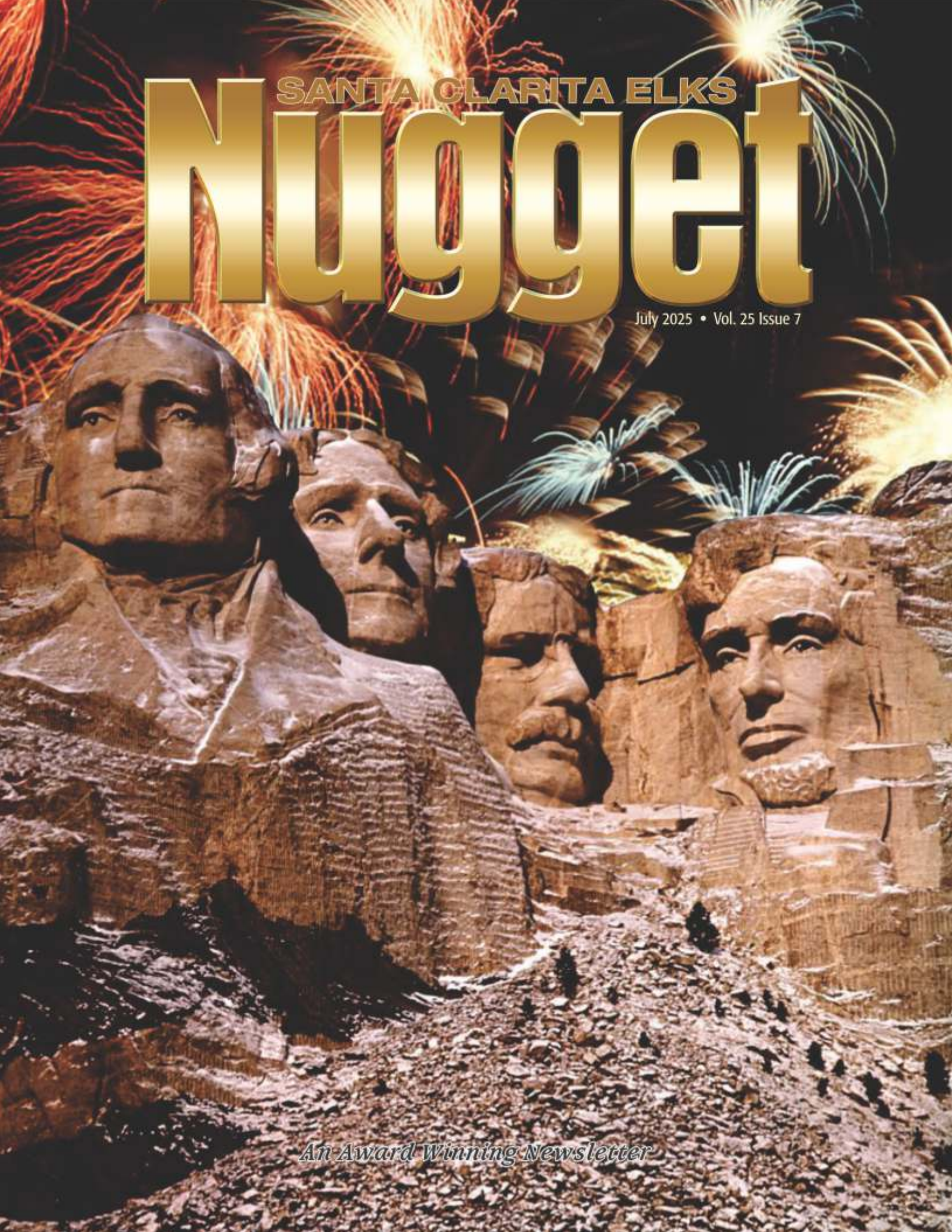


The background of the cover is a photograph of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The four presidential faces are visible, carved into the granite. Above the monument, a vibrant display of fireworks is exploding against a dark night sky. The fireworks include bright orange and red streaks, as well as bursts of blue and white light. The overall scene is celebratory and festive.

