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LOUNGE HOURS		OFFICE HOURS	PAST EXALTED RULERS
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
Friday	12:00 pm - 11:00 pm		1968/69 Richard Snow
Saturday	12:00 pm - 10:00 pm		1969/70 Jack Belding
Sunday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm		1970/71 Robert Horstman
			1971/72 Eugene Kronnick

MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS		PAST EXALTED RULERS
Lodge Meeting	June 3 and 17 • 7:00 pm	1972/73 William Armstrong
Governing Body	June 10 • 7:00 pm	1973/74 Robert Horstman
Trustee Meeting	June 10 • 6:00 pm	1974/75 Robert Wells
Knights Meeting	June 28 • Canoga Park • 10:30 am	1975/76 Donald Jennings
P.E.R. Meeting	June 7 • 10:30 am	1976/77 Eugene Little
Roving Elks Kamper Klub	June 20 • noon	1977/78 Hugh Gregory
The Emblem Club	June 1 and 15 • 6:30 pm	1978/79 Sherman Lowe, PSVP
		1979/80 James Dunn
		1980/81 Bud Riller
		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
		1991/92 George Aguilar Sr.
		1992/93 F.E. (Gib) Gilchrist
		1993/94 George Aguilar Sr.
		1994/95 Ronald Douglass
		1995/96 Charles Halterman
		1996/97 James Haggerty
		1997/98 Jim Delaney
		1998/99 Jay Larkins, PAP
		1999/00 Jay Larkins, PAP
		2000/01 Jeffery L. Brown, PAP
		2001/02 Floyd "Skip" Henke, PAP, DL
		2002/03 Harry Pennington
		2003/04 Larry Lousberg, PDDGER
		2004/05 Ray Broussard, PDDGER
		2005/06 Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
		2006/07 David Arnette, II
		2007/08 Frank Webster
		2008/09 Ken Song
		2009/10 Don Dewhurst
		2010/11 James Johnson
		2011/12 Sam Moore
		2012/13 Gail Dewhurst
		2013/14 Rick Dalton
		2014/15 George Aguilar Jr.
		2015/16 Cheryl Laymon
		2016/17 Tom Schmidt
		2017/18 Julie Whitman
		2018/19 Richard Casabon
		2019/20 Billie Jo Olson, PAP
		2020/21 Ted Olsen, CHEA Editor
		2021/22 John Rivetti, PDDGER
		2022/23 Billie Jo Olson, PAP
		2023/24 Tina Jackson
		2024/25 Maurice Hamilton
		2025/26 Roger Lowe

LODGE OFFICERS		PAST EXALTED RULERS
Exalted Ruler	James McKenna Stacy	2026/27 Mike Brandriff
Leading Knight	Danise Davis	2027/28 Gary Keener
Loyal Knight	Scott Bickle Clarita	2028/29 Rick Veiga
Lecturing Knight	Larry Finley Dee	2029/30 Steve Graham
Secretary	Ray Broussard Karen	2030/31 Mike Fisher
Treasurer	Judy Delaney Dan	2031/32 Glenn Daniel
Esquire	Jeannette Fisher Mike	2032/33 Wayne Edwards
Tiler	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER Simone	2033/34 Mike Brandriff
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 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:	\$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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A Message to the Members from Exalted Ruler James McKenna



To the Members of Santa Clarita Lodge #2379 and the Great Metropolitan District,

It is my honor as Exalted Ruler to announce that the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 Ritual Team has earned First Place in the 2026 California-Hawaii Elks Association Ritual Competition, securing the title of 2026 Ritual Team State Champions, for last Two years. This distinguished accomplishment

reflects the dedication, discipline, and unity of our officers and the proud traditions of Elksdom.

In addition to this historic victory, I am proud to share that Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 has been awarded its FIRST All-American Lodge Award for our division. This recognition represents excellence across all areas of lodge operations, including membership, charity, community engagement, ritual performance, and leadership. Thank you Linda Edwards, for the hard work to assemble all the paperwork, and every Volunteer and Committee Chair who put in the work to achieve this wonderful award.

This year, our lodge also achieved a remarkable charitable milestone: Donating \$58,288.79 to the CHEA Purple Pig program. A new record for this Lodge. This contribution reflects the generosity and commitment of our members and the tremendous support of our Bingo program and a lot of Hours dedicated by Purple Princess Debbie Hager, who has done another amazing job this year. To our members and to Bingo—thank you. Your dedication makes a real difference in the lives of children throughout California and Hawaii.

