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**Exalted Ruler
Jeffrey Brumett**



Like it is said, February is for lovers. But at the Santa Ana Elks lodge it means so much more: Lovers of football as the

NFL season comes to an end. As I'm writing this my Packers are moving forward in the playoffs after a wildcard win. I look forward to Super Bowl Sunday with dreams of a win along with all those other team fans dreaming the same.

There is also love of a good dance party as the Elks and Emblem will be putting on the 2024 Valentine's Day Prom on February 9 with a prom king and queen and nostalgia dreams of high school loves. It could be any of you!

But most of all, there is the love for our community. This is exemplified by the veterans committee as they participate in a huge veterans stand-down providing services and support to Orange County veterans, by the scholarship committee as they puts the finishing touches on scholarship donations, and by the many local organizations that we support with charitable funds at the

Tuesday night meetings.

And, of course, there is the brotherly love that we have for one another, one of the four cardinal virtues of the Order of Elks.

Now that's a lot of love going around!

**Esteemed Leading Knight
Joe Rodriguez**



I would like to say thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who made 2023 such a successful year.

Now let's bring in 2024 with a BANG !

Our New Years Eve Gala was a tremendous success. The entertainment was incredible with crooner Gavin Braun and our very own DJ Ronnie. We rocked the house in true Elks fashion!

Now let's get to work. I would like to report that your incoming 2024 officer corps is in full swing. As you know, each year the Santa Ana Elks Lodge participates in the Orange Coast District ritual competition. We will be competing with seven other lodges in the district. This year we will be looking forward to bringing home the gold

Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**LARRY FRESCH QUARTET
February 2**

**THE FABULOUS BELAIRES
February 16**

**STEELY DAN TRIBUTE
February 23**

**FIVE STAR BAND
February 24**

For the full calendar of events, go to page 12 or SAElks.com

as we will be hosting this year's ritual competition.

The Purple Pig Project is near and dear to our hearts here at our lodge. This project was designed to assist families struggling with disabilities. Our goal this year is to reach \$60,000. We are over halfway there. Come into the lodge and take a look at our new and improved purple piggy bank donated by Andrew Matthews and Theresa Kammermier. It is truly amazing! Stop by the lobby, drop in a donation and see the Purple Pig say thank you.

Superbowl Sunday is coming up on February 11 and the Monday night football committee is proud to host this season's Super Bowl extravaganza. Stay tuned for more details.

I look forward to keeping you informed on all of our many upcoming events.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Lou Carlson



Greetings fellow Santa Ana Elks! The new year is well underway but it's not too late to adopt a few belated New Year's resolutions. Here are a few ideas that you might choose to follow:

1. Make a pledge to attend Tuesday evening Santa Ana Elks lodge meetings at least twice a month. It will get you more involved in the life of your lodge and make you way more excited about all the great things that are happening here all the time. And while you're planning on attending lodge meetings, plan on having dinner in the McCalla Lounge before the meeting. The food is

awesome and the fellowship is exciting as everyone is getting ready for the meeting.

2. Join a committee or two this year. There is no better way to join in the life of your lodge family than by joining a committee. There's veterans, charity, Purple Pig, Monday night football, bingo, scholarships, back packs and many more. They meet at different times and on various days so even with your busy schedule you should be able to fit one (or two) committee meetings into your month.

3) Read your *ElkHorn Magazine* every month! It's full of important and fun news about your lodge this week, this month and next month. See what's coming. Mark your personal calendar and call the lodge to make your reservations/tickets for each event. Invite friends and family (adults always, children as appropriate) and get your groove on. Parties at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge are legendary! Everyone has fun, enjoys a great meal, perhaps a special drink, dancing, meeting new friends and catching up with old friends. It's a win-win situation!

4. Fill up your Purple Pig with cash and bring it with you to the lodge. Hand it in at the front desk, and they will get you a new Purple Pig for you to fill up. Place your name and Elks membership number on a slip of paper and slip it into that fat little pig so you can receive your tax deduction for your gift to help handicapped children enjoy a full, long and ever-improving life... thanks in part to you! What could be better or easier?

5. Begin to regularly tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about the rewarding activities, delicious meals, great friend, opportunities to help in our community and the just plain fun

of being an Elk. Invite them to fill out an application so they can join you. The more you take advantage of your own membership, the more enthusiastic you will become to share your experiences with others. Your newly initiated family, friends, neighbors and co-workers will thank you for your invitation.

Lastly, I pray that this will be your best year ever as you find new ways to increase your activities at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge and enjoy more and more of the benefits of your Elks membership as you make those belated New Years resolutions.

See you at the lodge.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Mark Shauwecker



Happy New Year to my fellow Elks. 2024 is off to a roaring start and looks to be filled with many fun events

at the lodge. With my disco shoes lovingly put away (way away!), I am looking forward to March. Ah, the rolling hills and lush green countryside of Ireland. In these "cold" days of Southern California winter, it warms my inside to think about the hearty stews and stout beer of Ireland. Fortunately, the lodge leprechauns are working their lucky charms to create a festive St. Patrick's Day party for us all. Save the date of March 16. The leprechauns have many special treats in store for this magical day. More details to follow. As we launch into another year, let me leave you with an Old Irish saying: "Dance as if no one is watching. Sing as if no one is listening. And live every day as if it were your last."

