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LOUNGE HOURS

Mon. - Thurs.	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Friday	12:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

The office consists of mostly volunteers, we try to be open Mon - Fri, 9am to 2pm. If we miss your call, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

PAST EXALTED RULERS

1967/68	Gayland Dillenbeck†	1998/99	Floyd 'Skip' Henke, PAP, DL
1968/69	Richard Snow†	1999/00	Harry Pennington†
1969/70	Jack Belding†	2000/01	Larry Lousberg, PDDGER
1970/71	Robert Horstman†	2000/01	Ray Bousard, PDDGER ¹
1971/72	Eugene Kronnick†	2001/02	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
1972/73	William Armstrong†	2002/03	David Arnett, II
1973/74	Robert Horstman†	2003/04	Frank Webster
1974/75	Robert Wells†	2004/05	Ken Song
1975/76	Donald Jennings†	2005/06	Don Dewhurst
1976/77	Eugene Little†	2006/07	James Johnson
1977/78	Hugh Gregory†	2006/07	Sam Moore ¹ †
1978/79	Sherman Lowe, PSVP†	2007/08	Gail Dewhurst
1979/80	James Dunn†	2008/09	Rick Dalton †
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
1984/85	Mike Feraud†	2013/14	Richard Cassubon
1985/86	Mel Ponton†	2013/14	Billie Jo Olson, PAVP ¹
1986/87	Bill Lomont†	2014/15	Ted Olson, CHEA Editor
1987/88	Grant Barnard†	2015/16	John Rivetti, PDDGER
1988/89	Frank Lorelli†	2015/16	Billie Jo Olson, PAVP ¹
1989/90	Jim Howton†	2016/17	Tina Jackson
1990/91	Pail Tyree	2017/18	Maurice Hamilton
1990/91	George Aguilar ¹	2018/19	Roger Lowe
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	Jeffrey L. Brown, PAP ¹		

† Deceased

¹ PER by Affiliatipon

MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS

Lodge Meeting	Sept 2 and 16	• 7:00 pm
Governing Body	Sept 9 and 23	• 7:00 pm
Trustee Meeting	Sept 23	• 6:00 pm
Knights Meeting	Sept 13	• 10:30 am
P.E.R. Meeting	Sept 13	• 10:30 am
Roving Elks Kamper Klub	Sept 19	• 12:00 pm
The Emblem Club	Dark in Sept	• 6:30 pm

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	James McKenna	Stacy
Leading Knight	Danise Davis	
Loyal Knight	Scott Bickle	Clarita
Lecturing Knight	Larry Finley	Dee
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	Lorrie
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 National Foundation

How ENF is helping California-Hawaii?

During the 2026-2027 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:	\$912,210.00
Special Projects Grant:	\$655,260.00
Bonus Grant:	\$173,760.00
Most Valuable Student:	\$304,000.00
Legacy Award:	\$174,00.00
National Veterans Service Commission:	\$62,040.00
Grand Total:	\$2,281,270.00

That's a ratio of 1.660 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 2025-26 fiscal year, ENF awarded a total of \$1,286,500 to 143 CHEA Lodges.

Our Lodge contributions this year to date are:	\$13,763.05
Our Lodge - 2025-2026 per capita donation year to date:	\$16.642
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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ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE

A Message to the Members from Exalted Ruler James McKenna



To my Fellow Elk Members,

As summer comes to a close, and hopefully the temperatures decrease, I want to thank you all for your efforts. A third of a way through my year as Exalted ruler. It has been busy around here. Besides our weekly events, we held our Easter Egg Hunt, DD Clinic, Mother's & Father's Day Buffet, Eternal Valley with the Scouts and Memorial Day Potluck BBQ. All our officers were preparing for our ritual, we hosted State President, Lynn Glick's District Visitation, had our AVP Edwards visitation and homecoming, Purple Pig Luau, the 4th of July Parade & BBQ, Ritual Team represented our state at Grand Lodge in Chicago, assisted the Emblem Crab fest, fed families at The Child and Family Center Family Fun Night and distributed 300 backpacks full of school supplies to the Children, held our DDGER Jeweling, received a couple rewards for our community involvement, our PERLs held Casino Night Fund Raiser for our lodge, The Welcome Wagon for our newer members and initiated quite a few new Members to our humble abode. WHEW!

