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Food available from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm  
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## Exalted Ruler Joe Rodriguez



Greetings  
Elks brothers &  
sisters!

May came  
and went in the  
blink of an eye.  
First and fore-  
most, I am proud  
to announce that

your 2024/2025 corps of officers placed second in the Orange Coast District Ritual Competition. This is the first time that the Santa Ana Elks Lodge has placed in this competition since 2019! The hard work and dedication of these officers really paid off. We came in second place to the Garden Grove Lodge. This lodge has won this competition for the last several years. Let's hear it for Santa Ana Elks!

We started May with gusto. Our esteemed loyal knight, Eli Morales, coordinated an incredible Cinco De Mayo celebration, attracting close to 300 members and guests. The entertainment which included the band Family Style, Relampago de Cielo, Folklorico dancers and Mariachi Nuevo Guadalajara was unsurpassed. And the menu was over the top. Awesome job, Eli!

I want to extend my sincerest

thanks to our general manager, John Moore, and his staff for making all of our events memorable occasions.

My goal this year is to visit every one of our lodge committees. I would like to thank the Nomads RV committee, the travel club committee, the charity committee, the Monday night football committee, and the veterans committee for visiting with me. I am here to help in your efforts as we embark on our fraternal year 2024-2025

We have lot of great events coming up, so be sure to check the calendar. You will not be disappointed.

## Esteemed Leading Knight Mark Schauwecker



Elk Family, Spring is here, flowers are blooming and pool season is right around the corner. Friends, family, cookouts, BBQs and

a luau. Save the date for the annual lodge birthday party. Come celebrate with us on Saturday August 10 for the 122nd birthday of our magnificent lodge. We are creating another excellent event complete with food, specialty drinks

## Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**DJ MAJESTIC MIKE**  
June 7

**THE GRUMPS**  
June 15

**JEROME DEAN**  
June 28

**MARIACHI BRUNCH**  
June 30

For the full calendar of events, go to page 14 of the ElkHorn

and Polynesian entertainment. Let's make new memories together on this special day.

### Esteemed Loyal Knight Eli Morales



Dear fellow Elks, I trust you had a wonderful month of May filled with exciting events at our Santa Ana Elks

Lodge. From our Cinco De Mayo dinner dance with music from Family Style to our Mother's Day brunch, our lodge has been bustling with so many activities. I would like to extend my personal gratitude to all of our staff for their hard work in ensuring the success of our programs. I urge all of our members to express their appreciation to their servers, bartenders, and all other team members who contribute in maintaining the excellence of our lodge and making it the best in our district, they deserve it.

As we move into the month of June, it is important to remember the various opportunities we have to come together with our Elk brothers and sisters, as well as to commemorate and pay tribute to our country. On June 6, we recognize D-Day, an important date in World War II when allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy, France. It marked a significant turning point in the war and we must not forget to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice or were injured on that day.

Additionally, in June we will also celebrate "Old Glory," the flag of our nation which stands as a powerful symbol of our enduring freedom.

Let us not overlook Father's Day, a time to show appreciation

and respect to the fathers among us. The lodge has planned a special day dedicated to our fathers and family members don't miss it is going to be great.

Finally, if you have been considering ways to contribute to the charitable work of our lodge, I encourage you to visit and explore the numerous committees available. Let us all continue to work towards building a vibrant community within our lodge. Elkdom, you got to love it!

### Esteemed Lecturing Knight Brian Byrd



To all of my fellow Elk brothers and sisters, what a month it has been. There were great events at the lodge with our

Elk family and friends. We have also had many community events hosted by some of our many Santa Ana Elks Lodge committees. As much fun as it is to meet up with all of our family and friends at the lodge, the real reward is in helping others. As lecturing knight, brotherly love is the focus of my chair. There are so many opportunities to get involved with our committees and help others. Please get involved to whatever extent you are comfortable.

You will find the experience significantly rewarding. Being proactive in our common city is reaping benefits far into the future.

Coming later this is year is the annual "Hoop Shoot" competition for kids. Although the competition does not start until October, this is the time to get your sons and daughters, nieces and nephews,

grandsons and granddaughters out on the court and practicing those free throws.

We all had a great time sat the MNF golf tournament. Great golf and then great food and drinks at the SA Elks Lodge. What a great day!

Remember to help our local youths with a donation to the Linda Fernandez Backpack Project. Call the front desk or come in and donate in person.

As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto others, for the passing moment is long enough to grasp the hand in friendship.

Please get involved.

Come to the weekly meetings at 7:30 PM every Tuesday night. Enjoy the Mexican food and baked potato bar prior to the meeting and then stay after for an ever-changing late night snack and conversation with all the officers.

### General Manager John Moore



Make sure to join your fellow members and immediate family (only) for our 4th of July and Family Picnic which

takes place Thursday July 4 on the California Patio, Emerald Room, Nest and Ballroom from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person for hotdogs, hamburgers (plus sides) and soft-serve ice cream. Thanks to our Santa Ana Emblem Club #530 for purchasing our new soft serve machine. Bottomless soda, Smiley's \$2.00 draft beer station (Coors Light, Bud Light, Brewery X Pilsner) and all other draft beers are \$4.00. Please



check out the flier for all the family fun details. Reservations are essential for planning so call today. Did I mention immediate family only?

I receive a lot of comments on the Saturday morning Old School Pancake Breakfast, but most of the comments are letting me how great our pancakes are. There are, however, a few asking, "can we have other options?" Since we don't like to say no to our members, we have decided to offer a \$7.94 menu with more options starting June 1. Please check out the June Elksmail or our website to see the complete menu. Here are a couple items to spark your interest: Eggs Benedict, Menudo, Omelet of the day and Granola with berries, all \$7.94! Reservations, although not necessary, would be helpful for staffing.

To keep our magnificent lodge looking magnificent, we have begun painting the interior walls of the entire building, cleaning the carpets, and applying lemon oil to the wood paneling. We just cleaned all the exterior windows. Landscaping is being tended to and we are going through routine maintenance checks of refrigeration, AC, and plumbing. If there is anything you notice that needs attention, please let me know so our staff can address it immediately.

With summer fast approaching, please check out all the dining, entertainment and events we are offering "Why go to the beach when you can come to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge!"

Our Resident DJ, trivia host, lodge inner guard, and all-around great guy has offered to DJ on Saturday Night once or twice a month with various themes (ballroom, disco, and everything else in between). Please check Elksmail, Facebook, and the website for dates, times and theme. Thank You Ronnie!