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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
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Saturday 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm		
Sunday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm		

MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS

Lodge Meeting	July 9 and 23 • 7:00 pm
Governing Body	July 16 and 30 • 7:00 pm
Trustee Meeting	July 16 • 6:00 pm
Knights Meeting	July 27 • Santa Clarita • 10:30 am
P.E.R. Meeting	July 13 • 10:30 am
Roving Elks Kamper Klub	July 13 • 12 Noon
The Emblem Club	June 7 and 21 • 6:30 pm

LODGE OFFICERS

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

TRUSTEES

First Year	Scott Bickle	Clarita
Second Year	Charlie Handy	Missy
Third Year	Darren Anderson	Dawn
Fourth Year	Ed Alvarez	Kendall
Fifth Year	John Cleary	George-Ann

HONORED ELKS

Elk of the Year	Stacy McKenna
Officer of the Year	Ray Broussard
Tall Elks of the Year	Ginger Larkins • Jeannette Fisher • Missy Handy
Volunteers of the Year	Brad Coukos
Citizen of the Year	Donna Schmidt • Eric Elrod

ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE



Elks National Foundation

How ENF is helping California-Hawaii?

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

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

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

Our Lodge contributions this year to date are:	\$4,576.75
Our Lodge - 2025-2026 per capita donation year to date:	\$ 5.534
Our Lodge Goal per capita for 2025-2026 is:	\$20.00
Our Lodge - 2024-2025 per capita donation was:	\$16.94

GER Goal is \$5.00 per member. Our Lodge must contribute \$4.105 to be Grant eligible.

Our "Per Capita" is based on 827 Lodge members for 2025-2026.

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A Message to the Members from Exalted Ruler Mike Brandriff



Greetings,

July is upon us and so is the heat. After a rough week of daily temperatures over a hundred degrees, it seems to be backing off to the 80s again which is welcoming.

Since Cara and I have returned from our magnificent trip to Italy, we've hit the ground running. We returned on May 28th, and we quickly prepared for our Associate Vice President, Anthony Roman's, visit to our Lodge on June 4th. Luckily, we did a lot of preparation for the event ahead of time so it ended up as a great evening. Our beloved Junior PER, Wayne Edwards, was the Master of Ceremony for the evening and he did a terrific job. Our First Lady, Cara, assembled her team and did a wonderful job decorating the banquet room. PER Frank Webster did a fantastic job in the kitchen and provided us with an awesome variation of Chicken Cordon Bleu for dinner. Stacy McKenna graciously arranged the Young Marines to serve for us, and lastly, Anthony provided a sound message from our new Association President, Scott Stephens. I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to all who helped make this a great evening.

On Friday, June 13th, we held our annual Flag Day ceremony. As usual, it was a very memorable evening. Upon arrival, we were treated to an All-American Friday night dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers. We then commemorated the flag of our country with a reading of our flag's history and a simultaneous presentation of our nation's flags. I'd like to thank The Scouts and Young Marines for an outstanding display of respect they displayed during the flag presentation. They also conducted a formal retirement of service worn flags in the backyard. There were a lot of moving parts to the program, and I thank all of the volunteers who made the Elks tribute to our country's flag a memorable one.

As I write this article, we are preparing for the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. We are looking forward to going to the Convention and rubbing elbows with Elks from around the nation. If you haven't been to a Grand Lodge Convention yet, you really need to go. It's a wonderful experience. Next year it will be in Chicago, Illinois where our headquarters is located along with our National Memorial. Our team of officers have also been hard at work preparing for the National Ritual Competition. We will do our best to represent California-Hawaii, as well as our beloved Santa Clarita Lodge 2379.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	Ed Alvarez
Americanism	Monica "Sunny" Gnirs
Auditing & Accounting	Steve Graham, PER
Backyard / RV Rental Area	Ed Alvarez
Backyard Camp Hosts	Dave & Marilyn Shearman
Backyard Guitar	Wayne Edwards, PER • Michael Lowrance
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	Jim McKenna
Children's Christmas Party	Chris Villavicencio
Contract Manager	John Cleary • Debbie Hager
Drug Awareness	Steve Graham
Elks National Foundation	Michael Fisher, PER
Purple Pig Silent Auction	Ginger Larkins
Flag Day	Tom Schmidt
Get Well / Visitations	Wayne Edwards
Government Relations	Danise Davis
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	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	Wayne Edwards, PER
Public Relations and Marketing	Wayne Edwards, 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
	Michael Angulo

