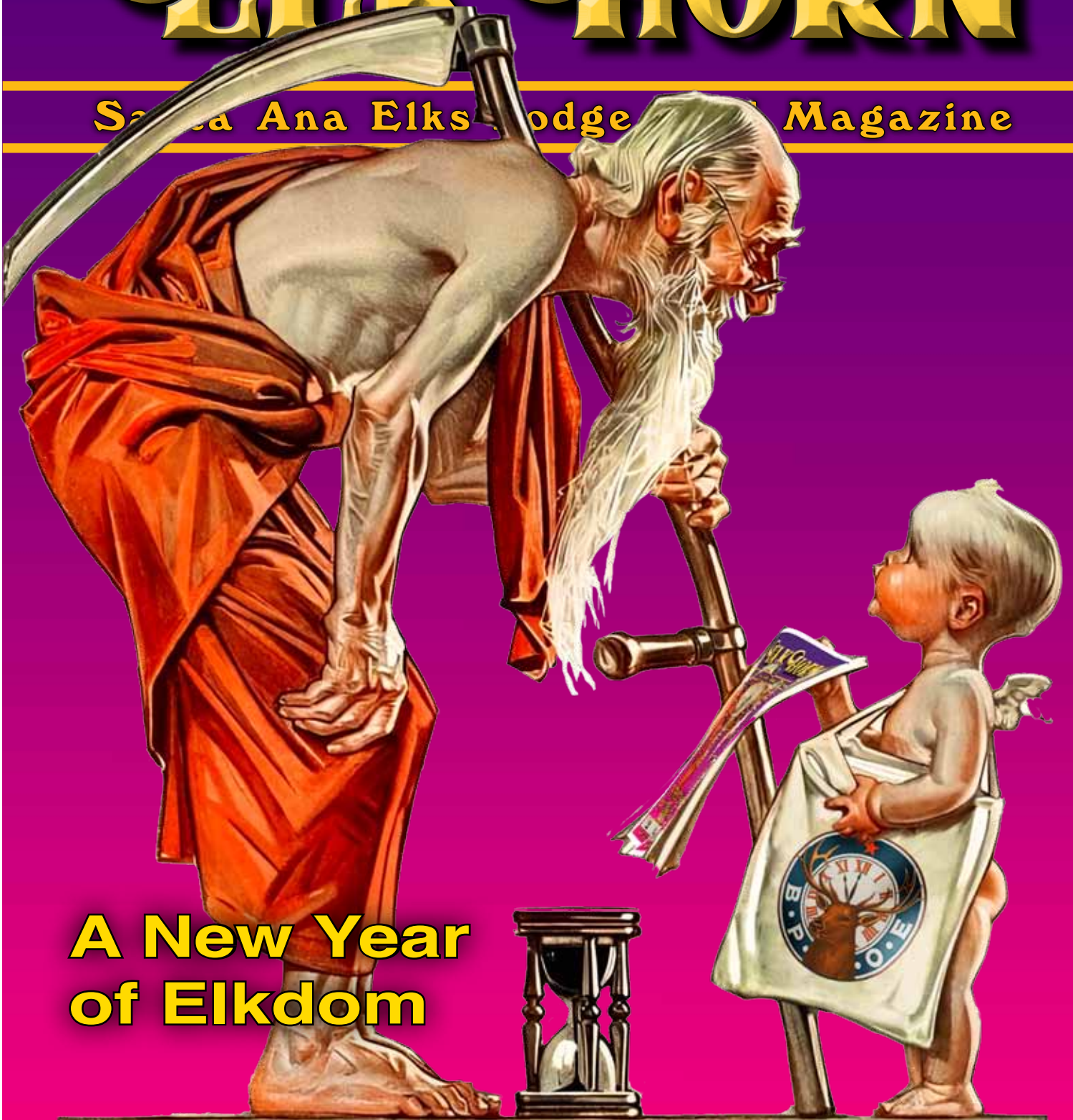


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of Elkdom**

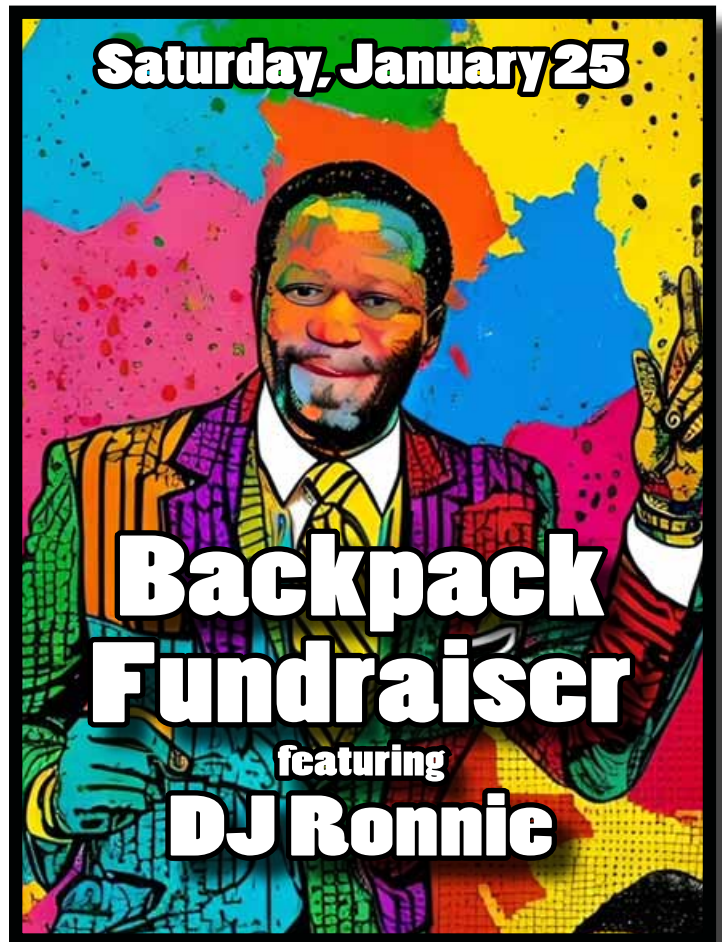
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Chicago
the
EXPERIENCE
Friday, January 17

A photograph of a jazz band performing on stage. The band includes a guitarist, a bassist, a drummer, a saxophonist, and several brass players.



Saturday, January 25

Backpack Fundraiser
featuring
DJ Ronnie

A stylized, colorful illustration of DJ Ronnie. He is wearing a multi-colored suit and a tie, and is making a peace sign with his left hand. The background is a vibrant, abstract pattern of colors.

Emblem Club presents



Parcel Post
Dinner & Auction
Sunday, January 19 4:00 pm

The character is a red-headed man in a blue uniform with a cap, holding a sign that says "Parcel Post" and a red mailbox labeled "U.S. MAIL".



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MARIACHI BRUNCH
FEATURING FOLKLORE

An illustration of a mariachi band. A man in a blue suit is playing a violin, and a woman in a colorful, traditional mariachi dress is playing a guitar. They are standing behind a large blue cloth.



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**Exalted Ruler
Joe Rodriguez**



As the year came to a close, we at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge were reminded of the true spirit of the holiday season — community, generosity, and joy. This special time of year gave us the opportunity to come together, reflect on our blessings, and share meaningful moments with friends and family.

We kicked off the season in grand fashion with our annual Thanksgiving brunch, a heartwarming event that brought members and guests together to celebrate gratitude and fellowship. The warmth and camaraderie of that day set the tone for what has been an unforgettable holiday season.