## Common Sense Corner

This is a gentle reminder that no outside food or beverage is permitted to be brought into the lodge. This includes chips, veggies, nuts, etc. If you can eat or drink it, don't bring it in. This is a requirement of the OC Heath Department. We also can't mosey out to the parking lot with any form of alcohol as it is a direct violation and may jeopardize our liquor license. And finally, our wonderful buffets are meant to be enjoyed at the lodge, please don't bring Tupperware or Ziploc bags to fill up to take home. We often donate the leftovers to veterans or those that need a meal.

## Lodge Memorial Garden Honors Past Elks

The Elks have a saying: Elks are Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken." With this in mind, our lodge has created a memorial garden to the right of the front door to honor members and their families who have passed on!



Applications to "Buy-A-Brick" are available in the lobby. You get to choose the inscription you want and a brick will be inscribed and placed in the memorial garden to honor your loved one. Cost is \$200 per brick and the rules are on the back of the application. Please help us kick off the "Memorial Garden" with the initial batch of bricks in the next few weeks. Applications may be picked up at the front desk.

## Show Your Card



This is a reminder that you must show your valid 2024-2025 Elks membership card when entering the lodge. So please give the folks in the lobby a break and have your card ready to present as you enter. If you haven't yet paid your dues, you can do so and get an updated card at the front desk or call 714-547-7794.



## Santa Ana Elks Ritual Team Shines!

by Dan Breece

For those of you who don't know what ritual is, and you're a member, it's the ceremony you went through called initiation. Every year almost every officer team in the country, competes in their district to see which team performs it the best. That sounds like no big deal but ask any of the officers that competed, and they could tell you about all the hours they worked at memorizing their parts, learning how to turn their heads, stand, sit...it's one of the biggest time and effort commitments your officers take on. Not just going to weekly if not more often, practices as a team, but on their own time, rehearsing their lines.

All of that to lead up to the "Ritual Weekend", which was held here at our lodge back on the last weekend of April. The eight lodges in our district, Buena Park, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Mission Viejo, Newport Harbor, Orange, and Santa Ana all gathered here to see if their hard work paid off. Even though the perennial favorite, Garden Grove took home 1st place for

their team, your very own Santa Ana team took second place! We gave Garden Grove a scare and served notice that our team is on the rise and committed to one year dethroning the champs.

There is not only a team championship involved here. The individual officers can win their own titles. There are also a few additional categories that exalted rulers and past exalted rulers can compete in. The leading knight competes in the 11 O'clock Toast competition, exalted rulers and past exalted rulers compete in the Flag ceremony and another 11 O'clock Toast competition. Then lastly, there is the Most Improved Lodge. Here's the rundown of how we did individually, that took us to a second-place team finish:

We had two that finished first in their respective roles with our inner guard, Ronnie Harrell and esquire, George Will both took home first place finishes. Brian Byrd, our lecturing knight took home second place and Mark Schauwecker, our leading knight

finished third. As a team we also won Most Improved, which means we had the highest increase in our team score this year, over last year. It was only six points too, so that was a tight score for all the lodges.

Our chaplain, Garlin Flynn, by score, finished second, however, as a repeating officer (meaning she's done this before), she was not eligible for an individual award. Her score still counted towards our team total which also was huge in our finishing second. Eli Morales, our loyal knight, had the dubious honor of having to compete in the toughest category this year. His score was one of the highest on our team overall, but he still finished .003 out of third place and was only .31 out of first place.

The other key role in our ritual team is the candidate. Their score also contributes to the team score and this year Colleen Daddario stepped up and into the role of the candidate. She did a fantastic job and was a key part of the team. The coaches were right there with them too, every step of the way, and a big thank you goes out to them as well for their efforts. Dave York, Buck Kuhns, Dan Breece and Sue McKee guided the team on their journey this year.

Although not everyone on the team won an award, the team effort led by our exalted ruler, Joe Rodriguez, sacrificed their personal time, put in the effort needed to earn an impressive second place finish in the Ritual Competition. When you see them, be sure and congratulate them on a job well done. Keep an eye out next year to come out and be a part of the weekend, to support your team and just as importantly, have fun at the tailgate on Sunday!

Congratulations again to our Ritual Team of officers!



# It's Linda Fernandez Backpack Project Season!

It's June, school's about to let out for summer and that means it's time to heat up the drive to fund the Linda Fernandez Backpack Project! This will be Linda's 21st year funding backpacks for local school children. When she started, it was with only 25 backpacks. Since then, we've increased that number one hundred fold!

When Linda started, she would order supplies from Dollar Days and then drive all over Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to take advantage of "buy one, get one" sales on school backpacks. She'd then stuff them around her dining room table. It wasn't long until she was recognized as The Backpack Lady!

Well now, she's our Backpack Queen! And there's no table or dining room big enough to hold the thousands of backpacks!

In 2023, our goal was \$30,000, but Elks exceeded all expectations raising \$36,208. That's enough to fund 2,500 backpacks! But that still wasn't enough to fulfill the demand. We received requests from local organizations for 2,619 backpacks. So this year, we're aiming to raise even more and help all the kids in the Santa Ana, Tustin and Irvine that need our help! And Santa Ana Mayor Valerie Amezcuca has asked for backpacks for the Back To School Community Resource Fair on July 28. In 2024, the need is bigger than ever!

Linda has now started a backpack committee because this project has grown beyond what a few people can do. It truly now takes a village and we invite you to be a part of it. Currently, there is a need for people to send thank you letters with tax ID to the donors. And, of course, we always need volunteers to sort and stuff the school supplies into the backpacks.



We've reserved the lodge ball-room for July 9 through 11 for backpack stuffing. Please put those dates on your calendar and plan on coming to help. And there are other ways to help as well. One member celebrating a birthday asked friends to donate to the drive in lieu of birthday gifts. Please consider be-

ing a part of this great cause. To volunteer to join Linda's backpack committee of volunteers, email her at [794secretary@gmail.com](mailto:794secretary@gmail.com). You can also make donations at the front desk in the lobby. For more information, call Linda at 714-547-7794! It's a great way to show how Elks Care and Elks Share!





## Monday Night Football's Annual Car Show is Back!

by Dan Breece

Have you ever attended a car show? If not, then this month is your opportunity to experience the up-and-coming car and motorcycle show in Orange County!

Sunday, June 23, the Monday Night Football Committee is hosting their second annual Car and Motorcycle Charity Car Show right here at the lodge. Two car show enthusiasts lead the Committee, PER Ernie Segala and Vince Lopez. These two members have many years of experience in both entering and attending car shows over the past couple of decades. That experience came through with a hugely successful show last year.