Now brace for the next month, Coming up in September, 7th -Labor Day BBQ, 12th - Car & bike Show, Chili Cookoff, Tri-tip Sandwiches, Boutique & Bake sale, Monday Night Football starts on 14th and 19th Octoberfest. Then take a breath and we will look to October.

I am proud to have been involved with all of you that have given your time and sweat to make so much happen in such a short time. Trust me my body is letting me know it's been busy,

The Officers will be able to concentrate more on the concerns of the Santa Clarita Lodge and looking to keep us going strong and looking to the future. We could use help with Lodge maintenance, every 1st Saturday of the month, and trust me there is lots to do.

We will be holding some fundraising for our lodge and Ritual costs so keep your eyes open and come have some fun while we try to get the projects that we are working on finished and maybe we can do some non-financial upgrades along the way. If you have an idea or a skill that can assist us in these ventures, please approach us with them. Unfortunately we can only do so much at a time and fresh volunteers and help is always welcome!



James McKenna
Exalted Ruler



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	James McKenna, ER
Children's Christmas Party	Chris Villavicencio
Contract Manager	Debbie Hager
Drug Awareness	Steve Graham, PER
Elks National Foundation	Mike Fisher, PER
Purple Pig Silent Auction	Ginger Larkins
Flag Day	Mike Fisher, PER
Get Well / Visitations	Wayne Edwards, PER
Government Relations	Danise Davis
Grants	Linda Edwards, Donna Schmidt
Halloween	Brad Coukos
Historical	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot	James McKenna, ER
Housekeeping	Erik Elrod
July 4th Parade	Jeannette Fisher, Mike Fisher, PER, Ed Alvarez
Kitchen Manager/Kitchen Cleaning	Missy Handy
Lodge Activities	Debbie Hager
Lodge Fundraising Chair	Stacy McKenna
Lodge Office Manager	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Lodge Treasure Chest	Missy Handy, Ed Alvarez
Lounge Manager	Ginger Larkins
Lounge Entertainment	Wayne Edwards, PER
Major Project Purple Pig	Debbie Hager
Membership / Membership Retention	Debbie Hager
Memorial Day - Eternal Valley	Frank Webster, PER
Monday Night Football	Judy Reeher
New Member Interviews/Orientation	Glenn Daniel, PER
PER Association	Mike Brandriff, PER
Public Relations and Marketing	Wayne Edwards, PER
Ritual Training	Jay Larkins, PAP, John Rivetti, DDGER, Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER, Roget Lowe, PER, Wayne Edwards, PER
Scholarship	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Social Media	Ilia Banks
Veterans	Jeannette Fisher
Webmaster	Michael Angulo
Welcome Wagon Orientation	Michelle Hundt, Nikki Bright, Mike Fisher
Youth Activities	Michelle Hundt, Nikki Bright

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 2025/2026:	\$58,288.79
A 2025/2026 per capita donation year to date is:	\$70.48
Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2023/2024:	\$TBA
2024/2025 total per capita donation for the year was:	\$TBA
(Per capita is based on 827 Lodge members for 2025-2026)	

California-Hawaii Elks Association Total Donations
Received in 2025/2026, were \$4,867,529.67

Elks - Helping Children Since 1868

A Message from the Leading Knight Danise Davis



It's September and we are approaching the halfway point of the Elk year. You likely noticed we have many events and opportunities to gather together for fun and fundraising. Where does all that money go? I'm so glad you asked! We have many events because we have many buckets to fill.

There's ENF, CHEMPI, Purple Pig, Emblem, Bingo, Kamper Klub, Backpacks, BBQ's, Car Show, Angel Tree, Dinner events, Holiday parties, Silent Auction, Boutiques, Night at the Races, Reverse raffles, Monday Night Football, Youth events like Hoopshoot, taking care of our own facilities and so much more. It may seem overwhelming for newer members; it was for me too. If you look a bit more closely at each event flyer and email blast, you'll likely see who benefits from each one.

Recently in a previous article, I explained CHEA and CHEMPI. CHEA is California-Hawaii Elks Assoc and CHEMPI is CHEA's Major Project, aka Purple Pig. The little purple pig you received when you joined and that you see around here say: "a coin a day and they'll walk, talk, see and play" because those and everything that is purple pig related are committed to the unmet needs of children with disabilities providing therapists and care for the kids. "For The Kids" is a common theme at our lodge.