General Manager John Moore



In case you are unaware, Orange County's largest Super Bowl party is on Sunday, February 11, where 500 of

our members and their guests fill the lodge for a fantastic day of football and fellowship. The Monday night football committee pulls out all the stops for this great day. All your favorite Super Bowl foods and raffles will be there along with drink specials and viewing on all 32 TV monitors and two large theater screens you won't miss a commercial or the game. We cut off reservations at 550 so call today as this is a ticketed item.

You can gain weight by simply reading our calendar of events for February and March, the fun never stops around here. Most events sell out so, to avoid missing out, call early to book your spot. If you have any questions regarding an event, please call. If you have dietary restrictions let us so we can accommodate you.

Many of you abstained from alcohol in "Dry January" and many of you abstain all the time or when you are the designated driver. We have implemented some alcohol-free spirits gin, bourbon whiskey and tequila so you can enjoy "mocktails", get your friends home safe and feel good in the morning!

There is a spike in COVID cases and the last thing we want to do is have a mask ordinance or shut down again. To put your mind at ease we have hand sanitizers throughout and we spray the entire lodge with our hospital grade sanitizer weekly. The

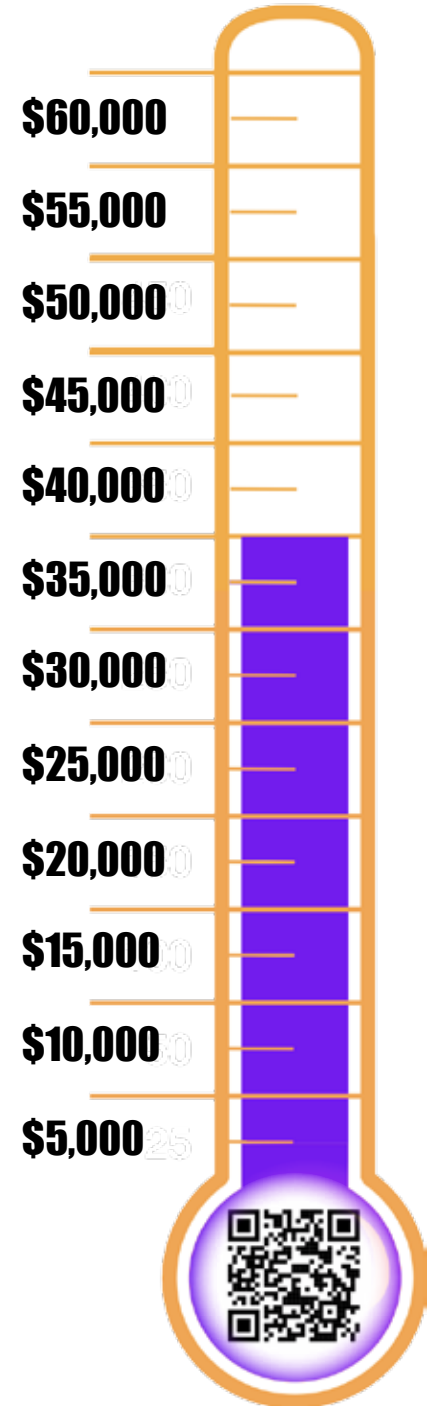
OC health department recommended we put a hold on our interactive salad bar until things calm down. We now include a complimentary garden salad or cup of soup with your dinner entrees.

For those who do not receive ElkMail please email Sue Kay at elkmail794@gmail.com so she can add you to the weekly Elkmail. You should also check out our Instagram and Facebook pages. We don't want anyone to miss out on all the great things happening at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

There's a New Pig in Town!