Along with the committee members who volunteered, or as Ernie calls them S.O.G.G.S., (same old guys and gals), we had over 75 cars, almost a dozen motorcycles, over 10 different vendors and a few hundred attendees. We had a D.J. on the patio, raffle prizes, city dignitaries and so much more! We even had a 1920s era fire truck! To say everyone had a fun time would be a big understatement. Working with

our GM John Moore and staff last year we know exactly what to do to make this year even better.

In case you did not know, our lodge has a history of hosting car shows going back a few decades. Names like Dave Spencer, Bob Gray, Tom Lorenze, John Mitchel and Jack Willard to name a few used to be a part of our car shows. Sadly, most of these guys are no longer around to share some of the stories. From all I have heard, we had shows in our parking lot, barbecued on the patio and as usual with everything we do, a good time was had by all.

Last year we had about a dozen categories, with our first ever category of Exalted Ruler Best in Show. This year, we are adding a few more awards, like Best Veteran, Best

Female and Best Elk cars and are working hard to hit our goal of two hundred cars and motorcycles! We will have two DJs on site to keep the energy jumping and will have food and drinks as well.

Adding to the festival atmosphere of fun and entertainment, we are adding some live entertainment with one of orange county's top bands! It's a family event too so bring the kids to take pictures with some Star Wars characters, and they can meet Elroy the Elk who will be there promoting drug awareness.

So, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 23rd and get there anytime after 10:00 a.m. when the fun begins! All kinds of cars, motorcycles, vendors, DJ and some live music to enjoy the day. It will be the Super Bowl of car shows no doubt!





# Scholarship Committee Announces New Scholarship

by Linda Barcelona

Our scholarship committee is on a short hiatus from our regular meetings but that doesn't mean that we are sitting around on our laurels. We have scholarships and application forms to update. We have future fundraisers to plan. And after looking at our offerings, we are now filling a gap to suit the needs of some students in our community.

Announcing the new Opportunity Scholarship. Fully funded by one of our own scholarship committee members, the Opportunity Scholarship will be available to one student who wants to attend community college in our area. This scholarship will be available to residents in our service area, Santa Ana, Tustin and Irvine, as well as to our own members. The donor to this scholarship has expressed that not everyone is a superstar in high school for a variety of reasons. Perhaps they are a late bloomer, lacking the maturity to buckle down to study, or must work hours that have prohibited studying. Or perhaps they need to care for family members or have had some other sort of home life disruption. The intent of this scholarship is to give an opportunity to a student who would not otherwise be able to step into a community college right away.

Many of us, including myself, have availed themselves to the community college system with great success in continuing to a university and it is our hope and intent that this scholarship will give a deserving student in our community that opportunity as well.

Some dates for you all to mark your calendars, our annual Scholarship Information Night will be held



Earlier this year, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge awarded \$51,500 in scholarships.

on Thursday, September 26. Come and hear our presentation on preparing for scholarship applications, details on the application process and the variety scholarships available through our Santa Ana Elks. Students and parents are welcome, and refreshments will be served. And mark your calendar for our second annual Oktoberfest to be held on September 20. Wildly successful and well attended last year, you'll want to be sure to get your tickets early for this event!

Also, our next cigar smoker event will be held on July 30. Join us for a fantastic meal, a libation, and a cigar as well as Tim Rush auctioning off his interesting collection of memorabilia, all proceeds of which benefit the scholarship committee.

Our committee thanks all our members and friends for your continued support. Your contributions all go back out as scholarships to our community and are tax deductible. You are always welcome to contact myself or Sue McKee for more information regarding our scholarships or joining our committee.

## Elks of Distinction



May  
Elk of the Month  
**Sue McKee**

First Place  
Ritual Competition  
**Ronnie Harrell**

First Place  
Ritual Competition  
**George Will**

Second Place  
Ritual Competition  
**Mark Schauwecker**

Second Place  
Ritual Competition  
**Garlin Flynn**

Second Place  
Ritual Competition  
**Santa Ana Elks 794**



by Kellie Miller

Thank you to everyone that helped on Saturday, May 25 for Flag Placement Day where we put flags on each of the 900 veterans grave sites at the Santa Ana Cemetery. It was also great to see a lot of you for the Memorial Day celebration on Monday May 27.

This month is busy and the start of many patriotic events when we honor our country and our flag. Speaking of our flag, there will be a special open meeting on Tuesday, June 11 with a great meal, music and speeches. You'll see a flyer with more information, soon.

June is also an important month as it's PTSD Awareness Month. If you see a veteran (or anyone) who needs to talk or needs help, please listen and BE THE ONE. What does it mean to Be the One?

For a veteran, it means reaching out for help to assist a loved one, or calling a help line in times of crisis. The 988 emergency suicide hotline is a valuable resource. Dial 988 and press 1, chat online at [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net) or send a text to 838255.

For a spouse, family member or caretaker, it means recognizing when the veteran is struggling and getting them the help they need. You are in a position to not only see the risk but have the trust of the veteran in his or her time of crisis.

For fellow veterans, friends and other civilians, it also means being proactive to get the veteran

the help they need. Don't assume someone else will act. Take the initiative.

When you see someone who is an active duty military personnel or a veteran, stop to thank him or her for their service. Ask how they are. Ask if they need anything. It's important to remember and help those who are and were willing to risk their life for you and your country.

The veterans committee has new inventory of R.E.D. t-shirts. We listened and have now added v-necks and long sleeves to our regular (crew neck, unisex) supply. Don't forget that Fridays are RED t-shirt Day. (R.E.D. = Remember Everyone Deployed.) We'll be selling them every Friday night at the lodge (\$25.00 for short sleeve and \$30.00 for long sleeve.) They are going quickly so get yours now!

If you'd like to join the veterans committee, or stay up to date on veterans events, join us at our next meeting on Tuesday June 18 at 6 pm at the lodge. To join our mail list: send an email to [veterans-team@elks794.org](mailto:veterans-team@elks794.org) or text the word [veteransteam](text:veteransteam) to 844-794-3557.

**NOTABLE DAYS IN JUNE**  
 80th Anniversary of D-Day - June 6  
 Womens Veterans Day - June 12  
 Army Birthday - June 14  
 U.S. Flag Day - June 14  
 National Flag Week - June 9-15  
 PTSD Awareness Day - June 27

## Flag Day

*President Calvin Coolidge's remarks delivered on Flag Day, 1931.*

National Flag Day has been observed for some years by official direction on June 14. It is the anniversary of the adoption by the Congress of the flag of the United States. We do honor to the Stars and Stripes as the emblem of our country and the symbol of all that our patriotism means.