2026 RITUAL TEAM – CHEA CHAMPIONS BACK TO BACK!!

This Years Team:

Exalted Ruler: James McKenna, Leading Knight: Danise Davis – All State Award, Loyal Knight: Scott Bickle – All State Award Lecturing Knight: Larry Finley, Esquire: Jeannette Fisher Chaplain: Rob Forsberg – All State Award Inner Guard: Jay Larkins, P.A.S.P., Tiler: Kelvin Swanson, D.D.G.E.R. Candidate: Michael Fisher, P.E.R.

Coaches: Jay Larkins, P.A.S.P. - State Award Recipient, Kelvin Swanson, D.D.G.E.R., Wayne Edwards, A.V.P., Maurice Hamilton, P.E.R. Roger Lowe, P.E.R. and Assistants: Mike Brandriff, P.E.R. And Glenn Daniel, P.E.R.

Special Thanks goes to our spouses and friends, for listening to us repeat our parts, trust me they could probably do our parts by now! Greg McCormick and Ilia Banks for their support and getting us to the Contest, so we could accomplish this Fantastic Feat.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	Ed Alvarez
Americanism	Linda Edwards, Donna Schmidt
Auditing & Accounting	Steve Graham, PER
Backyard / RV Rental Area	Ed Alvarez
Backyard Camp Hosts	Dave & Marilyn Shearman
Barbecue 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	Debbie Hager
Drug Awareness	Steve Graham, PER
Elks National Foundation	Michael Fisher, PER
Purple Pig Silent Auction	Ginger Larkins
Flag Day	
Get Well / Visitation	Wayne Edwards, PER
Government Relations	Danise Davis
Halloween	Brad Coukos
Historical	Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot	James McKenna, ER
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 Reher
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, DDDGER, Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER, Roger Lowe, PER, Wayne Edwards, PER
Scholarship	Ray Broussard, PDDGER
Social Media	Ilia Piedra
Super Bowl	TBA
Veterans	Jeannette Fisher
Webmaster	Michael Angulo
Welcome Wagon Orientation	Michelle Hundt, Nikki Bright, Mike Fisher, PER
Youth Activities	Nikki Bright, Michelle Hundt

Fill your banks up & bring 'em in!



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

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project "The Purple Pig"

Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2025/2026:	\$58,288.79
A 2025/2026 per capita donation year to date is:	\$70.48
Our Lodge Donation Totals to Date in 2026/2027:	\$0
2026/2027 total per capita donation for the year was:	\$0
(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

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A Message from the Leading Knight Danise Davis



June is the start of Summer which for many means traveling. My tidbit for newer members this month is to point out to the fun of visiting other Elks Lodges. You will discover that visiting other lodges is fun, interesting, and likely you will form new friendships. It's uncanny how friendly they are, curious to hear where you're from,

and news what we're doing at our lodge.

You will discover there are many things we all share in common and similar goals. Elks wired to help others especially Veterans and children. Some programs are shared per Grand Lodge like Americanism and Hoopshoot. Sometimes you can learn about some activity that might be fun to bring the info home. BPOE has two meanings Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Best People on Earth.

Another thing that's fun while exploring other lodges is how different some facilities are. Some are simply storefronts in a strip mall and some are quite elaborate buildings and properties. You may find bowling alleys, gyms, nature preserves, billiard halls, multilevel banquet facilities, golf courses, pools, and most have some level of RV accommodations. Staying at one of the RV areas at a lodge makes it easy to join them for meals, events, meetings, or just a friendly beverage. If you own an RV, ask about our Kamper Klub!

You don't have to travel far either. I visited a lodge in Newport that is right in the harbor, surrounded by boats. By the coast in Oceano, it's just a few blocks from the beach where you can drive on the beach, or the huge fabulous lodge in Santa Maria which is known for the annual Elks' Rodeo the end of May and their famous BBQs. In Kerrville TX they have country band and dancing on Wednesdays. And so many more.

For the next outing you plan, whether it's a day trip, a weekend or longer, the first thing to pack is your Elks Membership card. Most Elks lodges have a Greeter by the door who upon entering will ask to see your membership card. You may or may not recall during your initiation you were told to always carry yours, plus without it you cannot visit another lodge.