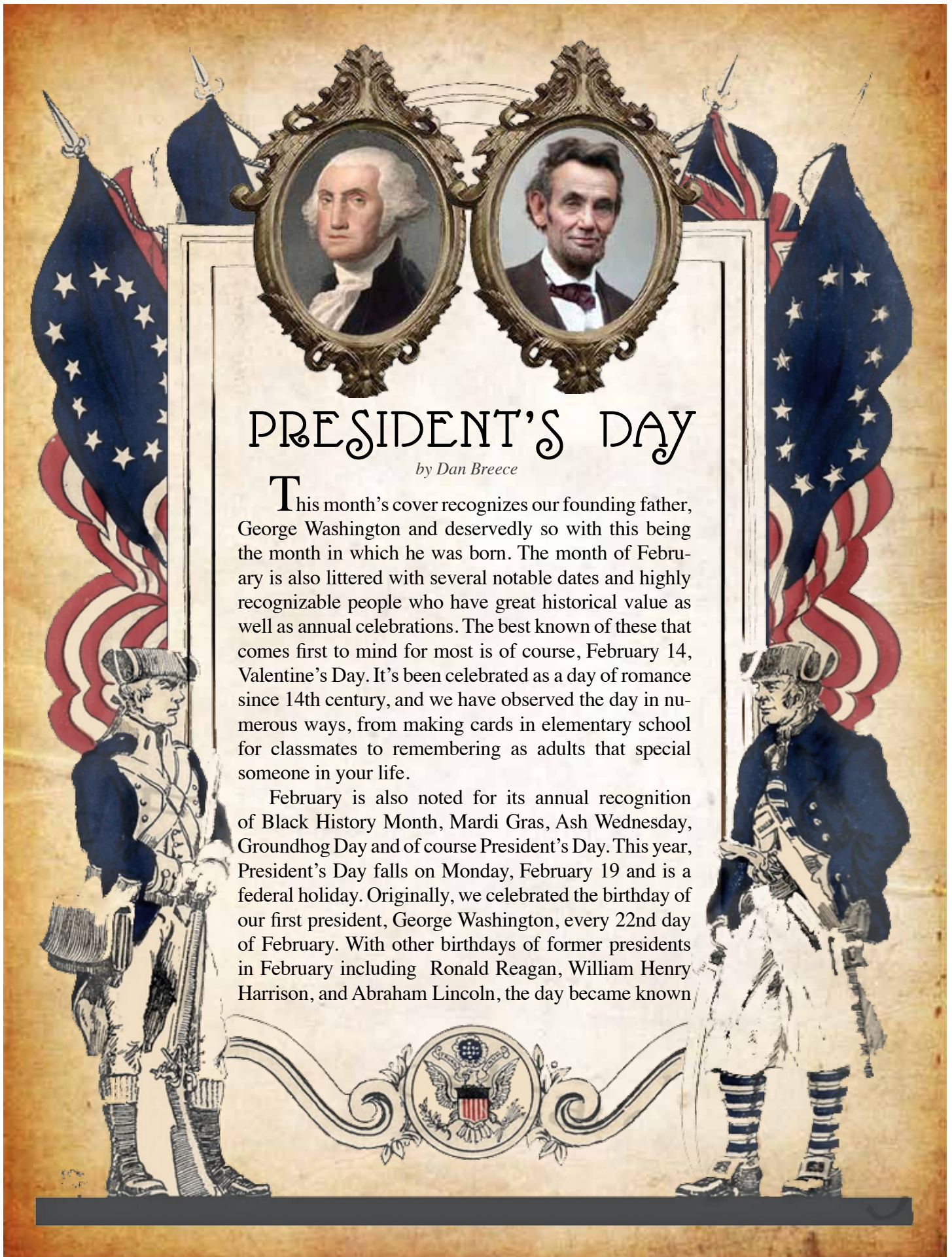
You may have noticed the new sparkling Purple Pig in the lodge lobby. It's the creation of Esquire Andrew Washington and Assistant Esquire Theresa Kammermeier. While the small individual Purple Pigs are designed for coins, this one gladly takes dollars and checks! It's a reminder that every donation helps children walk, talk, see and play. If every single Elk in our association would donate just 10 cents, one thin dime a day, the piggy bank



would have over \$3.5 million for the year to help disabled children.

When you place a donation in the new electronic Purple Pig in the lobby, it says thank you with a variety of different light and sound shows. Feed the pig and see what happens!

Currently the Santa Ana Lodge, which is #1 in Orange Coast District, has raised over \$35,000 towards our goal of \$60,000. With your generosity, we're sure to get there.



PRESIDENT'S DAY

by Dan Breece

This month's cover recognizes our founding father, George Washington and deservedly so with this being the month in which he was born. The month of February is also littered with several notable dates and highly recognizable people who have great historical value as well as annual celebrations. The best known of these that comes first to mind for most is of course, February 14, Valentine's Day. It's been celebrated as a day of romance since 14th century, and we have observed the day in numerous ways, from making cards in elementary school for classmates to remembering as adults that special someone in your life.

February is also noted for its annual recognition of Black History Month, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Groundhog Day and of course President's Day. This year, President's Day falls on Monday, February 19 and is a federal holiday. Originally, we celebrated the birthday of our first president, George Washington, every 22nd day of February. With other birthdays of former presidents in February including Ronald Reagan, William Henry Harrison, and Abraham Lincoln, the day became known



Presidents Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy were all Elks. Former President Gerald Ford belonged to Grand Rapids Lodge No. 48, where his father served two terms as Exalted Ruler.

as Presidents Day. However, it is really a day to celebrate only two presidents: Washington and Lincoln. In 1964 Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Monday Act, and while it did not officially change the name of the holiday, it did ensure it always fell on a Monday.

Another interesting bit of history and fact is how the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is connected to our past presidents, five of whom were members of this great order.

Our 29th president, Warren G. Harding, was a member of the Marion, Ohio Lodge #32. President Harding was best remembered for establishing the budget and accounting branch of the federal government. He failed to complete his term in office, dying from a heart attack or stroke only two and half years after taking office.

Next in line was Franklin D. Roosevelt our 32nd president who served from 1933 until his death and who was a member of the Poughkeepsie, New York Lodge No. 275. The only president elected to the office four times, Roosevelt led the United States through two of the greatest crises of the 20th century: the Great Depression and World War II. In so doing, he greatly expanded the powers of the federal government through a series of programs and reforms known as the New Deal.

Our thirty-third president, Harry S. Truman was a member in Lodge #26 in Kansas City, Missouri. President Truman was a World War I veteran also and upon returning home in 1919, got married and started a business career. By 1922 he was launching his political career, which culminated with his acceptance of the position of vice-president on the Roosevelt-Truman ticket in 1944. 82 days later, Truman became president after FDR died suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage. President Truman was the man who made the decision to end World War II when Japan refused to surrender, by dropping atomic bombs on two of their cities. He was also the first president to declare the United States would oppose communism, anywhere in the world.

