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The Elks View

JUNE 2023

CORONA #2045



Greetings to all my Fellow Elks,

May was a busy month. We had several events (Mother's Day Celebration, Taco Tuesday, Fish Fry, Steak Night). Our Officers and I participated in the Ritual Contest at the Fontana-Rialto Lodge #2013. We did not win, but it was a great experience for our Officers.

Many of our members participated in the Memorial Day Celebration with the American Legion Joe Dominguez Post 742.

I along with our Chairman of the Board, Jesse Vargas, Secretary Karen Vargas and Treasure Lory Calsing attended the CHEA 2023 Convention in Palm Springs. It was very rewarding and met a lot of wonderful members. The workshops were well attended and always have bits of valuable information to share. I noted a message that resonated with me, our community should know more about what we do as Elks. We had the honor to meet our CHEMPI theme Child Aushay. He is a shining example of what the therapy services CHEA Major Project can accomplish.

In June, we will honor the Flag of our Country, which is the most recognized and honorable flag in the world.

We will host our Southeast District Vice-President's Jesse Vargas and First Lady Karen Visitation on June 21st. We need gift baskets for the occasion to auction off during the event to raise money for Major Project (aka Purple Pig). I have a list if you need some ideas for baskets. You don't have to donate the entire basket; you can donate contents for group baskets and/or gift cards for our gift card tree.

Our Elk of the month is Tony Holland. He has stepped up to help in the kitchen and he is our new Esteemed Leading Knight. We will see more of Tony around and are grateful for his commitment to serving Elkdom and our Lodge.

Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful Elk's Men!

Amelia Nieves

Exalted Ruler 2023-2024

Stay informed:





Grand Lodge News



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

BRUCE A. HIDLEY

The Esteemed Leading Knight's charge to our new Members opens with: "The Emblem of this station is the Flag of our country; and its motto is Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed." New Members listening to this charge may gain an understanding of what the Flag means to us as Elks. Across our great country, Flag Day is observed on the 14th day of June each year to honor and commemorate the adoption of the American Flag. The Second Continental Congress adopted this date in 1777, and President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation in 1916 establishing June 14 as national Flag Day. In our great Order of Elks, the Grand Lodge, by Resolution, designated June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911, the Grand Lodge adopted a mandatory observance of Flag Day in all of our Lodges. Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the red, white, and blue in front of homes and businesses. Flag Day events are held by Lodges all across our great country with ceremonies, parades, essay contests, and, most importantly, our Elks Flag Day Ceremony. The American Flag is the emblem of the "land that I love." Our Flag symbolizes the land of the free and home of the brave for all Americans.

June also has another special day for all of us as we honor and celebrate Father's Day. This year the holiday falls on Sunday, June 18. No matter how far away you may be, take the time to reach out and say happy Father's Day. This is not only a special day for your father but it is also special for your grandfather, your great-grandfather, your brother, and your special uncle. Happy Father's Day. June is the beginning of our summer months. Children are home from school, graduation ceremonies are held, and families begin summer vacations. Celebrating our Flag and participating in June activities in our homes and at our Lodges truly show "Elks Care — Elks Share." I encourage each of you to continue "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" by bringing joy, happiness, love and lots of sunshine to one another. God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. **Most of all, God Bless America.**