ENF is Elks National Foundation. This benefits a wider range of needs with a focus on our nation's Veterans and Youth. It is important to know that ENF distributes funds back to each of the lodges which is commensurate with that lodge's donations to ENF. Simply put, for every dollar our lodge donates to ENF, we receive more back from Grand Lodge. The ENF Mission is Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities. What we donate to ENF comes back to us and more. There is a lot of info re ENF on Elks.org. The easiest is signing up for an automatic monthly donation of any amount online. Remember what the Leading Knight told you during your initiation ... Charity is the greatest of all virtues.

Emblem – Our lodge is blessed to have an active partner in our Emblem Club. Our Emblem Club raises funds for local needs like Child and Family Center, Bridge to Home, and several more. Angel Tree is a project they are proud of because their work is providing holiday gifts to local children & families in need and if you Google Angel Tree, that is the root of the term! They do much more of course all year round raising monies and then giving every cent of it away. Emblem gives away every bit they raise during the year, except the seed money for the ensuing year.

Bingo is another asset for our Lodge bringing in a lot of funds for our charity work. Our Bingo committee can always use more volunteers to keep it rolling smoothly. Bingo is Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Please visit and see if you can help.

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A Message from your Loyal Knight Scott Bickle



Hello Fellow Elks, Friends, Mentors, and Loved Ones,

This month I will be talking about relationships, some rules and regulations and the oath that we all swore to comply with when we went through our initiation. The Loyal Knights Station, whose motto is Justice.

Our lodge is full of some of the most giving, caring people I know who donate funds, work on various projects, participate in setting up events, decorations, and making our lodge what it is today. I have had the honor of going to all of the lodges in our district and several outside of our district. I am not saying all of these lodges are not great, but our lodge is full of special people and absolutely my favorite.

While no one is perfect and we all have our faults, I have seen some relationships fall apart for various reasons and it really makes me feel sad for those people and our lodge. While some have disputes and work through them, others stay angry and the relationship is broken. I would like to share a couple of Bible Verses that can help you with forgiveness.

Colossians 3:13 says to bear with each other and forgive one another. If anyone has a grievance against someone, forgive as the Lord forgave you. Above all these things, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Ephesians 4:26-27 says "Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."

Now for some rules and regulations. You have sworn to support the constitution and comply with the laws of this order and the bylaws of this lodge. Justice requires that your observance of that obligation should be full and complete.

Here are a couple of rules regarding Core Behavior & Demeanor: Language: Profanity, Vulgarity, and loud or abusive behavior are strictly prohibited within the lodge. The Obligation: Requires every member to swear an oath to never wrong a brother or sister Elk.

Equal Status: No member has the right to demean, harass, or insult another member. If you have an incident with someone who you feel did you wrong or mistreated you, you will have to file a report that will go to the ER.

I love you all,
Scott Bickle,
Loyal Knights Station, the motto is Justice



A Message from the Lecturing Knight Larry Finley



Hello Bill!!!

What a month of activities this has been. Seems these days go by so quick "when you're having fun" at the Elks lodge #2379. There are so many activities to partake in. When you volunteer your time for these events, you are not committed the entire year, but just for that day. You can volun-

teer once at any event that interests you. If you find that event pleasing, then you could find yourself a regular and possibly close to being the Chairperson. Attend the weekly meetings, get your name out there and be rewarded with more Elksdom love. Now is the time.

If you're looking to become an officer and make your way "through the chairs". Attend the weekly meetings, learn the ritual positions, learn the statutes and by laws of this lodge. Establish rapport with the PAP's, PDDGER's, PER's, committee chairs and the DMO's. Learn how the BPOE runs and find your place in this organization. Now is the time.

I am so proud of this Corps of Officers in what they accomplish and represent. I appreciate all the support from our family members. What an awesome team.

I'm looking forward to the 2026 Car & Bike show and Chili Cook off. Meetings have started to coordinate the event. Setting up is a much needed time for volunteers and especially for the day of. There are a multitude of areas to assist. Friday evening may consist of Vendors setup, stage setup and prep and also the back yard setup with tables and canopys. The day of, we'll need gate security, parking guides, and the most important taste testers. The Kitchen team may need help as well as the BBQ team. Step up and assist where your heart desires. Don't forget at the very end will be the cleanup, usually happens faster than the setup and the infamous call of "Bingo Setup!" Looking forward to fresh faces of Elksdom. Thank you all in advance!!

This is Brotherly Love!

Now is the Time!