The Boston, Massachusetts Lodge #10 can boast they had on their membership rolls President John F. Kennedy, our 35th president. One of our most popular presidents in history, he was the youngest president ever elected and seemed to bring new life to politics. President Kennedy dealt with Russia's Nikita Krushchev by challenging the building of the Berlin Wall in his famous Ich Bin Ein speech, declaring he was a Berliner to show support for West Berlin. He placed a blockade of ships to prevent Russia from delivering weapons and mis-

siles to Cuba, a time known as the Cuban missile crisis. Ten months later he secured Russia's and Great Britain's leader's signatures on the Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, bringing more stability and a lesser threat of nuclear war to the world. Kennedy also promised Americans we would be the first on the moon, which he never got to see due to his assassination in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.

Our 38th president, Gerald R. Ford, was a member in good standing at the Grand Rapid, Michigan Lodge, #48 where his father served two terms as exalted ruler. President Ford is the only vice-president and president who was not elected to either office. He succeeded Spiro Agnew in 1973 for vice-president after Agnew resigned, selected by then President Richard Nixon. The very next year, Ford replaced President Nixon who was forced to resign due to the Watergate scandal. He survived two assassination attempts during his time in office. In his effort for reelection, he was the first incumbent president to agree to debate his challenger.

As we celebrate President's Day this month, remember we as Elks, have our own connection to the history of our nation's leaders. We have had Elk members lead our great nation and who knows, maybe we will again one day!

Emblem Club Receives Check for Orangewood Blanket Project



Above: President Shannon Kennedy holds a check for \$1,000 from Monday Night Football to make blankets for children at Orangewood. Holding the blanket are Rosalind Solano and Evelyn Godinez. Exalted Ruler Jeff Brumett was also present with Monday Football Chairmen Joe Rodriguez and Scott Maher. Below: President-elect Rosalind Solano.

by Evelyn Godinez

The Emblem Club has exciting news. On Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the Santa Ana Emblem Club was awarded a \$1,000.00 donation from Monday Night Football at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794. This donation goes toward our Orangewood blanket project. So far, we have donated over 20 handmade blankets along with underwear and socks for the children. Orangewood Children and Family Center is a 24-hour emergency shelter care facility, operated and owned by the County of Orange Social Services Agency for children who have been abused, abandoned, and/or neglected. We are so proud that our president-elect Rosalind is chairing this project.



On Thursday, January 18, the Emblem Clubs held our Working Wardrobes Project. Working Wardrobes does everything in their power to help men, women, young adults and veterans overcome difficult challenges so they can achieve the dignity of work. We collected jewelry, scarves, purses, ties and much more. Through the generosity of our members and Elks, it was a great success.

The Santa Ana Emblem Club had their election of officers for the 2024-2025 Emblem year. Our president-elect is Rosalind Solano. We will be having our installation of officers on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at 1 pm here at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. Our installing officer will be the national supreme president Joyce Allison and the supreme marshal Susan Franklin. We invite all to attend.

Our California Nevada Hawaii State Association of Emblem Club held their winter state meeting January 25-27 at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. Those of us attending were club president Shannon Kennedy, Barbara Jalbert, SPP, Evelyn Godinez, SPP, Maria Paulin, Connie D Foley, Dianna Mendoza, Rosalind Solano, Sharon Casares Brece and Linda Fernandez. At the meeting they always hold what we call the "Massing of the Colors". Those attending selected two of our members to carry the American flags: Maria Paulin and Connie D Foley.

In case you did not know, Evelyn Godinez, SPP is also the state organist and played her keyboard at all meetings.

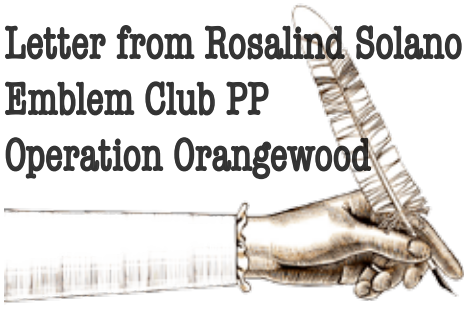
How many of you like to play Bunco? We will be having Bunco on Sunday, February 4 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Chairman is Linda Fernandez and all proceeds go toward the Linda Fernandez Operation Hope Backpack Project.

On Sunday, February 25 at 1:00 pm, the Emblem Club will be honoring our scholarship award winners at an ice cream social. Our chairman for this event is Bernadette Lazzara.

Quartermania is coming. Save the date of Sunday, March 3. Chairman is Valerie Fisher.

Do you have questions about Emblem Club? Contact Valerie Fisher at 949-798-9384 or Evelyn Godinez at 714-240-8001.

Letter from Rosalind Solano Emblem Club PP Operation Orangewood



I'd like to let you know how my passion for Orangewood started. Orangewood is a home for children who have been removed from their family for whatever reason. Unfortunately, when they arrive at Orangewood, its usually with only the clothes on their backs.

Let me give you a little bit of background: Back in 1987, I was the assistant commissioner for the City of Santa Ana AYSO soccer and held a coach position also. I reached out to Orangewood to see if any of their children wanted to join my team. Well, I was thrilled to get three children, a brother and sister and one little boy who is deaf on my Bad Bats team.

When the soccer season was over, I reached out to Orangewood again to see if I could do something more with the children. It was Christmas time and I was able to bring supplies to make ornaments with the kids. It was so nice to see their little smiles, it filled my heart with joy.

Last year, I was advised that they have about 15 to 20 new children arrive every month. I proposed giving blankets to the kids as they arrive. A blanket was something that they could call their own, hold tight and cry with while sharing their darkest secrets. But most of all, its their's to keep.

I can only imagine the excitement when they get these new blankets. Thank you Elks and the football committee for your kind donation!