JUNE 2023

- **Taco Tuesdays JUNE 6, 13, 16, 20, 27 Lodge opens @4pm Dinner Service 5:30pm**
- **Wednesday Dinner Meetings –Lodge opens @4pm Dinner Served 6pm-7pm Meeting @7:30pm (6/7 & 6/28)**
- **06/02 Fish Fry ~ Back to Original Fish/Shrimp**
- **06/09 Club Open Birthday & Member Appreciation — Potluck**
- **06/10 City Wide Flag Day see flyer**
- **06/14 Lodge Flag Day Ceremony Open to the public**
- **06/16 Steak Night Dinner & Entertainment**
- **6/21 VP Visitation Dinner & Auction**
- **6/23 & 6/30 Friday's Open/Potluck**
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Daryl	Jones	06	01
Curtis	McMillan	06	03
Andrea	Mazmanian	06	04
Bruce	McLain	06	04
Cynthia	Hernandez	06	05
Kathy	Linzey	06	05
Keith	Gniazdowski	06	06
Gregg	Campbell	06	07
George	Tooth	06	07
Kenneth	Calvert	06	08
Harley	Shelton	06	08
Alan	Srutowski	06	08
Wilfred	Williams	06	09
Harold	Julius	06	10
Marc	Rodgers	06	11
James	Shepard	06	11
Bradly	Ransbury	06	13
Thomas A	Wilson	06	14
Marc	Litner	06	15
Natalie	George	06	16
Gregory	Ratliff	06	16
Douglas	Sigsbee	06	16
Andrea	Dalde	06	17
William	Shaw	06	17
Eric	Westphal	06	17
Wayne	Gisler	06	18
Eugene	Montanez	06	18
Marvin	Rojas	06	18
Jimmie	Steele	06	19
E J	Fogel	06	20
Tiffany	Powell	06	20
Brian	Weaver	06	21
Stanley	Andersen	06	23
Bill	Mazurek	06	24
Ron	Anderson	06	25
C	Clesceri	06	25
Timothy	Coy	06	25
Patrick	McDowell	06	25
David	Cervantes	06	28
Ricardo	Zavala	06	28
Brenda	Srutowski	06	29
Leo	Mays	06	30



June Birthday
Free Drink Coupon
Member Name

Member #

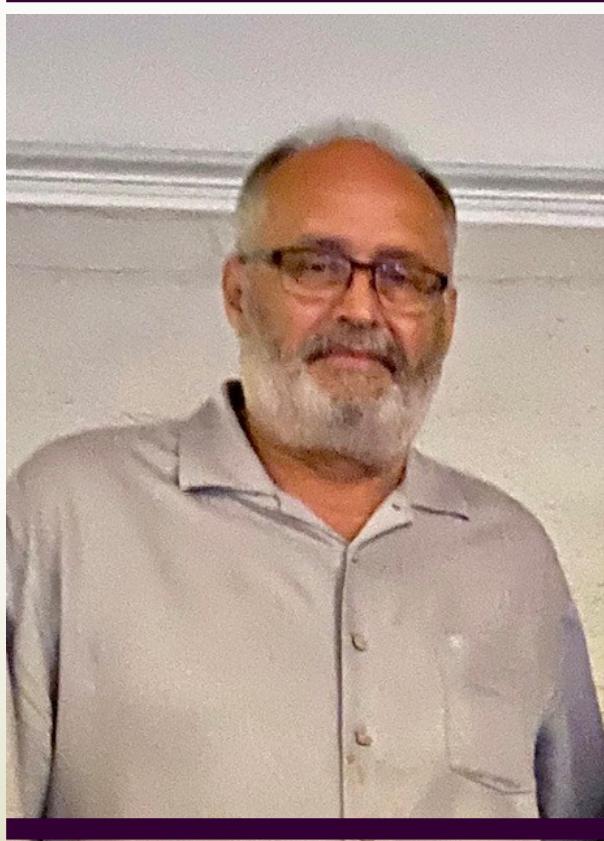
Coupon good for Free
Well, Wine or Beer

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Congratulations ELK OF THE MONTH

My Elk of the
Month of May is:
Tony Holland



Tony Holland

**Elk Of THE Month For
June
2023**

Tony has been stepping into the Kitchen on Taco Tuesdays, Wednesday Meetings, he will be smoking the Tri tip for the VP Visitation, Tony has also stepped into the role of Esteemed Leading Knight
*Thanks **Tony** for being a Great Elk!*

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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Get Involved!