1	Todd Boswell David Galvan Roger Ochoa	17	Charles Collins John Gambill Joseph Rivetti Terrence McBride John Trittler
2	James Bernardi Glenn Daniel Heidi Espinosa	18	Joanne Banta Gary Bright Richard King
3	Debra Chappellear Marsha McLean Nicholas Pearson Arthur Sanders	20	Kenneth Binkley Ronald Kline Taylor Lloyd Luis Via Edward Wendienner David West Thomas White
5	Sam Ferguson John Kennedy	21	Kevin Gershan Laura Hall Vincent La Sala Eleanor Mite
6	Darryl McKenzie	22	Laura Skorich
7	Blyth Birchall Eric Bolstad James Irwin David Lachance Dorothy Lubin Michael Sifferman	23	Brad Coukos
8	Dennis Bajgrowicz	24	Tammy Casey
9	David Burns James Houston Park MacKenzie Michael Mazzetti	25	Yvonne Chapman Stacy Fortner Oscar Garrett Arturo Resendez
10	Tom Aitchson Scott Mackenzie Brian Palmer Charles Schouviller	26	Maggie Buck Catherine Easley Troy Hornbrook Rodrigo Ibarra Rick Shepard
12	Randy Lawrence Dennis Neice Jamie Tormena	247	Edie Bertoldo Jackie Taft John Tarnowski
13	Shannon Arellano Monica Gilchrist Maurice Owens Gerardo Reyes Christopher Sawyer Joseph Swartz Julie Whitman	29	George Aguilar Wayne Edwards Brian Grossman Ron Miller Michael Pavan
14	Donald Cole	30	Ned Shanks David Shearman
15	Stephanie Bickle James Johnson Kathryn Knybel		
16	Fredrick Young		

A special thanks from our First Lady,

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to All who donated their time to help with our annual Family Fun night and backpack program for the Child and Family Center. These programs are made possible by John Rivetti, who saw the need for backpacks at the Center, 9 years ago, and through funding by the ENF Beacon grant, which Donna Schmidt applies for annually, and the membership meeting the required per capita, we receive the funds necessary to fund these projects.

These projects are not possible without the volunteering of numerous as this year we gave 300 backpacks and cooked and served 200 people that use the services at the Child and Family Center.

I am grateful that so many of you have stepped up through the years to keep this program running. I feel it is very important to let our community know that the Elks are here for them. We were honored to receive the Volunteer of the year Award from the Center. This First Lady could not be happier that our community knows the Best People On Earth are here for them.

My sincere gratitude,

Stacy McKenna





The PERL's sponsored Casino Night was a huge success. A big thank you to all the lodge members and friends who came out and supported the event. The energy in the room was electric, and everyone was having a great time. The food was delicious and the raffle items were amazing. A huge thank you to all the PERL's for their donations of all these great things making the night, after the cost of the casino tables, pure profit!

I believe our volunteer dealers were having just as much fun as the players. Thank you to Mike Brandriff, Mike Fisher, Mike Mazzetti, Steve Graham, Jamie McKenna, Glenn Daniel, Nanci Webster, Cody Webster and Terry's daughter Crystal. You all did a great job.

Thank you to all our table sponsors, SC Cigar Group, Kamper Klub, SCV TV, AVP Wayne Edwards and First Lady Linda, Dave "Big Dill" Nichols, SC Veteran's Committee, SC PER's, Dwain Hofbauer (Hair Together) and Danise Davis. Your contributions make a difference.

In addition to the raffle baskets donated by PERLS, the following donated: the One Under Golf Club, Kamper Klub, Taco Tuesday Team, Scott & Clarita Bickle, Diana Crovo and our next PERL to be Stacy McKenna and ER Jamie.

To the PERLS, it takes a village. And this is one village I am proud to be a part of. You ask a PERL for help and the answer is always yes.

Donna Schmidt



Emblem Club 459

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

Pretty in Pink and were we ever! What an evening to behold! Diane McKenna was the chairperson for the evening and Pam Hogan was the cook extraordinaire. We dined on Pam's Champagne Chicken, Rice Pilaf and mixed vegetables and, for dessert, made our own ice cream sundaes with toppings. Proceeds from this evening will go to the American Cancer Society.

Scholarship Chairperson, Pam Hogan introduced the names of the Scholarship recipients. Unfortunately, none were able to attend because school had already begun. However, each of the lucky ladies wrote us very nice letters expressing their gratitude and told us how much it meant for them to receive the financial boost toward their education.