Next, we sparkled under the lights of our Holiday Gala, an evening filled with elegance, laughter and the festive spirit that unites us all. Shortly after, our Feliz Navidad celebration featured one of our most popular bands, Soto, embraced the vibrant traditions and flavors of the holiday and reminded us of the richness and diversity within our

lodge family.

Finally, we bid farewell to 2024 with our spectacular New Year's Extravaganza. As we rang in 2025 together, we looked at our accomplishments of the previous year and looked forward to embracing the opportunities and challenges of a new year.

The holidays at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge were about more than events—they were about creating a sense of belonging, uplifting one another, and exemplifying the values of our order. Thank you to everyone who made this season so special, and here's to many more joyous celebrations to come in 2025.

**Esteemed Leading Knight
Mark Schauwecker**



Post-holiday greetings to my Elks Family. I trust you enjoyed your holidays with friends and family.

I am looking forward to an exciting New Year. I'm also taking time to look back at the achievements of the past twelve months and set goals and plans for 2025. On a personal note, one of my highlights this

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

<p>FIVE STAR BAND January 4</p>	<p>JEROME DEAN January 10</p>	<p>US 99 BAND January 18</p>	<p>LEADING KNIGHT CHALLENGE January 24</p>
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For the full calendar of events, go to SAElks.com/calendar

last year was my first trip to Japan. Travel abroad has a way of awakening my perspective by learning about other societies and cultures, similarities and differences.