Rosalind Solano



SPAGHETTI WESTERN Nomads to Host Spaghetti Western Event in March

As our new year begins, we look forward to many RV trips and our first lodge event: a real life Spaghetti Western, a ticketed dinner dance at our lodge on March 23. This is not our first time at the rodeo so lookout partner, you might get arrested and have to pay a fine to get out of jail,

you come, check in with the host/hostess in the lobby and they'll let you know where to find us.

2024 OUTINGS

- *February 8-11*: Vail Lake KOA, Temecula hosted by Wyatts
- *March 23*: Spaghetti Western at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

“All who wander are not lost.”

learn some line dancing, take a photo, or buy a fancy western hat or drinkin' cup. Buy your tickets early so you don't miss out on this fun event.






We didn't have meetings in November or December due to the holidays. But in the new year, we continue our regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm for dinner and 7:30 pm for the meeting. When

- *May/June*: Elks Rodeo in Santa Maria, California
- *October*: Rally for the Purple Pig at Golden Village Palms Resort in Hemet, California

We welcome all Elks in any type of rig, singles, couples and families. Call Chuck Goetz, president, at 562-619-5656 or cgoetz10941@aol.com, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

SANTA ANA ELKS #794 SCHOLARSHIPS, 2024-2025

This chart summarizes the many scholarships available through the ELKS national, state, and local levels. The websites are valuable tools for learning more about each scholarship. Review the chart and read the applications carefully to determine eligibility of potential applicants. For questions, please contact Linda Barcelona, Scholarship Chair at (714)651-9596 or lindabarcelona1@yahoo.com

CHEA Vocational Grant	California or Hawaii resident planning to pursue vocational tech course training.	\$500- \$2,000 <i>Renewable for 1 year</i>	58	3 months after down-loading	<i>No age restriction. No high school diploma required. Applications available online at chea-elks.org/youth/activities/scholarships</i>	
CHEA Students w/ Disabilities	High school senior or high school graduate with a disability who is a California or Hawaii resident.	\$1,000- \$2,000 <i>Renewable</i>	20 30	3/15/24	<i>Applications available online at chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships</i>	
MNF Athletic Scholarship	High school senior, in Santa Ana, Tustin or Irvine with a 3.0 GPA and a CIF participant.	\$2,000 \$1,000 \$500	2 2 2	2/9/24	<i>Applications available online at saelks.com/scholarships</i>	
SA Elks Lenz Scholarship	High school senior who is a child or grandchild of a SA Elks #794 member.	\$1,500 \$2,000 \$2,500	1 1 1	2/2/24	<i>Applications available on at saelks.com/scholarships</i>	
Legacy Award	High school senior who is a child or grandchild of an Elk in good standing for two years with SAT or ACT test.	\$1,000 per year for 4 years	22 for CA & HI	2/5/24	<i>Students must apply online at elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm</i>	

Lodge to Award Scholarships March 5

by Colleen Daddario

The Back to the '70s scholarship fundraiser was amazing. I sure hope you didn't miss it! No one does costumes as well as Elks! It was hard to select the best '70s costumes or best dancers. The silent auction was great and the live auction led by Marc Freidman was filled with truly bucket list experiences.

As the committee is reviewing applications received, we have a few more deadlines this month. The Monday Night Football Athletic Scholarship is due February 9, 2024. Any high school senior student athlete in Santa Ana, Tustin or Irvine with a minimum 3.0 GPA and CIF participant is eligible to apply.

This will be the last year we award the Lenz Scholarship to a high school senior who is a child or grandchild of a Santa Ana Elks #794 member in good standing. Applications are due by February 2, 2024.

Lastly there is the Legacy Award for high school seniors who are the child or grandchild of any Elk is good standing for two years. Applications are due February 5, 2024.

For any of these scholarships, apply at saelks.com/scholarships.

The scholarship award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 5 and it will be an open meeting. This is a chance for all our members to see some of the most significant work we do. These scholarships are so important to these students and it is so rewarding to meet these students and hear about their accomplishments. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 5 to cheer on our scholarship recipients.



MNF to Host Super Bowl Party; Biggest Event of the Year!

by Dan Breece

The Monday Night Football gang has finished the regular season and playoffs with another stellar season of food, fun, fellowship, and frivolity. But wait... there's more!

Yes, that's right. Super Bowl LVIII is here and ready to go on Sunday, February 11. We are hosting our biggest lodge event of the year once again and hope you have your tickets. \$30 gets you in and provides you a great seat, a chance to break out your newest appetizer or dessert and share with your friends, family and/or table neighbors.

The last few years we've enjoyed the game with over 500 football fans at the lodge. So, if you haven't purchased your ticket(s) yet and if there are any still available, don't wait any longer!

We will have a lot of opportunity baskets and other fun ways to enjoy the day. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and the game starts at 3:30

p.m. It's first come first seated so gather up your goodies and groupmates and get here early. We anticipate very limited seats available to purchase on the day of the game, so make sure you contact the lodge or a committee member for tickets now!

**Santa Ana Elks
Monday Night
Football has raised
over \$45,000
for scholarships
and local
charities!**

The MNF committee was at it again, donating to charity this past month. We made donations to our very own Emblem Club for Rosalind Solano's blanket making project for the Orangewood

Children's Home; La Semilla, an after school program; Hope for Art; the Art Spread, both of which aid artists with varying challenges or disabilities; and the R.A.Y.A. Foundation, which runs youth basketball and soccer programs as well as mentorship for high schoolers.