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:	\$5,021.00
A 2025/2026 per capita donation year to date is:	\$6.071
Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2023/2024:	\$50,200.66
2024/2025 total per capita donation for the year was:	\$61.145

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

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

Elks - Helping Children Since 1868

A Message from the Leading Knight James McKenna



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

June saw a very busy month at our Santa Clarita Lodge, not only the usual Lodge meetings, events and business we had Memorials and Birthdays, a wonderful and emotional Flag Day Ceremony on June 13th, led by Exalted Ruler Mike Brandriff, Junior PER, Wayne Edwards and an emotional reading by Lecturing Knight, Ilia Banks. It was well attended by quite a few members, veterans and Scouts, and Young Marines. If you have not attended a Flag Day event, make a point to do so, since the BPOE started the tradition before the Government made it an official day. The Emblem Ladies and other Elks served a fantastic breakfast on Father's Day for all Fathers, and their families.

The Kitchen crews are serving Taco Tuesday, Friday Night Dinners and Sunday breakfasts. The Cornhole league, chaired by Brad Coucos, has begun on Sundays and looks like it is here to stay. Thursday continues with the Shuffleboard League along with Darts and Bingo. All these will continue thru the upcoming weeks. the Veterans committee meets monthly. There is always a Kamper Klub outing planned and a meeting to attend. Friday night Dancing or Karaoke. We had our annual visitation from Association Vice President, Anthony Roman. A very fun and successful Purple Pig Fundraiser by Princess Debbie with food donated and prepared by the Larry Gregg Crew. The District put on a wonderful dinner for the CHEA President, Scott Stephens at the Burbank Lodge, and a Veterans Event at the Sepulveda VA Hospital in Mission Hills.

Our Association Champion Ritual Team will be participating and competing at the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, MO, starting on Friday, June 27th and running into the first week of July.

Of course July will be as busy, starting with the annual July 4th Parade and Potluck BBQ, our current and future DD John Rivetti's Jeweling and followed by the Emblem Crabfest, if you didn't get a ticket, you have another chance in October for the Elks Crabfest, and our annual family fun night and backpack donations for the families that are helped by the Child and Family center at the end of July, led by John Rivetti and Stacy McKenna's volunteers.

Lots of events are happening at our Lodge, come on down and be a part of the fun and happenings at our growing Lodge! Please volunteer and be active. Hoping to see you all there.

Remember that as Elks, our contributions define us.



A Message from your Loyal Knight Danise Davis



This is such a red, white & blue, patriotic time of the year! Starting with Memorial Day the end of May, which while a somber remembrance, it is soon followed by Flag Day June 14th, and a few weeks later it's 4th of July. All three are busy times with our Lodge members & friends. I'll recap here so you can be involved next year if you missed any of the fun and fellowship this year.

Memorial Day for us begins the Saturday before. That morning, while local Scouts and Young Marines are putting flags on the grave sites of Veterans at Eternal Valley, many of our members convene to cook hot dogs and prepare to hand them out to these young workers with chips, cookies and cold drinks. On Memorial Day some officers and members attend the annual ceremony on the hill at Eternal Valley. It's always a stirring presentation which the theme varies and there's also a concert band, flag ceremonies and often a fly over too. It's very well attended, sometimes SRO, and anyone can attend ... and everyone should.