See you soon, either in our lodge, or another one. Have a great Summer!
Join the conversation...



A Message from your Loyal Knight Scott Bickle



Hello my fellow Elks

This past couple of months have been busy with your ritual team studying and memorizing their parts for the Ritual Competitions. As you all know by now we took first place in District and went on to the State Ritual competition in Palm Springs. The

competition was extremely tight with some great competitors who strived to beat us. Your team pulled it together and put on a phenomenal performance and proudly represented our lodge with a win that will take us to Chicago for the National Ritual Competition. We will start practicing again next week to prepare for a difficult fight to bring the National Trophy home!

I want to take some time to thank Jay Larkins and Wayne Edwards for spending hours upon hours with the team during the regular practice, then to meet us individually to help us learn and fine tune our words, thought units, deportment and help us put it all together. It takes a village to make it all work and I want to thank Mike Brandriff for his guidance and advice, Moe for the words of encouragement and Porto's pastries, Kelvin and Roger for the fine tuning. We have great mentors that have lead us this far and will continue to fine tune the team. I can't leave out the Man upstairs that has been with us every step of the way. I have prayed at every step for him to help guide us, give us courage, strength and left it in his hands during each competition. God answered my prayers!

I want to thank everyone who came to the Welcome home celebration and brought the awesome food and desserts. It was very heartfelt and we are all very proud to represent our Lodge.

To conclude, I would be negligent not to thank my Wife Clarita and my Daughter and Granddaughter for taking time out of their day to listen to me practice, telling me what I missed and what I actually did well. I love you all.

Respectfully,
Scott Bickle
Loyal Knight



California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project



All it takes is ...
A coin a day so they
can walk, talk, see and play!



A Message from the Lecturing Knight Larry Finley



Hello Bill,

"This Is Brotherly Love" came to be the Motto of my station as the Esteemed Lecturing Knight. It also became forgotten words during the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Ritual competition that I may never live down. (Thank you Jay Larkins)! Positive

note: I remembered those important words, during the Final Four competition, when it counted and assisted the BPOE Lodge 2379 Ritual Team in establishing the title of "Back-to-Back State Champions." What an honor to be a part of this Ritual Team and to enjoy our success with Elkdom. I thank all the coaches: Jay, Moe, Kelvin, Roger and Wayne for their time and patience in training the team to succeed. I thank my wife, Dee, for supporting me and the team throughout this competition. If this doesn't make you want to be a part of this successful Officer Team, I don't know what will. Now is the time to study for your future position.

I'm not sure if anybody noticed that Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, & Esteemed Lecturing Knight carry the Initials of E L K. Was this intentional? If you know, please share. I thought this was the coolest thing being a true ELK Officer. I will need to conduct more research.

We are still in need of more volunteers across the many committees. If you're interested in a particular program, please seek the Committee chair or a Lodge Officer and get yourself started. The gift of giving is always welcomed and it feels pretty darn good afterwards. As the Bingo Co Manager, we are always in need of Callers, Callbacks, Cleanup, Setup and Sales. Inquire within.

I am looking forward to meeting more Elk Members throughout our Lodge at Initiations, Governing Body Meetings as well as our District Lodges and through Knights Meetings. The support from our families, friends and Elkdom is Nationwide and I appreciate the position I am in. Continue to build our numbers, whether it's membership, Purple Pig donations or Elks National Foundation. I challenge all Elks to find their place in Elkdom, other than being a DMO. I pray and wish you all wellness.

"This is Brotherly Love"



We must learn to live together as brothers
or perish together as fools.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr

June Birthdays

- | | |
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| 1 Robert Crosby
Kenneth Euken | 19 Kim G. Laney |
| 2 Buddy Byars
Erik Lindgreen | 20 Jeff Eisenberg
Rich Escobedo
Catherine McCarthy
Michael Thompson |
| 3 Ilia Banks
David N. Barrett
Peter Bernal
David Nicholson
Roy Shaneyfelt
Simone Swanson | 21 Manuel Alfaro
Stephen V. Belgau
Hollis Dyer |
| 4 Bruce Borell
Steven Hager
Sharon Lindquist
Tim Sgrignoli | 22 William Bogner
David Mendoza
Jim Schrage |
| 5 Ellen Baker
Michael S. Powanda
Blaine Talmo | 23 John Roland McKee |
| 6 Nate Armstrong
Steve A. Katz
Ross E. Pool | 24 Erin Anderson |
| 7 Jeannette Fisher
Phillip Peterson | 25 Charles Felan |
| 8 James Abernethy
Benjamin Gonzalez
Barbara Wilson | 26 Steven William Medellin
Arthur Muro |
| 10 Frank R. Florez
Cliff C. Smith | 27 Jeff Brown
Mikhaila Schumow |
| 11 Pauline Harte | 29 Wendy Albright
Leonard Schaustal |
| 13 Rick Bowen
Ted Wayman | 30 Clifford Busick |
| 14 Dianne Williams | |
| 15 Dean Miller | |
| 16 Mike Berger
Danny Cangemi
Richard Freyre
Stephen Low | |
| 17 Thomas E. Emery | |
| 18 Donald Dewhurst | |



The California-Hawaii Elks Association 2026 Ritual Champions!



Your Santa Clarita Lodge Officers performed the Initiatory Ritual in the District and State Competitions in May. The District competition, held at the San Fernando Lodge on Saturday May 2nd, saw our officers take 1 st Place at Exalted Ruler James McKenna, Esteemed Leading Knight Danise Davis, Esteemed Loyal Knight Scott Bickle, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Larry Finley, Lodge Esquire Jeanette Fisher, Lodge Chaplain Rob Forsberg, Lodge Inner Guard Ilia Banks, a last minute substitute due to the hospitalization of our Inner Guard Greg McCormick's mother, and Candidate Michael Fisher, PER. The Coaches also received the First Place Coaches Award – Jay Larkins, PAP, Wayne Edwards, PER, Kelvin Swanson, PDDGER and our Tiler, and Roger Lowe, PER. The team scored a very impressive 96.6171 to take FIRST PLACE representing the Great Metropolitan District at the CHEA Convention in Palm Springs.

Exalted Ruler James McKenna Won the "Patch Award" for the Highest Impressiveness Score for an Exalted Ruler scoring 44.6700.

Esteemed Leading Knight Danise Davis Won 1 st Place in the Exalted Ruler's/PER's District 11 O'clock Toast Contest and the Esteemed Leading Knights 11 O'clock Toast Contest. Danise received the Highest Individual Score and the R.S. Trophy with an individual score of 95.7120.

Then the Great Metropolitan District Winning Ritual Team began preparing for the California-Hawaii Elks Association Annual Convention in Palm Springs. In the preliminary competition, the team won 1 st Place in the Duitsman Division with a team score of 97.5991 advancing the team to the Final Four Competition. This score led to ALL-STATE Officer and Coaches Awards for Esteemed Leading Knight Danise Davis, Esteemed Loyal Knight Scott Bickle, Lodge Chaplain Rob Forsberg, and Coaches Jay Larkins, Wayne Edwards, Kelvin Swanson and Roger Lowe.

The Santa Clarita Lodge Team was OUTSTANDING in the Final Four performance and Won the Championship with a score of 97.6974. It was a .364 difference between First Place and Second Place team Redlands Lodge. When the winning team was announced as Santa Clarita, the entire team, and Metropolitan District members present, erupted in applause and tears.

On behalf of the Coaches, Officers, and their families, THANK YOU for your support! The Initiatory Ritual is a pillar of the B.P.O.E. It is performed with pride and impressiveness by the Officers that the members of our Lodge elect annually. ALL of the New Members Initiated each year are impressed with the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge 2379 as soon as they raise their right hand to become a New member. This Officer Team exhibits

the commitment to an Impressive Initiation on Night One to the New Member. Please extend a hand, a pat on the back and a kind word every time you see a Lodge Officer or Committee Chairman. ALL of these Members have made a commitment, of their time, energy and money, to represent each of us far beyond the walls of Santa Clarita Elks Lodge 2379.

The CHEA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM is now preparing for the Grand Lodge Competition in Chicago, IL July 4th.

We will be holding several fundraisers to COMPLETELY cover the cost of the trip so that the Lodge does not use any Lodge Funds to send the team to Chicago.