The names of these young ladies are: Madison Downen, Dean & Patti Chisler's granddaughter, Taylor Paladini, Ray & Stella Paladini's granddaughter, and Skyler Mickel, Doris Baby's granddaughter. This one caught my attention because she is working at Mercy Hospital in San Diego and this is where my husband, a Navy brat, was born in 1934.

Proud grandparents were in attendance and popping their buttons with much deserved pride.

This evening we honored all the past presidents and all of those who had gone before us by lighting candles at the altar...a very moving and solemn experience. Length of membership awards were given out to those who had been members for various lengths of time. Ann Azevedo received an award for 60 years as a dues paying member.

Our outstanding visitation guests were State President Juanita Burns-Bergstrom and her Marshal Linda Wilson both from Carson City, Nevada. Juanita thanked us all for our attendance and for our impressive report of community service.

As you are aware, Emblem is dark in September but here are some dates for you to put on your calendar:

SAVE THE DATE:

- September 12: Emblem Bake Sale (Elk's Car & Bike Show and Chili Cookoff, Boutique, etc.)
- October 3: Witches Brew Tea
- October 5: General Business Meeting
- October 8: Bingo Night Pie Sales
(Stacy could use your help)
- October 10: Elk's Crabfest
(Emblem participates and help's out)
- October 19: Board meeting and Social
Monday Night Football (Emblem provides dinner for the masses)

Thank you to all who attended, both near and far, and helped make this another Emblem successful evening. A special thanks from me to Diana Crovo who took pictures with my phone and hers and to Linda Edwards who took even more.



The more I think about it, the more I realize there is nothing more artistic than to Love others.

-Vincent Van Gogh



Continued Message from the Leading Knight Danise Davis

The House – sometimes we have fundraisers for the house because our facility needs maintenance too! Those huge A/C's cost a lot to service and run, especially in Summer months, the roof needs replacing, tables and chairs get worn out, floor cleaning and replacement, plumbing issues, kitchen maintenance, bar equipment and tools, the list goes on and on ... so sometimes we'll have a fundraiser for the house.

I know I'm running out of room here so suffice it to say, there are many buckets to fill to do the work we do to ultimately help others.

Newer members, don't be shy. Ask any of us about what's going on and jump in. If one project doesn't interest you, another one will. And don't forget our huge Car Show event is coming up the 2nd Saturday on September 12!







On Friday, August 21, 2026, we had the pleasure of welcoming the Veterans Guitar Alliance, Santa Clarita to the Lodge for an evening of great music and camaraderie. Members and guests enjoyed rocking out to favorites from the past and present while supporting a wonderful organization dedicated to our local veterans.

Veterans Guitar Alliance empowers Los Angeles-area veterans to heal, grow, and connect through music. Operating from American Legion Post 507 in Newhall, the organization provides guitar lessons, educational workshops, and a supportive community where veterans can learn, create, and connect with others.

The organization also welcomes donations of musical instruments and guitar accessories, including strings, picks, capos, tuners, straps, and cases. These donations help provide veterans with the tools they need to continue their musical journey.

A big thank you to the Veterans Guitar Alliance for sharing their talents with us and providing such an enjoyable evening at the Lodge!

For information about the program or donating instruments and accessories, contact: veteransguitaralliance@gmail.com.

OCTOBER IS ENF MONTH

*Celebrating the
Great Heart
of Elkdom*



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

★ ★ ESTABLISHED ★ ★
OCTOBER 1928

The Elks National Foundation (ENF)
was established in October 1928
and is known as the
"Great Heart of Elkdom."

Every October, Lodges are encouraged to **EDUCATE**, **PROMOTE**, and **SUPPORT** the ENF and share the difference it makes in the lives of so many.

ENF SUPPORTS:



SCHOLARSHIPS



Investing in the
future through
education.



VETERANS PROGRAMS



Honoring and
supporting those
who have served.



COMMUNITY GRANTS



Strengthening
communities
where we live.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Building stronger
tomorrows through
leadership and fun.



DISASTER RELIEF



Providing hope
and help when it's
needed most.



STATE MAJOR PROJECTS



Supporting our
State Major
Projects.



RECENT GRAND EXALTED RULERS HAVE RECOGNIZED
★ ★ ★ ★ **OCTOBER AS ENF MONTH** ★ ★ ★ ★

Let's come together this October to
Celebrate, Give, and Make a Difference!