The MNF committee also sponsors six student-athlete scholarships this year, increasing it from four last year. We will be giving out first, second and third place scholarships for a total of \$7,000 in awards. If you have a male or female athlete in the family be sure and get an application from the lodge or our website and submit it prior to February 9.

As always, our committee cannot support our community in the ways we do without your support and generosity. Thank you for supporting us all year long with our football season, golf tournament and car show. Keep an eye and an ear out for dates on both of those fun events coming up in May and June.

For more information on the Monday Night Football committee and its events and projects, email Scott Maher at 794mnfchairman@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY

CALENDAR CONTENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK WWW.SAELKS.ORG FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE FACEBOOK PAGE AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SANTAANAELKS AND THE SANTA ANA ELKS LODGE 794 MEMBERS PAGE.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm 	2 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Larry Fresch Quartet 7:00 - 10:00 pm	3 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon 
4 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Bunco 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 	5 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	6 Lodge Meeting First Nominations 7:30 pm Taco & Baked Potato Bar PER Meeting	7 Investigation 3:30-6:30 pm Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	8 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 7:30-10 pm	9 Valentine's Day PROM DINNER DANCE featuring The Grumps 	10 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
11 Superbowl Party Doors open at 1:00 pm 	12 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	13 Lodge Meeting 2nd Nominations Initiate Ballotting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco & Baked Potato Bar	14 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	15 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm	16 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm The Fabulous Belairs 7:00 - 10:00 pm	17 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Scholarship Mtg 10:00 am Orientation 12 Noon
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MARCH

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
<h2 style="color: blue;">Elks Care - Elks Share</h2>						1 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm 
3 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Quartermania 1:00 - 3:00 pm 	4 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	5 Open Lodge Mtg Scholarship Awards 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco & Baked Potato Bar 	6 Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	7 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:30-10:00 pm	8 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Five Star Band 6:30 - 10:00 pm	9 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
10 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	11 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	12 Lodge Meeting/ Initiate Balloting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Purple Pig Day Taco & Baked Potato Bar 	13 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm	14 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:30-10:00 pm	15 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	16 Irish Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon St. Patrick's Day with the FINNIANS 6:00 - 9:00 pm 
17 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	18 Lodge closed Charity Cmte 2:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	19 Lodge Meeting/ Initiation 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco & Potato Bar	20 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	21 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:30-10:00 pm	22 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Larry Fresch 6:30 - 10:00 pm 	23 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Nomads Spaghetti Western 6:00 pm 
24 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	25 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	26 Open Lodge Meeting / ER Exit 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm 	27 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm	28 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Nomads 6:00 pm Karaoke 7:00-10:00 pm	29 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Jerome Dean 7:00 - 10:00 pm	30 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
31 Easter Brunch 10:00 am-2:30 pm 						



by Kellie Miller

As we move into 2024, we'd like to again wish everyone a happy new year and hope that this is a magical year for everyone. We'd also like to thank all those who have volunteered and supported us through 2023 and look forward to another strong 2024!

The veterans committee has a new R.E.D. T-shirt which we are selling as a fundraiser. RED Fridays (Remember Everyone Deployed) was created to remind people of our heroes overseas along with those who are deployed here in the US and show that we are thinking of them. People across the country wear red every Friday to serve as a reminder and spread the message of how important it is that we keep our troops in our thoughts. If you would like to purchase one, they will be for sale for \$25 at the lodge or from the veterans committee.

Starting in February, at the lodge meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, the veterans committee will be thanking each veteran in attendance by buying them a drink. This is a great time to support the



lodge, hang out with fellow Elks and enjoy a drink because you deserve it! A big thanks to all of the wonderful people who have helped sponsor this.

On the 24th of February, our lodge along with four other lodges in our district, will be having a Veteran Stand Down. We will be at the Garden Grove lodge preparing and serving food, offering showers and haircuts, and listening to the sounds of the All-American Boys Chorus. There will also be resources and clothes available for all needy, homeless or unstably housed veterans. Volunteers are needed and will be greatly appreciated. This is a great cause and what our committee has been focusing on this past year.

We wish a happy birthday to the USO on February 4 and to the Coast Guard Reserve on the 19th of February.

We are starting out this year strong with many ideas of how to help veterans, no matter where they are in their life. If you'd like to volunteer your time, come to a meeting with ideas on where help is needed, we'd love to have you. Look for us in our new blue committee shirts.

To join the committee or stay up to date on Veterans events, join us at our next meeting on Tuesday March 19 at 6:00 pm at the lodge, send an email to veteransteam@elks794.org or text [veteransteam](tel:844-794-3557) to 844-794-3557.

Eight Ways to Observe Red Friday

Observing RED Friday (Remember Everyone Deployed) is an easy and meaningful way to show support for our troops. Here are some ways to participate in RED. Fridays:

- **WEAR RED:** The most common way to observe RED Fridays is to wear something red, such as RED Friday shirts, a red hat, a red scarf, etc. The idea is to wear red every Friday to show your support for the military. If you're looking for a shirt to wear on RED Fridays, email the Veterans committee at Santa Ana Elks.

- **DISPLAY RED SYMBOLS:** In addition to wearing red, you can also display red symbols of support, such as a red ribbon, red flag, or red wristband. You can place these symbols any and everywhere you'd like, such as at your home, in your car, or at the office.