Flag Day is especially significant with Elks because Americanism is very important to Elkdom. In fact, it is said (and Google-able) that Elks "started" Flag Day. So I looked it up. <https://www.elks.org/lodges/LodgePages.cfm?LodgeNumber=374&ID=1288>

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of our flag in 1777 by the Continental Congress. While the first official celebration was in 1885, the Elks honored Flag Day officially in 1907 and mandated the observance of Flag Day in all their Lodges in 1911. And we were instrumental in making it a national observance, thanks in large part to Harry Truman, who was an Elk, in Independence, Missouri.

Our Lodge continues to have a wonderful program every year on the Friday before.

This year again we had Scouts and Young Marines participate in both parts of the program. While the officers read their parts, they bring out and post the various historical versions of our flag, culminating with the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, the program moves to the backyard for formally retiring worn-out flags collected during the year with bonfires and saluting each one.

Next is 4th of July. On this day we are typically the first entry in Santa Clarita's 4th of July parade. Many gather the evening before to decorate the flatbed trailer full of hay

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A Message from the Lecturing Knight Ilia Banks



Hello Elks and Happy 249th Birthday to the United States of America!

As we start the month of July off, your Ritual Team went to Kansas City, MO to represent California-Hawaii Elks Association in the National Ritual Contest. This team has been practicing since January and hope to finally bring home the National Title!

We have some upcoming events this month such as our July 4th Parade and Potluck, John Rivetti's District Deputy Jewelery on the 12th, which just happens to be John's Birthday, and the Emblem's Crabfest on the 26th.

Everyone knows that July 4th is Independence Day, but did you know about the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day?

The National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day is observed on July 27th each year. It commemorates the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement in 1953, which ended the fighting in the Korean War. The day is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans and recognizing the enduring alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

This is near and dear to me, as my grandpa was a Korean War Veteran!

Take care fellow Elks!



Debbie Hager received recognition for her exceptional support of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Debbie unwavering support of the Santa Clarita Lodge, the Purple Pig, and the Metropolitan District is exceptional. She was recognized by AVP Anthony Roman and CHEA President Scott Stephens.



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

California-Hawaii Elks Association from the "Great" Metropolitan District Vice President Anthony Roman

Association Vice President Anthony Roman, and First Lady Naomi, made their required visitation to the Lodge in early June. They were given a warm reception as Anthony brought California-Hawaii Elks Association President Scott Stephens message to our Lodge. Pointing out President Stephens programs, that he would like all Association Elks to concentrate on during the next year.



Celebrating Flag Day with Scout Troop 583 and the Young Marines

On Friday evening, June 13th, the Lodge celebrated Flag Day, commemorating the birth of the American Flag. Scout Troop 583, along with the Young Marines, assisted in this traditional service.

Following the Flag Day Service, a flag retirement was held in the back parking lot.



Roving Elks Kamper Klub



Santa Maria Lodge and Elks Rodeo
Skip & Karen Henke • Wagon Masters
May/June 2025
Write up by Danise Davis

The Kamper Klub visited Santa Maria Lodge and attended the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo weekend! It's typically the last weekend in May, runs for five days, and sells out early. There are many reasons why. Accommodations can vary from motels nearby to camping at the Lodge, to dry camping right near the rodeo grounds. Camping with Elks is full of food and friendship. The rodeo opens in the evening, as the day cools into the night. Pro-tip: get the Chalet pass! This gets you shaded viewing of the rodeos, open bar and lots of food. It's a bit away from the rodeo but it was nice being out of the dust plus the Chalet has a couple of screens for close ups. There is a Rodeo parade on Saturday plus a huge buffet breakfast of rolls, fruit, breakfast burritos, drinks, and more.

Not to be missed, visit the Santa Maria Lodge ... It's huge! On Friday nights, you can cook your own steak on their famous barbeque grill; it's in a massive separate building just for barbecuing and there's another big section stacked to the ceiling with firewood. Pro-tip: ask one of the Santa Maria Officers to give you a tour of the Lodge. You'll be awed when you see their Lodge room. Here's an interesting note, no hats allowed in their Lodge room, not even for a tour visit.