LODGE MEETINGS

EVERY WEDNESDAY (except 5th week)

Dinner served at 6PM

Meetings start at 7:30PM

⇒ **BALOTTING** held on the 3rd week

⇒ **INITIATION** held on the 4th week



George Tooth proposed by Brad Area

Mark Bucedi proposed by Mike Ryan

Jeffrey Albalos proposed by Sophia Betancourt

WElkome



PAST EXALTED RULERS

1957-58 Joe Lowery *
1958-59 John Ganahl *
1959-60 James Pauly *
1960-61 Orton Schafer *
1961-62 Harold King *
1962-63 Richard Wade *
1963-64 Harry Sothcott *
1964-65 Arthur Seidler *
1965-66 Robert White *
1966-67 Walter Blake *
1967-68 John Harper *
1968-69 Ken Moore *
1969-70 Claude Zehnder *
1970-71 Dent Reed *
1971-72 Glen Gundlach *
1972-73 George Lemire *
1973-74 Richard Spangler *
1974-75 Richard Wade (2) *
1975-76 Paul Kadow
1976-77 Robert Ellis *
1977-78 Bill Gallagher
1978-79 Paul Mullaney
1979-80 Frank Keller
1980-81 Robert Ellis (2) *
1981-82 Chuck Manges *
1982-83 Bill Crow *
1983-84 Roger Key *
1984-85 Cecil Lopez
1985-86 Gib Wilson
1986-87 Casey Sturm *
1987-88 Ron Kershaw
1988-89 Randy Rawson
1989-90 Brad Area
1990-91 Jim K. Held
1991-92 Bill Fehner *
1992-93 Terry Kokot *
1993-94 John Keller *
1994-95 Barry Shurilla *
1995-96 Brian Ratliff
1996-97 Chuck McIvain
1997-98 David Crisp *
1998-99 Fred Reis *
1999-00 Robert Hodges *
2000-01 Jerry Koellisch *
2001-02 Brad Area (2)
2002-03 Manny Rodriguez
2003-04 Robert Calsing *
2004-05 Susan Reis
2005-06 Robert Calsing (2) *
2006-07 Kevin Kearby
2007-08 Joe Jordan *
2008-09 Joyce Nohavec
2009-10 Robert Brant Sr. *
2010-11 Robert Calsing (3) *
2011-12 Bill Shaw
2012-13 Joyce Nohavec (2)
2013-14 Robert Calsing (4) *
2014-15 Brian Watt
2015-16 Bruce McLain
2016-17 Patrick Akes
2017-18 Michael Stevens *
2018-19 Jesse Vargas
2019-20 Sophia Betencourt
2020-21 Joyce Nohavec (3)
2021-22 Ron Anderson

* Deceased

(2) Second Term

(3) Third Term

(4) Fourth Term

Stay informed:



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				1	2 Fish Fry Club opens 4 Food 5:30	3
4	5—7pm House Committee	6 Taco Tuesday 	7 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Ballot-ing	8	9 5pm Potluck Dinner 	10 Corona Citywide Flag Day 10 am 
11	12 7pm House Committee	13 Taco Tuesday 	14 Flag Day Ceremony 7pm Hotdog Hamburgers 	15	16 Steak Night 	17
18	19—7pm PER Meeting 	20 Taco Tuesday 	21 VP Visit Corona Dinner Auction Fundraising	22	23 Potluck Club Open 	24
25	26	27 Taco Tuesday 	28 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation	29	30 Potluck Club Open 	

News from our Lodge Secretary

Karen Vargas

New Member Cards for 2023-2024 have been printed and handed out and mailed as dues come in the mail and processed. They have been mailed for all who paid and didn't pick up in person.

2023-2024 Full Dues are: \$130.00

Keep those dues coming; it's for the Children and our beloved Vets—email elks2045@dsxextreme.com if you need another copy of your statement.

