportunity to make new friends and learn

from experience during your service to your Lodge

The Exalted Ruler cannot do everything alone; you should be proactive by seeking opportunities to contribute to the advancement and success of your Lodge. Those opportunities will allow you to develop your own leadership and management skills. Approach all your activities with a positive frame of mind. Goodwill towards others will be extremely invaluable in the coming years when you may be relying on them to help. The diverse skills demonstrated by you and your fellow Officers will enable your Lodge to succeed and prosper.

As you lead and support Lodge activities, please remember that your actions create a perception of who we are. As Officers, we must be exemplars of Brotherly Love.

Embrace these concepts when working alongside other Officers and Members, and you will advance the interests of your Lodge within your community. Use the resources provided by Grand Lodge, your state association, and your district.

April begins with change. New Officers must get to work at once. It is time to plan and pass a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work with. This budget must keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Get all the Officers, Board of Directors, and committee members together to review your Lodge budget. Discuss any ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Plan your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your State Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Brainstorm with your Members and listen to suggestions.

Membership is the life blood of our Order. Work with your appointed Membership Retention Chair as a team. All Members are a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with that person, you may get them to renew their dues and become an active Member again. The Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for Members who were dropped for non-

payment of dues. I encourage you to review Statute 14.180. This Statute is very clear that your Lodge Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated of his/her right to re-affiliate within 60 days. Make +1 in membership a priority during your term.

Finally, appoint statutory committees. Budget to be posted by second meeting of the month.

Remember, "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024 POSTED NOTICE

At the regularly scheduled Lodge Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7pm, in the New Business agenda item, there will be an **"Appeal from Club Suspension"** by member Alan Ferdman.

This serves the **"Notice to the Membership"** of at least 10 days prior notice of the appeal.

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Tom O'Mara • July 1933 - February 2023
Nathan Beverly • June 1932 - March 2023 • Charter Member
Ed Bolden, Jr. • May 1928 - March 2023
Deana Princiotta • June 1978 - May 2023
Fred Fessler • January 1935 - May 2023
Robert Tallent • March 1939 - May 2023 • Charter Member
Charles Tripp • October 1953 - August 2023
Susan Lentini • March 1948 - August 2023
Irene Moses • March 1938 - September 2023
Rick Dalton • October 1946 - October 2023 • Past Exalted Ruler
Harry Pennington • June 1945 - January 2024 • Past Exalted Ruler
• 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

Sickness and Distress

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



Gary Scott, spent a good deal of time this month in Henry Mayo, dealing with his diabetes. It got way out of control and it was necessary for Gary to spend a good deal of time in Intensive Care. He is rehabilitating at his sisters home, please keep Gary in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Hogan, spent some time in Henry Mayo, but returned to the Lodge for Installation of the new officers. So he is now at home under Pam's care, so please keep Jim in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Lentini is getting around well, after knee surgery

Karen Henke had Covid and is dealing with Vertigo.

Mats Fahlstrom passed away 3/16, Mats was a 31 Year Member, please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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April 2024

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 1 Ritual Practice <i>Emblem Club</i> 6:30 Business Mtg.	 2 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 3 Lodge Balloting Mtg	 4 Cigar Night Darts	 5 Youth Appreciation at Carousel Ranch Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	6 9 am Lodge Clean-up – we can use help! Red Shirt Saturday 2:00 pm Veterans Mtg Quail Unlimited Rental DO: Piedra Weekend Lake Havasu Lodge
SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 7 9-11 Breakfast 10:30 PER Mtg 12:00 KK Mtg 12:30 Bingo		 8 Ritual Practice	 9 One Under Golf Antelope Valley CC 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 10 Trustee Mtg Governing Body Mtg	 11 Cigar Night Shuffleboard	 12 COUNTRY DANCING with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Team: Davis Crew	 13 Saturday Hot Dog & Beer Specials DO: Davis
SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 14 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo		 15 Ritual Practice <i>Emblem Club</i> 6:30 Social Mtg	 16 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night 7:00 Elks Riders Mtg	 17 Lodge Initiation Mtg	 18 Cigar Night Darts	 19 7:00 pm Karaoke with Sunny Friday Night Dinner Team: Anderson Crew	 20 Kids Movie Night DO: Anderson
SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 21 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo		 22 Ritual Practice	 23 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 24 Governing Body Mtg	 25 Cigar Night Shuffleboard	 26 COUNTRY DANCING with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Team: Edwards Crew	 27 Saturday Hot Dog & Beer Specials ENF L.R.C. Dice Game DO: Edwards
SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	 Elks National Foundation Left, Right, Center Fundraiser Saturday • April 27th Details to follow!			
 28 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo Knights Mtg - Glendale		 29 7 pm Ritual Friends & Family	 30 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night				

Metropolitan District Ritual Competition Van Nuys • Saturday, May 4th

The Lodge will open around 7:00 am, with each team will going on promptly at the top of each hour. Be there early if you want to watch your Lodge's Team.



May 2024

 Friday • May 3rd Youth Appreciation at Carousel Ranch			WEDNESDAY 1 Lodge Balloting Mtg	THURSDAY 2 6 PM BINGO Cigar Night Shuffleboard	FRIDAY 3 Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	SATURDAY 4 9 am Lodge Clean-up Red Shirt Saturday 2:00 pm Veterans Mtg DO: Mazzetti		
SUNDAY 5 10:30 AM PER Mtg 12:00 PM - KK Mtg 12:30 PM - Bingo	MONDAY 6 Emblem Club	TUESDAY 7 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	WEDNESDAY 8 Governing Body Mtg Trustee Mtg	THURSDAY 9 6 PM BINGO Cigar Night Darts	FRIDAY 10 COUNTRY DANCING with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Team: Handy Crew	SATURDAY 11 KIDS MOVIE NIGHT FernGully The Last Rainforest DO: Handy		
SUNDAY 12 Mother's Day 9 AM Brunch Officers Serve No Bingo	MONDAY 13 We've got GREAT Hot Dogs!	TUESDAY 14 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	WEDNESDAY 15 No Mtg - Convention			THURSDAY 16 6 PM BINGO Cigar Night Shuffleboard	FRIDAY 17 Karaoke 7:00pm with Sunny	SATURDAY 18 Saturday Hot Dog & Beer Specials DO: Alvarez
CHEA Convention - Clovis Fresno - May 15th - 18th								
SUNDAY 19 9 am Breakfast 12:30 - BINGO	MONDAY 20 Emblem Club 6:30 Social Mtg	TUESDAY 21 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	WEDNESDAY 22 Governing Body Mtg	THURSDAY 23 6 PM BINGO Cigar Night Darts	FRIDAY 24 COUNTRY DANCING with DAVE & DANA Friday Night Dinner Team: Piedra Crew	SATURDAY 25 Eternal Valley with the Scouts DO: Piedra		
SUNDAY 26 9-11 Breakfast No Bingo Knights Mtg Canoga Park	MONDAY 27 Memorial Day Lodge Potluck	TUESDAY 28 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	WEDNESDAY 29 Governing Body Mtg	THURSDAY 30 6 PM BINGO Cigar Night Shuffleboard	FRIDAY 31 Friday Night Dinner Team: Veterans Crew	SATURDAY  Kamper Klub • Santa Maria Rodeo Weekend		

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