Looking to this new year, I am excited about continued personal growth and new experiences. Do you have a goal in mind? A new destination to visit? Maybe a new restaurant or adventure to try? Whatever goal you choose, I wish you continued success and happiness as we kick off 2025! See you at the lodge!

Esteemed Loyal Knight Eli Morales



The holiday season has come to a close, and so has 2024. It is my sincere hope you

enjoyed the moments spent with family and friends. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers whose efforts made December a success and to everyone who attended our events, thank you.

As is customary for many of us, this time of year prompts reflection on the past year, evaluating what we've achieved and identifying areas for improvement in the coming year. We call these New Year's resolutions, and I believe many of us engage in the annual tradition of creating a list. However, for some of us, myself included, we abandon them before January ends. Some goals seem to resurface year after year, like my attempts to lose weight, only to find it again, or my desire to grow my hair, which quickly fades away, among others.

This year, I want to create a different kind of resolution list,

and I invite you to join me in fulfilling these goals together. Here's my list: I will greet and extend a friendly handshake to everyone sitting alone at our lodge. I will volunteer when possible to support the charitable work being done here. I will encourage friends and family to become members and assist them through the membership process and into Elkdom. I will attend as many Elks lodge meetings as possible and actively participate in shaping the direction of our lodge.

Lastly, I will strive to be a good Elk one that serves our lodge, its members, and our community. I believe that these resolutions are achievable and will be more satisfying and rewarding.

Of course, my usual resolutions will be on the list as well, so if you see me enjoying a slice of cheesecake, you'll know I've already stumbled on at least one! Happy New Year, fellow Elks! Let's work together to make this year the best one yet for our lodge.

Elkdom: live it, love it!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Brian Byrd



I hope that all my Elks brothers and sisters have had an excellent holiday season full of family, friends, giving, love and happiness.

As we wave goodbye to 2024, let's remember all the great times we have had as Elks through out this past year. We helped veterans, school programs, and sports programs. We recognized kids for academia, their athletic accomplishments and their charity work. We helped younger kids understand

the consequences of using drugs and helped others with their school work. And, we did so much more! As Elks, we have improved peoples lives, all the while having fun with our Elks family.

Let's keep it going in 2025. We can raise more money for charity, for veterans, for schools, for children, and lets do it BIGGER and BETTER! Let us all remember to be good to our fellow man, help the unfortunate and reach out our hand in kindness. Let's be the best people we can be.

As we move into 2025, we have a lot of activities at the lodge and many volunteer opportunities outside the lodge where you can get involved and have fun. Take the time to read the *ElkHorn* every month to see what's happened and what's coming up. Check out the last couple pages and find the committees that peak your interests and go to the meetings. You will meet new friends with common interests and goals, and have some fun.

Also, every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM, we have our lodge meeting. It would be great to see everyone who is reading this attend. You will find out what is happening at the lodge, hear about upcoming committee events, spend time with the officer corps and enjoy a post meeting snack in the McCalla Lounge. There are also prizes at the meetings, come and see what happening.

I would like to thank (in no particular order) the members, fellow officers, Emblem Club and entire staff of Santa Ana Elk Lodge #794 for all the great things we accomplished in 2024. As Aesop said, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"

I am looking forward to all that 2025 will bring to our lodge, our members and the communities we serve.

General Manager John Moore



I am going to ask for a favor, but not quite yet.

As everyone knows, no one does a better job of raising money for Elks charities than you, our members. We have many great causes and because of your willingness to give, participate and volunteer, we can give to many deserving causes including scholarships, Linda's backpack fund and drug awareness to name just a few.

One, if not the oldest, events to help us raise much needed funds is our Monday Night Bingo, a great way to give a little and hopefully, for you, gain a lot! Doors open at 4:30 PM and the fun starts at 6:15 PM. You can come anytime as long as you come! We offer 23 games for a low cost of \$20.00 with additional packs available for only \$5.00 plus there are blackout games and pull tabs with prizes ranging from \$500.00 to \$1,199.00.

We offer a \$7.00 dinner (we charge \$3.00 on the last Monday of the month) plus other goodies at Martin's snack bar, including complimentary popcorn and coffee all night long. We have room for you and the family (18 and over), the office group, celebrate a birthday with friends or come by yourself you'll make new friends for sure.

