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The Elks View

MAY 2023

CORONA #2045



The first week of May is Elks National Youth Week, a time for us to remember that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. To help young people become the leaders of the future, we need to show them that we care now. We need to hold events at our Lodge for our youths. We have some Elks basketballs that we may use for the Elks National Hoop Shoot. If you are interested and would like to chair this event please let me know.

May is also the month to celebrate all mothers. We will be honoring our mothers with our Annual Mother's Day ceremony and brunch, Sunday on May 14th. It is a beautiful ceremony to thank them for all they have done.

Our Officers will be participating in the Elks Ritual Contest on May 6th at the Fontana/Rialto Lodge at 11:00am. Members are welcome to come and observe. Don't forget your signed membership card.

We had our Calendar meeting, and some exciting events will be happening. We will need volunteers to help carry out the events. Without volunteers' help we can't raise funds for our deserving charities and sustain our Lodge.

Memorial Day Celebration is the end of May. American Legion on Yorba is planning an event on the 29th. Corona Elks members have volunteered to help them on that day. If you want to help, please let me know.

Mothers hold our hands for a while, but they hold our hearts forever.

Amelia Nieves

Exalted Ruler 2023-2024

Stay informed:





Grand Lodge News



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

BRUCE A. HIDLEY

May holidays salute moms, service members The winter months are well behind us now. It is time for us to focus on our Elks spring and summer activities. May has many events that we as Elks are proud to recognize and participate in. Let's start with Mother's Day, which this year falls on Sunday, May 14. Thank you to each Lodge that has a Mother's Day celebration. You may want to consider assembling a committee and starting an event if your Lodge has never had one. Mother's Day is a very special day to spend not only with your mother but your grandmother, your great-grandmother, sister, or your aunt. Take a moment to call your relatives, and send flowers or candy. Make them feel as special as they are. Happy Mother's Day! During the month of May, we celebrate Armed Forces Day, which will occur on Saturday, May 20. This is a day for all of us to say thank you to all of the men and women in all branches of service in the military. Each of these individuals are the ones who have taken time to defend this great country of ours and protect the liberties we enjoy today. What a better way for our Lodges to recognize Armed Forces Day and show them Elks Care about their service to our country. May is also when we remember our departed service members on Memorial Day. This year Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 29. There are so many ways that we as Elks can take the time to reflect on our departed service members. You can place flags at the graves of deceased military veterans. Participate in or host a Memorial Day parade. Please take part in this very important way to honor the deceased veterans in your community. I remember the day when my community opened our first veterans park. It was during a Memorial Day ceremony. There was nothing more heart wrenching to see all the names of the people who served our country with distinction. Each year, I proudly walk with veterans in our local Memorial Day parade. It makes you proud to be an Elk knowing that you stand behind our pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" and we never will. Take the time to hold some type of ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the veterans who fought so hard to enjoy the freedoms all of us enjoy today. There is no better way we as Elks can continue **"Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm"** than to remember our veterans. Helen and I would like to say thank you for all that you do during the month of May, and for the very special events that are so important to us as Elks. God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. **And most of all God Bless America.**

MAY 2023

MOTHER'S DAY CEREMONY AND
BRUNCH SUNDAY 5/14

- **Taco Tuesdays MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Lodge opens @4pm Dinner Service 5:30pm**
- **Wednesday Dinner Meetings –Lodge opens @4pm Dinner Served 6pm-7pm Meeting @7:30pm**
- **05/05 Fish Fry ~ Back to Original Fish/Shrimp ~ Celebrating Cinco de Mayo**
- **05/12 Club Open Birthday & Member Appreciation — Potluck**
- **05/14 Mother's Day Ceremony/Brunch**
- **05/19 Steak Night Dinner & Entertainment**
- **05/26 Game Night—Club Open**



Steak Night Reservations to:
Elks2045@dslextreme.com



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Michael	Ryan	05	01
William	Stein	05	01
Danny	Lester	05	02
John	Williams	05	02
Joanne	Morrow	05	08
William	Sullivan	05	09
Kenneth	Gerry	05	11
Walter	Jenkins	05	11
Rick	Varble	05	11
Vernon	Thompson	05	13
Jack	Kroonen	05	14
Charles (Tom)	Tracy	05	16
Robert	Garland	05	17
Douglas	Nelson	05	17
Bradley	Given	05	18
Brian	Watt	05	19
Louis	Atwell	05	21
Wes	Speake	05	21
Irene	Gilpin	05	22
Brian	Ratliff	05	22
Kunane	Burns	05	23
Maureen	Nerio	05	26
Alvin	Whitehouse	05	26
Andrew D	Marchette	05	27
Gretchen	Bolar	05	30
Patti	Reynolds	05	30
Steve	Nolan	05	31

