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The Elks View

APRIL 2023

CORONA #2045



April is typically a turning point, a time for renewal, winter has left, and summer is around the corner. It is the beginning of new Lodge year. I want to thank our Past Exalted Ruler Brad Area, dedicated corps of officers and volunteers that made it through this year. Our new and returning Officers are ready to meet the challenges.

We are protectors of our communities. Protecting each other and our communities is what Elks do, we will move forward by continuing to do these things. The call to service sounds each day for all of us to answer. It is our responsibility to do our best to give intelligent, informed, and devoted support to all things that are beneficial to our Order and that will help us serve our country and community better. To achieve this goal we need volunteers to help with the many functions we will be planning for the future. Whether to assist at an event or chair a committee, every little bit helps and is appreciated.

We had our Wine tasting and it was a fantastic event. Kudos to the committee and volunteers for putting it on. Everyone had a great time. Looking forward to another one.

I would like to once again, thank our outgoing Exalted Ruler Brad Area for his hard work and dedication to our Elks Lodge. In conclusion, many thanks to the Corps of Officers and all the volunteers for doing an excellent job. Elks Care-Elks Share

Amelia Nieves

Exalted Ruler 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler

Stay informed:





Grand Lodge News



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

BRUCE A. HIDLEY

April begins with the changing of the guard. It is extremely important that the new Officers, Board of Directors, and Trustees work hand in hand to accomplish the important programs in each of your Lodges. It is crucial to develop a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work with.

You must develop a budget that will keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Pick out a night and invite all the Officers, Board of Directors, and your committee members and take this opportunity to review your Lodge budget. Discuss ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Discuss your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your state's Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Listen to what your Members have to say. Always consider their input and be open and flexible to new ideas. Perhaps say, "OK, let's try it." Another area of critical focus at the onset of a new Elks year is membership. Work with your appointed Membership/ Membership Retention Chair as a team.

All of your Lodge Members are a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members in order to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with the delinquent Member, you may get them to renew their dues and become an active Member again. Your Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for Members who were dropped for nonpayment of dues. I encourage you to review Statute 14.180. This Statute is very clear that your Lodge Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated of his/her rights to reaffiliate within 60 days. Make +1 in membership a priority during your term. I know our Grand Lodge Membership Marketing Manager Rick Gathen would be very proud to say your Lodge achieved a +1 in membership. With the leadership team you have put together, I know how hard you will be working on "**Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm.**" April also is the month when families get together for Passover and Easter. Helen and I want to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday celebration. In closing, thank you for your continued leadership this year by working hard within your communities to show that "Elks Care — Elks Share." God bless each of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.

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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APRIL 2023

INAUGURAL BALL ~ DINNER,
DANCING 04/01

- **Taco Tuesdays APRIL. 4, 11 , 18, 25 Lodge opens @4pm Dinner Service 5:30pm**
- **Wednesday Dinner Meetings –Lodge opens @4pm Dinner Served 6pm-7pm Meeting @7:30pm**
- **04/07 Fish Fry ~ Back to Original Fish/Shrimp**
- **04/14 Lodge Open Birthday & Member Appreciation — Potluck**
- **04/21 St. Steak Night Dinner & Entertainment**
- **04/28 Game Night**



Do you have a passion for cooking and sharing?

Stay informed:



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Sherry	Kearby	04	01
John	Weber	04	01
Robert	Van Dyke	04	02
Ross	Newhan	04	05
Juergen	Picard	04	06
Mike	Tarr	04	06
Donna	Carper	04	10
Brett	Gomez	04	10
Amelia	Nieves	04	10
Terry	Armstrong	04	12
Marianne	Gavett	04	13
Christo-	Preuss	04	13
Kevin	Button	04	15
Geoffrey	Harris	04	16
Ann	Poloko	04	16
Bruce	Perry	04	17
William	Arthur	04	18
Larry	Lokker	04	18
Ronald	Morris	04	18
Michael	De Renzo	04	23
Bob	Garland	04	24
Rosemarie	Young	04	26
Michael D	Rawson	04	27
Jose	Robles	04	30



Steak Night Reservations
to:

Elks2045@dslextreme.com



April Birthday

Free Drink Coupon

Member Name _____

Member # _____

Coupon good for Free

Well, Wine or Beer

ELK OF THE MONTH

My Elk of the
Month of April is:
Darla Sparkman



Darla Sparkman is my Elk Of THE Month For April 2023

Darla volunteers in many ways.

Darla has been jumping in to help in many areas including Taco Tuesdays, Installation of Officers set up, Darla reaches out to ask who needs assistance.

Thanks Darla for being a Great Elk!

Congratulations

2023-2024

Incoming Lodge Officers



Exalted Ruler ~ Amelia Nieves

Esteemed Leading Knight—Michael Flaherty (Mary)

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**

Get Involved!

LODGE MEETINGS

EVERY WEDNESDAY (except 5th week)

Dinner served at 6PM

Meetings start at 7:30PM

⇒ **BALLOTING** held on the 3rd week

⇒ **INITIATION** held on the 4th week



James Marostica

proposed by Brad Area

Pam Irwin

proposed by Michelle Watts



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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

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1 Inaugural Ball Dinner/Dancing</i>
2 	3	4 Taco Tuesday 	5 Opens 5/Dinner 6/Meeting 7:30	6	7 Fish Fry	8 Leading Knight Meeting Corona
9 HAPPY EASTER	10 House Committee 7pm	11 Taco Tuesday 	12 Opens 5/Dinner 6/Meeting 7:30	13	14 Open 5pm Potluck 6pm	15
16	17 PER Meeting 7pm	18 Taco Tuesday 	19 Opens 5/Dinner 6/Meeting 7:30— Balloting	20	21 Steak Night RSVP	22
23/30	24	25 Taco Tuesday 	26 Opens 5/ Dinner 6/Meeting 7:30—Initiation	27	28 Game Night Potluck	29

News from our Lodge Secretary

Karen Vargas

New Member Cards for 2023-2024 have been printed and started to be handed out. 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@dslextreme.com if you need another copy of your statement.

Current Members 343

Life Members 22

Total Members 365

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

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Incoming Officers



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Bob Young



Millennium Copper Plaque



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**Carol Kokot
Citizen of the
Year**

**Estella Perez
Elk of the Year**



**Karen Vargas
Officer of the
Year**

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Fabulous Wine Night



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Membership Cards

have been mailed

for paid and processed

Each week we

will process & mail

as Dues come in

**CORONA ELKS LODGE
#2045**

**Pay
Dues
Online!**



Pay Online Go to

<https://payorportal.revopay.com/index.php/OSG/properties/coronaelkslodge20451/login>

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.