I told you, I was going to ask for a favor so here goes. I call it the power of ten--if every one of you promises to tell at least ten people that our Monday Bingo is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, (for some reason folks think it is for members only but it is not), we can raise a

lot more money for Elks charities! I need you to help spread the word to your friends and family, your church, or anyone you know that likes to have a great time for a great cause. It is also an opportunity for folks to see the magnificent lodge and hopefully join as members. (SAElks.com/bingo)

As the season changes, look for new menus in mid-January. Remember, we offer great entertainment most weekend evenings

so check the calendar, and your weekly Elk Mail or call the lodge and listen to our "what's happening recording." We have something for everyone. Special note to all of our ballroom and cha-cha dancers: save the dates Friday January 31 and February 28 for the Larry Fresch quartet 7:00 to 10:00 PM in the McCalla Lounge, doors open 4:30 for dinner, reservations encouraged....did I mention there is no charge to dance?

There's Still Time to Apply for Elks Scholarships

by Linda Barcelona

What a year! We have so much to be grateful for in this country and I'm looking forward to a great 2025.

In December, our committee was honored to receive 33 applications for the most valuable student. Let me tell you, reading and judging these applications is anything but easy! These young people are among the brightest and best of students in our area. They have interesting and creative ideas, and many of them will be studying areas of study that did not exist when we were all going to university. So, to choose the top students to advance to district judging was extremely challenging!

On January 4, the district judging takes place, our lodge will host 30 committee member judges from across our district. It's an all-day event with the judges carefully choosing the students who would advance to state and national judging, with the scholarship value increasing at each level. I wish all those students well as their applications

move up in the judging. The award winners for our lodge and service area will be announced in an open meeting on March 4, 2025.

There is still time for those students in your life to apply for these scholarships.

- Santa Ana Elks #794 Scholarships: six scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$5000 are available for our own Santa Ana Elks, children, grand-children or step-children of Elks, that are high school seniors or in college. Applications are due 1/17/25.
- Monday Night Football Athletic Scholarship: at least six scholarships available ranging \$500-\$2,000 for scholar athletes in Santa Ana, Tustin and Irvine. Applications are due 2/1/25.
- Lenz Scholarship: One last scholarship of \$2,000 is available from this legacy scholarship. Applicants should be a high school senior and a child, grandchild or stepchild of an Elks member. Applications are due 1/24/25.

All qualifications and applications for scholarships are available online at saelks.com/scholarships and in the lodge lobby. (SAElks.com/scholarships)

Out With The Old. Now What?

By Dan Breece

Welcome to 2025! As Elk members, we have the luxury of having more than just what the new year will bring for us personally or professionally, we also have the excitement of what our year as an Elk will look like.

Of course it varies depending on your level of involvement. The officer team, those who are staying on and/or moving up in the ranks, has a lot to look forward to. The initiation team is learning new parts and working towards the annual Orange Coast District Ritual competition. The incoming exalted ruler has a calendar to prepare for all the events and activities we will be able to take part in.

If you're part of a committee, you may be looking forward to your annual event(s) or activities as well as growing the committee in some way. So, what does Elkdom mean to you? Especially if you are not one of those aforementioned individuals?

Even though the calendar year starts on January 1, the Elks year starts on April 1. No, it's not an April fools joke. That's when we initiate a new exalted ruler and officer corps. But that doesn't mean we have to wait each year

for April to start looking forward to the who, what, when, where, why and how of our Elks year.

What are you looking forward to this year here at the lodge? Is it the Super Bowl party, the Valentine's dance, or maybe the Fourth of July celebration? It could be one of the many concerts, cover bands, or dinner and dance nights. Is it the Halloween party, the Holiday Gala? Those are just a few of the usual events we can all enjoy and be glad we attended for sure. I challenge you to take a few minutes and ask yourself, is there more? Or, what else could I be involved with?

The Elks is a social club no doubt. Way back in the 1860s, Charles Algernon Sydney Vance was part of a social club called the Jolly Corks. He was the first Elk member (although sadly he never was initiated, a story for another time), to join our ranks and go from enjoying the social aspect of our lodge to being involved in helping others in our neighborhood.

Our lodge is a gold mine of opportunities to expand your social world as well as your heart, by investing some of your valuable time in a committee.

Every committee is rich with people who spend whatever amount of time they can, to the worthy cause that has piqued their interest. If you haven't done so up to this point, make sure you do this year. Help stuff some backpacks for needy and underprivileged kids, spend a couple of hours reading to kids at the HIVE after school program, get involved with the Purple Pig activities, or take some Christmas presents to a needy family.