The stars of the red, white and blue colors have a significance of their own, but when combined and arranged into the flag of our Nation they take on a new significance which no other form or color can convey. We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth. It represents our peace and security, our civil and political liberty, our freedom of religious worship, our family, our friends, our home. We see it in the great multitude of blessings, of rights and privileges, that make up our country.

But when we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it is the result of duty done. A yearly contemplation of the meaning of our flag strengthens and purifies the national conscience.





The 2024-2025 California/Hawaii Elks Association vice president for the Orange Coast District is Mark Mahoney, PER from the Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952. Mr. Mahoney will travel throughout California and Hawaii visiting all the districts with the California Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) president Marty Mello and his other 18 AVPs to share the message of the president.

Mark has put together a great itinerary visiting the lodges in the district. CHEA president Marty Mello and his association vice presidents will visit the Orange Coast District August 2 through August 4. Santa Ana Elks Lodge will host the president with a reception. Mark Mahoney will also visit the Santa Ana lodge, Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

## Mark Mahoney, CHEA Association Vice President

Mark Mahoney was born, raised, and still resides in Anaheim, California. He worked in the accounting field for over 40 years. Mark has a love of Model T Fords and still has the one he and his father restored in 1972.

That Model T brought him the love of his life, Debbie through Debbie's dad and the Orange County Model T Club. They have been married for 34 years and have three children and two grandchildren. Mark has served as president of the Model T Ford Club of America three consecutive terms and seven times as president of the Orange County Model T Club.

Mark began his journey with Elkdom in 1993 and is now in his 32nd year at Garden Grove Elks



Lodge #1952. He served as exalted ruler in 2017-2018 and was a proud member of the national ritual contest second place team in 2022 as esquire. Mark truly had a great time

being the esquire to the district deputy grand exalted ruler for the Orange Coast District 2023-2024.

Looking forward to the 2024-2025 fraternal year, Mark and Debbie are excited to serve as the California-Hawaii Elks Association vice president and first lady for the Orange Coast District. Promoting the theme and ideas of our CHEA president Marty Mello as one of his "promoters" promises to be a fun time, as well as working with the Orange Coast District chairmen and vice-chairmen.

Mark's personal theme is "Enjoy the Ride with Elkdom." What better way to celebrate the Elks and its programs than by getting on board and taking that ride with him!

Thank you in advance for the great year!

# Marty J. Mello, CHEA President

**M**arty Mello was born in Ceres, California the youngest of three children. At the age of four, the family moved to Woodland, California where Marty attended elementary and high school.

Upon graduating high school, Marty went to work for the family trucking business where he held several positions over the years including driver, mechanic, dispatcher and bookkeeper. In 1998, Marty & Debra opened their own business warehousing and distributing finished forest products for several wholesalers.

Prior to joining the Elks, Marty served on the Woodland Little League board of directors for eight years where he and Debra were in charge of concessions while coaching Double A, Major League and Big-League teams. Marty had the honor and pleasure of coaching two Big League teams in A1- Star competition.

In November of 1978, Marty married his high school sweetheart, Debra. It was the best move he ever made and changed his life forever. They have two children. His son Josh and his wife Shalynn and have four children: Makinley, Cailey, Jacob and Lucas who live in Woodland, California where Josh works for the family business and is going to take it over so Marty can commit more time to his year as CHEA president. Their daughter Amy and her husband Hector have two children: Nathan and Zoe who live in Sacramento, California. Both Josh and Amy are members of the Woodland Elks Lodge.

Marty joined the Woodland



Elks Lodge #1299 in 1989 and immediately became involved with the youth activities program and served as chairman from 1990-1996. Marty also served as a lodge trustee for multiple terms 1991-96, 2002-03, 2018-22 and was elected chairman for all but the first year.

He was honored as Elk of the Year in 1991-92 and has served as audit committee chairman 1998-99, elected to loyal knight 2003-04 and appointed again in 2019-20, served as exalted ruler 2004-05, chaplain 2007-08, received Elk of the Year in 2010-11 and Honorary Life Member in 2013.

Marty's service to the North Central District, included serving as youth Activities chairman 2005-06, calculated for the North Central District's ritual contest 1991-2002 and 2009-2011 and served as district ENF chairman in 2010-11.

Marty's service to the California Hawaii Elks Association, included serving as youth activities

vice chairman 2006-07, youth activities chairman 2007-09, association vice president 2009-10 under President Le Karjola and Cindy. Marty served as business practices vice chairman 2015-16, business practices chairman 2016-18, appointed district leader 2014 to present, CHEA trustee 2018-23, served as trustee vice chairman 2022-23 and CHEA 15 vice president 2023-24. Marty served on the Grand Lodge level as district deputy grand exalted ruler in 2011-12.

Marty & Debra love spending time with their family, camping, off roading, traveling in their motorhome and spending time with their grandchildren. Needless to say, their world revolves around their grandchildren and family.

Marty and Debra are honored and are looking forward to the opportunity to serve as president and first lady of the California Hawaii Elks Association this year and look forward to meeting and making friends as they travel our great association promoting Elkdom.

“Elkdom,  
Love It,  
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# MNF Plans For a Busy June

by Dan Breece

The month of June is a busy one for the MNF committee. Starting with day one of the month, the committee will be out at the David L. Baker golf course hosting it's second annual golf tournament. If you're reading this before June 1st, it's not too late to sign up or join us back at the lodge in the afternoon for some good BBQ and DJ action when we give out awards.

Later in the month, on June 23, we will be hosting our second annual Charity Car and Motorcycle Show. We are excited about this year's show as we ready ourselves for the big day. This year, we are expecting nearly 200 cars and motorcycles, over a dozen vendors,



*Imperial Stormtroopers patrol the 2nd annual Santa Ana Elks Car & Motorcycle Show*

along with making this a family event with some attractions for the kids. We have two DJs bumping music and then towards the end of the show, we will have some live entertainment in the form of the OC Groove Band on our stage in the ballroom. Along with that, Elroy the Elk will make an appearance and we will have added security with the stormtroopers from Star Wars roaming around. Bring the kids, and make it a family day of fun and entertainment.

We are also putting tickets on sale soon for our annual Angels game outing. This year, we will head out to the Big A for the pregame tailgate for a game against the Atlanta Braves on Saturday, August 17. Keep an eye out for a flyer with information on how to get your ticket!

Speaking of August, that's when the NFL pre-season comes upon us. As of this writing, there are only three months, 24 days, 21 hours... you get the idea. The opening Thursday night game features last year's AFC Championship match up between defending Super Bowl champ, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Baltimore Ravens. Let the fun begin! That means the first Sunday of football is September 8 and our first Monday night football fun will be on September 9. So start making plans now, for another great season of football, fun and fellowship!