SANTA CLARITA ELKS LODGE

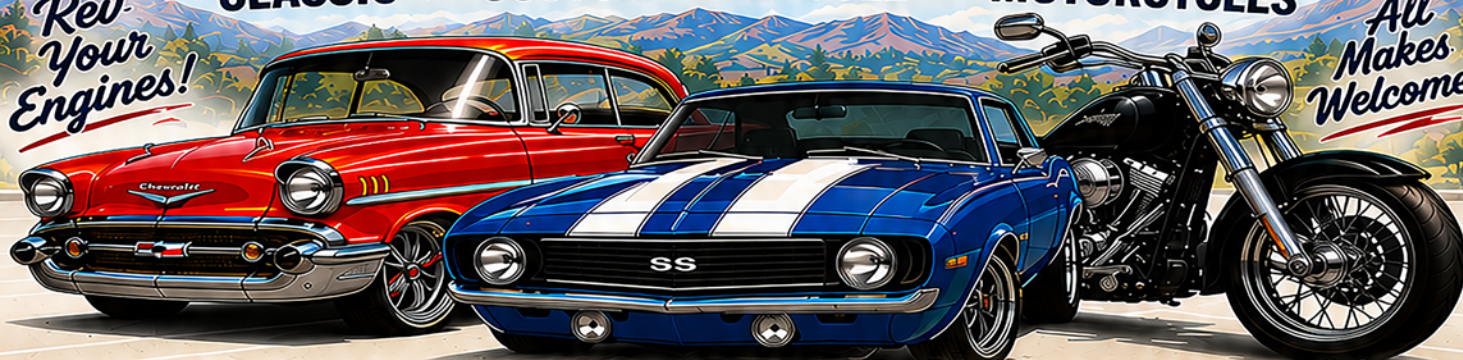
CAR & BIKE SHOW

★ BOUTIQUE & CHILI COOK-OFF ★

★ SEPTEMBER 12TH ★

CLASSIC ★ CUSTOM ★ MUSCLE ★ MOTORCYCLES

*Rev.
Your
Engines!*



*All
Makes
Welcome!*

Car & Bike Show Check in: 8:00am • Boutique Vendor Check-in: 7:30am to 8:30am

★ **OPENING CEREMONY 9AM – POSTING OF COLORS** ★

JUDGED SHOW • PERSONALIZED TROPHIES • DOOR PRIZES
including Car Wax Buckets • Held on paved parking lot • Proceeds go to Charity

FOOD:

Emblem Club 459 Bake Sale: 8AM

HOT DOGS: 10:00AM TO 1:00PM

ELKS BBQ TEAM
TRI-TIP SANDWICHES:
STARTS AT NOON

CHILI COOK OFF

Check In: 8AM to 11AM

Judging at 11:30AM



*Bring the
HEAT!*

**NO
ENTRY
FEE**



NO COLORS • SOFT PATCHES ONLY



★ **LIVE BAND** ★



GRAVEL



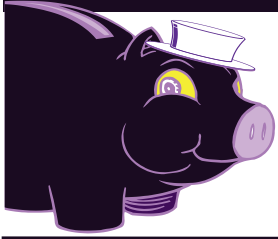
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Elks Care ★ Elks Share

California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project



All it takes is ...



A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!



Hair Together

"A Family Salon"

Dwain Hofbauer

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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Number of Members on May 1, 2026 832

Increases

New Initiated Members	11
New Affiliated Members (Transferred In)	1
Reinstated Members	0
Subtotal	12

Decreases

Dropped	3
Transferred Out	1
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths: (Since April 1st)	1
Subtotal	5

Membership Total

Current Calculated Membership Total	838
Average Age	66.95
Gain/Loss	6

Delinquency

Members Delinquent in Registration	127
Lapsation Rate	15.26%

Applications on Hand

Total Applications in Progress	12
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Life Members

Life Members	22
Honorary Life Members	2
Total	24
Life Percentage	2.88%

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Brian Omahen - Ascend Aero Advisors Owner	Roland McKee
Gina Williams -	Ellen Baker
Steve Hicks - Retired Ironworker	Chad Hicks
Mark Spier - Music Publishing & Licensing	Michael Angulo
Michael McGuire - Glendora Chevrolet Gen. Manager	Ed Alvarez
Richard Ackerman - LEO - Retired	George Aguilar
Troy Davis - Contractor (Electrical)	Michael Angulo
Mark Twombly - Plumber	Ed Alvarez
Francine Raub - Retired	Craig Raub
George Solorio - Retired	Victor Monroe
J.D. Fischer - Kaiser Permanente Call Center Rep.	James McKenna
Marcos Rosales - Delivery Driver	Lana Aiachi
Donna Harte -	Mike Fisher
Application For Reinstatement	
Tamara Caudill	Transfer from Kern River Valley Lodge #2358