Go online to SAElks.com/committees and check out all of the different committees and activities there are to choose from. If you have trouble deciding, just pick one and see how it goes. Just find something that fits your schedule and your availability to give back somewhere, somehow in our community. You won't regret it and your heart will likely grow and feel warmer from being a part of what we like to call...Elkdom.

Maybe you can relate to what my parents used to tell me when I was a kid and was bugging them for ideas for something to do, when time seemed to draggggggggggg on forever. "Go

outside and play!“ Well, that was just one thing they told me. The other was, “one of these days, time is going to fly by and you’ll wish you had more of it”. I’m sure I rolled my eyes, mumbled something under my breath I would have wished wasn’t loud enough to hear and stomped off to go play outside. Not surprisingly, they turned out to be right!

The point to this is that we all have the same number of hours in the day, with which to do something with. The founder of the fast-food restaurant, Chic-Fil-A, S. Truett Cathy, once said, “Nearly every moment of every day, we have the opportunity to give something to someone else - our time, our love, our resources.” Imagine how great our lodge and community could be if we all took that approach each and every day of our lives, starting in 2025.

2025 New Years Resolution: Attend a meeting

Many of us started out the new year by making a list of resolutions, changes we want to make to be happier, healthier, better, and so on. But as we know, we will often fail. Then after a few failures, we typically give up and go back to our old habits,

But there are a few resolutions that are easier to make. Here’s a small one that you can check of your list once you’re done.

Make it a goal to attend a Tuesday night Elks meeting. Or attend three in a row. You’ll have accomplished a resolution, learn something about your lodge and how it works, and maybe even win some

cash! (There’s a drawing every meeting) Plus you’ll meet other members, make friends, and that leads to being happier. Why not give it a try!

Nomads Plan 2025 Calendar

The Nomads enjoyed their Holiday Dinner at the Lodge. We all brought gifts that were distributed at our member, Lodge Chaplin, Garlin Flynn’s Children’s Party.

Our regular meetings will resume this month, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM for dinner and 7:30 PM for the meeting. When you come, check in with the host/hostess in the lobby and they’ll let you know where to find us.

2025 OUTINGS

- February 6-9: Indio Elks Lodge, tentative, hosted by the Kaminskys
- March/April (date to be determined, hosted by Joyce Bryant, location to be determined.
- May 1-4, Vista Elks Lodge, Hosted by the Goetzts.
- October 57 annual CHEMPI Rally for the Purple Pig at Golden Village Palms RV Resort Hemet, California. You do not have to be a camper or an Elk to attend. There are cottages you can rent and/or hotels nearby where you can stay. Last year \$82,309 was raised for the Purple Pig.
- December: Our annual Holiday Dinner at the Lodge 6 PM. Menu options and info will come from General Manager John Moore.

We welcome all Elks. Call Tina Wyatt, president, at 714-553-1232 or tinawyattvi@yahoo.com, and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have. (SAElks.com/Nomads)

January 14 is Purple Pig Day at Wahoo’s

Wahoo’s Fish Tacos will donate 20% of all purchases made on Tuesday, January 14 to help support the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, aka the Purple Pig.

The way it works is you show the Wahoo’s/Elks flier at the register when you place your order, whether is be for dine-in or take-out orders. Fliers are available at the lodge, or you can download and print a flier at SAElks.com/PurplePig. Then 20% of that order will benefit kids though the Elks Purple Pig project!

In addition to fish tacos, Wahoo’s serves burritos, enchiladas, salads, bowls, and soups. Besides fish, you can order chicken, carnitas, carne asade, shrimp, or tofu options. There are 18 Wahoo’s locations throughout Orange County including the Orange Circle, South Coast Plaza and Tustin. This offer is only good on Tuesday, January 14.

For more information and to print a flier, go to SAElks.com/PurplePig. Bon appetit!





by Kellie Miller

Happy New Year! As we move into 2025, we are standing ready to help more people and be involved in more events. There are so many things that we can do to help with veteran suicide, families of veterans and be of service to more people who need us.

As we continue to grow, we also want to look at some of our accomplishments in 2024 and be proud of the fact and reminder that every little thing can be a very big thing.

In 2024 we accomplished a lot:

- District Stand Down event where we helped over 130 veterans to find housing, medical help, have showers, haircuts, clothing, warm meals, etc (this was with all eight lodges in South County).
- Helped Heroes Landing veterans with pots/pans, toothpaste, shampoo, bed sheets – all household items.
- Celebrated and honored Vietnam veterans.
- Flag Placement and Memorial Day ceremony.
- Served dinner to the veterans at



Tustin Veteran Outpost with games and prizes.