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# Are You a Good Sponsor?

We have approximately 1,600 great members here in our lodge. It's true! Our lodge is full of good people being good Elks and doing great things in and around our community. Each and every one of us had to have a sponsor to join the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Many of us have sponsored someone else. But are we a good sponsor?

Getting through the initiation process to join our ranks is basically a three-step process for a new member. Prior to that, the candidate has likely been to our lodge for dinner or breakfast, one of our events, or maybe visited via a private event or function. Either way, when they decide to join, they need a sponsor.



The most basic effort a sponsor can provide is to fill out their part of the application. After that, a sponsor could just forget all about it. So, what does it take to be a great sponsor? Remember that three step process? Be a part of every step with your candidate.

The three steps are Investigation, Orientation and Initiation. Be there at each step with your candidate. Explain what each step entails and what they can expect. This not only gets them excited, but it also helps calm their nerves about the unknown.

Remember when you went for your Investigation? Just the title is intimidating. You didn't know if there was going to be a lie detector, a small room with one light bulb or just what it was all about. Orientation and Initiation are special days.

At orientation they get a better understanding of what our organization is all about. Of course, initiation is best of all, and after the meeting they get their Elk pin. I don't know of one person who didn't smile and feel good when I pinned them after the ceremony. It makes them feel officially a part of the family.

So be a great sponsor and when you sign someone up, be there every step of the way with them. Maybe it will help recharge you too and help you to be an even greater member of our wonderful lodge and organization.



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# JUNE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon  <b>Golf Tournament</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon  	<b>3</b> Lodge closed <b>Bingo</b> 6:15 pm	<b>4</b> Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday + Baked Potato Bar  	<b>5</b> Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm  Trivia Night 6:30 pm	<b>6</b> Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm  Karaoke 7:30-10 pm	<b>7</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm  DJ Majestic Mike 7:00-10:00 pm  	<b>8</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon  <b>Mango Band</b> 7:00 - 10:00 pm
<b>9</b> <b>Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon	<b>10</b> Lodge closed <b>Bingo</b> 6:15 pm  	<b>11</b> Flag Day Open Meeting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday + Baked Potato Bar  	<b>12</b> Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm  Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm  	<b>14</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm  The Five Star Band 7:30-10:30 pm	<b>15</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon  <b>Orientation</b> 12 Noon  <b>The Grumps</b> 7:00-10:00 pm
<b>16</b> <b>Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon <b>Father's Day BBQ</b> 1:00 pm  	<b>17</b> Lodge closed <b>Charity Cmte</b> 2:00 pm  <b>Bingo</b> 6:15 pm	<b>18</b> Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm <b>BOT Meeting</b> 5:00 pm <b>Veterans Cmte</b> 6:00 pm <b>Taco/Potato Night</b>	<b>19</b> Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm  	<b>20</b> Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm <b>Emblem Club</b> 6:30 pm <b>Karaoke</b> 7:15-10:00 pm	<b>21</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm  <b>Concert Series:</b> Bob Seger Hollywood Knights 6:00-11:00 pm	<b>22</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon  
<b>23</b> <b>Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon <b>Car Show</b>	<b>24</b> Lodge closed <b>Bingo</b> 6:15 pm	<b>25</b> Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm <b>Taco Tuesday</b> + Baked Potato Bar	<b>26</b> Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm  	<b>27</b> Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm <b>Nomads</b> 6:00 pm <b>Karaoke</b> 7:15-10:00 pm	<b>28</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm  <b>Jerome Dean</b> 7:00 - 10:00 pm	<b>29</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 9:00 am - 12 noon  <b>Saturday Karaoke</b> 7:00 - 10:00 pm
<b>30</b> <b>Mariachi Brunch</b> 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	<b>31</b> Lodge closed <b>Bingo</b> - 6:15 pm	<b>Grand Lodge Convention</b>				

# JULY

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS 9-6PM, SATURDAYS 9AM-11PM, SUNDAYS 9AM-3PM

FOOD SERVICE HOURS: TUESDAYS 11AM-7PM; WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS 11AM-8PM, SATURDAYS 9AM-8PM; SUNDAYS 9AM-2PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>2</b> Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Night + Baked Potato Bar	<b>3</b> Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm Investigation 3:30-6:30 pm	<b>4</b> Family Picnic 11:am-4pm 	<b>5</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Travel Club 1:00 pm Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 pm	<b>6</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon 
<b>Grand Lodge Convention</b>						
<b>7</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	<b>8</b> Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	<b>9</b> Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm HC Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Night + Baked Potato Bar	<b>10</b> Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>11</b> Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 7:30-10 pm	<b>12</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Chicago Transit Authority 	<b>13</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon
<b>14</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	<b>15</b> Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm Charity Committee 2:00 pm	<b>16</b> Open Lodge Mtg 7:30 pm Taco/Potato Night Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm	<b>17</b> Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	<b>18</b> Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm 	<b>20</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon DJ Ronnie Ballroom Dinner Dance 7:00 - 10:00 pm
<b>21</b> Mariachi Brunch 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 	<b>22</b> Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>23</b> Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm Taco Nigh + Baked Potato Bar HC Meeting	<b>24</b> Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>25</b> Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm Nomads 6:00 pm	<b>26</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Jerome Dean 6:30 - 9:30 pm	<b>27</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Saturday Karaoke 7:00 - 10:00 pm 
<b>28</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	<b>29</b> Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>30</b> No Lodge Mtg Tac/Potato Night Cigar & Wine Dinner 6:00 pm 	<b>31</b> Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	<b>WE ARE THE ELKS!</b>		





## The Birth of the Elks: It All Started With The Jolly Corks

Since 1868, America's foremost fraternal organization has been recognized by the noble creature that is the symbol of the Order. The elk is a peaceful animal, but will rise in defense of its own in the face of a threat. The majestic creature is fleet of foot and keen of perception. A most fitting representation, the stately elk is, for a distinctively American, intensely patriotic, family-oriented organization subscribing to the cardinal principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has, indeed, fulfilled those principles and established a distinguished record of service and achievement since its founding on February 16, 1868.

But the roots of the association are admittedly shallow, predating the Order's official kickoff

by only a few months. A small group of entertainers, wishing to continue their social gatherings on Sundays, when New York's blue laws prevented the opening of public establishments (taverns), began to meet regularly as the "Jolly Corks," a name derived from a bar trick introduced by the group's organizer. (*See side column*)

The moving spirit for the Jolly Corks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian (1842-1880). This son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. Vivian was a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes in England ("RAOB"). On November 15, 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune. Vivian is credited with founding the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of The United States of America.

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward Vivian's magnetic personality.