Current Members 349

Life Members 23

Total Members 372

Delinquency 54

The Lodge, the Kids, the Community & OUR VETS NEED YOU

Stay informed:



Corona Elks

Exalted Ruler, Amelia Nieves
First Lady Anita McMillian,



Officers and Members

Cordially Invite You

To the official Visitation of CHEA
Southeast District Vice President
Jesse Vargas & First Lady Karen

*Menu: Smoked Tri Tip, Fried
Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato
Salad, Dessert \$15.00*

This is a FUNDRAISER
Proceeds go to CHEMPI
Major Project to help
Children Walk, Talk,
See and Play

June 21, 2023

Wednesday

No Host Cocktails 5:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Open Meeting/ Live Auction
7:00 PM

Dress Attire: Lodge Attire,
Western or Business Casual

Please email any dietary restrictions.

RSVP by June 19

RSVP: Elks2045@dslextreme.com

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ELKS

Flag Day

June 14, 2023



7:00 pm
Open to
Everyone

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

Hamburgers,
Hotdogs
available for
purchase
before
ceremony
club opens
at 5pm

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The community is invited to attend a Flag Day Ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The event will include a welcoming ceremony, followed by a tribute to the most recognized symbol of freedom and democracy in the world, Old Glory. This will be followed by a retirement ceremony for worn and damaged American flags by burning. The process will be conducted by the **Corona Elks Lodge 2045** and both American Legion Posts of Corona. Corona Boy Scout Troops and a Cub Scout Pack will assist.

For more information, please contact Bob Young at (951) 818-7127 or email rwyg1@ca.rr.com.



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CHEA – The California – Hawaii Elks Association is a charitable organization serving children with disabilities since 1950.

With 168 lodges in 19 Districts (including the Islands of Guam and Philippines), the California-Hawaii Elks Association **CHEA** serves disabled children, veterans, and our youth in wide range of activities. We are a proud organization with [roots back to 1868](#) and thousands of Elks, who have not only helped millions of people, but are a social organization that enjoys the company of other Elks at our lodges where our meals and beverages support our growth and the community.

B.P.O.E. stands for **The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks** (or as they are affectionately known, the *Best People On Earth*). Elks are American Citizens who want to save its great values; who love others and want to make sure they are healthy and happy; and who love life and want to contribute to it, as well as to share it. As a member, we find there is nothing better than **serving our community** through the various activities and charities supported by our local Elks Lodge.

The California-Hawaii Elks Association CHEA is best known for its support of children with disabilities. Among these pages you will find many heartwarming stories and videos that relate to our [Major Project](#), often referred to as [The Purple Pig](#). The Purple Pig is the fundraising arm of this charitable work and serves as a reminder to the membership that our greatest joy is in **giving to and helping others**. Whether you help through the various support methods such as our [BLT Legacy Giving Program](#), regular [monthly donations](#), filling the Purple Pig with the “A Coin A Day so they can Walk, Talk, See and Play”, or simply using

Major Project

While each state has its own **Major Project**, CHEA is working to help kids with disabilities. Further, each lodge is working to ensure the future and well-being of our youth by being involved with the [Dictionary Project](#), [Scouting](#), [Hoop Shoot](#), [Drug Awareness](#), Americanism Essay Contests and, second only to the Federal Government, [Scholarships](#). You'll also find them helping during the holidays with parties and gifts for the kids.



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

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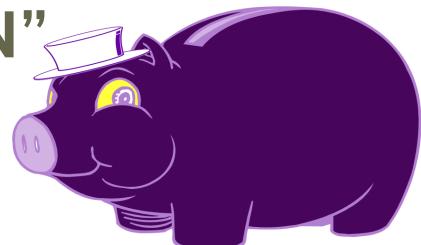
Southeast District Incoming Vice President Jesse Vargas'
Visitation Schedule for 2023

Moreno Valley #2697. Wednesday, May 24, 2023
Lake Elsinore/Wildomar #2591.Tuesday, May 30, 2023
Fontana #2013.Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Riverside #643.Thursday, June 8, 2023
Temecula Valley #2801.Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Hemet #1740.Thursday, June 15, 2023
San Bernardino #836.Monday, June 19, 2023
Corona #2045.Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Ontario #1419.Thursday, June 29, 2023
Yucaipa #2389.Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Redlands #583.Wednesday, July 12, 2023
Skyforest #2393.Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Homecoming Sunday July 30, 2023

**CHEA State President Ted Talbot's Official Visitation to
the Southeast District is January 5th thru 7th, 2024.**

“ELKDOM PASS IT ON”



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

Stay informed:



A professional portrait of a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a suit and tie, sitting in front of an American flag.