If you want to donate, please contact the Lodge Office, Zelle to – Office@scelks2379.org, check, cash or credit card.
Thank you ALL. WE BELIEVE!



The California-Hawaii Elks Association 2026 Ritual Champions!



Santa Clarita All State Ritual Winners:
Danise Davis, Scott Bickle, Rob Forsberg, Jay Larkins



Waiting to hear...



Ritual Team after their final four performance with DD John Rivetti, PSP Skip Henke, AVP Wayne Edwards, and DD Designate Ray Broussard



Wayne Edwards
California-Hawaii Elks Association
"Great" Metropolitan District
Association Vice President

Wayne Edwards Jr, born March 7, 1964, in North Hills, San Fernando Valley, is the eldest of three siblings. He attended Village Christian Schools, excelling in football, basketball, and baseball.

Summers were spent working construction, where he developed a strong work ethic and leadership skills under his father's guidance. After high school, Wayne studied Business Administration at Azusa Pacific University, where he met and later married, the love of his life, Linda Kading. They have been married since 1987, they have three sons, Michael (90), Matthew (94), and Luke (97)—and two daughters-in-law, Nicole (Michael) and Allison (Matthew).

Wayne paused college after his junior year when he was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in 1985. He debuted in Major League Baseball on September 11, 1989, playing for over eleven seasons, 3 years in the MLB. After playing overseas and doing some online studies to finish his degree, he earned his BA in Business Administration in 2002.

Wayne has always placed great importance on spending time with family and friends throughout his life. He has been actively involved in coaching both basketball and baseball for each of his sons at various levels. For 11 years, he served as President of the High School Basketball Booster Club, simultaneously taking on the role of assistant basketball coach for a decade. When his sons continued their athletic journeys into collegiate basketball, Wayne also transitioned to coaching college baseball at Caltech.

Wayne and Linda enjoy a range of activities during their free time, such as camping, visiting their kids, golfing with the One Under Elks Golf Club, participating in charity events, and spending time with friends whenever possible. Wayne also unwinds by playing the drums and guitar.

One of his proudest achievements is being inducted into his college Hall of Fame in 2007—a recognition made even more meaningful by his gratitude for the coach who gave him a chance as a "walkon" pitcher.

Wayne's career has spanned a variety of roles, including positions in construction, studio truck driving, and private investigation. Motivated by the events of September 11, 2001, he joined the Los Angeles Police Department, graduating six months later as a thirtyseven-year-old recruit. Wayne served over 21 years as a police officer, receiving several commendations, volunteering with task forces, and being awarded the department's Meritorious Unit Citation—the highest honor for a police unit. He later became a training officer and department armorer before retiring in August 2022.



In 2005, while attending a Canyon High Event being held at the local Elks Lodge, he met Jim McKenna and Kelvin Swanson. As he recalls, three questions later, he was asked for \$10, he was soon initiated into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks—a journey he values highly. Inspired by his grandfather, a Mason, and a Worshipful Master and his father who was also a Mason, he learned early the importance of volunteering. His father also kept him busy with church, sports, music, and service, leaving Wayne little time for getting in trouble.

Wayne was Trustee in 2020, became a Jolly Cork in 2022, and Officer of the Year and Leading Knight in 2023. In 2024, he served as Exalted Ruler and the Knights Association President. In 2025, he was Public Relations Chair for the Metropolitan District and Esquire to District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler John Rivetti.

Wayne has actively participated in Ritual Contests, including as a member of the CHEA 2023 Championship Team and the CHEA Champion in the 2024 11 O'clock Toast contest. He was Toast National Runner-Up at the Grand Lodge event and is a two-time Past Grand Exalted Ruler Gerald Strohm Award recipient. In 2025, he served as one of the All-American Ritual Coaches for the Western Division Champions at Grand Lodge.

Wayne and Linda are grateful to serve the Metropolitan District, which is very meaningful to them. They look forward to supporting California Hawaii Elks Association President Lynn Glick and her vision of the ABC's—Actions Build Communities. As Lynn says, "Even small acts of kindness can reach and affect many people."



BIOGRAPHY OF LYNN GLICK
CHEA President
Bay District, Alameda Lodge 1015

Lynn Glick was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the daughter of an Elk. Some of her fondest childhood memories are of attending Elk family picnics, enjoying the games, companionship, and food provided by the Sioux Falls Elks Lodge, where her father Rex was a member for more than 25 years. Her first fraternal association was with Job's Daughters where she went through the chairs and became Honored Queen.