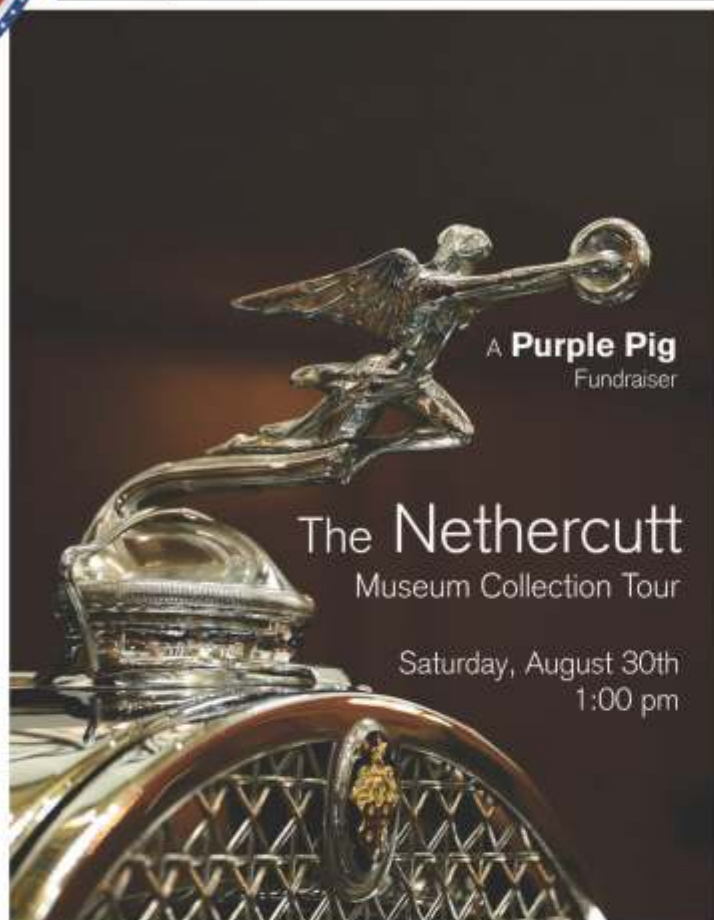
Then, of course, there's the rodeo! Lots of bucking broncs, and bulls, roping for cowboys and cowgirls, trick riding, trick roping, kids events, and so much more! Grab your cowboy hat and I'll look for you there next year!



AVP Anthony Roman and First Lady Naomi







The **Nethercutt Museum** is an automobile museum with an extensive collection of over 250 American and European perfectly restored automobiles, valued at more than 100 million dollars, along with a vast array of rare mechanical musical instruments and precious antique furniture. The Nethercutt collection is considered as one of the greatest car collections in the world.

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is located at:
15151 Bledsoe Street
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Join us afterward at the Lodge for a little something to eat and talk about the fabulous Nethercutt Collection.



Emblem Club 459

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

God Bless America, Land that I Love, Stand Beside Her ... I just can't sing it without tearing up and getting a big lump in my throat. As heard on TV, "Love the land you live in." I guess I stand among you who feel the same way.

Well now for the commercial ... I hope you have helped fill the wagon in the Lodge brimming full of treats and gadgets worthy of entering the July 4th, Emblem Club raffle. I've sneaked a peak and I would do my happy dance if my ticket is drawn.

Emblem Club served dinner on June 13th and Father's Day breakfast, the following Sunday. If you went away hungry, you just weren't paying close enough attention. We should weigh our guests when they come in and again when they leave and charge them by the pound!

DRUG AWARENESS: I hopscotched (yeah, sure) over to NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency) to bring them their gifts of coffee, treats (Biscotti's) and our usual card of caring and encouragement. They have just finished painting and doing some remodeling so they took me around their building. They were most proud of our Emblem Hall of Fame. On a bulletin board were some of our Nugget articles and cards we've been enclosing in their bag of treats. This makes me so proud and thankful to us and likewise extremely proud of those who are counseling and encouraging their clients, families and for those who are working at recovery. Having my own family member who is living in this abyss but is not ready to seek help, gives me empathy for them, and hope for better days ahead.