While Jolly Corks meetings were held with regularity, apparently no form nor substance resulted, except for the adoption of a toast to members of the group not in attendance. This was the genesis of the eleven o'clock toast. The RAOB in England, the "Eleven O'clock symbol" on the Elks' emblem and, the Elks' Eleven O'clock Toast trace their history to the period prior to the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. King William of Normandy instituted a curfew when all hearth fires were required to be banked at 11:00, thus ending all meetings. Accordingly, at the hour of 11:00 a toast was offered in remembrance of those who were gone.

Shortly before Christmas in 1867, only a few months after the

fellows began to meet, one of their number died, leaving his wife and children destitute. This event gave rise to the notion that, in addition to good fellowship, the Jolly Corks needed a more noble purpose in order to endure, and serving not only their own in need, but others as well, would be appropriate.

Two months later, with a statement of purpose, an impressive set of rituals, a symbol of strength and majesty and such other elaborate trappings that might be expected of a group of actors and musicians, the new fraternal order was launched. The growth and record of benevolence of the Elks is well-chronicled. Since its inception in 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has grown to include nearly 1.2 million men and women in almost 2,200 communities.

Vivian died in Leadville, Colorado, March 20, 1880. At the time of his death he was the leader of a repertoire company performing in Leadville.

Why was the elk adopted as the symbol of the Order? The 15 surviving founders of the fraternity desired a readily identifiable creature of stature, indigenous to America. Eight members voted to adopt the elk, seven favored the buffalo. And, as they say, "The rest is ELKS history."

Today's Elks are in good company. Former Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Gerald Ford, Harry Truman, and John Kennedy, former U.S. Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, and Senator Robert J. Dole of Kansas. Former Speakers of the House Tip O'Neill, Carl Albert, John McCormick and Sam Rayburn all belonged to the Elks. Entertainers Lawrence Welk, Will Rogers, Jack Benny and Andy Devine belonged, too. Devine was even Exalted Ruler of



*Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian is recognized as the founding father of what would become the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.*

San Fernando, California, Lodge. And Clint Eastwood is a member of Monterey, California, Lodge. From the sports world, the Order has counted among its members the likes of Vince Lombardi, Casey Stengel, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford, Robert Montgomery "Bobby" Knight, and Jim Finks.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is committed to the ideals of charity and patriotism. To that end, Elks have now disbursed over the Order's 132 years more than \$2,690,000,000.00 in cash, goods, and services to the nation's youth, its veterans, the disadvantaged and handicapped, and in support of patriotic and civic programs. In the 1998-99 fiscal year alone, the BPO Elks expended in such fashion over \$160 million, and the Order ranks as one of the largest private providers of college scholarships in the nation.

The legacy of Charles Vivian continues to this day. As long as there are those who need help, the Elks will be there to give aid and comfort.

## How The Cork Trick Worked

In 1922, William Phillips wrote the following account of the cork trick by which Vivian and his friends used to trick new acquaintances into buying them a drink. In a way, it was the first Elks initiation!

The prospective victim would be asked would he like to join the 'Cork,' and they being such a 'jolly' set of fellows, the candidate for admission to their circle readily assented. He would give his name to Vivian and pay a fee of fifty cents, which he placed in a little book he carried for that purpose.

Each one present then produced a cork and placed it in front of him upon the bar or table; a fresh cork (generally a champagne cork) was given to the candidate, and to him was then explained that the Imperial Cork (Vivian) would count to three whereupon each one present was to seize his cork, and 'the last one to lift his cork' paid for the drinks for the rest of the party.

At the count of three, the ones in on the trick would simply jump their open palms over their corks, but allowing them to remain on the bar or table; the candidate would eagerly seize his cork in haste, resolved not to be the last one to lift his cork. Much to his surprise, he'd find he was the only one who 'lifted his cork,' hence the 'last one.' So he was 'stuck for the drinks.'

Now that he had become 'one of us,' he had to always carry his cork in his pocket and whenever he met another Cork, if he was asked to produce his cork, he must do so under the penalty of buying the challenger a drink should he be unable to do so. That's truly a corker of a trick!





## Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/23.....1664

### INCREASES

Initiated.....	18
Affiliated.....	2
Reinstated.....	1
Subtotal.....	24

### DECREASES

Dropped.....	1
Transferred Out.....	5
Absolute Dimit.....	0
Deaths.....	1
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal.....	7

**Calculated Membership Total.....1679**

**CLMS Active Members.....1677**

**(Membership out of balance)**

**Average Age.....63.25**

**Gain/Loss.....15**

### DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	340
One Year.....	0
Over One Year.....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>340</b>
<b>Lapsation Rate.....</b>	<b>20.43%</b>

### APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting.....	2
In the hands of the investigating committee..	27
Ready for balloting.....	0
Ready for orientation.....	40
Ready for Initiation.....	5
Ready for Affiliation.....	1
Ready for Reinstatement.....	2
Other.....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>77</b>

### LIFE MEMBERS

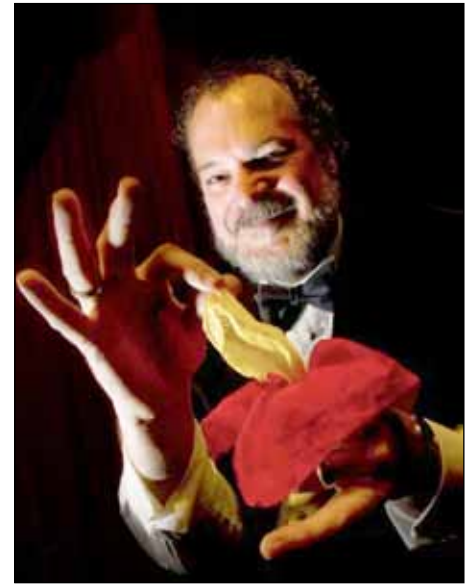
Life Members.....	82
Honorary Life Members.....	2
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Life Percentage.....</b>	<b>5.05%</b>

## Return of the Mariachi!

The Santa Ana Elks Mariachi Brunch/Open Houses have been so popular that they are back for the rest of the year!

The next Mariachi Brunch will be Sunday, June 30 followed by brunches on July 21, August 18, September 8, October 13 and November 10. Each will feature a incredible menu of Latin foods as well and incredible entertainment. Signature Margaritas will be available for sale.

The brunches are open to ALL, so feel free to invite your non-Elk friends and family. It's a great way to introduce them to the fun things that happen here as well as the great camaraderie. But be warned that these events are hugely popular and tend to sell out, so be sure to make your reservations early by calling the lodge at 714-547-7794.