Lynn graduated from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts in a special major focused on linguistics. She attended University of Hawaii, Manoa and received a Master's degree in teaching English as a Second Language. She then returned to Sonoma State to complete her teaching credential program.

Lynn worked for the Oakland Unified School District for 36 years, as a classroom teacher, Teacher on Special Assignment in the Office of Bilingual Education and Reading Coach. She also served on several areas and statewide education committees and projects and presented at national education conventions.

Lynn and her husband, Jeff, have been married for 33 years. Jeff works in private practice as an appellate attorney and has served as Exalted Ruler of the Alameda Lodge. They have one daughter, Elissa, who graduated from American University, and resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Lynn was initiated into Alameda Lodge No. 1015 in 1997. She has served on several Lodge committees including House, Budget, Membership, as chair of the Lodge Public Relations Committee, and as a member of the Hall Association Board of Directors. She served as Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, and finally as Exalted Ruler in 2001-02. Lynn served for 6 years as a Lodge Trustee, including 1 year as Chair. She has served as District Chair of the Indoctrination, Elks Training, Ritual Contest, and BLT Legacy Giving



CHEA ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LYNN

Indoctrination, Elks Training, Ritual Contest, and BLT Legacy Giving Committees, and is also a qualified ritual floor judge. She served as Association Vice President in 2008-09, as DDGER in 2011-12, and is currently the district leader for the Bay District.

Lynn has served as a member of the CHEA Board of Trustees, the CHEMPI Board of Trustees, serving one year as Board Secretary, and as Vice Chair and Chair of the CHEA Bequests and Living Trusts Committee, and Vice Chair of the CHEA Meetings Committee.



Elks Sponsor Canyon Country Little League

Submitted by Linda Edwards



The Santa Clarita Elks Lodge #2379 was proud to donate to and sponsor a Canyon Country Little League team in the Challenge Division, an adaptive baseball program that gives children and teens with physical and intellectual challenges the chance to experience the joy of America's favorite pastime. Serving players ages 4 to 15, the Challenge Division creates an encouraging, inclusive environment where every athlete can participate, grow, and celebrate their abilities. Our lodge's support helps ensure these young players have the equipment, uniforms, and resources they need to take the field with confidence—and reminds them that their community is cheering them on every step of the way.



Elks National Youth Week Recognizes the Young Marines

Submitted by Nikki Bright



As part of Elks National Youth Week in May (1-7) our lodge spotlights community youth organizations which go above and beyond in their service to our community. Within this organization the leaders are asked to identify two youths who embody the spirit and heart of volunteerism and service. This year's chosen organization is the Santa Clarita Young Marines.

Chosen for their presence and service to our lodge, they are always willing to come out and show up for serving detail, flag ceremonies and anything else that is asked of them. Leaders Tim Stratton and Cathy Hagopian had no problem deciding who would be honored this year.

Michelle and I were invited to join the young marines out in Castaic during a camp out where they were running navigation and mapping exercises to deliver the awards. We were both impressed with the discipline and manners exhibited by all the youths in the unit, which includes ages 8-18. It was our absolute pleasure to award certificates and \$100 awards to both Cpl Milena V. Garcia and SSgt Jameson D. Kehoe. They exhibit not only a commitment of duty to their unit, but where duty ends, they continue on with a heart of service to others.



Memorial Day Weekend with the Scouts at Eternal Valley Flags and Hot Dogs



The Winners for our Drug Awareness Program!



Emblem Club 459

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

Words of Kindness can Heal an Aching Heart

Well my dear Emblem Sisters and all who gather here, we did not have a board meeting this month, (that's where all the juicy stuff happens), so I will make this short and sweet.

As you no doubt are already aware, we are a superb charitable organization. You know all the scurrying around we do planning, decorating, cooking, serving, cleaning up (yes, that too)? All those back breaking yet fun events we have are for a good cause. Save for \$1,000.00 in seed money we keep for start up of our following fiscal year, reserving funds for scholarships and paying our bills, every remaining cent goes to organizations in our community that support folks less fortunate than we. Volunteerism: Makes us feel good when we make others feel good. Okay, enough of my commercial.