SAVE THE DATE:

July 7: Business meeting, y'all come now ya hear?

July 21: Visitation by our own State President, Luann Burrows. Luann and her entourage will be treated to a fine meal as only can be prepared by our Emblem Club.

On this evening as well, we will meet, and greet, our four fine scholarship recipients.

July 26: CRABFEST!! As of this writing, we are nearly completely sold out. Stacy McKenna has bragging rights here. She tells me this fundraiser is what makes these scholarships a possibility. Selfishly, this is my favorite evening of fun when I, along with Diane McKenna, get to be Butter (W)itches!

August 18: Emblem Birthday Party. If my memory

serves me right, I do believe it is number 55. Isn't that what they call the "Double Nickles"? (Sounds like a saloon to me)

September 27: We will have the Witches Brew ... more information to be announced.



*If we could look into each other's hearts
and understand the unique challenges each of us faces,
I think we would treat each other much more gently,
with more love, patience, tolerance and care.*

Images of or Fathers's Day Breakfast



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Save the Date for the Car Show • September 13

Santa Clarita Elks Lodge

Car & Bike Show



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Car & Bike Show Check-in: 8:00 to 9:00 am • Boutique Vendor Check-in: 7:30 to 8:30 am

Judged Show • Trophies • Door Prizes, including Car Wax Buckets • Held on paved parking lot • Proceeds go to Charity

Live Band:

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Emblem Club 459

Bake Sale

8 am - Pastries & Coffee



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Santa Clarita Elks Lodge

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OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Sal Alaimo



Keith Cochran



Antonio Cunado



John Nelson



Richard "Zip" Zbinden

Current Membership Information

Number of Members on April 1, 2024 827

Increases

New Initiated Members	24
New Affiliated Members (Transferred In)	0
Reinstated Members	0
Subtotal	19

Decreases

Dropped	2
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths: (Since April 1st)	3
Subtotal	7

Membership Total

Current Calculated Membership Total	844
Average Age	66.42
Gain/Loss	16

Delinquency

Members Delinquent in Registration	125
Lapsation Rate	15.11%

Applications on Hand

Total Applications in Process	21
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Life Members

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

Proposed For Membership

Anthony Barker • Trucker
 Patrick Burrows • Field Service Worker
 Richi Escobedo • Retired
 James Pobanz • Commercial Real Estate
 Orin Pettusi • Community Assistant
 Paul Caballero • Retired
 Brandon Taylor • Teacher
 Diane McKenna Calwick • Retired
 Jason Schreiner • Captain, LA County Sheriffs Dept

Jay Larkins
 Gaylene Capodici
 George Aguilar
 George Brodt
 Terroe Abdi
 Dave Sherman
 Rex Taylor
 Beverly Freeman
 Larry Gregg

Exalted Ruler Mike Brandriff
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July is packed full of events. Please come join us for these great events. We will be handing out American flags as we follow our float in the Santa Clarita 4th of July Parade in Newhall. After the parade, we will follow it up with a potluck BBQ in the afternoon at the Lodge. On July 12th, we are having a Jeweling dinner and ceremony for John Rivetti. He has agreed to be our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for a second term. Thank you John! Lastly, we have our Crabfest scheduled on July 26. Our Emblem Club ladies do a fantastic job putting this event together and I'm sure this will again be a great time.

See you at the Lodge!



A Message from your Loyal Knight
 Danise Davis
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bales by inserting hundreds and hundreds of little flags in the straw. The morning of the parade, scouts and Elks hand them out to folks lined on the parade route. Each subsequent entry is greeted with people waving flags along the way!

That afternoon we have our annual potluck and the BBQ Team provides tri-tip, chicken, and often ribs too.