- Celebrated Martin Ortiz 100th birthday, Army WWII veteran.
- Flag Day / Veterans Day (Innerguards took the rein).
- Fed many veterans, gave hygiene items at the stand down at Tierney Center
- Set up a complete food pantry at Heroes Landing (food/shelving).
- Thanksgiving meals for veterans at Patriots and Paws (80 bags with enough food to feed family of 8-10 with 96 frozen turkeys)
- Wreaths Across America (laid 850 wreaths on veterans gravesites)

- Army/Navy game – invited all veterans, including those at TVO, Heroes Landing – honored veterans with a free lunch.
- Gave out multiple ‘welcome home’ packages to veterans that just found a home (household items, which could have included a bed).

We couldn't do all of this without our great team and all of you who help. It doesn't take much to make a person's day or life better. Kindness goes a long way... and my hope for 2025 is that we all show this more often, because it really does make a difference. (SAElks.com/veterans)

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**Membership/Lapsation Report
Santa Ana Lodge #794**

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/231663

INCREASES

Initiated	202
Affiliated.....	17
Reinstated	14
Subtotal	233

DECREASES

Dropped.....	2
Transferred Out	10
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	6
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal	18
Calculated Membership Total	1878
CLMS Active Members.....	1878
Average Age	63.09
Gain/Loss	215

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year	1855
Over One Year	0
Total.....	185
Lapsation Rate.....	11.12%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	7
Ready for investigation	41
Ready for balloting.....	0
Ready for orientation	11
Ready for Initiation.....	6
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	1
Other.....	0
Total	66

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members.....	81
Honorary Life Members.....	2
Total.....	83
Life Percentage	4.99%

by Dan Breece

Happy New Year from the Monday Night Football committee! We all enjoyed the holidays and hope you and your family did too. The committee continues to keep on keepin' on as we closed out 2024 and open 2025.

A quick shout out to our Elks baseball team! Led by the skipper, Johnny Verduzco, the team is hovering around .500 on their record so far. They moved up a division and the competition is better this year. They are still on pace to make the playoffs though!

In December, we made donations thanks to you who supported us, to the Santa Ana High School girls' basketball program, Casa Theresa, Foothill girls softball, Segerstrom and Santa Ana High School Athletic Departments, Century Athletic Department and Wreath's Across America.

Now we're revving up the planning for our biggest time of the year, just a small little gathering of about 500 of our

closest football friends and family, for the Super Bowl! Yes, Super Bowl LIX is set for Sunday, February 9 and we'll be set in plenty of time to once again host for the biggest game of the year. We're keeping the cost the same as last year with all the goodies as usual. Remember, you can bring in some snacks and desserts and of course decorate your table any way you want!

Tickets are on sale now, so just contact the lodge to get your reservation early! This always sells out, so don't wait too late!

As 2025 gets started, the MNF committee is also planning its annual golf tournament and car show. The golf tournament will be held at Willowick Golf Course in Santa Ana on June 7 and the car show is all set for Sunday, August 3. Mark your calendars for those fun events and we look forward to another great year at our lodge with all of our friends and Elks family!

(SAElks.com/MNF)

JANUARY

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

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			1 College Playoffs 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Lodge Closed 	2 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm 	3 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 pm	4 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Prime Rib Night 4:30 - 8:00 pm Five Star Band 7:00 - 10:00 pm
5 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football 10:00 am - 8:00 pm 	6 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	7 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	8 Birthday Club Pasta Night Investigation 3:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	9 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm College Playoffs 4:30 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	10 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm College Playoffs 4:30 pm Jerome Dean 7:00 - 10:00 pm	11 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Mango Band 7:00-10:00 pm NFL PLAYOFFS
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2 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football 10:00 am - 8:00 pm 	3 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	4 Lodge Meeting 1st nominations 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday 	5 Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	6 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10 pm	7 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Moon Dog Miller 7:00-10:00 pm	8 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Five Star Band 7:00 - 10:00 pm
9 Superbowl Sunday 1:00 - 8:00 pm 	10 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	11 Lodge Meeting 2nd Nominations 7:30 pm Taco Tuesday House Committee 5:00 pm	12 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	13 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm 	14 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Valentine's Day Dance 	15 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon US 99 Band 7:00-10:00 pm
16 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	17 Lodge closed Charity Cmte 2:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	18 Lodge Meeting Elections - 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco Tuesday	19 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	20 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	21 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Concert Series Dance Party 	22 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Saturday Karaoke 7:00 - 10:00 pm 
23 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	24 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	25 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	26 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	27 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Nomads 6:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	28 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Larry Fresh Dinner Dance 7:00 - 10:00 pm	29 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon 
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Celebrating January Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, January 8