SAVE THE DATE:

- June 1: the 4th of July Wagon will be purchased and set up in the lodge. Start collecting all kinds of goodies that will delight the hopeful person who purchases a raffle ticket and excites the winner.
What kind of goodies would you like to win if you were holding a raffle ticket?
- June 9: **CRAB TICKETS** go on sale at Taco Tuesday!
- June 11: Pie Day
- June 15: Emblem Social Meeting
- June 19: Emblem serves dinner
- June 21: Father's Day, Emblem serves breakfast, Hey! They spoiled us on Mother's Day
- July 4: Wagon full of delightful goodies Raffle
- July 11: Bunco TBA
- Aug. 17: Happy 56th Birthday SCV Emblem (Pretty in Pink proceeds to "Circle of Hope")

Scholarship Recipient Awards

Emblem State Visitation, Juanita Stromberg,
State President and her cadre'

"We rise by lifting others. ~ Robert Ingersoll

Exalted Ruler James McKenna
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Each person devoted countless hours to rehearsal and preparation. Their commitment to excellence and their respect for the principles of our Order made this victory possible. We extend special congratulations to our State Award recipients for their outstanding individual performances.

I could not be more proud of our Ritual Team. Their performance exemplifies the highest ideals of Elklodm—precision, dignity, and heartfelt delivery. They have represented Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 with honor, and their achievement stands as a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together with purpose.

To pair this CHEA State Championship, 2nd year in a row, with our lodge's FIRST All-American Lodge Award is an extraordinary moment in our history. And to top it off, our lodge donating \$58,228.79 to the CHEA Purple Pig program—an achievement made possible by the generosity of our members and the hard work of our Bingo volunteers and participants. Thank you all for helping us make a meaningful impact. I could not of been more proud to represent all of you and our Lodge at this years State Convention in Palm Springs. My heart almost burst with pride while standing on that stage.

Winning the CHEA State Championship Back to Back, earning our 1st All-American Lodge Award, and contributing over fifty-eight thousand dollars to the Purple Pig program mark major milestones for Santa Clarita Lodge 2379. These accomplishments reinforce our commitment to excellence in ritual, leadership, charity, and community service.

Lastly a very special thanks to my wife Stacy McKenna, for helping me learn and memorize my part, no matter how frustrated I got, and supporting me through it all, I know how hard it was for you not to be at the convention to see the rewards, but we all knew you were there in spirit.

As your Exalted Ruler, I extend my sincere appreciation to the officers, coaches, committees, Bingo volunteers, and members who supported these efforts. This is a proud moment for Santa Clarita Lodge No. 2379 and a reflection of the strength, unity, and dedication of our membership. To be continued ... in Chicago.

Fraternally,
James McKenna
Exalted Ruler



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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) 2
 Subtotal 6

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 Process 22

Life Members

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

Proposed For Membership

Cody Webster • Delivery Driver
 James McKenna • LA County Sheriffs
 Elyce Briones • Physical Therapist
 Adobin Schroth • Retired

Frank Webster
 James McKenna
 James McKenna
 William Whitley

Building Maintenance Corner

We have made great improvements in the front office area of the lodge. After two years of research and discussion a solution was found to install the donated ceiling fans and lights in the Ante Room.

Big shout out to Steve Crain for his time and materials. I also want to mention Bob Maycott. He came down with and we vacuumed all AC registers in the Social Quarters, and the inlet registers in the main hall. We worked together and safely completed the hardest part working safely from the tall A-frame ladder while running a shop vacuum with a bristle brush attachment.

I am always looking for willing members with skills to tackle many others task. Some projects I would like assistance with are adding a new WiFi access point in the area adjacent to the back office, and moving a camera in the northwest corner of the Main Hall. Always lots of fix and repairs needed at the Lodge.

Michael Angulo
 Building Maintenance

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
Bryan R. Klatt, GER • DeKalb, Illinois Lodge 765



Set Yourself Up For Success As Lodge Year Begins

Grand Lodge Convention coming up quickly.

This year Flag Day is on Sunday, June 14. This is an important mandatory service for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

It is also a great way to involve local Scout groups and JROTC teams. Invite veterans to attend and participate during the ceremony. As a token of the day, the Lodge could distribute lapel flag pins. Our respect and reverence of the flag is precious to us as Elks, and we need to display the flag with dignity.