Mark you calendars now so you don't miss these wonderful events in years to come!

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A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
Douglas A. Scheifer, GER • Bucyrus, Ohio Lodge 156



**Elks Showed Heart,
Made 2024-25
a Special Year**

Happy Independence Day, the Fourth of July. We live in the greatest country on the face of the earth. We, as proud Elks, want to uphold the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in order to honor our great nation.

This is the perfect time for me to reflect on this amazing year of travel to meet all of you. We could never in our wildest dreams have thought that we would have this great honor. We want to thank each and every one of you for your love, hospitality, and support in fulfilling our year as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady.

It was easy to stay enthused by visiting each unique Association Convention. But there truly was a common bond in all of our visits: Heart.

Everyone has to serve others to show what the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are truly about. You are the reason we are 800,000 Members strong. You are the reason that we have more than 1,800 successful Lodges. You are the reason that we are the greatest charitable organization in the United States of America. We are strong, mighty, and blessed to be citizens in our great country, and I want to express my gratitude for your service to others.

We would like to thank our family. We truly missed them during our travels, but they were always gracious and encouraging when we missed special events. We are so thankful for having such a loving family.

God bless our family, the Elks, and God bless the United States of America. I believe that my motto, "Elkdom's Heart for America" will live on for many years to come. Remember we are 157 years young!



Trustee Corner ...

Happy July to everyone,

Summer is here! The trustees have been busy and are happy to be a source for you if any trouble comes up with the Lodge. Here are a few things we have done this past month.

We will be looking at how to make a change to our trash bins outside the Lodge by our entrance. If you look at the area they are kept, you will see a broken wood box that is supposed to protect the electrical power box. When the trash company come and collect our trash, the bins are dropped into the area and there is not enough space between where the bin sits and the box. We need to figure out how to configure the bins and build a more stable box to protect the electrical power.

We were contacted by our friendly neighbors to the north that own the tin shop. We have some trees on the property line that have grown and the roots are causing them problems with their concrete. They are willing to pay for them to be removed at his cost. He was very generous and has been a great neighbor to us.

Western International Security's was bought out by LPL Financial. We had two CD's that had matured at their bank. Both CD's had matured and were withdrawn from Western International. The board approved the CD's to be removed and moved to Chase Bank to allow them to grow.

I want to thank Charlie Handy for creating Parking passes for the contractors who park their cars in our lot. They have been issued and this will make it easier to identify who is parking in our parking lot.

On a final note our back yard patio is used by several people that smoke. If we can ask that you please clean up and empty your ashtrays before you leave. There is nothing worse than having to clean up cigarettes and cigars when you are not a smoker. Thank you in advance for respecting our members.

Scott Bickle, Chairman of the Trustees



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Keith Glenn • August 1931 - April 2025

Roberta Monroe • October 1948 - June 2025



Sickness and Distress

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



Shelly Tomson's husband, Robert "Bobby" Fulbright has
passed away.

Lynn Wagstrom's husband Bob passed away

Leading Knight Jim McKenna has scheduled hip surgery
in September.

Todd Anderson's mother passed away.

Marilyn Buck fell at home, causing a compound fracture.

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

Kamper Klub Trips Planned



June • Boulder Creek, Lone Pine

July • Lompoc Elks Lodge

August • Oceano Elks Lodge

September • June Lake

October • Kernville, Camp James

December • Lodge Christmas Party

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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	2 There will be no Lodge Meeting, the Lodge Officers are attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City.	 3 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	 4 4th of July Parade & 1pm Potluck Barbeque	5 Lodge Clean-up Red Shirt Saturday  DO - Bickle

Grand Lodge Convention - Kansas City, MO - June 29 - July 2

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 6 9-11 Breakfast NO BINGO 3 pm Cornhole Team: Golf/Edwards	 7 <i>Emblem Club</i> 6:30 Business Mtg.	 8 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 9 Lodge Balloting Mtg	 10 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	 11 Country Dancin' with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	12 1:00 pm Veterans Mtg John Rivetti DD Jeweling DO - Forsberg