Jesse Raymond Vargas

CHEA Southeast District Vice President-Designate 2023-2024

Jesse Raymond Vargas was born in Riverside, California. Graduated from John W. North High School in 1976. He went on to graduate from Phoenix Institute with an Electronics Technology diploma. Jesse was recruited by Burroughs Corporation which later merged with Sperry to become Unisys Corporation. Jesse later received a Bachelor of Science diploma in Business Administration with a concentration in Information Technology from the University of La Verne. Jesse advanced to the level of Senior Staff Engineer with Unisys Corporation in Mission Viejo, California.

Jesse has travelled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and the South Pacific before retiring as a Product Support Manager after 35 years. He is also a member of Corona Rotary International “*Service Above Self*”. Jesse has 3 grown children and 10 grandchildren. Jesse met the love of his life Karen in 1993 and married in 2003.

Jesse and Karen moved to Eastvale in 2006 and joined Corona Elks Lodge #2045 in 2015 and immediately became involved in several roles, including Exalted Ruler in 2018-2019 and Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 2021-2023. Jesse has served as lodge committee chairman for Lodge Activities, Major Project, ENF, Public Relations, President of the PER Association, Scouting Chairman for 2 years, Grants Committee chairman for 5 years and on the Scholarship Committee for 4 years. He has also continued to help at the lodge when needed in both the capacities of advisor and setup and tear down helper for events.

For the district, he has participated in Ritual Contest for the district two years in a row. He has also served as District Americanism Chairman for two years and District Protocol Co-Chairman for two years. Jesse served as Esquire to the DDGER Patrick Akes from 2021 to 2022. Jesse is also a card-carrying member of the Jolly Corks.

Jesse continues to work within the community and specifically with non-profits. He was instrumental in the incorporation and co-founder of Swing to the Future Junior Golf Foundation, co-founder of the Inland Empire Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Association and most currently as co-founder of Cowboys for a Cause Foundation, which provides assistance to At-Risk Youth, Veterans and underserved Families in the Greater Norco Community.

Jesse and Karen are honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve as CHEA Vice President and First Lady of the Southeast District this year. They are looking forward to traveling and getting to see old friends as well as making new ones.

“BEAR-ing it All for ELKdom”

Jesse Vargas, PER
Southeast District VP-Designate
Corona Elks Lodge #2045 - Cell: 951.640.6710

2023-2024

Lodge Officers



Exalted Ruler ~ Amelia Nieves

Esteemed Leading Knight—Tony Holland (Sophia)

Esteemed Loyal Knight—Sophia Betancourt (Tony)

Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Anita McMillian

Secretary—Karen Vargas (Jesse)

Treasurer—Lory Calsing

Esquire—Karen Worden

Chaplain—James Willingham

Inner Guard—Mike Ryan

Tyler—Michelle Watts

Trustees

5 Year Trustee—Jason Scott (Karen)

4 Year Trustee—John Lucio (Monica)

3 Year Trustee—Alan Srutowski (Brenda)

2 Year Trustee—Joe Almasy (Barb)

1 Year Trustee—Jesse Vargas (Karen)

2023-2024

***Final Committee Chairs are in
process***

***Please see Amelia Nieves if you
are interested in becoming a
Committee Chair***

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**CORONA ELKS LODGE
#2045**

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Dues
Online!**



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to pay your dues from home with a credit card. Click on Quick Payment, when you enter your member number, add 2 zeros (00) in front of your member number & you appear.

Follow instructions.

You can add optional payments in addition to your standard dues to help support Major Project, Scholarship, ENF, etc.

An added “convenience fee” paid to the third party we partnered with to give our members this valuable convenient option.