- **SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** Another way to observe RED Fridays is to share messages of support and appreciation for the military on social media using the hashtag #RedFridays. This helps to spread the message of support and raises awareness of the movement.

In addition to participating in RED Friday, here are a few other ways you can show support for our troops.

- **SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES:** You can also show your support for service members by supporting the people they care about most – their families. This can include volunteering with organizations that aid military families, making donations to military families, and simply being there for the families of military personnel in your community to offer

support and encouragement.

• **SEND CARE PACKAGES:**

Sending care packages filled with personal items, snacks, and other necessities can provide a much-needed boost to those who are deployed and away from home. Check out Military.com for a list of organizations you can go through to send care packages.

• **DONATE TO MILITARY CHARITIES:** Donating to a military charity that assists deployed troops and their families can be an impactful way to show your support for those who serve. We recommend vetting charitable organizations through a source like Charity Watch before making a donation.

• **VOLUNTEER WITH MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS:** Volunteering with organizations that back military families and deployed troops can help provide practical assistance and show your support for those who serve.

• **PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS:** Participating in events, such as charity runs or walks, that raise funds and awareness for the military can be another great way to show your support for those who serve.

RED Friday is a tradition observed by people across the nation to show support for the military and pay homage to the sacrifices made by those who serve overseas. We invite you to join us in observing RED Friday by wearing red clothing or accessories and displaying red symbols of support every Friday.



Elks Hold Blood Drives In 2024

by Tram Banks
American Red Cross

First and foremost, I'd like to express my sincere thanks for your unwavering commitment for the Red Cross blood program partnership at your Elks Lodge in Santa Ana. Your partnership has made a significant impact for hospital patients in our community and beyond. We're truly grateful for your dedication and hope to have your continued support in 2024.

As you may know, blood shortages continue to be a pressing concern. The Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by about 25% since early August, as donor turnout dropped on the heels of one of the busiest travel seasons on record, back-to-school activities and an already active hurricane season.

Blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in, and distributions of some of the most needed blood types to hospitals have been reduced in recent weeks. The Red Cross is working with hospitals around-the-clock to meet the blood needs of patients, but we can't do it alone. The Elk's lifesaving blood drives help ensure a stable blood supply is available for patients requiring transfusions and emergency medical care.

Our 2024 blood drive planning is already underway. Below are the proposed dates for your Elks Lodge:

- Thursday, February 29, 2024
- Thursday, July 25, 2024
- Thursday, November 21, 2024

The Red Cross Blood Drive

in February takes place between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. To schedule an appointment or for more information, go to RedCrossBlood.org. Use the sponsor code: ElksLodge794. You can also call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-Red-Cross).

You can streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

As a thank you, each Santa Ana Elks member who donates blood will receive a 20% off meal coupon for the lodge! You'll also receive a \$20 Amazon gift card by email. Share your heart! Give blood and help save lives!

**Be a hero.
Give blood.
Save Lives.**

**Thursday, February 29
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Santa Ana Elks 794 Travel Club



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The Santa Ana Elks Travel Club is kicking off 2024 with an all new roster of amazing travel opportunities. 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 Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

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. To make a reservation for any of these trips, contact Jim Tobin at 949-533-4959. And be sure to check out our web site at www.elks-travelclub.com for more detailed information on all of the trips.



Rome & The Country Roads of Tuscany March 19, 2024 - 9 Days

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Five nights in Tuscany, two nights in Rome, Siena walking tour, San Gimignano

visit, Florence city tour, Academy Gallery, statue of David, leaning tower of Pisa, Pisa's piazza Dei Miracoli, Lucca visit, Assisi tour, Rome city tour, St Peter's Basilica, Tuscany winery visit & tasting, Roman farewell dinner. Includes roundtrip airfare from LAX

Tour Rates: \$3,999/per person, \$4,625 Single. Deposit: \$600/person, travel protection \$399/pp



Highlights of England, Scotland & Wales April 17, 2024

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Edinburgh city tour, London city tour, Buckingham Palace changing of the guard, Cardiff, Wales, Edinburgh castle, Scotch whiskey tour, York & York Minster, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Salisbury Castle, Stonehenge, Bristol & Bath, Roman baths museum. Includes roundtrip airfare from SNA

Tour Rates \$4,099/per person, \$5,024 Single. Deposit \$600/person, Travel Protection \$399/pp



Black Hills, Badlands & Mount Rushmore June 12, 2024 - 7 days

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Mount Rushmore day & night, Devil's Tower National Monument, Crazy Horse Memorial, Fort Hays, Badlands National Park, Wall Drugstore, Custer State Park, Buffalo Jeep Safari, State Game Lodge dinner, 1880 train, Deadwood, The Mammoth site, Journey Museum, K-Bar S Lodge dinner, Chuckwagon supper & cowboy show. Includes roundtrip airfare from SNA.

Tour Rates \$3,049/per person, \$3,849 Single Deposit \$400 per person, Travel Protection \$325/pp

Colorado Rockies, Rails and Western National Parks June 19, 2024, 9 days

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Three train experiences, lots of amazing national parks and so much more! Includes roundtrip airfare from SNA
Tour rates TBA.