## Magic Happens on Father's Day

Something truly magical is happening at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge on Sunday, June 16. It's our Magical Father's Day BBQ in the Grand Ballroom!

Experience magic like never before as three world-class magicians from the famous Magic Castle in Hollywood amazes you with their slight of hand and astonishing illusions.

Headlining is the legendary Johnny Ace Palmer, the first close-up magician to ever be awarded Grand Prix World Champion! His credits include *Late Night with David Letterman*, *Masters of Illusions*, and the Santa Ana Elks Lodge!

The buffet meal includes all of Dad's favorites including green salad, corn bread, baby back pork ribs, BBQ beef ribs, fried chicken, tater tots, baked beans and a vegan option. Then enjoy scrumptious strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Tickets for the Father's Day BBQ are \$35 for adults and \$15 for kids 12 and under. Space is limited to the first 200, so call the lodge now at 714-547-7794, because Dad deserves a magical day!

# Emblem News

by Evelyn Godinez

The California Nevada Hawaii State Association of Emblem Club had their Annual State Convention in Visalia, California. The convention was attended by our club president, Rosalind Solano; Barbara Jalbert, state past president; Shannon Kennedy; Dee Wilkie; Cynthia Wilkie; Evelyn Godinez, state past president; and Sharon Casares.

We are proud to announce that at the convention our Santa Ana Emblem Club #530 entered the bulletin book contest and received 1st place. The club also entered the history book contest and took 2nd place. Overall, our club placed 5th out of 38 clubs.

We had our drawing to Woods Quilt at our Spring Boutique and

Tina Wyatt was the winner.

This past month, the club held a baby shower for Casa Teresa. Chairman Dianna Mendoza was thrilled at the support our club gave to this wonderful organization.

Our club also had a BBQ at Hero's Landing in May. Chairman Valerie Fisher and her volunteers served a wonderful meal supplied by our own Santa Ana Elks Lodge kitchen staff. Each and every month we have volunteers like Bernadette Lazzara and Stephanie Roe who host Bingo at Hero's Landing. Gloria Chavez hosts a craft day every month for our veterans.

On May 19, we had our first ever 3-card Bingo. This event was chaired by Dianna Mendoza. We learned a new way to play Bingo and had lots of fun.

Our literacy chairman, Amanda Harvey, held a book-drive for Kidsworks, a Santa Ana non-profit that

serves youth and families through after-school programs, tutoring, mentoring, family services, and leadership development. We collected a large assortment of books, puzzle books and more for children from 1st to 12th grade. Thank you to all who contributed,

If you have not signed up for our annual tea party, do not miss out. It is always a fun event. Call Maria Bisbee, our chairman, at 714-547-7794.

The Linda Fernandez Backpack Project is going in full swing and we are lucky that Linda devotes her time and energy to helping all children with needed school supplies. Donate if you can. Remember as Linda says, "Children are our Future".

Do you have membership questions? Please contact our membership chairperson, Valerie Fisher at 949-798-9384.

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## Travel Club Plans Chicago Excursion

The Santa Ana Elks Travel Club has an all new roster of amazing travel opportunities this year. We hope you'll join us on any or all of these great excursions!

The Santa Ana Elks Travel Club coordinates a variety of day and extended tours to meet the needs of our members, their families and friends. When you travel with the Santa Ana Elks Travel Club, you pack and we handle the rest! Membership in the club is free and is not required for traveling. All trips and tours leave from the Elks Lodge. Our next trip is to Chicago for six days on August 8. Be sure to check out our web site at [www.elkstravelclub.com](http://www.elkstravelclub.com) for more detailed information on this and other trips.

Monthly travel club meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 1:00 PM in the Emerald Room at the lodge. Here are just some of the great trips we have planned. For information on the Santa Ana Elks Travel Club and upcoming trips, call Jim Tobin at 949-533-4959 or email [elkstravel@gmail.com](mailto:elkstravel@gmail.com).

## Nomads Enjoy Hemet Adventure

We have been out on the road. April 18-21 we were at an outing hosted by Sue and Harry Kay at Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet. We joined the Orange and Huntington Beach lodges and had a wonderful time getting know our Elk brothers and sisters. The more the merrier. Golden Village was hosting a vintage trailer and swap meet. It was a fun weekend for all.

We've also traveled to the Vista Elks Lodge. Thanks to Paula and Chuck Goetz, we had a great outing which included happy hours, tasty food and a trip to the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum. As if that wasn't enough, Paula led a crafts session and we played "Name That Tune" in five notes, played by Paula on her electric keyboard.

If you have any type of rig or a tent we would welcome you into our group. We welcome all Elk campers, even those who camp at the nearest Holiday Inn.

We are planning to attend the Elks Rodeo in Santa Maria from May 30 to June 2. We will attend the professional rodeo and enjoy meeting Elks from many parts of California.

We also enjoy the Hemet Rally for the Purple Pig in October in Hemet, which will be hosted by the Domokos, Gonzalez's and Goetz's. We have an exciting time participating in the many activities, raffles, etc., and all the proceeds go to the Purple Pig. November will find us in Calico Ghost Town at an outing hosted by the Wyatts.

We're planning more travels for 2024, so keep watching this space, or join us for our next meeting. All who wander are not lost...so join us! We meet the fourth Thursday of each month (except for November and December), 6:00 pm for dinner and meeting at 7:30 pm. For more information contact our president Tina Wyatt at 714-553-1232 or [tinawyattvi@yahoo.com](mailto:tinawyattvi@yahoo.com).



# Celebrating June Birthdays With Pasta

## Dinner on Wednesday, June 5

The first Wednesday of each month, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge celebrates those with birthdays that month. So, if your name is listed below, join us for a FREE pasta dinner and a slice of cake in the McCalla Lounge on Wednesday, June 5 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