May Birthday

Free Drink Coupon

Member Name

Member #

Coupon good for Free

Well, Wine or Beer

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ELK OF THE MONTH

My Elk of the
Month of May is:

Karen Scott



Karen Scott

*Elk OF THE Month For May
2023*

Karen volunteers in many ways. Karen trained to be a Volunteer Bartender and learned the POS system, she is on the Wine Event Committee, & a regular Taco Tuesday Team. Karen helps out in many ways and is a joy to be around.

*Thanks **Karen** for being a Great Elk!*

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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



Mike Blake proposed by Sue Noon

Valerie Robledo proposed by Sheila Rasmussen

Luis Rosas proposed by Michael Flaherty

Roberta Rosas proposed by Michael Flaherty

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 McEvain
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

WEIKome



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May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Taco Tuesday 	3 Meeting 7:30	4	5 Fish Fry Club opens 4 Food 5:30	6 Ritual Contest @Fontana/Rialto Corona 11am
7	8—7pm House Committee	9 Taco Tuesday 	10 Meeting 7:30	11	12 5pm 	13
14 Mother's Day Ceremony 10am Brunch 	15—7pm PER Meeting	16 Taco Tuesday 	17 Meeting 7:30 Balloting	18	19 Steak Night 	20
21	22	23 Taco Tuesday 	24 Meeting 7:30 Initiation (VP Visit Mo Valley)	25	26 Potluck Game Night 	27
28	29	30 Taco Tuesday VP Visit Lake Elsinore 	31 DARK NO MEETING			

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 345

Life Members 22

Total Members 367

Delinquency 91

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

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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

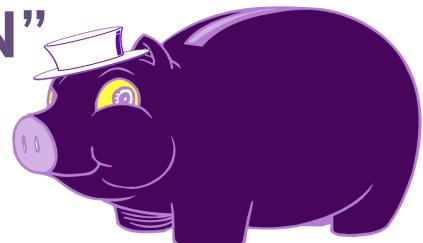
Southeast District Incoming Vice President Jesse Vargas'
Visitation Schedule for 2023

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”



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Southeast District Elks Ritual Contest

May 6-7, 2023

At the Fontana-Rialto Elks Lodge

Ritual Contest Weekend

Please join us for the Ritual Contest at the Fontana-Rialto Lodge on May 6th and 7th. We will have Breakfast and Lunch available on both Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday night, we will have dinner followed by the Award Presentations.

Competition Schedule

Saturday, May 6th

8 am	Fontana-Rialto
9 am	Redlands
10 am	Ontario
11 am	Corona
1 pm	Riverside
2 pm	San Bernardino

Sunday, May 7th

8 am	Lake Elsinore-Wildomar
9 am	Moreno Valley
10 am	Hemet

After Lunch:

- 11 o'clock Toast Contest
- Flag Charge Presentation Contest

Dining Options for the Weekend

Friday, May 5th, 2023 - \$12.00

In the Lounge 5 pm to 7 pm
Chili Verde, Enchilada, Rice & Beans

Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7th, 2023

Breakfast: On the Patio 7 am to 10 am, while supplies last.

Breakfast Burritos—\$8.00

Lunch: On the Patio 11 am to 2 pm
Hamburger, Chips, Soda/Water \$10.00
Jumbo Dog, Chips, Soda/Water \$10.00

Sunday, May 7th, 2023—In the Lounge

Social Hour: 4 pm to 5 pm

Dinner: 5 pm to 7 pm

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuit, Country Gravy and Dessert—\$15.00

NOTE

Lounge will be closed during contest hours. Limited bar options during breakfast and lunch.

Thank you to the Ritual Contest Team

Chairman: Stephen Hopher

Member: Richard Rios

Member: Ron Beard

Elks Care—Elks Share

(Update 4-25-23 #2)

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14TH MAY , SUNDAY

Corona Elks Lodge #2045



MOTHERS EAT
FREE*
\$15 ADULTS
\$5 KIDS UNDER
12

MOTHER'S DAY

Ceremony & Brunch

Ceremony 10 am ~ Brunch Following

RSVP REQUIRED TO: Elks2045@dslextreme.com

**RSVP BY
MAY 12TH**

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2023-2024

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*

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2023-2024 Officers



PERs



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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.



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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.