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 13 9-11 Breakfast 10:30 PER Mtg 12:00 KK Mtg 12:30 Bingo	 14 We've got GREAT Hot Dogs!	 15 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 16 Trustee Mtg Governing Body Mtg	 17 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	 18 Karaoke 7:00 pm with Sonny Friday Night Dinner Team: Anderson	 19 Kamper Klub Weekend Lompoc Lodge DO - Anderson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 20 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo 3 pm Cornhole	 21 <i>Emblem Club</i> 6:30 Social Mtg	 22 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday Red Cross Blood Drive	 23 Lodge Initiation Mtg	 24 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	 25 Country Dancin' with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Team: Rivetti	 26 Emblem Crabfest ALL YOU CAN EAT! DO - McKenna

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	California-Hawaii Elks Major Project	
 27 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo Knights Mtg - Santa Clarita 3 pm Cornhole	 28 We've got GREAT DOGS.	 29 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	 30 Governing Body Mtg	 31 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	 We support children with disabilities by giving a coin a day so they can Walk, Talk, See & Play!	

SATURDAY JULY 26



SOLD OUT

5:00 pm Cocktails • 6:00 pm Crab Served

Emblem Crabfest

August 2025



Monday Night Football will start in September. The MNF Season Fundraiser Weekly Picks will be for sale starting the first week of August. Brad Coukos will be coordinating the fundraiser. Please contact Brad Coukos if you would like to cook one Monday Night. Volunteer cook sign ups will start in August.

Any questions? Please contact Judy Reeher • (661) 803-5839

FRIDAY



Friday Night Dinner
Team: Kamper Klub

SATURDAY



Red Shirts
Lodge
Clean-up
McKenna Rental
DO - Brandriff

SUNDAY



9-11 Breakfast
10:30 PER Mtg
12:00 KK Mtg
12:30 Bingo
3:30 Cornhole

MONDAY



Emblem Club
6:30 Business Mtg.

TUESDAY



5:30 Taco Tuesday
Cigar Night

WEDNESDAY



Lodge Balloting Mtg

THURSDAY



Cigar Night
6:30 Shuffleboard

FRIDAY



Friday Night Dinner
Team: McKenna

SATURDAY



1pm Veteran Mtg
DO - Banks

SUNDAY



9-11 Breakfast
12:30 Bingo
3:30 Cornhole

MONDAY



Hot Dog & Beer Specials

TUESDAY



5:30 Taco Tuesday
Cigar Night

WEDNESDAY



Governing Body Mtg
6 pm - Trustee Mtg

THURSDAY



Cigar Night
6:30 Shuffleboard

FRIDAY



Friday Night Dinner
Team: Handy

SATURDAY



Hot Dog
& Beer Specials
DO - Handy

SUNDAY



9-11 Breakfast
12:30 Bingo
3:30 Cornhole

MONDAY



Bengals at
Commanders
Emblem Club
6:30 Social Mtg.

TUESDAY



5:30 pm
Taco Tuesday
Cigar Night

WEDNESDAY



Lodge Initiation Mtg

THURSDAY



Cigar Night
6:30 Shuffleboard

FRIDAY



Friday Night Dinner
Team: Veiga Posse

SATURDAY



DD Clinic 10 AM
Welcome Wagon
DO - Cleary

SUNDAY



Knights Mtg - San
Fernando
9-11 Breakfast
12:30 Bingo
3:30 Cornhole

MONDAY



We've got great
Hot Dog's

TUESDAY



5:30 Taco Tuesday
Cigar Night

WEDNESDAY



Governing Body Mtg

THURSDAY



Cigar Night
6:30 Shuffleboard

FRIDAY



Friday Night Dinner
Team: Veterans

SATURDAY



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DO - J Fisher

SUNDAY



9-11 Breakfast
12:30 Bingo
3:30 Cornhole

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July 26th

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