6/1..... Ivan Bradley	6/8..... Jesus Rivera	6/19..... Richard Cook
6/1..... John Casteix	6/8..... Vincent Vargas	6/19..... Gilbert Molina
6/1..... Luciano Principato	6/9..... Jimmy Bruhl	6/19..... Curtis Sprenger
6/2..... Juvenal Diaz	6/10..... Cris Baker	6/19..... John Zahn
6/2..... Irene Jones	6/10..... Garry Day	6/20..... Stephen Gifford
6/2..... Steven Sorenson	6/10..... Tamani Deering	6/20..... Bradley Hutchins
6/2..... Stephanie Thomas	6/10..... Aaron Golden	6/20..... James Maslowski
6/2..... Daniel Valdivia	6/10..... Hilda Hanna	6/21..... James Avila
6/3..... Don Baldwin	6/10..... Earnest Stanley	6/21..... Alice Jarminski
6/3..... Audrey Cash	6/11..... Sally Dorsey	6/21..... JoAnn Montejano
6/3..... Nancy Gartner	6/11..... Tahnee Meridith	6/21..... Ronald Ray
6/3..... Robert Love	6/11..... Michael Montgomery	6/21..... Tim Walker
6/3..... DeAnna Thiesmeyer	6/11..... John Verduzco	6/21..... Kya Whitfield
6/3..... Atef Yacoub	6/12..... Theresa Aguilar	6/21..... George Willard
6/4..... Ruben Carrillo	6/12..... Marilyn Bailey	6/22..... Ralph Murrietta
6/4..... Ralph Flores	6/12..... Elizabeth Gibson	6/22..... Trevor Slavick
6/4..... Tara Leighton	6/12..... Gary Oborny	6/22..... Bev Vensel
6/4..... David Price	6/13..... Richard Grantner	6/23..... Curtis Childress
6/4..... Patricia Shaw	6/13..... Mona Konstan	6/23..... Ned Moeller
6/5..... Robert Balsamo	6/13..... Michael Leversen	6/23..... James Palmer
6/5..... Vincent Lopez	6/13..... Michelle Schweizer	6/24..... Judith Brandalise
6/5..... Gerardo Rodarte	6/13..... Jill Wallace	6/24..... Phil Gutierrez
6/5..... Daniel Sanchez	6/14..... Elizabeth Perez	6/24..... Joe Moreno
6/5..... Christine Saucedo	6/15..... Garland Clark	6/24..... Annette Wren
6/5..... Robert Ward	6/15..... Robert Hund	6/25..... Jacqueline Palacios
6/5..... William Wills	6/15..... Harry Kay	6/25..... Charles Wilmot
6/6..... Bonnie Cochran	6/15..... Mary Sherwood	6/26..... James Hohman
6/6..... Cathleen Harris	6/16..... Patrick Galligar	6/26..... Maricela Love Gomez
6/6..... Anabel Navarro	6/16..... Wendy Joe	6/26..... Arturo Munoz
6/6..... Roy Pete	6/16..... Arturo Minjarez	6/27..... Tina Fragassi
6/6..... Juliet Schade	6/16..... Don Sjostrom	6/27..... Julie Good
6/7..... Victor Chavez	6/16..... Jaclyn Velarde	6/27..... Fernando Montelongo
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6/7..... Lisa Zahm	6/17..... Ismael Hernandez	6/28..... Andy Fragassi
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6/8..... John Place	6/18..... Nancy Quinn	6/29..... Lori Gallagher
		6/29..... Janice Johnson
		6/29..... Joseph Najera
		6/29..... Daniel Patterson
		6/29..... Jeffrey Watts
		6/30..... Robert Garcia
		6/30..... John McGuinness
		6/30..... Janine Shedlock
		6/30..... Gretchen Whisler





## Criers Corner: Losers of the Month

At every Tuesday lodge meeting we pull three member names at random for a cash prize. If you're at the meeting, you're a winner! If not, you lose that money and it rolls over and the pot increases by \$5. Don't be a loser... attend Tuesday lodge meetings!

4/9/24 - \$95

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On July 3, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed giving the United States independence from Great Britain. We celebrate that event today with patriotism, American flags are flown with pride. It represents gratitude to our Founding Fathers for giving us something we often take for granted—freedom and liberty.

We celebrate with parades, fireworks and barbecues. Many believe that this has to do with a letter that John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers, sent to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776.

In his letter, he wrote “The second day of July 1776

will be the most memorable in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shews, games, sports, guns, bells bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more.”

And so it is. Here at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, we’ll be celebrating with a good old fashioned family picnic. There’ll be food, live music, drinks, face painting, snow cones, an ice cream sundae bar, and a desert station.

All this patriotic family fun is available to Elks members and their families for only \$5 per person. So plan on celebrating Independence Day with the whole family at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge between 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. No reservations necessary. This event is limited to Elks in good standing and their immediate family members.

## New Candidates for Membership

<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>
Alberto Castellanos	Business Owner	Raymond Garcia
Ana Laura Padilla	Entrepreneur	Joseph Rodriguez
Andrew Ramirez	Retired	Steven Tundag
Bonnie Pollak	Retired	Jan Wooldord
Brianna Becker	Real Estate Developer	John Moore
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Cecilia Ponce	Retired Teacher	John Ibarra
Daniel Martin	IT Service Delivery Manager	Edwin Villanueva
Daniel Osborne	Iron worker	Joseph Rodriguez
Darlene Perez	Teacher	Maricela Love Gomez
David K. Reynolds	Retired LAPD OCDA	Steve Walker
Edmund du Pont	Mortgage Loan Officer	Oscar Garza
Glenn Warren	Retired	Transfer from Orange
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Leah K. Natividad	Student	Buck Kuhns
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Mario Henry Alvarado	Real Estate	Sharon Casares
Martha Simon	Executive Assistant	Ronnie Harrell
Natalie Lindauer	Court Reporter	Carmen Cardenas
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Rudy Aguila	Principal	Edwin Villanueva
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Steven Spencer	Self-Employed	Transfer from Orange
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Yong Cha Kim	Hair Stylist	Patricia Raburn



# Bob Seger Silver Tribute Band Brings Back That Old Time Rock & Roll



Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band is one of the top music groups of the '70s with such hits as *Night Moves*, *Hollywood Nights*, *Still The Same*, *Against the Wind*, *Like*

*A Rock*, *Main Street* and *Shame on the Moon*. His recording of *Old Time Rock & Roll* was named one of the songs of the century!

With over 75 million records

sold, he is one of the world's best-selling artists of all time and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004.

Although he is now retired, you can hear his music performed live at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge Grand Ballroom as The Bob Seger Silver Tribute Band performs all his hits on Friday, June 21. The doors open at 6:00 pm with a buffet dinner of green salad, corn bread, beef brisket, Texas smoked chicken, shrimp mac & cheese, fried potatoes, baked beans, and veggies topped off with cookies for dessert. The concert starts at 7:30 with dancing afterwards.

This is an open house event, which means you can invite your non-Elk friends and family. Tickets are \$40 for Elks and \$50 for non-Elks and available by calling 714-547-7794. Only a limited number of tickets will be available, so call early to reserve yours.

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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

First Tues. 5:30 pm. and 3rd Tues. 5:00 pm

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Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

**Charity Committee Meeting**

3rd Monday of the Month, 2:00 pm

**Travel Club Meeting**

1st Friday of the Month, 1:30 pm

**Nomads Meeting**

4th Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm

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