Every month, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge celebrates those members 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, January 8 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

1/1..... Leonard Alvarado	1/9..... James Strode	1/18..... Valerie Spear
1/1..... Lloyd Boucher	1/10..... Carmen Bays	1/19..... Maria Licon
1/1..... Ryan Henry Callaghan	1/10..... Rhonda Cota	1/19..... Michael Olsen
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1/1..... Douglas Minery	1/10..... Teresa Jimenez	1/19..... Monica Zambrano
1/1..... Patrick Munoz	1/10..... Debra Lakin-Peters	1/20..... David De La Riva
1/1..... David Orellana	1/10..... Eduardo Saldana	1/20..... Desiderio Gonzalez
1/1..... David Penalzoza	1/11..... Melinda Brawner	1/20..... Thomas Lorenz
1/1..... Jose Talavera	1/11..... Evelyn Godinez	1/20..... Dale Teague
1/2..... Christopher Ahlswede	1/11..... Richard Kociela	1/21..... Terry Herwehe
1/2..... Roger Edward Belville	1/11..... Jose Luna	1/21..... Shannon Goebel Kennedy
1/2..... Sarah Elizabeth Bender	1/11..... Eduardo Perez	1/21..... Fortino Rivera
1/2..... Ian Ray Fountain	1/11..... Preston Cole Sigala	1/22..... William Mac Sweeney
1/2..... Conda Takanabe	1/11..... Robert Daniel Walker	1/22..... Caroline Yacoub
1/2..... Christine Torres	1/12..... Glenn Davis	1/23..... Samuel Arechiga
1/3..... Steve Doughty	1/12..... Arnaud Dufour	1/23..... Andrew Matthews
1/3..... Oscar Fresquez	1/12..... Moses Jimenez	1/23..... Edward Roberts
1/3..... Jonathan Hernandez	1/12..... Mark Sequeira	1/23..... Erik Zavala
1/3..... Raymond Ulmer, Jr.	1/12..... Myrna Shields	1/24..... Kurt Bensworth
1/4..... Alex Gomez	1/12..... Marianela Silva	1/24..... Melissa Martinez
1/4..... Daniel Salas	1/13..... Linda Zwier	1/25..... Alfonso Gonzales
1/5..... Alma Landini	1/14..... Jessica Brys Brownsell	1/25..... Larry Hall
1/5..... Brett Olivier	1/14..... Merle Craig	1/25..... Kevin Jones
1/5..... Phillip Pinon, Jr.	1/14..... Shirley Echternacht	1/25..... James Munselle
1/5..... Sally Norton Plotnik	1/15..... Jaime Colchado	1/25..... Richard Reger
1/5..... Catherine Pouchie	1/15..... F. Maxcy Collins	1/25..... Michael Wykoff
1/5..... Ernest Salgado	1/15..... Paul Garcia	1/26..... Zachary Anderson
1/6..... Reef Bensworth	1/15..... Salvi Panzarella	1/256..... Judith Belman
1/6..... Vincent Cardona	1/15..... Denise Silva	1/26..... Ernest Eady
1/6..... Jose Castro, Jr.	1/15..... Cynthia Soruco	1/26..... Elizabeth Guerrero
1/6..... Norman Fisher	1/16..... Enrique Adame, Jr	1/26..... Maggie Hart
1/6..... Vincent Gomez	1/16..... Jesse Araujo, Jr.	1/26..... Larry Hausner
1/6..... Patricia Jennings	1/16..... Andrew Dawson	1/26..... Lydia Herrera
1/7..... Douglas Doty	1/16..... Timothy Ryan Gardner	1/26..... Jeanett Denise Kelly
1/7..... Brian Flynn	1/16..... Paul Pelasky	1/26..... Mia Leitman
1/7..... Geraldine Rietdyk	1/16..... Bonnie Pollak	1/26..... Michael Mitchell
1/7..... Amanda Rodriguez	1/16..... Thomas Randall	1/26..... Conrad Privett
1/7..... Nicole Rostom	1/16..... Brian Stoddart	1/27..... Mari Henry Alvarado
1/7..... Maria Teresa Clay	1/17..... Russell Deatherage	1/27..... Sandria Bernardini
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		1/20..... Charles Litzen
		1/30..... Brian Plovanich
		1/30..... Stanton Skallerud
		1/30..... Janet Woolford
		1/31..... Anna Bryson
		1/31..... Charlene DeLange
		1/31..... Robert McIntosh



Criers Corner and Losers List

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. Make it your New Years resolution to attend Tuesday lodge meetings!