Father's Day is on Sunday, June 21. My father is an Elk, and he started the legacy for me and my sons. I am proud to say that I got my dedication to service from what I saw my father do. On this day, if possible, thank the dads in your life.

Next month will be our Grand Lodge Convention! The convention will take place from Sunday, July 5, until Wednesday, July 8, in Chicago, Illinois. Are you planning on attending? We hope you are!

If you are attending, take advantage of all the wonderful seminars, meetings, and ceremonies. Visit the exhibit hall with vendor booths, and/or spend time talking with the State Major Project booths who provide information on their proposals.

Better yet, you could just meet and talk to Elks from across America and Members who are coming together to discuss and swap their best ideas to Be The Difference in promoting Elks Care—Elks Share.

It feels like last week I was installed, but this has been an amazing honor and privilege to serve you and our great Order as Grand Exalted Ruler, and Susan as your First Lady, for 2025-2026. Thank you and God bless all.

Trustee Corner ...

Greetings from your Board of Trustees!

We have been busy checking off items in need of repair or maintenance. We would like to thank the membership for approving moving forward with our application to grand lodge for the floor replacement project. A vote was taken at the May 20th lodge meeting with a 100% of attendees approving the projects next step. We will now submit our application to Grand Lodge with a maximum budget of \$60,000. Once approved by Grand Lodge, our contractors are ready to move forward and we will begin the process of removing the asbestos tile found beneath the present flooring and conducting clearance testing to assure there is no residual asbestos once the work is completed. The next step will then be the installation of the new floor in the main lodge room and ante room.

Other items being attended to include the replacement of our ATM in the lounge. The old unit has served us well for many years. However, it is no longer serviceable and started having issues. The new unit has been delivered and awaiting installation. We also are conducting some repairs in the parking lot. A small sinkhole appeared and will be repaired promptly. The air conditioning units have all been serviced in May and we are on a schedule to keep the filters replaced. Some ducting upgrades have been identified, and we are working with our Exalted Ruler Jim to get these upgraded.

I want to remind our members that the Trustees meet monthly prior to the balloting meetings to discuss a variety of business. Our next meeting will be June 10th, and open to all current members who would like to attend.

Fraternally yours
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Roberta Monroe • October 1948 - June 2025

Tom Schmidt, PER • July 1955 - July 2025

Nicholas Doty • June 1940 - August 2025

Richard Egan • January 1963 - August 2025

Mark Miller • October 1956 - November 2025

Rebecca Bravo • October 1954 - March 2026

Ron Corn • May 1939 - March 2026



Sickness and Distress

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



Nick Pavelkas father passed away.

Simone Swansons's Brother is slowly getting better.

Rob Forsbergs brother passed away.

Greg McCormick's mother is in the hospital and will be going into hospice.

Keep Beverly Freeman in our prayers.

Larry Lousberg's sister passed away.

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



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





 Chicago Illinois		WEDNESDAY  1 Lodge Balloting Mtg	THURSDAY 2 No Bingo Cigar Night 6:30 Darts	FRIDAY  3 Friday Night Dinner Team: One Under Golf	SATURDAY  4 Parade & 1pm Potluck Barbeque	
SUNDAY  5 9-11 Breakfast NO BINGO Team: Golf/Edwards	MONDAY  6 Emblem Club 6:30 Business Mtg	TUESDAY  7 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	WEDNESDAY  8 There will be no Lodge Meeting. The Lodge Officers are attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City.	THURSDAY  9 Cigar Night 6:30 Shuffleboard	FRIDAY  10 Country Dancing with Dave & Dana Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	SATURDAY 11 1:00 pm Veterans Mtg Emblem Club BUNCO DO - Forsberg
Grand Lodge Convention - Chicago - July 5 - July 8						
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SUNDAY  26 9-11 Breakfast 12:30 Bingo Knights Mtg - Burbank	MONDAY  27 CHILD & FAMILY CENTER Family Fun Day BBQ Child & Family Center Family Fun Night	TUESDAY  28 5:30 pm Taco Tuesday 6:00 pm Cigar Night	WEDNESDAY  29 BackPack Assembly & Delivery Governing Body Mtg	THURSDAY  30 Cigar Night 6:30 Darts	FRIDAY 31 Friday Night Dinner Team: Kamper Klub	



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