In August as the temperature increased the misters were reconnected to the hose bib in the backyard. Some of the individual nozzles need to be soaked to clear them. I also noticed someone ordered replacement lamps for the string of lights in the backyard. I did manage to replace one of the lights that I could reach without a ladder. The remaining burnt-out lamps need to be replaced. At the same time we can replace some of the cordage on the patio cover that is broken and frayed. I would like to hear from volunteers to form a working party to address these three concerns in the backyard. We are always looking for help at the lodge.

If you are interested in joining the Building Maintenance Committee please contact:
Michael Angulo at micangulo@yahoo.com.

**A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
Timothy F. Jaeger, GER Napa, CA • Lodge 832**



Sandy and I are honored and humbled to represent the Order as First Lady and Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. My first thank you is to my wife Sandy, for her ongoing support and for always keeping me grounded as we embark on this journey together.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to our friends, family, and fellow Elks—thank you for everything. The tremendous support we received from so many individuals throughout the years has given us the confidence and drive to perform our roles.

My theme for this year is READY ELKS—LET'S GO! You will be hearing more about this theme throughout the year as you attend District Deputy clinics. We also shared some of the reasons behind the theme during our discussions at the Grand Lodge Convention and in the Program Manual.

The Elks have always been among the first to respond when we see others in need. This ready-to-share attitude is the basis of my theme. When Elks hear about an issue, the rally cry Ready Elks? rings out, and we respond Let's Go!

This Let's Go! attitude carries through to our desire to give back to our local communities. A primary source of funding for many of these programs is the Elks National Foundation, which is known as the Great Heart of Elkindom. The ENF helps build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet needs in the areas where we live and work.

The funding for scholarships has been set at almost \$6 million for 2026-2027. Youth programs have been set at almost \$3 million, and veterans programs have been set at over \$7 million.

The Community Investments Program, a series of grants that have been meeting specific local needs, turns 21 years old in 2026-2027. The CIP grant allocation total has been boosted to \$18.8 million.

The funding for state grants, which help our State Major Projects, is set at almost \$12 million. This level of funding allows the Elks to be a major difference in our communities. The support we provide makes the Foundation's work possible.

The goal we have established for the 2026–2027 fraternal year is \$5.25 per Member. When you consider the outstanding achievements of this program, I think you will agree this is a small price. I know I feel good doing my part for these programs.

Thank you for your continued efforts as we grow and improve our Lodges and the great works you are doing for your communities. I know you will all be quick to respond when you hear the call:

READY ELKS—LET'S GO!



Trustee Corner ...

Greetings from your Board of Trustees!

Summer is in full swing with no shortage of "HOT" weather. Thanks to our past trustees, the lodge had all of the HVAC units replaced a few years ago and a new set of filters were installed in August to keep the cool air flowing.

We are happy to announce that grand lodge has approved the installation of the new lodge room floor. The process will require the lodge room to be off-limits while our asbestos remediation contractors conduct their work. Once removal is completed a clearance test will be conducted to assure the room is safe to enter. Next our floor installation contractor will prepare the slab for installation of the new floor. We will keep you updated on the work schedule which may impact bingo, the kitchen and office operations.

One of the responsibilities of the trustees is a perpetual review of our annual budget. Each month we analyze the status of all accounts at our meeting allowing us to make projections on possible shortfalls and plan accordingly. Additionally, trustees review and initial each bill after every regular meeting allowing us to monitor each department's performance. We also can drill down to individual cost increases impacting the lodge which helps formulate a new budget the following year.

Some of our challenges are beyond the control of the lodge such as utilities, permits, and taxes. We can however develop a long-term strategy to help mitigate cost collectively with the Exalted Ruler, department managers and our members who have brought many great ideas to our meetings in the past.

We are anxiously awaiting approval for our floor replacement permit from Grand Lodge awaiting the green light to proceed. Our building maintenance chairman, Mike Angulo continues to tackle the list of needed repairs. He is always looking for help so please volunteer to help keep our lodge maintained.

I want to remind our members that the trustee meetings occur monthly to discuss a variety of lodge business. Our next meeting will be September 23rd and open to all current members who would like to attend.

Fraternally yours
The Board of Trustees.