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Emblem Club to host annual Parcel Post Dinner and Auction

by Evelyn Godinez

The Santa Ana Emblem Club #530 hopes that you all had a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year. We had some great things happen in December of 2024. We started the month with a get together on Saturday, December 14. We all wore our pajamas and had a wonderful breakfast at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge McCalla Lounge.

On Wednesday, December 11, members of our club under the leadership of chairman of Ida Wade, volunteered at Sheepfold and did charity work such as cataloging and gift wrapping. Our club also made a donation to Sheepfold.

On Sunday, January 19, the

Santa Ana Emblem Club will be hosting our annual Parcel Post dinner in the McCalla Lounge. Our auctioneer is none other than Allen Bisbee, district deputy grand exalted ruler for the Orange Coast District. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes a lasagna dinner. If you would like to come and participate, wrap a new gift (minimum \$15.00 retail value) in a brown paper sack or box and ark it with the place, city, state or county of purchase. All are invited. Our chairman is Joyce Bryant.

The Emblem continues to support Hero's Landing. Our veterans chairman Valerie Fisher keeps us busy having fun with the residents of Hero's Landing.

We host a monthly bingo night. Bernadette Lazzaro, Connie Foley, Sonia Mexia and Stephanie Roe head up our bingo group. We also sponsor a monthly craft day. Our chairman for the crafts is Gloria Chavez.

Our national Supreme President Molly Velez will be in California in January. Supreme President Molly is from Fremont, Ohio. Her theme is "Emblem Stars Shine Bright".

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



New Candidates for Membership

CANDIDATE.....	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER
Arnold Castaneda.....	Ambulatory Receptionist.....	Gary Escudero
David Aarchus	Veterinarian Assistant.....	Dan Breece
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James "Ron" King.....	Business Owner	Transfer from Orange
Jason Higgins.....	Electrical Contractor	Bryan Aksel
Jennifer Woods.....	Behavioral Health Utilization Mgmt.....	Sharon Casares
John Ramirez	Unemployed	Sandra Marquez
Juana Ramirez-Burnnett.....	Interpreter.....	Sheryl Franke
Katie Cisneros	Dru's Dusters	Mary A. Cote MD
Mark Cheshire	Feeder Driver/UPS	Dave Klokochar
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Michael Ogylnik	CEO	Byron Schley
Oscar Torres.....	Retired	Jorge Guidi
Patty Araujo.....	Window Sales Rep.....	Rory Tompoles
Peter Arzola.....	Contractor.....	Cert of Release from Newport
Ronald P. Kuskie	Retired	Reinstate
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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

First Tues. 4:00 pm. and 3rd Tues. 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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The Chicago Experience Returns to the Lodge on Friday, January 17



The Chicago Experience, which formed about fourteen years ago in Chicago, will once again perform at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge on Saturday, January 17.

The band features three lead vo-

calists – Brian Hemstock, Adam Briel and Ron Brandt, who also plays guitar – bassist Tim Rutter, keyboardist/guitarist Paul Wood, drummer Adam Cowger and the three-piece horn section of Steve

Frost trombonist Terry Viano and saxophonist/flutist Jim Massoth.

The Chicago Experience focuses a good portion of their set list on the early years, especially Chicago's first two records, 1969's "Chicago Transit Authority" and the 1970 self-titled album, which features songs like "Beginnings," "Questions 67 and 68" and "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?"

Frost considers it an honor to pay tribute to one of his earliest musical influences. "Being one of the most iconic rock and roll bands of our time, it gives us a chance to reach generations of fans," he says. "Their songs touch such a wide demographic. We just have a blast doing it."

In addition to the concert, the evening fundraiser includes a buffet meal. The event is expected to sell out, so it is advised that tickets be purchased in advance at the lodge or by calling 714-547 7794.

Scholarship Deadlines

January 17 – Santa Ana #794 Scholarship
High School senior and child or grandchild of 794 Elks member

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High School senior and child or grandchild of 794 Elks member

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