Celebrating February Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on February 7

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, February 7 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

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| 2/1..... Christine Cervenka | 2/9..... Robert Partida | 2/19..... Alejandro Rivas |
| 2/1..... Dan Chmielewski | 2/9..... Filiberto Salinas | 2/19..... Mary Taylor |
| 2/1..... Marissa Harris | 2/9..... Mark Tyler | 2/19..... Bobby Vidana |
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| 2/2..... Bradley Miller | 2/11..... Britt Esquivel | 2/22..... Isabelle Kaminsky |
| 2/2..... John Wright | 2/11..... Teresa Mendez | 2/22..... Ruth Olson |
| 2/3..... Mark Bailey | 2/11..... Darren Thompson | 2/22..... Ronald Pedroza |
| 2/4..... Michael Cisneros | 2/12..... Tracy Burge | 2/22..... Gilberto Rodarte |
| 2/4..... Raymond Muro | 2/12..... Abby Green | 2/22..... Gloria Rubalcava |
| 2/5..... Marc Beckman | 2/12..... Scott Harris | 2/22..... John Severin |
| 2/5..... Frank Donoghue | 2/12..... Scott Whitehead | 2/22..... Patrick Walsh |
| 2/5..... Seymor Ellis | 2/13..... Michael Holstein | 2/23..... Leopold Guzman |
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Oh, What A Night: '70s Scholarship Fundraiser

by Linda Barcelona

“Oh, what a Night!” We danced to our favorite tunes of the ‘70s, had “Another Tequila Sunrise” and asked the Magic Eight Ball the secrets of life! What a great time as we raised a tidy sum for scholarships!

Some lucky couple will be flying to New York to see Saturday Night Live LIVE! And someone else will be flying to fabulous Las Vegas and staying at the Venetian to see David Spade and Nikki Glasser. Other auction items included a trip to the Hollywood Bowl to see Jerry Seinfeld and friends and a five-night stay at the Marriott Shadow Ridge Palm Desert.

Thank you to Aptiva Care Management for underwriting our event and thank you to all of our donors of live and silent auction items. And thank you to all of you Elks that supported us and attended our event. All our proceeds will go directly into scholarships for next year’s applicants. Last year we awarded \$30,500 in scholarships to worthy students and this year we will be handing out even more on Tuesday, March 5!



Elks and Emblem Unite to host Valentine’s Prom

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 is teaming up with Emblem Club #530 to celebrate Valentine’s Day with a special Prom Night Dinner Dance on Friday, February 9 featuring The Grumps. The affair begins at 6:00 pm with appetizers and social hour. Dinner is served at 7:00 and the dancing goes from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Come dressed in the prom attire of your era and help elect the Prom King and Queen! Tickets are \$40. Reservations may be made at 714-547-7794.



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Steely Dan Tribute Band to Perform at Lodge February 23

If you thought the Chicago Tribute Experience was good, wait until you hear the Steely Dan tribute band, Major Dudes! The band formed in 2015 when Danny Taylor (keyboards and lead vocals) and Paul Laginess (bass and vocals) set out to put a band together. Guitarist Waldon Reed joined as a highly regarded musician who has been teaching and recording eight CDs. Around even longer is David Reinstein on saxophones and keyboards who's played with more artists and bands than we could list. On drums and lead vocals, is veteran Jim Pryor. The newest member, Carl Cafagna on saxophones, flute and vocals, joined in March of 2018 and has helped open a whole new realm of possibilities for the band. He's an in-demand live performer.



On Friday, February 23, they'll be performing the best music of legendary band Steely Dan in the ballroom of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. The evening includes buffet dinner and also features dancing with DJ Ronnie after the concert. Tickets are \$50 for Santa Ana Elks members and \$60 for non-members.

Founded in 1971, the band Steely Dan went on to sell more than 40 million records worldwide and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001. With hits like "Reeling In the Years" and "Ricki Don't Lose That Number", it's sure to be an evening you won't want to miss. Call 714-547-7794 for reservations.

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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

Every Third Tuesday, 5:00 pm

House Committee Meeting

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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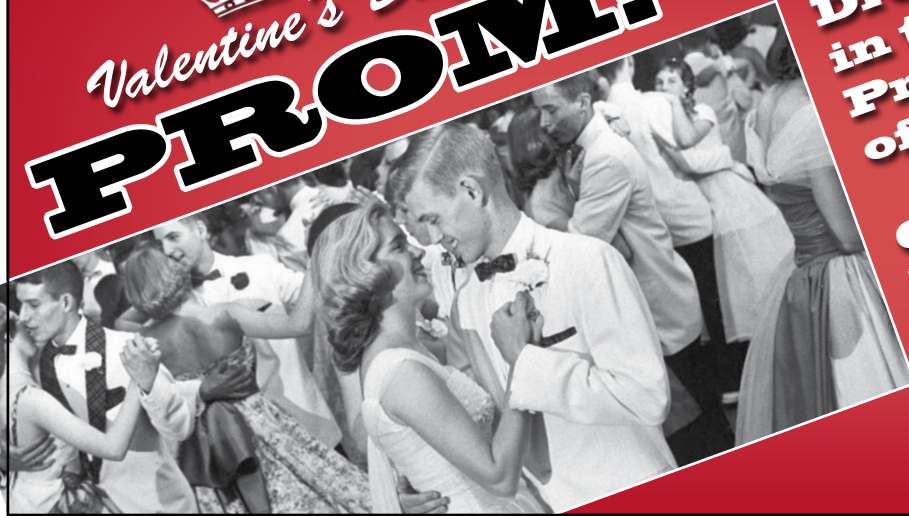
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