Santa Clarita Elks 2379

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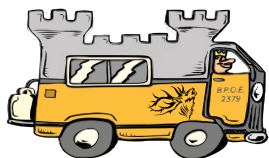
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June Lake



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September 10th
Simi Hills Golf Course, Simim Valley

October 15th
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Nicholas Doty • June 1940 - August 2025
Richard Egan • January 1963 - August 2025
Mark Miller • October 1956 - November 2025
Gary Bohinc • TBA - December 2025
Rebecca Bravo • October 1954 - March 2026
Ron Corn • May 1939 - March 2026
Robert Robb • February 1976 - March 2026
James Hasler, Jr • TBA - March 2026
Charles Bell • TBA - June 2026
Thomas Thompson • TBA - August 2026



Sickness and Distress

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



PAP Jay Larkins sister has breast cancer and is going through chemo.

Steve and Laura Graham's daughter had a baby boy, staying in the NICU for a few weeks. Their daughter is recovering from her C-section.

Kay Easley was in the hospital for a collapse vein in her liver.

Charlie Handy had an MRI, and is seeing an oncologist.

Steve Handy with be having a growth removed from his thyroid.

Mike Angulo's sister-in-law is having health problems.

PDDGER Kelvin Swansons brother Phil had a knee operation.

Wayne Edwards brother had a knee operation.

Ed Guthrie is in the hospital due to fluid retention.

Peter Schmidt has arthritis in his knee.

Bruce Troe in back in the hospital.

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



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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Get ready to REV UP YOUR ENGINES. the Car show is coming!		 TACO TUESDAY 5:30pm 6:00 Cigar Night	 Lodge Balloting Mtg	 bingo 6 PM 6:00 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard		 Lodge CLEAN-UP 8am Red Shirt Saturday DO: Alvarez
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NO BINGO 9-11 Breakfast	 Labor Day BBQ	 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm 6:00 Cigar Night	 9/11 TRIBUTE 6:30PM Governing Body Mtg	 bingo 6 PM 6:00 Cigar Night 6:30 Dart	Car Show Boutique Setup No Country Dancing Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	 Car & Bike Show BOUTIQUE CHILI COOK OFF No Veterans Mtg DO: M. Fisher
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Bingo 9-11 Breakfast 10:30 PER Mtg 12: KK Mtg 12:30 Bingo	 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL	 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm 6:00 Cigar Night	 Lodge Initiation Mtg	 bingo 6 PM 6:00 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	 Singing with Sunny Friday Night Friday Night Dinner Team: McKenna	 Octoberfest Gregg Crew Kamper Klub Weekend June Lake DO: McKenna
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Bingo 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo	 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL	 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm 6:00 Cigar Night	 Governing Body Mtg 6pm Trustees Mtg	 bingo 6 PM 6:00 Cigar Night 6:30 Darts	 COUNTRY DANCIN' WITH DAVE & DANA Friday Night Dinner Team: Forsberg	 VETERANS PICNIC Party DO: Forsberg
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FLOOR INSTALLATION TENTATIVE DATES: SEPT. 17-30, 2026 Watch your emails for more information!		
 Bingo 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo Knights Mtg Sunlandzz	 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL	 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm 6:00 Cigar Night	 Governing Body Mtg			



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OCTOBER 30TH





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 ENF Breakfast 10:30 PER Mtg 12: KK Mtg No Bingo	5 Monday Night Football Emblem Club 6:30 Business Mtg.	6 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 Cigar Night	7 Lodge Balloting Mtg	8 6:00 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	9 Friday Night Dinner Team: McKenna	10 1:00pm Veterans Mtg DO: McKenna
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 HOOP SHOOT 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo	12 	13 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 Cigar Night	14 Governing Body Mtg 6pm Trustees Mtg	15 6:00 Cigar Night 6:30 Darts	16 Friday Night Dinner Team: One Under Golf	17 Kamper Klub Kernville DO: J Fisher
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo	19 Monday Night Football Emblem Club 6:30 Social Mtg.	20 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 Cigar Night	21 Lodge Initiation Mtg	22 6:00 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	23 No Country Dancing Friday Night Dinner Team: Rivetti	24 Hunter Ed. Class DO: Handy
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 9-11 Breakfast 12:00 Knights Mtg Santa Clarita 12:30 Bingo	26 	27 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 Cigar Night	28 Governing Body Mtg	29 6:00 Cigar Night 6:30 Darts	30 Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	31 DO: Forsberg

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